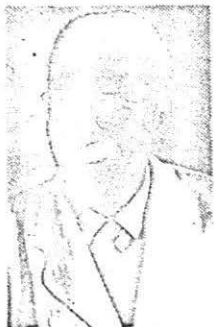


THEY MADE NEWS THIS WEEK

PROFESSOR C. J. DREYER, director of the joint Dental Research Unit of the University of the Witwatersrand and the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, has returned from an international symposium in Zürich.



He was invited there to deliver a paper on the South African method of treating cleft palates. When possible, babies born with this deformity are treated before their first feed. A number of British schools also advocate treatment in the first 24 hours of life.

AN EXPERT on light and colour, **MR. G. T. WINCH**, of London, has joined the C.S.I.R. on a one-year research contract. He is working with the Optics Division of the National Physical Research Laboratory.

Mr. Winch has come out of retirement to take up his post here. In June, 1962, he retired after 40 years with the General Electric Company's Hirst Research Centre, at Wembley, England, of which he was a founder member. He joined the Leading Scientific Staff there in 1932.

During his career at the Hirst Research Centre he wrote 38 papers dealing with his work on such diverse subjects as electric lamps, their characteristics, testing and quality control; photocells, photometry, colorimetry and associated instrumentations; subjective studies of the preferred characteristics of television images and the colour rendering properties of light sources, particularly tubular fluorescent lamps; an analogue solid angular computer and electronic organs.



While he is at the C.S.I.R., Mr. Winch will be engaged on research into new methods and apparatus for the precise measurement of light and colour. He will also study the intensity, colour and colour-rendering characteristics of daylight in its many phases. This will include spectro-radiometric and colour temperature measurements.

The results of this research programme should benefit industry, particularly the growing textile and dyestuffs industry (and possibly the agricultural industry) in connection with colour matching and grading of their products. The research may also be of some help in medical research into the effect of sunlight on the incidence of skin cancer. The data obtained from the measurements may also prove of supplementary interest in the meteorological field.

MISS G. FLACK, the partially blind principal of the School of Physiotherapy of the Royal National Institute for the Blind, arrived in South Africa last week.

Blind or partially blind physiotherapists are being trained in South Africa. Two



blind and three partially blind are among the 31 first-year students at the Pretoria College of Physiotherapy.

Miss Flack will spend about six weeks at the college to help with the integration of the students. She said that she had already trained a number of blind physiotherapists from South Africa at the Institute in Britain. The Institute catered for blind or partially blind students only.

Miss Flack was injured in a bombing raid during the Second World War and practically lost her sight. "I found that I could not carry on my previous job, so I decided to train as a physiotherapist," she said.

South Africa will be the second country in the world, after Norway, to offer integrated courses for blind and normal physiotherapy students at the same time, Miss Flack said.

FOR HIS BOOK *Sewe Dae by die Silbersteins* (Seven Days at the Silbersteins),



ETIENNE LEROUX has been awarded the 1964 Hertzog prize for prose.

Born in the Oudtshoorn district, Etienne Leroux was educated at Grey College, Bloemfontein and

afterwards at the University of Stellenbosch where he obtained an LL.B. in 1944.

After working for a firm of attorneys in Bloemfontein he went farming in the Koffiefontein district where he has been ever since.

He is married and has three children. In 1954 he travelled to Europe where he stayed for five months... for the most part in Paris. He published sketches in the *Hollands Schryvers-almanak* in 1957 and thereafter his four novels: *Die Eerste Lewe van Colet* (1956), *Hilaria* (1957), *Die Mugu* (1959) and, in 1962, the book which has now won him the Hertzog prize.

MR. O. A. LEISTNER, senior professional officer at the Botany Research Institute, Pretoria, left for London recently, where he will assist the South African liaison officer, Mr. W. Marais, at Kew Gardens.

The liaison office is expanding its work on matching specimens of South African plants with specimens at Kew and naming plants that cannot be satisfactorily identified in South Africa.

