

high morale, was much loved—almost revered—by the staff, who also appreciated his enthusiastic encouragement for their sporting events (in which he often joined). Perhaps the respect he won was a response to his hard work. Certainly some part of it can be attributed to his determination to continue clinical work, which some other superintendents willingly abandoned.

Partly because of ill-health, he retired early from Bexley to live for the next quarter of a century in Suffolk. There he resumed some psychiatric practice with sessions at Severalls Hospital and clinical work at another local hospital. He continued too with his many and varied voluntary interests. In his beautiful mill, where the Stour could be heard rushing under the floor of the main room, he and his wife Barbara, who died three months before him, kept up the hospitality so many people enjoyed, and will remember them for, during their years at Bexley. ARN

JOHN DENHAM, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, The London Hospital, Whitechapel, London E1.

Dr John Denham, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist at The London Hospital and Medical Director of St Clement's Hospital, died following an accident on 17 February 1985, aged 68.

John Denham, formerly Hans Duschinsky, was born in Vienna and was in the final year of his medical studies there when he fled to England in 1939, arriving just before the war. He joined the army and served in the RAMC, first in West Africa and later in Burma, and reached the rank of Sergeant working mainly in pathology laboratories.

After the war he continued his studies at the Welsh National School of Medicine in Cardiff, qualifying in 1949. He gained the DPM (Lond.) in 1951, the MD (Lond.) in 1953 and was elected a Foundation Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in 1971. He entered psychiatry soon after qualifying and held junior posts at Middlewood Hospital, Sheffield; King's College Hospital; the Maudsley Hospital and Whitchurch Hospital, Cardiff, before being appointed Consultant Psychiatrist to Long Grove Hospital, Epsom, in 1958. In that capacity he was responsible for clinics at Hackney Hospital and at St Clement's Hospital, Bow, of which he became the Medical Director in 1963. Subsequently the psychiatric services at St Clement's were amalgamated with those at The London Hospital (Whitechapel), to which he was appointed Consultant Psychiatrist.

Dr Denham was one of that group of refugees from Nazi persecution who made a major contribution to psychiatry in this country. I first met him when he was in sergeant's uniform and working for his second MB in the Central Library at Cardiff. To his fellow students, much less mature, he seemed enormously erudite. He had been taught by Wagner-Jauregg and had come under the influence of Freud, and it was said

that he had read all Freud's works. He certainly, even then, seemed to know a great deal about psychiatry, a subject that was so alien to the rest of us.

Although his early interests were in psychoanalysis and psychotherapy, later in his career his foremost interest became the rehabilitation of the psychiatric patient, and at Long Grove he established an Industrial Rehabilitation Unit. In 1960 he became a Foundation Member of the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association, an organization in which he took great pride and in which he was active, particularly in the East End, until his death. Long before the terms 'community care' and 'crisis intervention' became commonplace, it was frequently his practice to visit patients at home as a means of preventing their admission to hospital by dealing with their problems in the settings in which they lived. As a complement to his interest in rehabilitation was an interest in the psychotropic drugs which made rehabilitation possible. He had a major interest in drug addiction and alcohol abuse, and he set up the Unit for Drug Addiction at St Clement's. He had a special interest in forensic psychiatry and was in great demand as an expert witness in that field. Besides his papers on psychotropic drugs, his numerous publications include works on rehabilitation and community care.

When I arrived at The London Hospital in 1962, John was already building up the psychiatric services in the East End. He was an excellent clinician and had great personal charm. He was dedicated to his patients and was greatly loved by them. He was an exceedingly hard worker, often remaining at the hospital until late in the evening and, as one of his friends said at the funeral: 'He made the rest of us feel like part-timers.' He was determined to build a good service in the interests of his patients and was intolerant of delays and opposition, so that although not always popular, he usually achieved what he set out to do. It is no exaggeration to say that he was responsible for laying the foundations for and developing the community psychiatric services in the East End of London, and they are a fitting memorial to his efforts. SIC

The deaths of the following have also been reported:

KATHERINE HALDANE STOBIE BEGG, 2a Ledcameroch Crescent, Bearsden, Glasgow, Scotland.

WILLIAM MARSDEN FORD ROBERTSON, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Long Grove Hospital, Epsom.

JOHN HARCOURT HURT, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, 16 Jinka Street, Hawker, Victoria 2614, Australia.

RONALD ERIC JENKINS, retired, formerly Regional Director, Victoria Union Hospital, Saskatchewan, Canada.

ROBERT DENIS NEWTON, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, 25 Fitzjohn's Avenue, London NW3.

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