

There were a further 446 posts without a permanent holder where the lengthy appointments procedure was still in progress or where the health authority had not tried to fill the post."

MEDICAL NEWS

Community medicine

Dr W Harding, president of the Faculty of Community Medicine, Dr J S Horner, chairman of the Central Committee for Community Medicine, and the BMA Secretary, Dr E Grey-Turner, met Dr David Owen on 4 August to discuss community medicine matters, particularly the position of the specialty in the management review exercise.

Both Dr Harding and Dr Horner pointed out that the profession had co-operated with the Department in agreements with the Manpower Advisory Committee and in setting high standards for the specialty. This had led to a delay in filling posts. The administrative structure had increased by a factor of nine, while the medical officer posts had decreased by about 17%. They attributed the present low level of morale to the threat of cuts and wanted to ensure that the medical posts would be excluded from the exercise.

Dr Owen said it was not possible to exclude them but he emphasised that the exercise was not to be taken as a down-grading of the discipline and he would not stand by and watch an emasculation of the specialty. The only possible area of job reduction would be where district boundaries might be redrawn. He advised the delegation and their colleagues to be more self-confident and he thought that an increasing public awareness of the value of preventive medicine could only be good for the profession.

After the meeting Dr Horner said that he was disappointed with the Minister's lack of response. He did not think that Dr Owen had honoured the implied assurances given at the profession's meeting with the Prime Minister on 26 July. If the Minister could obtain a reduction in the number of community medicine posts, despite the holding down of numbers by the profession in consultation with the MAC, Dr Horner thought that clinicians in the NHS could well face the same problem in the coming year.

London chair of obstetrics and gynaecology

Dr I L Craft has been appointed to the chair of obstetrics and gynaecology at the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine from 1 October 1976. Dr Craft, who is 39, graduated in 1961, and after house appointments and various posts as registrar in London he was appointed to his present post as senior lecturer at the Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in 1972.

Southampton chair of clinical oncology

Dr J M A Whitehouse has been appointed to the Cancer Research Campaign chair of clinical oncology at the University of Southampton from 1 January 1977. Dr Whitehouse, who is 36, graduated from Cambridge. After house appointments at St Bartholomew's

Hospital and the Mayday Hospital in Croydon he joined the scientific staff of the Chester Beatty Research Institute in Sutton. In 1972 he returned to St Bartholomew's Hospital as ICRF Clinical Scientific Fellow in the department of medical oncology, honorary lecturer in the Medical College, and honorary senior registrar. In 1975 he was appointed senior lecturer and acting director of the medical oncology unit at St Bartholomew's Hospital.

Belfast chair of geriatric medicine

Dr R W Stout has been appointed to the chair of geriatric medicine at the Queen's University of Belfast. Dr Stout graduated from Belfast in 1965 and after appointments in the Royal Victoria Hospital and the Queen's University department of medicine became registrar in the unit of clinical cardiology at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School. In 1973 Dr Stout was appointed senior tutor and senior registrar in the department of medicine at Belfast and in the following year he was awarded a British Heart Foundation senior research fellowship in that department. In 1975 he was appointed to his present post of senior lecturer and consultant in the department of medicine. Dr Stout's current research interests are in the application of tissue culture techniques in the fields of lipid metabolism, atherosclerosis, diabetes, gallstone disease, and starvation.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

LONDON

Dr J M T Hamilton-Miller has been appointed senior lecturer in medical microbiology and honorary principal microbiologist at the Royal Free Hospital.

Dr A Herkheimer has been appointed senior lecturer and honorary consultant in clinical pharmacology and therapeutics at Charing Cross Hospital Medical School. MD—J H Addy, M C Bishop, D J H Fisher, P P Mortimer.

