what he had seen or heard'; but also: 'Sometimes, however, he deliberately presented a one-sided, distorting version of events.' The other, Mr Olleste Etselle, was a male nurse who had received his training at St Augustine's. The Report says of him: 'He was not an entirely satisfactory witness and we have not acted on his evidence unless there is corroboration for it from other sources.'

The right of the authors of the *Critique* to act as they did is indisputable. But were their motives entirely altruistic? One can never be sure. It is à propos in several respects to quote from T. S. Eliot's masterpiece, *Murder in the Cathedral*, the Cathedral being, of course, Canterbury, almost within shouting distance of St Augustine's Hospital:

The last temptation is the greatest treason:
To do the right deed for the wrong reason.

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A Personal View
'Kyu Training in Psychiatry'

The best investigative journalism depends on having a highly placed source of information, and your columnist thinks he has found this in a cleaning lady at the College who passed the following draft document to him, having found it miraculously unshredded in a College wastepaper basket:

"... The Royal College of Psychiatrists and the Joint Committee on Higher Psychiatric Training have been studying the EEC Medical Directives and have been considering a proposed certificate of Completion of Specialist Training as contemplated in Article 5.2 of the First Directive, and the Certificate of Equivalence in Article of 9.3 of that Directive. They are pleased to inform the General Medical Council, whom the Government intend to designate as the competent authority in the United Kingdom to issue such certificates to British-trained doctors, that they feel competent to define, in terms of training in this country, those doctors who should be regarded as eligible to receive either kind of certificate.

They do this advisedly, because in preparing for these directives psychiatric training and assessment have been consciously derived from Judo training, and psychiatrists have now virtually introduced a system modelled on Ishinryo Karate with a series of Budokwai levels to indicate degrees of craft in the arts of psychiatric self-defence against the assaults of examiners (or competent authorities) inquiring into skill or proficiency. Serious consideration is now being given to issuing belts to psychiatrists in training to indicate their progress on the following Kyu (pupil) scales:

Belt	Taken after No. years	Appropriate Qualification
Yellow Belt	1+	Scottish Diploma in Clinical Psychiatry
Orange Belt	2+	Conjoint Diploma in Psychological Medicine
Green Belt	3+	Examination for Membership of Royal College of Psychiatrists
Blue Belt	4	Enrolment by JCHPT (Joint Committee on Higher Psychiatric Training)
Purple Belt	5+	Attestation: Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training (for EEC)
Brown Belt	6+	Accreditation as Specialist by JCHPT (Merrison)
Black Belt	7+	Appointment as Consultant in NHS

(Dan (Master) Scales will also be awarded by the College, in the form of Fellowships)

We should like to draw to the attention of the Competent Authority that we doubt if any other medical specialty has as yet produced anything as ingenious, elegant or colourful as the proposed outlined scale . . ."

The purloined document ends here—but I think that most psychiatrists will find it more interesting than Nixon's love letters, since it throws some light on the activities of that mysterious body the Court of Electors (the Seventh Dan, or Red Belts, of psychiatry).

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