

nicotine began three years ago shows that the average tar yield of every cigarette smoked has been reduced by about 10%. The main objective of the campaign is to persuade people to stop smoking or not to start but people who are not able to break the habit are urged to change to milder blends with lower tar and nicotine yields.

The tar and nicotine yields listed in the new table were obtained from samples of 109 brands collected during August 1974 to January 1975.

Sit-in at B.M.A. House on Abortion Bill

A group of junior doctors and medical students representing nearly 50 of their colleagues staged a sit-in at B.M.A. House on 22-23 May. In letters to Dr. Derek Stevenson, Secretary of the B.M.A., they noted "with concern" what was described as "the silence by the B.M.A. and within the B.M.J. on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill." The junior doctors were worried at what they claimed was the widespread ignorance about the Bill's contents and implications among doctors. At a meeting with the group—and in a letter to their spokeswoman, Dr. Berenice Beaumont—Dr. Stevenson told them that the B.M.A. "had already submitted a detailed memorandum of evidence to the Select Committee with a proviso that it had yet to be ratified by the Council of the Association at its meeting on 3 June." As well as making arrangements for the B.M.A.'s evidence to be made public on 23 May he told the young doctors that the B.M.A. had issued a press statement on the Bill (24 May, p. 456) and that the B.M.J. had published a leading article on it (17 May, p. 352). The sit-in ended before lunch on 23 May.

Chair of Child Health, Sheffield

Dr. R. D. G. Milner, senior lecturer in paediatrics at Manchester University, has been appointed professor of child health at the University of Sheffield from 1 October 1975, in succession to Professor R. S. Illingworth. Dr. Milner, who is 37, graduated from King's College Hospital in 1960 and proceeded to M.D. in 1968. After junior appointments in London and Cambridge he took the M.R.C.P. in 1964. In 1965 he was elected Stanley Elmore Senior Research Fellow of Sidney Sussex College in Cambridge, where he worked in the Department of Biochemistry. Dr. Milner's main research interests are in the control of insulin secretion and the endocrine control of fetal growth.

Professor of Paediatric Cardiology, London

Dr. J. F. Macartney has been appointed to the Vandervell chair of paediatric cardiology at the Institute of Child Health. Dr. Macartney, who is 34, graduated from Cambridge, gaining his B.A. in 1962, B.Ch. in 1966, M.B. in 1967, and M.R.C.P. in 1968. After house appointments in London, Norwich, and Leeds, Dr. Macartney went to the Mayo Clinic as fellow. In 1970 he was appointed clinical lecturer in paediatrics at Leeds University Medical School and consultant at Killingbeck Hospital.

Cancer Epidemiology

A clearing house for research in progress in cancer epidemiology has been set up by the International Agency for Research on Cancer and the German Cancer Research Centre. The purpose of the project is the prevention of wasteful duplication of research efforts. An annual directory of current projects will be published; a scientist wanting information on a specific topic should contact the clearing house at I.A.R.C., 150 Cours Albert Thomas 69008 Lyon, France.

Nuffield Nursing Homes Trust

When its current building programme is completed the Nuffield Nursing Homes Trust will have nearly 850 beds available for private practice, says its annual report. Additional plans were being considered for the building projects at Leeds and Wolverhampton. During 1974 nearly 30 000 patients had been admitted to beds provided by the Trust.

Beit Memorial Fellowships for Medical Research

Junior Fellowships have been awarded to A. Betteridge, R. F. Irvine, C. W. Penn, N. J. Proudfoot, P. G. Strange, Miss J. Rossant, and S. G. Cull-Candy.

COMING EVENTS

King's Fund Centre.—Mental handicap conference "Outside the Walls," 25 June. Details from Mr. James Elliott, King's Fund Centre, 24 Nutford Place, London W1H 6AN.

"Osteogenesis Imperfecta."—Symposium, 27 June, Dundee University. Details from Dr. C. R. Paterson, Department of Clinical Chemistry, Ninewells Hospital and Medical School, Dundee DD2 1UD. (Tel. 0382 60111.)

