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to unmarried mothers. One must remember that Ireland is the only country in the European community which has no law allowing abortion, and neither is divorce granted. The consequences of this include an estimated 4,000 Irish women per annum going to Britain for termination of pregnancy. There is no legally permitted counseling for these unfortunate people. They tend to be advanced in pregnancy when they arrive in England. A private Members' Bill in the British House of Commons last year failed to get a reduction in the legal time limit when termination of pregnancy is permissible from 28 to 24 weeks. Again a change in the laws concerning inheritance to allow illegitimate children to have the same rights as those born in wedlock has been made. Also the adoption laws have been improved to give more consideration to the natural mother, and to allow the adoption of children of married couples. Thus, all is not gloom, and we look forward to the end of the recession with considerable financial help from the E.E.C.

> -Robert F. O'Donoghue Cork

## Dr. Ayd Honored

During its annual meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Frank J. Ayd, Jr., M.D., emeritus director of Professional Education and Research at Taylor Manor Hospital, was designated the 1988 recipient of the Paul Hoch Distinguished Service Award of the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology, the largest and most prestigious college of its kind of the world. Dr. Ayd is also editor of *The Medical-Moral Newsletter*.

Established in 1964, the Hoch Award is given periodically to a member of the college who has made unusually significant contributions to the college. Dr. Ayd was one of the founders of the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology, and has been a fellow of the College for 27 years.

This is the second major award received by Dr. Ayd this year. In October, he was the first American recipient of the international Open Mind Award in Psychiatry, presented by the Janssen Research Council of Belgium.