

Producer: (Advisor: Professor M. H. Lader). *Distributor:* Bencard, Great West Road, Brenford, Middlesex.

Conspiracy of Silence (Canada, 1981, colour, 28 mins)

The story of Anna, whose brother committed suicide. The parents' concealment of this produces severe family strain and Anna also attempts suicide. A very well photographed film, intended for the general public.

Producer: National Film Board of Canada. *Distributor:* Concord Films Council, 201 Felixstowe Road, Ipswich, Suffolk.

With Eyes Wide Open (USA, 1984, colour, 58 mins)

The life and work of Richard Wawro, a young man who, in spite of severe mental and physical handicaps, has achieved international fame as an artist. Produced on location in Edinburgh and the winner of several international awards.

Producer: Dr Laurence Becker. *Distributor:* Creative Learning Environment, Austin, Texas (UK enquiries via the College's Audio-Visual Working Group).

Trials and Tribulins (UK, 1983, colour, 25 mins)

An entertaining documentation concerned with sleep and hypnotics, especially the benzodiazepines. (NB: A similar tape-slide programme is also available from Upjohn.)

Producer and distributor: Upjohn Ltd, Fleming Way, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 2NJ.

Videos from various sources

What Do I Say Next? (1983, colour, 28 mins, all formats, £50+VAT)

A discussion, illustrated by two examples of how not to do it, on the correct techniques of communicating with patients who have speech impairments. *Audience:* medical students, junior postgraduates, nurses.

Producer: Paul Morby; written by Tim Betts and Geraldine Fitzpatrick. *Available from:* Television and Film

Unit, University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TT.

Transsexualism (1979, B/W, 20 mins, VHS, £35+VAT)

An exploration of the reversal of gender identity and role behaviour in a patient planning to undergo gender change. *Audience:* psychiatrists, clinical psychologists

Producer: Dr R. P. Snaith. *Available from:* University of Leeds Audio-Visual Service, The University, Leeds LS2 9JT.

Electroconvulsive Therapy (colour, 18 mins, VHS or U-matic, £25)

A demonstration of how ECT should be given with information on indications, contraindications and side-effects. Both bilateral and unilateral techniques are shown. *Audience:* postgraduates.

Producer: Dr J. Johnson. *Available from:* Department of Psychiatry, University Hospital of South Manchester, West Didsbury, Manchester M20 8LR.

Communication with the Special Child—Curriculum Development Through Observation (1983, colour, 27 mins, VHS)

Contains many practical suggestions in the care and early education of profoundly handicapped children, especially those with little or no vision.

Producer: S. Parkinson. *Available from:* Northampton Health Authority (Video Communication), 37 Billing Road, Northampton NN1 5BB.

Giving ECT (Colour, 13 mins, VHS/U-matic, sale or hire)

A demonstration of ECT, including pre-treatment assessment, emotional support and time for recovery.

Producer: Department of Psychiatry. *Available from:* Audio-Visual and Television Centre, University of Sheffield, Sheffield S10 2TN.

The above University Departments distribute other videotapes for teaching—details are available from the College.

Obituary

GEORGE SPYROS PHILIPPOPOULOS, 92 Queen Sophias Avenue, Athens 611, Greece.

Dr Philippopoulos, a distinguished Greek psychiatrist and a Foundation Fellow of the College died on 11 November 1984.

He was born in 1911 in Argos, Greece, and qualified in medicine from the University of Athens in 1934, proceeding to the MD in 1948. He held research fellowships at Temple University, Philadelphia from 1950 to 1951 and at McGill University from 1957 to 1958.

In 1965 he was appointed Associate Professor of Psychiatry in the University of Athens, a post he held until 1968 when he was promoted to Acting Professor and Chairman of the Department.

Dr Philippopoulos was a prodigious writer. His publications include *A Text-Book of Clinical Psychiatry*, written

in Greek, and *A Vademecum of Clinical Psychiatry*, together with a host of papers written in Greek, French, English and Italian.

He served in the Greek army as a medical officer during the Greek-Italian war and was awarded the Gold Cross and Bronze Medal. He served, too, as Chief of the Greek Psychiatric Wing attached to the 41st British Psychiatric Base Hospital in Cantara, Egypt, from 1943 to 1944.

Dr Philippopoulos was a dedicated Rotarian and from 1976 to 1977 served as President of the Rotary Club of Athens.

ELUNED WOODFORD-WILLIAMS, CBE, retired, Hywelffa, Abersoch, Gwyneth, North Wales.

The death on 25 November 1984 of Lynn Woodford-Williams, a founder of modern British geriatric medicine