OBITUARIES

Eitinger from Norway, of Jewish origin and with personal experience of concentration camps, and Clarence Blomqvist, MD and PhD, Sweden. Clarence Blomqvist was a psychiatrist and at that time the only one in Scandinavia with both a doctorate in medical ethics as well, at the Karolinska Institute where he was an assistant professor. Denis Leigh was an ex-officio member of the groups, to which he gave his permanent, never failing support.

The task also involved the formulation of ethics for psychiatry so as to bring it in line with the democratic concepts of our time. The old Hippocratic paternalism must be exchanged for ideals of freedom, mutual respect, doctor-patient cooperation, informed consent and patient rights as far as possible; a job mainly entrusted to Clarence Blomqvist.

Another step was decided, in 1973, in a group meeting in Iceland. Denis and Clarence should go together to strategic places to give seminars on the subject. They went, among others, to Venezuela, where no less than three meetings were held. Out of this there grew a deep friendship between the two which can be seen in their correspondence, now partly published.

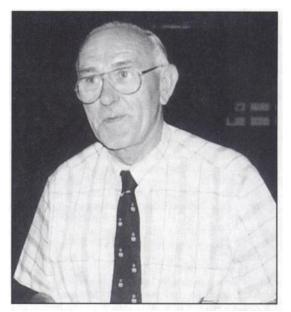
The new ethical formulations were made by Clarence, who was given the opportunity to work for a year at the Hastings Center, New York, so giving him a most refreshing and stimulating experience. Thanks to this, Clarence did a job that signalled the beginning of a new era in medical ethics.

Eventually, as a result of all this, 10 years later, the Declaration of Hawaii was signed in Honolulu on 29 August 1971 by the representatives of 76 nations. At that moment Denis and I looked at each other in disbelief, not quite convinced that this really could be true.

But it was and we could gratefully look back on all the meetings in the WHO, UNESCO, the Council of Europe in Strasbourg and a few more. Now, 20 years later, it can be confirmed that this was the most important moment in the history of the World Psychiatric Association: medical ethics had got a new and substantial foundation.

For Clarence it was to end in tragedy. On a farewell buffet he dropped his plate twice on the floor and he went to bed seemingly exhausted. The next day, on the flight back to Sweden, he developed a left hemiplegia, which he diagnosed himself. Back in Stockholm he was immediately admitted to the Karolinska where a malignant brain tumour was found. He died in January 1979, aged 53, leaving his family, Denis and the rest of our group to grieve. I am now the only survivor of the task-force. This story contains the testaments of both Clarence and Denis to the world of psychiatry.

GERDT WRETMARK



Terence Kay, Director, Newton Lodge Regional Secure Unit, Wakefield, Yorkshire

Terry Kay died suddenly at home on 8 May 1998 of a myocardial infarction. He was born on 3 July 1930 in Cheadle, Cheshire and spent his early life in Stockport. He left school at 14 and then worked at Stockport Infirmary as a laboratory technician, in which specialty he served for two years as part of his National Service in Hamburg and Berlin. After leaving the Army he spent 18 months in the uphill task of qualifying for university entrance to Leeds University where he qualified MB. ChB in December 1958 after a most successful career.

His initial ambition was to be a general practitioner. He practised in New Zealand four years, but it was here that he developed an interest in psychiatry. In order to obtain specialist qualifications he returned to the UK where he worked at Moorhaven Hospital, Plymouth and St James's Hospital, Leeds. As a visiting registrar to HMP, Leeds, he developed an interest in forensic psychiatry and worked for a period as a prison medical officer. He joined the National Health Service at High Royds Hospital, Wakefield, in 1978.

Terry Kay was instrumental in the formation of the forensic psychiatric service at Wakefield. Initially he single-handedly took on the role of training both doctors and nurses: teaching staff remained a primary interest. From a desolate locked ward, he developed an interim secure unit before establishing a purpose-built regional secure unit, now known as Newton Lodge. He made himself available to colleagues in forensic psychiatry, general psychiatry and the legal profession. In addition to his work with mentally disordered offenders he became well known in the complex area of assessing victims of major disasters. He retired from the National Health Service in 1990 but maintained a commitment to the prison service until his untimely death.

He married his wife Liz in 1953, who survives him, together with his sons Simon (a doctor) and Roger and six grandchildren. He will be remembered by all who knew him as a most kindly and sensitive man who was prepared to sacrifice himself in the interest of the needs of others.

H. JORDINSON AND L HASKAYNE

The deaths of the following have also been reported

AKHTER, MOHAMMED IFTKHAR, retired Consultant Psychiatrist, formerly of the Regional Drug and Alcohol Treatment Centre, All Saints Hospital, Birmingham

BHAKTA, MOHAN KUMBLA GOPAL, retired Consultant Psychiatrist, Brecon, Wales

BOWEN, WILLIAM ARTHUR LLEWELLYN, retired Consultant Psychiatrist, formerly of the Bootham Park Hospital, York

COSTAIN, WILLIAM ROY, retired Consultant Psychiatrist, formerly of Ballamona Hospital, Braddan, Douglas, Isle of Man

EL-GALLY, AHMED ALI, consultant Psychiatrist, Al-Horrya, Heliopolis, Cairo

KNAPMAN, WILLIAM BELL, retired Fellow, Pinner, Middlesex

LEWIS, PHYLLIS SYLVIA, consultant Psychiatrist, Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

MACDOUGALL, ELIZABETH JANET, retired Consultant Psychiatrist, Pitlochry, Perthshire MARTIN, ARCHIBALD ADAM, retired Consultant Psychiatrist, formerly of Lancaster Moor Hospital, Lancaster

MCCLURE, DAVID JOSEPH, retired Head of Department, Department of Psychiatry, University of British Columbia, Vancouver General Hospital

MILLER, DEREK HARRY, Highland Park, Illinois, USA

MURRAY, PATRICK ALOYSIUS, retired Fellow, formerly of Brothers of Charity Services, Lota, Glanmire, Co Cork

NEVILLE-SMITH, CHRISTOPHER HUGH, retired Consultant Psychiatrist, Saltburn-by-the-Sea, Cleveland

NUTTAL, KENNETH, retired Consultant Psychiatrist, London

REID, WILLIAM HENRY, retired Consultant Psychiatrist, Leicestershire Area Health Authority

RYCROFT, CHARLES FREDERICK, UK Foundation Fellow, London

SA'AD, AWNI GEORGE, Consultant Psychiatrist, Amman, Jordan

SARAF, TARIQ YUSUF, Consultant Psychiatrist, Bushey Fields Hospital, Fields Road, Dudley, West Midlands

STEAD, JOHN SUMNER, retired Consultant Psychiatrist, Cuckfield, Sussex

STUNGO, ELLIS, Honorary Consultant, North Sussex Marriage Guidance Clinic

TOUSSAINT, ROSE EVANGELINE, Lincoln Medical Centre, West Perth, Australia

WARDROP, KEITH RAE HOSEASON, retired Consultant Psychiatrist, Biggar, Lanarks

WATTS, CUTHBERT ARTHUR HARRY, retired Fellow, Great Glen, Leicestershire

WHITE, ANTHONY JOHN, Consultant Psychiatrist, Mental Health Services, County Hospital, Durham

WRIGHT, SHEILA LINDSAY, retired Consultant Psychiatrist, Knutsford, Cheshire

ZISKIND, EUGENE, LOS Angeles, USA