

excessive interviewing of personnel it has pace and it reflects the initiative and enthusiasm behind the venture. It presents some insights into the style of the local nursing (there is no indication of any medical involvement) and social services and it is an excellent public relations vehicle, especially in the local vicinity. The production is not unique however and the theme is not new; the same RHA broke similar

ground in 1957 with its predictive film *There Was a Door*. What Manchester does today. . . . !

Format: VHS. *Producer:* North Western Regional Health Authority, *Distributor:* Concord Films Council, 201 Felixstowe Road, Ipswich Hire. Charge: £5.

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London Marathon 1986

Our congratulations to Dr Sidney Crown, a Fellow of the College and Consultant Psychiatrist at the London Hospital

in Whitechapel, who completed this year's London Marathon 26 mile course in 4½ hours. He was running to raise funds for the Mental Health Foundation.

The McHarg Prize 1986

The Scottish Division of the Royal College of Psychiatrists offers a prize of £100 to a trainee who is working in Scotland and who is of senior registrar or registrar grade. Candidates for the prize are invited to submit essays or scientific papers based on their own studies or their original work. It is expected that submissions will range from essays based on literature review to descriptions of clinical work or research in the field.

All entries will be considered by a panel set up by the Scottish Executive Committee and it is intended that the successful candidate will be invited to present his paper to a meeting of the Scottish Division. Submissions must be returned before 1 September 1986 to Dr R. Davidson, Honorary Secretary, Scottish Division, Gartloch Hospital, Gartcosh, Glasgow.

The Astra Prize for Medical Writing

Thanks to Astra Pharmaceuticals Ltd., who have taken over the funding of this prize from Abbott Laboratories Ltd., the Medical Writers Group of the Society of Authors is offering for a fourth year a prize of £1,000 to be awarded in December 1986. The prize will be given to the author, authors or editors of the medical text book which, in the opinion of the judges, made the greatest contribution to understanding in any particular field. Entries must be submitted by publishers who should send three copies of each book entered to the Medical Writers Group, the Society of Authors, 84 Drayton Gardens, London SW10 9SB not later than 30 June 1986.

Forthcoming Events

Cancer Care is promoting a National Conference entitled **Breakdown in Communication?** to be held at the University of Lancaster on 11, 12 and 13 July 1986. It is aimed at hospital doctors, general practitioners, psychiatrists, psychologists, health visitors, nurses, medical students, counsellors, clergy and other interested professionals and volunteers. Speakers will include Dr Rob Buckman of the Toronto-Bayview Regional Cancer Centre, Dr Sheila Cassidy, Medical Director of St Luke's Hospice, Plymouth, Dr Peter Maguire, Senior Lecturer in Psychiatry at the University Hospital of South Manchester and Dr Colin Murray Parkes of the London Hospital Medical College. Accommodation is available at the University of Lancaster. Application forms: CancerCare, Royal Lancaster Infirmary, Lancaster LA1 4RP (telephone: 0524 381820 between 1.00 and 5.00 p.m., Monday to Friday).

Participation is invited in the **Ninth Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology** to be held at the RAI International Conference Center, Amsterdam, The Netherlands on 29 June to 3 July 1986. There will be a symposium on Young People's Response to Nuclear Threat and a workshop on Individual and Collective Action for War Prevention and Peace Building: Constraints, Commitment, Apathy, Pathology. Information: Dr M. Müller-Brettel and Dr M. Macpherson, Max-Planck-Institut für Bildungsforschung, Lentzealle 94, 1 Berlin 33-Dahlem, Germany.

The **10th International Congress of Pharmacology** will be held in Sydney, Australia, from 23 to 28 August 1987. The organisers are planning a scientific programme which will identify the key areas in which there is rapid growth. The format will include invited lectures, symposia, free communications, poster sessions and workshops. Information: The Secretariat, 10th IUPHAR Congress, GPO Box 2609, Sydney, NSW 2001, Australia.

An intensive course in Neurosciences will be held in the Department of Human Anatomy, University of Oxford, from 15 to 19 September 1986. This annual course provides an intensive up-to-date review of the neurosciences for physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists and others interested in this field. The basic sciences component is suitable for those preparing for the MRCPsych and other examinations. Lectures are given by senior members of clinical and non-clinical university departments and there are also laboratory demonstrations. Each student is provided with a set of histological slides and with a brain to dissect with the guidance of experienced demonstrators. Residential accommodation for a limited number will be available at Hertford College. Fee for the course: £120; fee for residence: £90. Enquiries: Director of Postgraduate Medical Education and Training, Medical School Offices, Level 3, John Radcliffe Hospital, Headington, Oxford OX3 9DU. (telephone: 0865 817425).

