

a qualified nurse. Having developed an interest in psychiatry he was appointed Registrar, later Junior Hospital Medical Officer at Deva Hospital, Chester from 1957–1960 and then Senior Registrar to Moorhaven Hospital, Devon from 1960–1962. He gained the DPM (Eng) in 1959. He had a special interest in alcoholism, becoming a Research Fellow with the status of Senior Registrar to Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge from 1962–1965 and published papers on 'Psychiatric first admissions from Cambridgeshire;' and 'Alcoholism in an English County'. He then obtained his consultant post at the Ashfield Clinic, Kingsmill Hospital, Nottinghamshire and Saxondale Hospital, Nottinghamshire. He was elected MRCPsych in 1971 and proceeded to the fellowship in 1983.

He was instrumental in developing an excellent and widespread psychiatric service in the Mansfield area – one of the first to be based on a general hospital. As a result of this responsibility he gained the respect of both his medical and surgical colleagues which led to various administrative appointments – the Mansfield Hospital Management Committee, Central Notts Management Team, Chairman of Central Notts Psychiatric Division and Chairman of Nottingham Area Psychiatric Division and others. Latterly, before his retirement in spring 1988, he developed a comprehensive psychogeriatric service at Newstead Hospital.

Milton was a quiet, kindly individual, much loved by his patients and colleagues, always willing to share a problem and give advice. His was a close-knit family with whom he kept in contact by visits to India and Australia where his siblings lived.

He is survived by his wife Monica and his daughter Julia, who is medically qualified and pursuing her great interest in psychiatry.

E. G. ORAM

David Perk, formerly *Honorary Senior Psychiatrist, Tara Hospital, Johannesburg, South Africa*

David Perk died on 29 January 1994 in his 91st year. He was born in Lithuania on 19 March 1903 and emigrated with his family to South Africa.

He came to England and studied medicine at Leeds, graduating MB ChB in 1925, and proceeded to the MD in 1930.

Having decided on a career in psychiatry he was appointed Assistant Medical Officer at the West Riding Mental Hospital, Menston near Leeds and later at the Gloucester Mental Hospital. He gained the DPM (Leeds) in 1928 and was elected to the Foundation Fellowship of the College in 1971.

Perk's interest lay mainly in psychotherapy and to this end he came to London where he was appointed honorary psychotherapist at the Maudsley. In addition he held other honorary appointments at the British Hospital for Functional Mental and Nervous Disorders and the West London Hospital. During the 1939–45 War he served as a captain in the RAMC.

After war service he returned to South Africa where he was appointed Senior Psychiatrist to the Tara Hospital and as Clinical Tutor at the Witwatersrand University, Johannesburg.

Perk was a prolific writer, his main publications being philosophically inclined as, for example, his *Man's Quest for Meaning, Faith and Identity* and *The Mystery of the Human Mind*.

He married in 1950 and had two daughters, Vivienne and Margot.

The deaths of the following have also been reported:

JOHN ARTHUR NICHOLAS CORSELLIS, retired; formerly Professor of Neuropathology, Institute of Psychiatry, London.

JACK LEWIS EVANS, Consultant Psychiatrist, 1/46 Centre Road, Brighton East, Victoria 3187, Australia.

HANS AXEL FORSSMAN, Emeritus Professor, Psychiatric Research Centre, St Jorgans Hospital, Sweden.

HENRY LAUTCH, retired Consultant Psychiatrist, Burton Road Hospital, Dudley, West Midlands.

MAUD NORMAN-NOTT, Consultant Psychotherapist, Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester.

ELI ROBINS, Professor of Psychiatry, Washington University School of Medicine, St Louis, Missouri 63110, USA.

JOHN DONALD RUSSELL, Consultant Psychiatrist, Health Commission of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia.

GERTRUDE SMITH, retired; 16 Dorchester Drive, London SE24.

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