

implicitly reassure the public that medical care will be available after a nuclear war. How else could doctors justify keeping thousands of beds empty for casualties? The American Medical Association has spoken out against it, and thousands of doctors have signed the Frankfurt Declaration, which declares a readiness to assist in all medical emergencies, but a refusal to take part in training for war.

Fifthly, I am a member of the Collegiate Trainees' Committee Working Party on the Political Abuse of Psychiatry. Part of our task is to invite information about possible areas of abuse. I had intended to sign my letter to that effect, but

unfortunately it was signed on my behalf by the secretary of the Medical Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons before checking (which also explains the error in the first sentence: 'marked preoccupation' should have read 'morbid preoccupation').

The evidence that Dr Brooks requires will be submitted to the Working Party, and it is hoped that it will be reported, in due course, in the *Bulletin*.

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## Forthcoming Events

'The Treatment of Anxiety' is the theme of a seminar to be held at the Priory Hospital on 23 June 1983, with Sir Desmond Pond in the Chair. Topics include 'The diagnosis of anxiety' (Professor Anthony Clare, St Bartholomew's Hospital); 'Are tranquilisers harmful?' (Dr Desmond Kelly, The Priory Hospital); 'Stress control for professionals' (Dr Robert Sharpe, The Institute of Behaviour Therapy); and 'The management of anxiety in general practice' (Dr David Wheatley, The General Practitioner Research Group). Further information: Dr Desmond Kelly, The Priory Hospital, Priory Lane, London SW15 5JJ.

The 1984 meeting of the 15th European Conference on Psychosomatic Research is to be held in London from 9 to 14 September 1984 at Kensington Town Hall. The theme will be 'Psychosomatic Medicine Today: A Scientific Concept and an Urgent Need'. Information: Conference Secretariat, The Manor House, Southwick, Brighton, Sussex BN4 4UB.

The Association of Therapeutic Communities is holding a one-year, part-time training course on working in the therapeutic institution. The course will run from 30 September 1983 to 14 June 1984. The cost will be £320 and numbers are limited to 33. Further information and details of the course structure are available from: Graeme Farquharson, Ingrebourne Centre, St George's Hospital, Hornchurch, Essex (Hornchurch 43541).

The College's Psychotherapy Section will be holding a Business Meeting during the Annual Meeting of the College in Bristol on 7 July 1983 at 5.00 pm. During the meeting, Dr

Pamela Ashurst (Consultant Psychotherapist, Royal South Hants Hospital) will introduce a general discussion with a talk entitled, 'Learning to listen—the importance of psychotherapy training for psychiatrists'. Information: Psychotherapy Section Secretary at the College.

The British Association for Behavioural Psychotherapy will be holding a number of Summer workshops at the University of Hull on 5 and 6 July 1983. Information: Rod Holland, Senior Clinical Psychologist, Graylingwell Hospital, Chichester, Sussex.

The Hertfordshire College of Art & Design is holding a Summer School from 18 to 22 July 1983. This course offers a wide range of approaches and is designed for therapists, teachers, artists and dramatists interested in the therapeutic application of art and drama. Other short courses are also available. Information (including an sae): Division of Art and Psychology, Hertfordshire College of Art & Design, 7 Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts AL1 3RS.

The 10th World Congress of Social Psychiatry is to be held in Osaka, Japan from 4 to 8 September 1983. Information: WASP-OSAKA '83 Secretariat, Hankyu Grand Bldg 22F, 8-47 Kakuta-cho, Kita-ku, Osaka 530, Japan.

The American Academy of Child Psychiatry will hold its annual meeting from 26 to 30 October 1983 in San Francisco. Programmes and further information: American Academy of Child Psychiatry, 1424 16th Street, NW, Suite 201A, Washington, DC 20036, USA.