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Honorary Trustee of the Institute



Buckminster Fuller, dis-R. tinguished engineer, mathematician, inventor, desigmechanic, writer, and ner, philosopher began his long association with Korzybski's formulations over fifty vears ago. In 1929 in Chicago, Korzybski went to see model of Fuller's 4D Dvа maxion House, where he met Fuller and heard him lecture. They subsequently met three or four times in those early years, with Fuller go-

ing to the University of Chicago to hear Korzybski speak. Fuller later quoted from Korzybski in his lectures, making particular mention of Korzybski's formulations of identification.

As a guest lecturer at our Summer Seminar-Workshops in 1950, '51, '52 and '57, Bucky (as he was referred to by 'everyone') impressed those present with his breadth of knowledge and visions for our future. Long known as an energetic and dynamic speaker, Bucky held our 1957 seminar audience 'spell-bound' for over nine hours, taking only a few short breaks for 'air' and refreshments.

In 1955 he gave the Alfred Korzybski Memorial Lecture, introducing the latest developments of Energetic and Synergetic Geometry and relating his discourse to Korzybskian formulations. Sad to say, his remarks were not published; Bucky's increasingly busy schedule and eventual loss of the manuscript prevented us from doing so.

In 1963, he was named an Honorary Trustee, in recognition of his contributions and long association with the Institute.

Productive throughout his long life, Fuller continued to write well into his eighties, publishing <u>Critical</u> <u>Path</u> in 1981 and <u>Synergetics 2</u> in 1979. He was even granted a United States patent for his Dymaxion Sky-Ocean World map of the earth. World-wide, Fuller held over 150 patents. Buckminster Fuller lived for eighty-eight years, accomplishing much in his lifetime; his time-binding efforts will surely live on to influence and guide generations to come.

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Both pictures used in this article show Fuller presenting lecture-demonstrations at the Institute Summer Seminar-Workshop in 1950. Pictures from the Institute archives.

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