MS—J E Hale, W J B Hodgson, S P F Hughes.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

The following were elected Members of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom in July 1976:

J M A, R J Abbott, O I A Abboud, B M I Abdel Malek, A A F Abd El Rahim, A S Abdel-Rahman, M M I Abdel Razik, W A M Abou El Maati, C G Alexopoulos, F H Al-Haddad, J Allgrove, A A S Alwan, N D Amerasekera, V E Ansell, N M Antoun, S Arunachalam, J H E Baker, J R M Bateman, Wendy P Baxter, G W Bergman, E H Beshir, D H Bevan, Janet E Burns, P M A Calverley, Janice M Cargill, D J S Carmichael, D J Carson, J C Cawley, C B Chandran, F C Chan, C K Chang, Gillian P Chapman, S K Chatterjee, M A Chaudhry, P C Cheng, B H G Choa, B H Chong, T M Choong, J M G Chu, J W Cleary, N A G Coad, G Coci, H N Cohen, A D Collings, D K Collins, S J Connellan, M A Cornbleet, P K Corrigan, J M A Cowan, G T Cubitt, A A Z Dacruz, S Danchavijitr, Rosemary A Daniel, A Dasgupta, A K Datta, J Dawson, Sushil R De Silva, M J Dew, S K Didwania, M D C Donaldson, R M Donaldson, Anne Dornhorst, J C W Edwards, J B Eisenkraft, J H Entrican, J G Erskine, P W G Evans, R H Falk, C M Feek, Jennifer Field, R M Finnie, H M Fleet, R A Foale, S-T Fong, R S J Frackowiak, I M Franklin, M A H French, D P Geaney, P N C Gent, Bella M George, D J Gillmer, Elizabeth J D Glass, R A C Graham-Brown, N E Griffin, D M F Guckian, A J Hall, Elizabeth A Hamilton, S R Hammond, Janet de Z Hardie, Janet E Hay, I S Henderson, Gwendoline H Herath, Helen F Heywood, D R Higgs, P R Hill, Rowan M Hillson, A J Holland, A T M M Hoque, J B Houghton, A M Hoy, P J Hull, J A Hulse, A K Humeida, A M T Hussein, M M Hussein, C R Hutchison, D A Isenberg, C W P Jackson, Lyn M Jackson, Celia P Jameson, P S Jayaratne, J Jewkes, B M Jha, A G Jilhevar, D S Jolliffe, B J M Jones, C W Jones, D A Jones, F G C Jones, H W Jones, Margaret C Jones, R H Jones, K M Kafetz, Kamarul-zaman Embi, R G Kariyawasam, I M Keeping, P G E Kennedy, Jocelyn E Kent, B M Kies, B J King, N Kladchareon, P S Klimiuk, Susan J La Brooy, B H H Lai, J M Laidlow, M A Latif, D Y Lau, P S Lee, C A Lewis, K Lim Chin Leong, M Lim, E R Littlewood, B W Lloyd, A J Longstaff, Judith M Longstaff, H G Love, Julia M Lowe, W A C McAllister, F R Macbeth, K E L McColl, A J McCulloch, Susan P Macdonald Hull, I A MacFarlane, Josephine M McHugo, J S McKay, J K McMullen, B A McVerry, T A Mabin, M P Mandara, S Mann, A G T Martynoga,

