

This is the brief talk with which Dr. D. Ewen Cameron opened the Third World Congress of Psychiatry June 4, 1961 before 3,000 psychiatrists from 63 countries and 1,000 other psychiatric workers. This was the first occasion such a world psychiatric congress had been held in North America. McGill University and the Canadian Psychiatric Association were the host bodies.

[NOTE by Mrs. Trauner
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