Sir Francis Walshe Memorial Symposium on Post-Concussion Syndrome (Post-Traumatic Neurosis) will be presented by the Southern California Neuropsychiatric Institute at the Witt Lecture Hall of the Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford on 24 to 27 June 1986. An eminent faculty has been assembled to address the issues surrounding this widespread, debilitating problem. Tuition fee for British physicians will be £50 (on a space-available basis). For complete details, contact: Stacey W. Grace, S.C.N.P.I., 6794 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, California 92037, USA (telephone: (619 454 2102)).

The next course on **Basic Management Skills for Senior Registrars** in Psychiatry will be held at the Nuffield Centre, Leeds from 6 to 10 October 1986. The course is sponsored by the NHS Training Authority, who will subsidise both the tutorial and accommodation expenses. There will therefore be no charge for attendance. As on previous courses, the tutors will be Helena Waters, Peter Hill and Shirley Otto. Numbers will be limited to 16 participants. Further information: Dr Helena Waters, 4 Crodingley Farm Court, Thong Lane, Holmfirth, West Yorkshire HD7 2TY (telephone: 0484 681282).

Monthly Consultation Seminars are to be held at the Tavistock Clinic starting in October 1986. The course is designed to meet the needs of senior practitioners in the helping professions who are actively engaged in consulting to groups or whole organisational units. It has been arranged particularly to suit applicants who wish to expand their consultative skills and who live and work out of London. Further information and application forms: The Training Administrator, The Tavistock Clinic, 120 Belsize Lane, London NW3 5BA (telephone 01 435 7111, ext. 313 or 469).

The **British Medical Anthropology Society** will be holding a joint international meeting with the American Society

for Medical Anthropology, at New Hall, Cambridge University, from 30 June to 3 July 1986. Topics include psychiatric anthropology. Information and application forms: Dr Roland Littlewood, Department of Psychiatry, Birmingham University, All Saints Hospital, Lodge Road, Birmingham B18 5SD.

The North London Centre for Group Therapy is holding a **Residential Week-end Course in Group Analysis** for anyone with an interest in group dynamics wanting to experience the group-analytic approach. It will be an international week-end residential course of an experiential kind with small and large group sessions and will be held on 18 July 1986 (2 p.m.—8.30 p.m.), 19 July (9 a.m.—8.30 p.m.) and 20 July (9 a.m.—4.15 p.m.). The fee is £135.00 (to include all meals and accommodation, individual rooms). Enquiries: The Secretary, North London Centre for Group Therapy, Prior Close (off Green Road), Southgate, London N14 4AW (telephone 01 440 1451).

A five day **Residential Group for Helping Professionals** will be held at Grimstone Manor, Yelverton, Devon from 29 June to 4 July 1986. It is intended primarily for members of the helping professions, especially those whose work involves counselling or psychotherapy. A description of similar groups in 1983 and 1984 appeared in the *Bulletin*, February 1986, 10, 27–28. Further information: Dr Richard Tillet, Wonford House Hospital, Exeter EX2 5AF (telephone 0392 77358).

A three day conference **Psychotherapy in Practice** will be held at the University of Exeter from 24–26 September 1986 offering three concurrent programmes with a wide variety of topics in both lectures and workshops. Further information: Dr C. A. Lewis, Department of Extra Mural Studies, University of Exeter (St Luke's), Heavitree Road, Exeter, Devon.

The **London Society for Ericksonian Psychotherapy and Hypnosis** will be holding a meeting in Oxford from 12 to 14 September. Day 1: Ericksonian Approaches; Day 2: The Psychobiology of Hypnosis; Day 3: Dream-work and Hypnosis: Practical Applications (Ernest Rossi). There will also be a two day meeting in London from 15 to 16 November 1986 on Imagery: A Language to Facilitate Therapeutic Healing (David Grove). Information and application forms: Philip Booth, Coordinatory, 18 Yarnells Road, Oxford OX2 0LY.

The College Library

Due to shortage of shelf space, a number of duplicate and redundant books are being withdrawn from the library. Any members interested in these books should contact the librarian, Mrs S. Floate.