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**21. Doctor cleared of three "deliberate terminations"**

A family doctor was acquitted of murdering three of his patients yesterday with large doses of morphine. Howard Martin was found not guilty after a 33-day trial at Teeside Crown Court during which he was accused of "deliberately terminating" the lives of three seriously ill men. The Guardian reports that the Voluntary Euthanasia Society said the trial showed how British law "struggles to distinguish murder from mercy". Times p17, also Guardian p8, Daily Telegraph p11, Independent p6, Daily Mail p5, Daily Express p9, Evening Standard p16, Sun p21, Mirror p23

Has a familiar ring to it ...