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In connection with the performance of July 17th, every student will be required to give suggestions to the directors. Therefore, students must attend the next few rehearsals in order that they may be able to give very responsible suggestions. Such suggestions must never be made to the actors, but always to the directors. In this way the directors will receive many new ideas which they will be able to apply to their sketches.

JUSTIFICATION:

Our gestures are music, sound, and words. Our words are gestures. Therefore, the psychological gesture is something which feeds words and movements and settings, lights, etc. For us gesture and words are two extreme poles which lead to the center.

Example:

Speak the sentence, "The wind chases me angrily," with the feeling that you are going on and do not finish at the end of the sentence. Very loud. Justify and awaken the feelings. This exercise must awake in you a flaming "Why?" In time you will know when a thing is justified, and when it is not. It will create in you a taste for that which is good and justified.