

# Marxism *Today*

Theoretical and discussion journal of the Communist Party

December 1980 ☆ 60 pence



**Labour on the move**  
also: Edward Bond; Import Controls;  
Feminism; West Germany

# Scottish Capitalism

Class, State and Nation  
from before the Union to the Present  
**Tony Dickson (ed)**

authors include Keith Burgess, Tony Clarke,  
John Foster and Willie Thompson

'The sweep of this book reaches from the Dark Ages to the present day' — T. C. Smout in *The Scotsman*

'... an extraordinary *tour de force* by John Foster on pre-capitalist Scotland... an incisive and convincing demolition of Perry Anderson's idealist version of the origins of Scottish capitalism' — Ian Carter in *New Statesman*

hardback £9.50. Maps and subject index

## Poplarism 1919-1925

George Lansbury and the Councillors' Revolt  
**Noreen Branson**

'... a riveting account of defiance... This proud chapter in labour movement history deserves to be read and discussed in the light of modern events...' — Iltyd Harrington in *Labour Weekly*

'At a time when direct action against a Tory government is again the order of the day, this book is a must for all activists in the labour movement' — *Labour Research*

hardback £7.50, paperback £2.95. Subject index

## Organize... or Starve

The History of the South African Congress of  
Trade Unions

**Ken Luckhardt & Brenda Wall**

'... a history of the utmost importance. It provides an exceptionally detailed reconstruction of a decade of trade union work under the most adverse conditions; the dedication and bravery of the workers makes, quite simply, inspiring reading' — Colin Bundy in *New Statesman*

hardback £7.95, paperback £3.50. 68 photographs, 5 indexes

## Come All Ye Bold Miners

Ballads and Songs of the  
Coalfields

compiled and introduced by A. L. Lloyd

'The first serious attempt to document the songs and ballads of the coal industry' — *Folk Music Journal*

'... a classic in its field. Of all industrial occupations, miners have some of the best songs. No collection, from any continent, has a better selection of songs than this' — Pete Seeger

paperback £4.95, with melody lines and glossary

**Collet's**

**London  
Bookshop**

# The Widest Range of Books by and for the Left

For your Christmas presents:

### To Build Jerusalem

John Gorman pbk £5.95 + £1 p&p

A photographic remembrance of British working class life and struggle 1875-1950.

### The Book of the Year, Sept '79-Sept '80

David Widgery pbk £5.95 + 95p p&p

First book in a series of photographic annuals which will build into an unrivalled record of Britain in the Eighties.

### Bombers and Mash:

#### The Domestic Front 1939-45

Raynes Minns pbk £4.95 + 55p p&p

Tells the story of the Second World War on the Domestic Front. This is a social history and a cookery book, a remarkable picture of the deprivations and the dramas of the Women's War.

### Spare Rib Women's Liberation Diary 1981

pbk £2.50 + 20p p&p

Incorporated in this year's diary is a directory of campaigns, pressure groups, publications and radical alternatives.

### Everywoman's Almanac 1981

pbk £1.95 + 20p p&p

### Peace Diary 1981

Page a day £2.95 + 20p p&p

2 pages a week £1.95 + 20p p&p

includes 64 page world peace directory

Mon, Tues, Weds & Sat 10am - 6pm

Thursday 10am - 7pm

Friday 10.30am - 7pm

Send Cheques, postal orders or book tokens:

Telephone 01-836 6306

64-66 Charing Cross Road London WC2H 0BD



**Lawrence & Wishart**  
39 Museum Street, London WC1A 1LQ

# Marxism Today

## Contents

December 1980 Volume 24 Number 12

### Focus 2

The French Left • Square Leg • On the wages front

Jon Bloomfield

### Labour's Long Haul 6

The Blackpool Conference ushered in the most important constitutional changes in the Labour Party since 1918. The election of Michael Foot as leader of the PLP has broken the continuity of right-wing leadership. Jon Bloomfield, author of *Passive Revolution* and until recently Birmingham City Secretary of the Communist Party assesses the nature of the changes taking place in the Labour Party — and argues that there is a long way to go.

Paul Levine

### Import Controls - on the Left's terms 13

Suddenly import controls are on the political agenda. Long part of the Left's perspective, others have now joined the fray including sections of Labour's Right and some parts of industry particularly threatened by imports. Paul Levine, a lecturer in economics at South Bank Polytechnic, shows why they are necessary and why they constitute an essential component of the Left's strategy.

Rob Burns and Wilfried van der Will

### West German Social Democracy: the erosion of the socialist vision 18

The West German SPD rebuffed the challenge from Strauss. It is indisputably the most successful social democratic party in West Europe. But it has steadily distanced itself from a socialist perspective. Rob Burns and Wilfred van der Will, lecturers at the Universities of Warwick and Birmingham respectively, analyse the character of the SPD.

