

DELAYED PSYCHOSIS DUE TO L.S.D.

SIR,—Dr. Hatrick and Dr. Dewhurst (Oct. 10, p. 742) cite a report that chlorpromazine may have a paradoxical effect in cases of L.S.D. psychosis. This corresponds to my own observations on prolonged L.S.D. reactions. Very small doses of chlorpromazine (e.g., 10 mg. thrice daily) have, however, been found to suppress symptoms without producing the paradoxical effects of large doses. Clinical experience indicates that the smoking of cannabis may aggravate or reactivate psychosis due to L.S.D. for up to two months after the last "trip". Occasional idiosyncratic reactions to cannabis may be explicable on this basis. One may conjecture that L.S.D. has the property of sensitising the brain to cannabis, perhaps through changes in perceptual thresholds.

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