

Stress at Work (Colour, sound, 16 mm, 25 mins, UK 1980)

This presents a series of what are now called 'trigger' interviews with various persons from different walks of life who have all had some degree of mental or physical breakdown that might be attributed to work stress. They are intended to form a basis for discussion and a 24-page book of notes accompanies the film.

Although it is essentially a series of 'talking heads', technically this production is very competent and it will undoubtedly succeed in its main purpose of holding the attention of managers, trade union representatives, safety officers, etc. Its value for psychiatric teaching is more restricted to the potted

case-histories that are presented, but these tend to lack a critical analysis of the personal nature of stress. However, some tutors might feel that more political issues such as 'what is wrong with Society' and whether mental breakdown is mainly due to social and economic factors, should be aired in contemporary psychiatric teaching. It was given a Bronze Award.

The film was made for the Mental Health Film Council by Dr J. Kearns and Dr T. Cox of the Stress Research Group at Nottingham University along with London Scientific Films. It can be hired from Concord Films Council (above) and can also be obtained on video cassette.

Forthcoming Events

The **MIND Annual Conference** on 'Working Together?—Voluntary and Statutory Mental Health Services' will be held at Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, London W8 on 25 and 26 October 1982. Information: Conference Secretary, MIND, 22 Harley Street, London W1N 2ED.

The **Institute of Family Therapy (London)** has moved to 43 New Cavendish Street, London W1 (Tel 01-935-1651). Any details concerning the autumn courses and workshops run by the Institute may be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to the Course Secretary at the above address.

St George's Hospital Medical School is organizing its second '**Course for Diploma in Human Sexuality**'. It will be held on Wednesdays throughout the academic year and commences in October 1982. Information: Postgraduate Secretary, St George's Hospital Medical School, Cranmer Terrace, London SW17.

The Division of Criminological and Legal Psychology and the Oxford Branch of the Division of Clinical Psychology of the British Psychological Society are organizing a **Conference on the Mental Health Act (Amendment) Bill** to be held at Wolfson College, Oxford, on 1 October 1982. The following topics will be covered: the provisions of the Bill; the role of psychologists; an evaluation of the work of Mental Health Review Tribunals; the treatability of personality disorders and a consideration of future developments. All are welcome

to attend. Information and application forms: Tim Williams, Smith Hospital, Henley-on-Thames, RG9 6AB (Henley 2678); or Joanna Shapland, Centre for Criminological Research, Oxford University (Oxford 53171).

The **Eighteenth Paediatric/Child Psychiatry Seminar** will be held on 19 November 1982 at the Postgraduate Medical Centre, Stoke Mandeville Hospital. The **Fourth Aylesbury Ronald MacKeith Lecture**, entitled 'Teacher or Healer?—The Psychiatrist and Paediatrics', will be given by Dr Lionel Hersov. Information: Mrs Janet Lowe, Postgraduate Secretary, Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury, Bucks.

The **Institute of Group Analysis** and the **Group-Analytic Society (London)** is running a 'General Course in Group Work' for people working with or interested in groups for therapy and training. It will run from October 1982 to June 1983. A 'Qualifying Course' leading to professional membership of the Institute is also available. Information: The Course Secretary, The Institute of Group Analysis, 1 Bickenhall Mansions, Bickenhall Street, London W1H 3LF (including an s.a.e.).

The **Child Guidance Trust** is holding an Inter-Clinic Conference on 'Treatment—the Clinical Core Reappraised' on 8 October 1982 at Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, London W8. Information: Child Guidance Trust, Inter-Clinic Conference, 25 Stratford Road, London W8 (including an s.a.e.).