

Recognizing the importance of the social sciences to understanding and alleviating illness, we are pleased to note that Dr. Arthur Kleinman has recently joined HMS as Professor of Medical Anthropology in the Department of Social Medicine and Health Policy. Dr. Kleinman, whose broad research interest is in the ways culture and social relations influence and are expressed in sickness, has done several major studies on health beliefs and practices among American ethnic groups, and both mainland and island Chinese. He has a keen interest in how patients express mental distress in the idiom of bodily complaints.

Dr. Kleinman is also Professor of Psychiatry at Cambridge Hospital and Professor of Anthropology in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. He has added a new dimension to our Social Sciences curriculum, and Medical Anthropology is now one of the degrees offered in the M.D.-PH.D. program.

Psychiatrist and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Dr. John Mack and his colleagues at the Cambridge Hospital are engaged in research to study the psychosocial dimensions of the nuclear arms race. A principal question of concern to the researchers is 'what is it in our thinking that remains dangerously outmoded and nonresponsive to the risk of self-inflicted human extinction' through a nuclear holocaust.



John Mack

With Dr. Robert J. Lifton of Yale Medical School, Dr. Mack is directing a series of investigations collectively called *The Research Program for the Study of Human Continuity*. The researchers believe that gaining insights into existing patterns of thought is one preventive step physicians can take to avert the possibility of a nuclear war.



Arthur Kleinman

FROM LEFT, Walter Rosenblith, David Rogers, John Cooper and Daniel Tosteson explore the future of medical education and the academic medical center, during an Alumni Week symposium.