J A Mellor, J B Miller, J J Milles, J G Mistry, G Modhi, B Moffat, N M M Mohamed Farouk, R D H Monie, M Muzaffar, P M K Nambiar, Anne Naysmith, Valerie S Neild, D J Newton, A Ng Chee Khoo, Ng Weng Hwa, R F Nightingale, S R Nightingale, N J Nonis, M A S bin Nontak, A L Ogilvie, J Osman, B Osotimehin, O A Otu, Pamela Ouyang, H V D Pandya, Paramsothy Murugasu, R M Patel, J Paterson, B R Patten, S B Pearson, A J Pinching, R W Pitcher-Wilmott, P N Plowman, C Pollick, J Posner, P A Price, D R Prichard, J G Prior, C W Pumphrey, R Purohit, A J Qureshi, Joanna N Raeburn, D Ramadas, K M Ramakrishnan, Paxie A Ranasinghe, Shanti S Rastogi, S Ratnarajah, P G Reasbeck, Tessa J L Richards, M Riley, J M Ritter, B M S Riymai, J T Roberts, Margaret A Roberts, Clare W Robson, AW W Roques, M N Rossor, M T Rothman, S C Roy, P C Rubin, Susan R Rudge, C J McL Russell, H H H Salem, K Sankarankutty, M J Scurr, P J Selby, L Sellars, R R Shah, A K Sharma, C D Shee, J W S Sheldon, D R T Shepherd, Elizabeth M Sheppard, M E Shipley, R Shires, Y K Siddiq, M A A Siddiqi, P D Simmons, F G Simpson, R McD Simpson, H Singh, D H Smith, T N Sonacha, R W Spiller, T J Spyridakis, Margaret R Stearn, B T Steele, M C G Stevens, R F Stevens, M A Stodell, R Stout, H A Stradling, G P Summerfield, G D Summers, A M Taha, M D Talbot, R C Tallis, Tan Chong Tin, H D Taube, R H Taylor, F T Thandroyen, N Thangarajah, Thian Thau Min, T P L Thomas, M M Traub, T Trueman, A G Vallon, J S Wainscoat, M Wagaruddin, A R Watson, D B Webb, June A Webb, T Wheatley, A B Whitehouse, W E Wilkins, V R Willoughby, K S C Wong, A Wong Shou Pang, Jean Woo, A C Yeung Laiwah, Patricia G Young, A G M Yousif.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

At a meeting held on 29 July, the Executive Committee with the sanction of the Council granted a Diploma of Fellowship to S S Viswanath.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF EDINBURGH

At the Quarterly Meeting of the College held on 22 July with the president, Dr J W Crofton, in the chair, the following were elected Fellows:

Under Laws Cap II, 10—W A R Thomson, L A Carlson.

Under Laws Cap II, 7—R L Tobias, A J Al-Imari, D Banerji, A C Arthur, J A McConachie, C H Sivaraman, R W H Simmons, K E Shawarby, R Stepanian, D Sinha, N N Sanyal, A L Goswami, R N Dutta, I Ahmed, L B T Jayasundera, A Mitra, Jayakumar, A K Khan, K P Dikshit, W R Parkes, G Palmer, M B Bhattacharyya, K C Mammen, N W Hasan, J S Fleming, W E Ince, A Ramasubramanian, P A Barker, O P Thaman, H V Sardesai, H L Davis, B S David, B K Khoo, S C Munsri, P G Livingstone, N Thane-Gi, L Berman, N A Todd, J S Garrow, G Jacob, Margaret J Baikie, P N Ratan, R L Holman, A G Ironside, S Chaudhuri, O P Kapoor, H K El-Shamy, V Virmani, M Ahmed, J P Das, A Ahmed, J E J Aiyathurai, N M Ansari, M R Khan, M Sharif, Z Haider, W M Robinson, W Susskind, Margaret B Mearns, G N Reddy, K P P Chandrasekhar, E J Lim, Hillary P Ojiambo, B B Sinha, M J Noronha, M Maiya, D J Wayne, D P Patel, W E Beer, R Hilal, S A R Ali Taha, S C Srivastava, M A Voyce, C V Krishnaswami, A A A Yacoub, T C Okeajialam, J S Fitzsimmons, E J R Rissiter, M A Malik, S Shapiro, A M Taalat, G J A I Snodgrass, A Ahmad, R A J Biddulph, P Yesudian, H H Stonnington, A M Afifi, D S Gahlaut, H G S Sergeant, A G Stewart, G E Mawer, R I Russell, I A Alavi, V O Uzodike, A H Imrie, K H Chee, D E Bradford, G O Alabi, W S Uttley, J L Ngu, A Khan, G C Ferguson, D A Wood, G C Metcalfe, B S Bragabza, M H Ali-Hassany, K F Grant, V Mahadev, M R Higgins, J A Raeburn, K Srinivasan, N C Nevin, J Nimmo, K P Duncan, R Hinchcliffe, G Sangster, I A Short.

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