of 112,000 square kilometres was left without possibilities of providing psychiatric treatment for its inhabitants. The patients had to be sent south—several days' journey from their relatives—and packed into institutions that were already overcrowded.

Practically all psychiatrists withdrew from the nazified Norwegian Medical Association in June, 1941. Later, official meetings could not be held, but informal " hospital evenings " and the like were held. Scientific work was rendered difficult owing to loss of contact with Western Europe. An endeavour was made to keep on with clinical work. Attempts to carry through nazi-inspired changes in medical legislation, for instance, in regard to a law of sterilization and castration, were frustrated.

The psychiatrists had to bear their share in the losses due directly to the war. Two of our most eminent men were amongst the fallen, namely, Police Surgeon Kristensen, who perished during an air raid in Oslo on December 31, 1944, and Chief Physician Saethre, who was executed by the Germans on 8 February, 1945. Many of our colleagues had personal experience of the nazi prisons and concentration camps.

The work of reconstruction after the war has proceeded slowly. Owing to the enormous demands imposed by the restoration of the totally devastated northern province, the allotments of material for repair and erection of medical institutions have been scanty. In Norway, as in most other countries, the shortage of labour is a difficult problem, not least as regards the building of hospitals. As a set-off to the somewhat slow progress of restoration efforts, the work of planning is being vigorously pursued and matured. When the first period of restoration has come to an end in 1950, the realisation of the many plans within the different fields of psychiatry can gradually be commended. Measures for effective treatment of mental defectives have already been adopted and it can also be reckoned that psychiatrically conducted institutions for alcoholics and for obviously psychopathic law-breakers will soon be in operation. Norway's second university was officially established in Bergen in 1948 and the work of creating a psychiatric institute has there been commenced.

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British Journal of Medical Psychology.
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