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Royal Commission on Abortion Rejected

The Prime Minister rejected a suggestion made by Mr. N. ST. JOHN-STEVAS on 23 March that he should appoint a Royal Commission to investigate the facts and the law in relation to abortion.

News in Brief

At a public meeting mainly for women in London last week it was announced that the National Council of Women had withdrawn support for the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Bill.

Experimental training courses for young people interested in finding a career in the National Health Service will start in September in Bristol and Leeds.

Recent Publications

Getting Married, 1967 edition, published by the B.M.A. at 2s.

The new edition of the *Highway Code for Deaf Children* contains definitions of some ordinary highway terms, also details on how to maintain a bicycle. Published by the Royal National Institute for the Deaf, 105 Gower Street, London W.C.1.

Coming Events

King's College Hospital Medical School (Lister Centenary Conference).—Three lectures on 6 April: "The Meaning of Lord Lister's Work" by Dr. CHARLES NEWMAN (10.30 a.m.); "Lister's Medical School" by Professor R. PILCHER (11 a.m.); "Experimental and Clinical Observations Concerning the Development of an Artificial Heart" by Dr. MICHAEL DEBAKEY (11.30 a.m.). The lectures will be given in the Medical School Refectory.

Cardiff Medical Old Students' Association.—Conversazione, 15 April, Park Hotel, Cardiff. Details from Academic Registrar of the Medical School.

Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom and Institute of Ophthalmology.—National service, Westminster Abbey, 20 April, 12 noon. Application for tickets, with stamped addressed envelope, to "Abbey Service," Institute of Ophthalmology, Judd Street, London W.C.1.

Blair Bell Research Society.—Symposium on the placenta, 27 April, Nuffield Hall, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. Programme and tickets for refreshments (15s.) from Professor P. J. HUNTINGFORD, St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, London W.2. Applications before 10 April.

Institute of Diseases of the Chest.

Clinical demonstrations, open to medical practitioners without fee, will be held in the Lecture Theatre of the Institute (in the grounds of the Brompton Hospital, Fulham Road, London S.W.3) on Fridays at 5 p.m. from 28 April to 30 June inclusive.

British Medical Association (South Lancashire and East Cheshire Branch) and College of General Practitioners (North-west England Faculty).—Joint meeting, "Teach-in on Drug Addiction," 29 April, Roscoe Building, Manchester University. Details from B.M.A. Regional Office, Manchester.

Institute of Cancer Research.—International nuclear medicine symposium, "Radioactive Isotopes in the Localization of Tumours," 25-27 September, Imperial College of Science and Technology, London S.W.7. Details from Dr. V. R. MCCREADY, Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, Surrey.

Societies and Lectures

For attending lectures marked ● a fee is charged or a ticket is required. Applications should be made first to the institution concerned.

Monday, 3 April

BLAIR BELL RESEARCH SOCIETY.—At Nuffield Hall, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, 5.30 p.m., papers by Dr. M. E. Tunstall and Dr. E. Robertson.

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLGY.—5.30 p.m., Professor I. Friedmann, Dr. D. A. Osborn, Dr. M. I. Wright: clinicopathological conference.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW.—At Maurice Bloch Lecture Theatre, 5.30 p.m., Watson prize lecture by Dr. A. L. Linton: Treatment of Acute Poisoning.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., Dr. Sheila M. Worledge: Autoimmune Haemolytic Anaemia.

Tuesday, 4 April

B.B.C.—1 TELEVISION.—11.15 p.m. (approx.), medicine today: Renal Failure. (Sponsored by A.S.M.E.)

BOLTON AND DISTRICT MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Gymnasium, Bolton Royal Infirmary, 8.30 p.m., Professor P. A. Fitzgerald.

COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS: SOUTH LONDON FACULTY.—At South-east London General Practitioners' Centre, St. Mary's Road, Peckham, Dr. J. A. Hunter: General Practice in Shetland (illustrated).

INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH.—5.30 p.m., Dr. C. J. Falliers (Denver, U.S.A.): Asthma and Development of Children.

INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Hammersmith Hospital, 2 p.m., Dr. W. T. Fullerton: Ectopic Pregnancy. (Admission by ticket only, obtainable from Secretary, Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Chelsea Hospital for Women, London S.W.)●

KENT POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL CENTRE AT CANTERBURY.—At Kent and Canterbury Hospital, 8.30 p.m., Dr. C. O. Carter: Genetics in Medicine.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES MEDICAL CENTRE.—1 p.m., seminar and discussion by Dr. R. H. Bartley: Role of the General Practitioner in the Hospital Service.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—4 p.m., Lister oration by Lord Brock: Surgery and Lister.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—4 p.m., Professor R. Shackman: Urinary Diversion.

ST. CHARLES'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTRE.—8.45 p.m., Mr. D. J. Neal Smith: Cervical Cytology.

Wednesday, 5 April

BROOK GENERAL HOSPITAL.—At Postgraduate Medical Centre, 8.15 p.m., Mr. R. Hinchcliffe: Vertigo and Investigation of Vestibular Function.

INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—5 p.m., Mr. J. P. Williams: Ureteric and Renal Tumours.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., Dr. F. E. Moore (Boston): Liver Rejection.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—2 p.m., urology seminar.

STOKE MANDEVILLE HOSPITAL.—12.15 p.m., Dr. W. Stokes: clinical cases.

WEST END HOSPITAL FOR NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY.—5.30 p.m., clinical demonstration in neurology by Dr. N. G. Hulbert.

Thursday, 6 April

INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Chelsea Hospital for Women, 3 p.m., discussion: Vulval Dysmorphia. Speakers, Dr. H. J. Wallace, Dr. I. W. Whimster. (Admission by ticket only, obtainable from Secretary, Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Chelsea Hospital for Women, London S.W.)●

LONDON UNIVERSITY.—At University College Hospital Medical School, 5 p.m., special university lecture in medicine by Professor B. Hudson (Monash University): Normal and Abnormal Secretion and Metabolism of Male Sex Hormones.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—At University College Hospital, 8 p.m., meeting of anaesthetic departments of both hospitals: Progress Report on Six Research Projects.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—4 p.m., Mr. P. Martin: Reconstructive Arterial Surgery.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—At Edward Lewis Theatre, Middlesex Hospital Medical School, 5 p.m., symposium: Some Unusual Granulomata.

WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5 p.m., special postgraduate lecture by Professor N. Georgiadis (Athens): Surgery of the Thyroid.

Friday, 7 April

INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH.—5.30 p.m., Dr. M. Tefft (Boston): Experience with Radioisotopic Scanning in Paediatrics.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—(1) 10.15 a.m., Professor R. B. Duthie; (2) 11.30 a.m., Mr. W. H. Stephenson: clinicopathological conference.

Saturday, 8 April

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Postgraduate Lecture Theatre, Addenbrooke's Hospital, 10.30 a.m., all-day symposium: General Surgery.●

INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—At Royal College of Surgeons of England, 10 a.m., symposium: Surgery for Urethral Stricture.●

Sunday, 9 April

CLWYD AND DEBSIDE BOARD OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES.—At Royal Alexandra Hospital, Rhyl, 10 a.m., symposium on Renal Disease.

ROYAL NORTHERN HOSPITAL, LONDON.—10.30 a.m., Dr. D. Geraint James: clinical conference.

Deaths

Kennedy.—On 8 March 1967, Alan Robert Kennedy, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., of 4 Chantry Road, Stourton, Near Stourbridge, formerly M.O.H. of Seisdon, aged 57.

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It is regretted that an announcement we published concerning Dr. K. D. Bagshawe (18 March, p. 708) extracted from the January 1967 issue of the *University of London Gazette* is incorrect. Dr. Bagshawe remains at the Edgar Laboratory, Fulham Hospital, W.6 (Charing Cross Group).

Correction

In the "Today's Drugs" article on nalidixic acid (25 March, p. 741) the dosage for children was stated to be 600 mg./kg. body weight daily. This should have read 60 mg./kg. The suspension of Negram contains 60 mg./ml.

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