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A slightly art oriented journal, this one, with notes on the Dartington Summer School (musical inspiration and brain function) and a new art gallery under the entrance hall of Ealing Hospital maternity wing (p 63). On p 37 Imogen Sheeran explains how to commission a portrait, and also how to reject it—if the commissioning body is really unhappy you should have a full and frank discussion with the

artist about the points that are wrong. Meanwhile medicine in the USSR seems not all that different from that at home: overcrowded wards, institutions running out of money, and budgets for primary care actually introduced (p 45). Would Robbie Fox (obituary, p 47), whose MD thesis was partly based on his 1930s experience in the Soviet Union, have been amused or dismayed?