

subscribe

most convenient way of getting New Society is by direct subscription. Fill in this form, post it to New Society, 128 Long London WC2E 9QH, and copies will arrive week by week by post. Please send payment order. Cheques payable to New Society.

enter my subscription for

per

months

with index

post payment of

£

1 year 6 months

overseas surface mail £8.00 £4.00

Canada (air freight) \$31.50 \$15.75

air rates (eg Australia) on application

subscription with index, add £1 to the

total rate

pay by Giro Account please insert New Society information on the message to payee part of the form. Company's Giro Account Number is 512207.

New Society Ltd. Company registered in England. No. 53826, registered office: Tower House, 8/14 Southampton Street, London WC2E 9QX.

readers' services

issues: quarterly; please specify vol; some indexes also available at same price 25p each

indexes and binders: cash with order to Margaret Edwards, Reader Services, New Society Publications, 128 Long Acre, London E9QH

microfilm and fiche: published weekly. Positive NMA standard. Annual rate, including index, and air or 1st class postage £9.75

film: published at end of calendar year. five 35mm roll film. Current year's issues. Back issues on microfilm, £18 per year

microfilm and fiche: cheques should be made payable, and sent with order, to Microfilm Ltd, 4 Station Approach, Kidlington, Oxford OX5 1JD

back numbers: most recent issues available; specify date, or vol and No. 35p each

back numbers only: cash with order to IPC Magazines, 66-69 Great Queen Street, London E2E 5DD

family planning

the surest way to buy your Family Planning requisites is by using our 'Return-of-post' CONFIDENTIAL service. We have the largest stocks of British, Japanese, American and Continental products in this country and now for our latest book and literature on Family Planning and details of special free dozen offer.

REMIER LABORATORIES LTD.

1/311 Black Lion Street, Brighton BN1 1PJ

address

BE SURE IT'S PREMIER

hypotheses. This is all very interesting and it is encouraging that such a distinguished psychologist should be proposing such an approach. Unfortunately, it is by no means a novel idea.

George Kelley set out his theory of "man-the-scientist," or Personal Construct Theory, in 1955, and since then this has been taken up and elaborated (particularly in this country) and is having a major impact on clinical psychology here.

Thus I am afraid that Gregory is caught in a similar bind to that of Richard Nixon: he is either guilty of plagiarism, or, if not, of ignorance of the actions of his colleagues in the development of personal construct theory. I suspect that it is the latter failing and hope that Gregory will enjoy reading George Kelly and continue to espouse the view put forward in his article which I heartily endorse.

ANGUS STRATCHAN

"Rose Villa," 22a Lytton Road, London E11

SIR: R. L. Gregory's account of the central place of "brain fictions" as the base of human psychology only lacks one thing—its application to urgent current problems.

The "brain fictions" in Ulster and Westminster, in Israel and Syria, in Washington or in Fleet Street, seem to need public analysis. Who better scientifically to do this than Gregory?

MAX DAVIDSON

55 Willian Way, Letchworth, Hertfordshire

Political morals

SIR: David Holbrook says (Letters, 23 May) that serious criticism of current corruption and depravity is suppressed.

You would not, presumably, want to be amongst the suppressors. Would you allow him space to justify his assertion by, for example, briefly describing serious books which have been refused review?

Would you also publish this request, to show that freedom of discourse is a vital ingredient of the new society that humanist intellectuals are seeking?

R. E. J. DAWSON

St Faith's Vicarage, 122 Windmill Road, Brentford, Middlesex

Cold storage

SIR: The Observation on the Institute of Race Relations ("Cold storage," 30 May) states that the IRR "has lost the grants of the big foundations to its successors in 'objective' or 'policy-orientated research'" and names the Runnymede Trust in this connection.

While it is true that Runnymede is both an objective and policy-oriented agency, it should be made clear that we have received no new foundation grants at all, let alone any that might otherwise have gone to the Institute. In fact, Runnymede is in a serious financial situation and is faced, like the Institute, with the possibility of closure unless further support is forthcoming.

I suspect that Sivanandan (whose monograph you quoted) credits the capitalists with a more sophisticated strategy than is in fact the case; sensible though it might be for them to lavish their funds on the Runnymede Trust, they do not, in fact, seem to perceive their self-interest as lying in our direction at all.

DAVID STEPHEN

Director, The Runnymede Trust, Stuart House, 1 Tudor Street, London EC4

Joplin

SIR: So Arnold Goldman ("Two sides of Joplin," 30 May) thinks Charles Ives was the "one truly gargantuan musical talent in America."

