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SUMMARY

'Between father- and motherland'; extra identity problems for adolescents whose parents differ in nationality.

A study of 20 adolescents with parents from different nationalities, admitted for residential treatment in the Youth Psychiatry Clinic 'Amstelland'. 70% of them were psychotic, significantly more frequent than in the normal population of this clinic (28%). Several case histories are given as examples of the various ways a whole family may react to this extra stress laid upon them.

For the adolescent it means an extra problem in his identity-formation. The literature gives no examples of these specific problems, more attention is given to problems of migration and acculturation.

We think that these adolescents with parents of different nationalities are particularly vulnerable as regards their identity-formation, although the possibility to use this background as an extra stimulus for growth should not be forgotten.

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SUMMARY

Migration and mental illness.

This article is a review of study of several authors dealing with the relation between migration and mental illness. After dealing with problems of defining migration and methods for measuring mental health, we study the admission rates of immigrants to psychiatric hospitals. Authors report conflicting findings. The overall rate of first admission is sometimes higher and sometimes lower for immigrants compared with native people.

The relation between culture and diagnoses has been studied. Topics are: the possibility to apply the Western nosographic system with regard to immigrants and the use of 'culture' as an 'explanation' of mental illness in immigrants. Lastly explanations within the social-psychological or sociological frame of reference are proposed. Catchwords are: the shaping of the basic personality, culture shock, acculturation, several forms of stress.