

Margarete BRANDT

On January 29, 1977 Dr. Brandt passed away at the age of 84. She grew up on a large farm in East Prussia, until the family moved to Berlin to enable the children to go to school. Dr. Brandt studied medicine and worked as a paediatrician, and later on studied psychoanalysis, with Franz Alexander as her training analyst. In 1933 she emigrated to Palestine and lived at the Institute of Psychoanalysis from the day Eitingon opened it.

Busy from early morning till late in the night, Dr. Brandt treated patients, trained candidates, taught psychoanalysis to a wide public, was consultant to several Child Guidance Clinics and for many years director of the Institute. Immensely humane, she lived what Freud

once said: "We can achieve more in the treatment, if we cut straps from our own skin". And Eitingon's opinion: "An analyst ought to live behind closed shutters", characterizes also her ways.

Very simple was Dr. Brandt and modest and entirely at ease in her total identification with her profession and vocation as an analyst. Well versed in the depth of the psyche, she had a wonderful understanding of the analytic process which she knew, how to further and tolerate. Led by a fine sensitivity and the warmth of her heart, she did not feel bound by textbook rules. More than anything else she was an honest person; there was no room for compromise of integrity. A noble colleague has left us.

Erich Gumbel