

retirement he continued to work harder than ever and further enhanced his reputation. After the lecture he told me he liked my positive attitude to cultural stress and said it had never occurred to him to see his own lifestyle as a possible model.

He was truly one of psychiatry's greats. A gifted researcher and teacher, an innovator and disciplined scientist, he fully justified those who had arranged for his reception in England and thus saved for psychiatry one whose contributions few can match.

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**The deaths of the following were also reported:**

BERTRAM BLAKE, Medical Superintendent, Mental Health Service, St Dymphna's Hospital, Carlow, Eire.

LONGIN DOLNY, retired, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth, Powys, Wales.

JOHN MACKAY, retired, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Kingston General Hospital, Hull.

JANE HENDERSON THOMPSON, retired, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Newcastle and District Counselling Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne.

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## News Items

### **Dr Thomas Bewley**

It was announced at the special meeting of Council on 13 April that the new President of the College will be Thomas H. Bewley, Consultant Psychiatrist at St Thomas' Hospital, London SE1.

### **Dr G. B. Simon**

Dr G. B. Simon, Director of the British Institute of Mental Handicap, and until recently, Director of the National Development Team, has been appointed Professor of Mental Handicap at the University of Birmingham—the second such chair in the UK.

### **Short Paper Session**

It is planned to hold a session of short papers of original research findings at the Autumn Quarterly Meeting of the College to be held in London on 15 and 16 November 1984. The Programmes and Meetings Committee has requested that submissions for this should be sent in on abstract forms—these forms are available from Miss D. Hart at the College. Completed abstract forms are to be returned by 30 July 1984.

### **Kenneth Reeves Essay Prize**

The Society for Psychosomatic Research awards a prize of £100 for an essay of relevance to psychosomatics from anyone working in the field. The winning essay will be presented at an ordinary meeting of the Royal Society of Medicine. Details and application forms: The Honorary Secretary, Dr Joan Gomez, The Society for Psychosomatic Research, Westminster Hospital, Department of Psychiatry, Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AP.

### **Audio-Visual Aids to Teaching**

#### **Psychological Defence Mechanisms**

This videotape is an introductory one and is recommended for use in conjunction with discussion on the topic. It is aimed primarily at students of medicine and other disciplines in the mental health field and should also be of inter-

est to trainee psychiatrists. It lasts 22 minutes and examines defence mechanisms through a series of clinical vignettes.

The tape is available on U-matic and VHS formats, priced at £50 and £40 respectively, plus £3 package and posting (cheques should be made payable to 'St George's Hospital Medical School'). Further information: Dr Andrew Powell, Department of Psychotherapy, Clare House, St George's Hospital, Blackshaw Road, London SW17 0QT.

#### **Electroconvulsive Therapy—Therapy and Practice**

This videotape focuses on the administration of ECT and may be used in conjunction with various written guidelines including the College's 'Wall Chart'. It will be particularly useful for trainees entering psychiatry and should be used in a tutorial situation as a basis for discussion.

The tape lasts 22 minutes and is available on U-matic (£65), VHS (£60) and Betamax (£60) formats. Cheques should be made payable to the 'Department of Mental Health, Queens University, Belfast'. Further information: Dr Roy McClelland, Department of Mental Health, Queens University, Belfast BT9 7BL.

#### **An Introduction to the Mental Health Act 1983**

This tape/slide programme (62 slides and 45-minute commentary) is a useful resource for those who need to find their way through mental health law for the first time and for those practitioners who must relate to the changes since the 1959 Act. It is of special value in the training of Approved Social Workers. This tape/slide set is available for purchase (£25 including p&p) or hire (£7 per month). Further information: Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association, 21a Kingsland High Street, London E8 2JS.

### **Out-patients at the local fire brigade?**

One of our readers in Derby has sent us a letter he received from his local fire brigade. The letterhead states: 'P Reid, B.A., D.P.A., D.P.M., A.M.I.P.M., F.I. FireE., County Fire Officer'. Surely this is carrying community psychiatry too far!