Has he really not heard of Duke Ellington?

C. PAYNE

5 Meddowcroft Road, Wallasey

Bhushra's life

SIR: In his article ("Bhushra's life," 30 May) Brian Spittles observes: "So our own society in Britain today is further complicated by a factor all too often not understood even by people actually engaged in social and inter-racial work: the brown anti-black prejudice."

The truth is that social and inter-racial workers, as well as others, such as "liberal" politicians, commentators, and academics, have not only not "understood" racial prejudice, but have been unwilling even to acknowledge the wide range of prejudices.

Those of us who live within these communities are well aware of the "coolness" displayed by brown to black, or brown to brown and black to black, depending on place of origin, religion and culture. For most immigrants, if they make friends outside their own groups, prefer to associate with the much maligned indigenous whites rather than with members of other immigrant groups; a fact seldom, if ever, referred to in discussion on racial friction in Britain. This is partly because the sort of people participating in these discussions are middle class, with little first hand experience of race relations, but mainly because "liberals" are so heavily committed, emotionally and ideologically, to the cliché of a society divided racially on black-white lines, that they are unwilling to recognise that Britain's racial problems are much more complex and daunting than received opinion would have us believe.

E. PAULL

205 Links Road, Tooting, London SW17

Toying around

SIR: I was interested to read "Toying around" (Observations, 30 May) but would like to correct the erroneous impression that the Brighton Toy Library is the only toy library in Britain.

Admittedly, the Brighton library is a toy library for general use. But the Toy Libraries Association has over 100 toy libraries for handicapped children, catering for mentally, physically, emotionally and socially handicapped children.

If any of your readers would like details of our work, including information about our publications on toys for handicapped children and their play needs, would they please write to the address below.

LESLEY MORLAND
Toy Libraries Association, Toynbee Hall,
28 Commercial Street, London E1

Asian workers

SIR: Robert Taylor's article on the strike at Imperial Typewriters, Leicester ("Asians and a union," 30 May) gave a fairly balanced account of the situation there, except for one inaccuracy—that I am a member of the International Marxist Group. I am not.

BENNIE BUNSEE

24 Garfield Street, Leicester

GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL AUTHORITY

SOCIAL WORK AND SERVICE

DUNBARTON COUNTY COUNCIL Social Work Department

The following vacancies have arisen in the department's homes and applications are invited from experienced and appropriately qualified persons.

MATRON

Bloomhill Home, Cardross

This home cares for a maximum of 24 children in the age range infancy to 18 years.

The home is well staffed. A 40 hour week is worked. Applicants should have experience and preference will be given to applicants with a social work qualification. The post is resident. Salary will be within the scale £1575 to £1950 plus £108 for a recognised qualification, less £351 for board-lodgings.

ASSISTANT HOUSEMOTHER

Jamestown Family Group Home

This home cares for a small group of up to 10 children. Housemother, one assistant housemother and domestic are already in post. A 40 hour week is in operation. Shifts are worked. The assistant housemother need not be resident. Salary will be within the scale £1242 to £1413 per annum. Applicants should be experienced and preference will be given to those holding a residential social work qualification for which an additional £108 is payable.

CARE OFFICERS

Bellfield Assessment Centre

Bellfield acts as an assessment centre for boys aged 13-17 remitted by children's panels in the West of Scotland. Salary £1455 to £1541 per annum. Overtime is payable when worked.

There are vacancies for staff who are interested in working with groups of boys over a short period of time. Ideally candidates should be qualified in residential social work, but others with experience and/or aptitude would be considered. These are non resident posts.

Preference will be given, in the first instance, to persons employed in the local government service in Scotland. Further information about all posts and application forms sent on request. Enquiries stating in which post applicants are interested should be sent to Director of Social Work, County Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dunbarton, within 2 weeks of appearance of advertisement.

HARINGEY

Social Services

OCCUPATION OFFICERS £1749-£2031 or £2031-£2340 or £2340-£2640

Persons appointed will be area based to join a recently formed team of 5 Occupation Officers headed by a Snr. Occupation Officer. The post holders will fulfil functions concerning adaptations to handicapped person's dwellings, assess and provide aids to daily living. Also provide rehabilitation services to clients in the community including Part III accommodation and Day Centres. Applications are invited from qualified Occupational Therapists. Experience of working in a local authority setting an advantage.

