

procedures carried out at Herstedvester, the Danish penal code, 1973 and 1975, was revised which meant, in effect, that Herstedvester as an institution for preventive detention ceased to be.

So it was that Georg Stürup's personal tragic experience served to exemplify the biblical adage that a prophet is not without honour save in his own country.

In addition to his demanding work at Herstedvester, Stürup found time to undertake a number of commissions of national and inter-

national importance concerned with forensic psychiatry. He was the author of many important papers and was appointed visiting Professor at universities in America and Japan. He was a frequent visitor to Britain and took part in 1967 in the Ciba Symposium in London on the Mentally Abnormal Offender at which he was awarded the Ciba Foundation Gold Medal. This was only one of several distinctions bestowed upon him, including the Corresponding Fellowship of the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

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## Miscellany

### Centre for Research in Brain and Behaviour

The Oxford Research Centre in Brain and Behaviour, a new inter-disciplinary centre for research into the functions of the brain, has recently been established with a grant from the Medical Research Council of £2.1 million over seven years. The Centre will concentrate on research into the cerebral cortex. Its researchers will combine techniques from the biological, behavioural and clinical sciences as well as from computing, theoretical physics, mathematics and engineering. The Centre's Director is Professor Alan Cowey, FRS, Department of Experimental Psychology, a Fellow of Lincoln College. The Associate Directors will be Professor Colin Blakemore, Waynflete Professor of Physiology, and Dr Edmund Rolls, Lecturer in Experimental Psychology.

### New publications from Cruse

A new short book entitled *The Early Days of Grieving* is available from Cruse-Bereavement Care, 126 Sheen

Road, Richmond, Surrey TW9 1UR, price £2.50 plus 35p postage and packing. Published by Baconsfield Publishers, it is also available at selected bookshops. A leaflet entitled *Coping with a Major Personal Crisis* is available from the same address on receipt of a stamped, addressed, envelope (22 cm x 11 cm). Multiple orders 75p for 10 copies, plus postage and packing.

### McHarg Prize

The McHarg Prize is awarded each year by the Scottish Division of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. Candidates are invited to submit essays or scientific papers based on their own work. The winner of the prize in 1990 was Dr Robert Kehoe, Senior Registrar, Royal Edinburgh Hospital. His paper was on 'Lithium Monitoring in Clinical Practice' and described the service in Edinburgh. He will be presenting a paper on his findings at a quarterly meeting of the Scottish Division.

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## Forthcoming events

A symposium entitled **Benzodiazepines into the 1990s** will be held at the Royal Society of Medicine, London on 10 October 1991. Conference fee: £65 (to include lunch and refreshments). Further in-

formation and registration forms: Hamlin & Hammersley, Southbank, Grants Lane, Wedmore, Somerset BS28 4EA (telephone 0934 713040; fax 0934 713168).