

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### **King's Fund Centre**

The current programme of conferences organized by the King's Fund Centre includes the following:

*Tuesday, 28 June:* Helping Mentally Handicapped People Learn through Audio-Visual Aids. *Tuesday,*

*9 July:* Physiotherapy for Mentally and Multiply handicapped People.

Both conferences are held between 10 am and 4 pm, and the fee includes morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea. Applications to Mrs J. Rush, King's Fund Centre, 126 Albert Street, London W1 7NF.

### **The Open University**

The one-year course on The Handicapped Person in the Community is again included in the Open University's Associate Student programme for 1978. The course introduces an inter-disciplinary approach towards helping handicapped people lead fuller and richer lives, and will enable students to improve their professional skills in order to assist disabled people to achieve maximum autonomy. It assumes that most students will be familiar with some of the problems of the handicapped, but expects that their knowledge may be limited to a particular professional approach or to one specific type of handicap.

The application period for Associate Student courses is from April to mid-October. Applicants should apply to the Associate Student Central Office, The Open University, P.O. Box 76, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes MK7 6AN.

### **1st British Lithium Congress**

The 1st British Lithium Congress will be held at the University of Lancaster from 15-19 July. It will comprise five Symposia, each made up of a review paper and three or four research papers; an Inaugural Address by Dr J. F. J. Cade, and a Closing Address by Dr R. P. Hullin. There will also be exhibitions and social events. Applications

should be addressed to Dr F. N. Johnson, Organizing Secretary, 1st British Lithium Congress, Department of Psychology, University of Lancaster, Bailrigg, Lancaster.

### **Thistletown Regional Centre for Children and Adolescents**

An International Symposium on 'New Directions in Children's Mental Health', sponsored by the Thistletown Regional Centre for Children and Adolescents, Toronto, will be held at the Centre from 14-16 September. Further information from Thistletown 1977 Symposium, 11 Farr Avenue, Rexdale, Toronto, Canada M9V 2A5.

### **Birmingham Medical Institute**

The Section of Psychiatry announces the following meetings:

*Tuesday, 14 June:* Dr Roy McKenzie will present a paper on 'Measurement in Group Psychotherapy'.

*Tuesday, 5 July:* Dr Brian Barraclough will speak on 'Mortality of Mental Illness'.

Both meetings will be at the Institute at 8 pm, and will be preceded by a buffet supper at 7 pm. Those wishing to attend should inform the Secretary of the Institute, 36 Harborne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3AF.

### **Medical Women's Federation Diamond Jubilee Conference**

The Medical Women's Federation celebrates its Diamond Jubilee this year, and to mark the occasion is holding a two-day Conference entitled 'Aspects of the Seven Ages of Man in 1977' at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists on 7 and 8 July.

The Conference is open to doctors, nurses, social workers and persons in all the paramedical professions. Details may be obtained from the MWF, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9HX.