TECHNICIAN

£1749-£2031

The person appointed will be placed at a Day Centre within the Borough and will work closely with the Occupation Officers. Duties will include installation of alarm systems in handicapped and elderly persons dwellings and the installation of simple adaptations, e.g., hand rails. Also making and maintaining aids to daily living. This would suit a person with a practical background who whilst continuing to follow his own trade would be interested in working within the Social Services Department.

HANDICRAFT INSTRUCTOR

£1749-£2031

The person appointed will be placed at a Day Centre in the borough and will be involved in providing handicraft instruction in group settings and to individuals in their own homes. The post will involve contact with the blind and partially sighted physically handicapped and elderly clients.

Application forms and job descriptions from the Director of Social Services, Tottenham Town Hall, London N15 4RY. For informal discussion, please telephone Mr. R. Clay, Assistant Director Domiciliary Services, on 01-808 1000 Ext. 119.

Closing date 20 June 1974.

Classified advertisements are charged at 55p per line or space equivalent. Display advertisements £6.60 per 25mm. Box numbers 10p extra. Please send your advertisements to: New Society, Classified Advertisement Department, 128 Long Acre, London, WC2E 9QH. Telephone: 01-836 2468.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU WITH BRADFORD

Assistant Domiciliary and Special Services Officer

£2820 - £3165

This post is one of three based at a divisional office of the Directorate of Social Services and the successful applicant will provide a support service to five area offices in aspects of social work other than Residential and Day Care.

The person appointed will be responsible for effective co-ordination of court work, including presentation of some care proceedings, will assist in the development of intermediate treatment schemes, will liaise with voluntary and statutory bodies in community development projects and will be involved with a small team of social workers for handicapped persons in implementing and extending the provisions of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act.

We are looking for someone with suitable qualifications and experience who wishes to develop his (or her) managerial and advisory skills over a wide range of social work.

Informal discussions may be had with Mr. Pomfret or Mr. Raine, telephone Bradford 24536.

For application forms or further details of this post please write to

Chief Personnel Officer,
City of Bradford Metropolitan Council,
Personnel Office, Third Floor,
Thornton House,
Bridge Street, Bradford BD1 1JE
quoting reference S3D 031 on the envelope.

This advertisement appears after consultation with the Local Government Staff Commission for England.

 City of Bradford
Metropolitan
Council

DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SOCIAL WORKERS

Salary grades: Unqualified £1,644-£2,040; Qualified £1,926-£2,373. Applications are invited from experienced and preferably qualified Social Workers to be based at the following hospitals:

(a) Coldharbour Hospital—SHERBORNE.

The successful applicant will assist the Senior Social Worker at Coldharbour Hospital, Sherborne to further the rehabilitation programme for mentally handicapped persons, and where appropriate their families. The person appointed will also work in close collaboration with hospital clinical teams and will develop and maintain close links with area social work teams.

(b) Poole General Hospital—POOLE.

(c) Royal Victoria Hospital—BOURNEMOUTH.

Full and part-time vacancies. Informal discussion may be arranged with Miss G. Hall, Group Medical Social Worker, Royal Victoria Hospital, Bournemouth. (Telephone Bournemouth 35201.)

Applications for posts A-C in writing giving details of age, qualifications, experience, previous appointments, present appointment and salary and naming two referees to the Director of Social Services, County Hall, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XJ by June 21st 1974.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

Have you time to share with children in care . . . ?

We are seeking applications, preferably from married couples, experienced in the care of adolescent children, for the joint posts of

SUPERINTENDENT AND MATRON for

The Haven
a home accommodating 20 school-age children in Folkestone.

The Superintendent must hold a social work or child care qualification and should be skilful in creating a stable, homely background and in helping adolescents to deal with their problems. He will maintain contact with schools, families and social work staff and ensure records and accounts are kept. He must be interested in training in child care and will also appoint domestic staff.

The Matron will be responsible for the domestic management of the Home in addition to child care duties. While a qualification is not essential she should have had experience in residential work with children.

The salary for the Superintendent is Grade 4 (£1,590-£1,971) and for the Matron Grade 2 (£1,371-£1,680) plus £108 qualification allowance in both cases.

A three bedroomed furnished house near to the Home, but not in the same grounds, is provided at a total charge of £414 per annum for board and lodging. Deductions for children in addition. Approved removal expenses payable.

*Notwithstanding, applications are also invited from suitably qualified single persons for either post. Single accommodation is available for which a charge of £258 per annum is made. Application form returnable by 14th June from Nicolas Stacey, Director of Social Services, Springfield, Maidstone, Kent, telephone Maidstone 54371 extension 398 or 6202. Please quote reference RTC/10.