Oxford Community Health Project.—Day symposium, "Information Systems in the Health and Social Services," Oxford, 27 June. Details and applications from the Medical Director, Oxford Community Health Project, Oxford Regional Health Authority, Old Road, Headington, Oxford OX3 7LF. (Tel. Oxford 64861.)

4th Congress of the International Society of Geographical Ophthalmology.—30 June-4 July, Edinburgh. Programme includes the 2nd International Symposium for Metabolic Diseases of the Eye. Details from Dr. R. S. Bartholomew, Department of Ophthalmology, Edinburgh University, The Eye Pavilion, Chalmers Street, Edinburgh EH3 9HA.

W.M.A. 29th Assembly.—The World Medical Association is to hold its 29th Assembly in Tokyo at the Imperial Hotel from 6 to 10 October. The Emperor and Empress of Japan will be present on the opening day. The theme for the scientific sessions on 8 and 9 October will be "The Development and Allocation of Medical Care Resources." The B.M.A. is a member of the W.M.A. and full programme details can be obtained from the Secretary, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP. Doctors planning to attend the meeting may also wish to contact Dr. W. Norman-Taylor, Honorary Secretary of the British Supporting Group of the W.M.A., Sunnybank, Shire Lane, Chorleywood, Herts.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

LONDON

M.D.—W. P. R. Gibson, R. F. Gledhill, R. J. West. M.S.—D. J. Fuller, J. Spencer.

MANCHESTER

The honorary degree of D.Sc. has been conferred on Emeritus Professor L. J. Witts.

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, 2 June

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. D. D. Munro: Effects of Corticosteroid Drugs on the Skin. ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—9.30 a.m., day of lectures on Immunological Aspects of Surgery. ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—1 p.m., Dr. V. Rosenauer (U.S.A.): Albumin Synthesis and the Influence of the Amino Acid Supply. UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.—At St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School, 5 p.m., Professor D. Barron (U.S.A.): The Placenta and its Hormones and Fetal Nutrition.

Tuesday, 3 June

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5.30 p.m., Dr. J. F. Nunn: Mechanisms of Anaesthesia.

Wednesday, 4 June

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. Y. M. Clayton: Therapy of Fungal Infections. INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. I. S. Kreeger: The Provision of Psychotherapeutic Care: Problems and Principles. KING EDWARD'S HOSPITAL FUND.—12.15 p.m., Centre Lunch Talk by Mr. Graham Sandiford: Urban Aid.* ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—5 p.m., Dr. B. I. Hirschowitz (U.S.A.): Gastric Secretion—A Rational Approach to Ulcer Therapy. ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—11.45 a.m., Medical Guest Lecture by Professor Eugene Braunwald (Boston). ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—2 p.m., Dr. S. Chantler: Immunological Methods in Histology. WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Queen Mary's Hospital, 4 p.m., teach-in: Human Experience of Limb Loss.

Thursday, 5 June

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5.30 p.m., Hammersmith Postgraduate Association Annual Lecture by Dr. Eugene Braunwald: Protection of the Ischaemic Myocardium. ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5 p.m., Medical Guest Lecture by Professor Eugene Braunwald (Boston). ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5.15 p.m., Mr. A. G. Gordon: Gynaecological Outpatient Surgery. UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.—At Royal Infirmary, 5 p.m., Honyman Gillespie Lecture by Mr. M. G. Walker: Surgery of the Internal Carotid Artery for Cerebral Ischaemia. UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.—At London Hospital Medical College, 5 p.m., Professor T. G. Coleman (U.S.A.): From Aristotle to Modern Computers: A History of the Use of Theories in Biological Research.

Friday, 6 June

LOUIS RAPKINE ASSOCIATION.—At Ciba Foundation, 4.30 p.m., meeting, 5 p.m. lecture by Professor J. C. Senez: La Microbiologie et la Famille Dans le Monde.* ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—11 a.m., Mr. A. Cushtier: The Value of Laparoscopy to the General Surgeon. ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.—At Royal Postgraduate Medical School, 2 p.m., meeting, "Coronary Artery Surgery." Chairman: Eugene Braunwald, Harvard University.

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