

idea how the other half lived (he believed anyone could afford private education), he was doing his charitable best for Bulgaria. Which was presumably why he agreed to appear this time, having refused seven years ago – although he claimed it was an opportunity to plug the charity, it was really his chance to reassure the nation that he had turned out human.

Only Neil was different. He had suffered from “depression” and his rocking, his mannerisms and his solitary life had been the most unsettling part of the last programme. *35 Up* found him in Shetland, accepted as an eccentric but recently dropped as director of the annual village play, looking too unkempt for viewing comfort. “It’s a mad world”, was how he responded to being asked if he was mad, one of several crass questions. Neil was the exception to what was otherwise a coming together of lifestyles



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and through him the programme uncovered one type of disadvantage which shows no sign of changing.

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## Miscellany

### John Young Memorial Fund

The Reverend Dr John Young was a pioneering consultant psychiatrist in the field of old age psychiatry. He died on 5 February 1991. (See Obituary, *Psychiatric Bulletin*, July 1991, 15, 459–460.) The members of the West Midlands Association of Psychogeriatricians have decided to institute a fund in memory of his name and to award an annual prize out of the proceeds. It would be in the form of an essay competition for SHOs and registrars training in old age psychiatry in the West Midlands Region. There is now an appeal for donations. Cheques may be drawn in favour of “John Young Memorial Fund” and forwarded to Dr D. Gaspar, Convenor, John Young Memorial Fund, Postgraduate Clinical Tutor in Old Age Psychiatry, West Midlands Region, Hollymoor Hospital, Birmingham B31 5EX.

### Rehabilitation for torture victims

The International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT) is an independent non-profit making foundation which was created in 1985 by the Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture Victims (RCT) Copenhagen. Its objectives include the accumulation and dissemination of information about torture, the consequences of torture and the possibilities of rehabilitating people who have been tortured; the support of international and national initiatives, organisations and agencies concerned with torture; the support of research into all aspects

of torture, and serving as an international clearing house for information about activities within the scope of IRCT objectives. Further information: IRCT, Juliane Maries Vej 34, PO Box 2672, DK-2100 Copenhagen Ø, Denmark.

### Mentally incapacitated adults and decision-making

The Law Commission Consultation Paper No. 199, *Mentally Incapacitated Adults and Decision-Making: An Overview* was issued on 30 April 1991 and is published by HMSO, price £6.90. Copies of the response to Consultation Paper No. 119 by the Law Society’s Mental Health Sub-Committee are available from Shirley Holloway, The Law Society, 50 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1SX (please send A4 SAE).

### Appointment

Professor R. E. Kendell has been appointed Chief Medical Officer for Scotland.

### New organisation

A new organisation will be formed when the Medical Campaign against Nuclear Weapons merges with the Medical Association for Prevention of War next year. Its aim will be to create a channel to enable health professionals to extend their concerns beyond prevention of war to helping foster new concepts of health and global security. Further information: Medical Campaign against Nuclear Weapons, 601 Holloway Road, London N19 4DJ.