

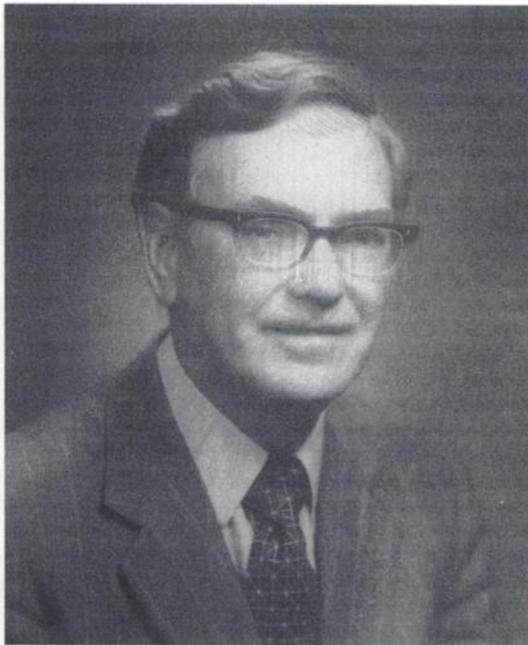
His reputation travelled, and over the decades he became once again an invited speaker at international conferences and had been elected first vice-president of the International Association for Suicide Prevention before he died, without attaining the age group, which he had given part of his life to studying.

Michael, early in his career, had established his reputation as a kind, able doctor who was not prepared to turn away patients because they could not afford their treatment. He is strongly remembered in Cork, and was much loved. His funeral was a vast assembly of his friends and relatives who followed his body to its burial ground in a remote ruined chapel in the far west of Cork County. He and Margaret, his wife, who had sustained him and their five children

through the Maudsley Institute, German and Irish years, had planned the site together. One would have to have known Michael and his love of West Cork to know why.

Michael enjoyed sharing time with his family, sailing, being in good company, developing his house and garden and preparing his retirement home in the country, where he never lived. However, those who knew him well will keep him alive within themselves and be inspired by the courage with which he and Margaret, also a doctor, faced his last years and months. But the tradition goes forward, his second son, also Michael, is a psychiatrist.

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**John Donnelly**, formerly *Psychiatrist-in-Chief, Institute of Living, Hartford, Connecticut, USA*

John Donnelly, a distinguished 'brain drainee' from the UK to the USA, died on 18 February 1999. He was born in England on 7 June 1914 and studied medicine at Liverpool University where he graduated MB, ChB, and where, later, he was awarded the MD. After deciding a career in psychiatry he trained at the Maudsley and gained the DPM in 1948.

In 1949 he joined the staff of the Institute of Living in Hartford, Connecticut and rose rapidly in the hierarchy: he was appointed Medical Director in 1956 and in 1965 was promoted to the top job of Psychiatrist-in-Chief and Chief Executive. He retired in 1979, but continued his connection with the Institute as Senior Consultant until 1984.

Donnelly was active in the affairs of the American Psychiatric Association for many years and served on several of its important committees. Of major importance in this context was his Co-Chairmanship of the Association's Plenary Session on the 'Ethics of Psychiatry' at the Sixth World Congress of Psychiatry. This, it will be remembered, was dominated by the world-wide concern about the use, or abuse, of psychiatry as a penal instrument in the Soviet Union. Donnelly emerged from these delicate negotiations with considerable aplomb.

He did not exclude his expertise to the interests of the American Psychiatric Association alone: he served, for example, as Chairman of the Council on Mental Health of the American Medical Association, and was President of the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry as well as President of the National Association of Private Psychiatric Hospitals.

John Donnelly received many awards in recognition of his invaluable services to American psychiatry in particular and medicine in general: he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Science of Trinity College, Hartford, and the 'Award for Meritorious Service' from the American Association of Psychiatric Administrators.

Apart from his teaching activities at the Institute of Living, Donnelly held the appointment of Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Connecticut Medical School of Medicine, and had been in his time an Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Yale.

Donnelly was a prolific writer as witness his many publications in psychiatric journals, in chapters and books. He was a Foundation Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, as well as a member of several prestigious American associations and colleges.

John Donnelly is survived by his wife, Mabel, his daughter, Mavis, his son, James, and his grandchildren.

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