### Interview with Edward Bond 24

Edward Bond is one of Britain's leading playwrights whose works include *Saved* and *The Fool*. In this interview he discusses his own development as a socialist playwright and the role of the artist in contemporary society. The interview was conducted by Colin Chambers, the theatre critic of the *Morning Star* and author of *Other Spaces: New Theatre and the RSC*.

### Discussion 28

Hilary Wainwright **The Forward Face of Feminism**

One of the authors of *Beyond the Fragments* discusses the article published in October.

### Reviews 30

Micheline Wandor — *Other Spaces: New Theatre and the RSC*.  
John Westergaard — *Labour and Equality*.

#### Editorial office

16 St John Street, London EC1M 4AY  
Telephone 01-251 4406

Editor Martin Jacques

#### Editorial board

Irene Brennan, Jack Cohen, Dan Connor,  
John Foster, Jean Gardiner,  
Eric Hobsbawm, John Hoffman,  
Alan Hunt, Arnold Kettle,  
Betty Matthews, Bert Pearce,  
Dave Priscott, Bob Rowthorn,  
Mike Seifert, Sue Slipman, Dave Wynn.

Reviews Paul Webster

#### Advertising

Contact Sally Townsend at editorial office.

#### Orders and subscriptions

Usual agents or Central Books Ltd,  
14 The Leathermarket, London SE1 3ER

#### Subscription rates for one year

**Inland:** individuals £7.20, institutions £9.60  
**Overseas:** individuals £9.60, institutions £12.00

The editor welcomes contributions for publication in the journal. Further details if required from the editorial office.

#### Design Peter Hammarling

Typesetting Dessett Graphics Ltd,  
01-251 0486

Printed by Farleigh Press Ltd (TU),  
Watford, Herts

Cover photo: Pat Mantle/Morning Star  
Last month's cover photo should have been credited to Popperfoto.  
© December 1980, World Copyright Marxism Today.

Published by the Communist Party,  
16 St John Street, London EC1M 4AY

# Soviet Journals

Subscriptions for 1981  
[in Russian and English]

## International Affairs

12 issues a year    1 year £4.50    2 years £8.50    R/E £6.50

## Moscow News

52 issues a year    1 year £5.00    2 years £7.50

## Moscow News Information

2 issues a week    1 year £5.00    2 years £7.50

## Moscow News & Moscow News Information [together]

1 year £7.50    2 years £12.00

## New Times

52 issues a year    1 year £5.00    2 years £7.50    R/E £7.50

## Far Eastern Affairs

4 issues a year    1 year £4.50    2 years £6.50    R/E £6.50

## Soviet Film

12 issues a year    1 year £3.00    2 years £4.50    R/E £4.50

## Soviet Military Review

12 issues a year    1 year £6.00    2 years £9.00

## 20th Century and Peace

12 issues a year    1 year £1.50    2 years £2.50    R/E £2.50

## Soviet Woman

12 issues a year    1 year £3.00    2 years £4.50    R/E £4.50

## Travel in the Soviet Union

6 issues a year    1 year £3.00    2 years £4.50    R/E £4.50

## Sputnik

12 issues a year    1 year £4.00    2 years £6.00    R/E £6.00

## Socialism: Theory and Practice

12 issues a year    1 year £4.00    2 years £6.00

## Socialism: Principles, Practice, Prospects

12 issues a year    1 year £4.00    2 years £6.00

## Soviet Union

12 issues a year    1 year £3.00    2 years £4.50    R/E £4.00

## Social Sciences

4 issues a year    1 year £4.50    2 years £6.50

## Culture and Life

12 issues a year    1 year £3.00    2 years £4.50    R/E £4.50

## Sport in the USSR

12 issues a year    1 year £3.00    2 years £4.50    R/E £4.50



**Collet's**

COMPLETE CATALOGUE AVAILABLE FROM:

Subscriptions Import Department, Denington Estate, Wellingborough, Northants NN8 2QT  
Telephone: Wellingborough (STD 0933) 224351

# Cienfuegos

JANUARY  
PUBLICATION

CHRISTIE, Stuart

The Christie file: enemy of the state/by Stuart Christie. —

Cienfuegos Press, 17.11.80. —  
384p.: photogs.; 21 cm. —  
ISBN 0-904564-37-1 Paperboards:  
£6.00 non-net.

**SCOPE:** Personal record of the political developments of the sixties & seventies, & the European libertarian guerrilla organisations, The Angry Brigade & First of May Group.

## CIENFUEGOS PRESS

Over the Water, Sanday, Orkney, KW17 2BL, U.K.  
US Orders to Partisan Press



## WORLD MARXIST REVIEW

November issue includes:

**New Lines of Socialist Integration**

A. Lukanov

**Theoretical Legacy in Revolutionary Practice**

R. Merkel

**The Present Military-Political Doctrine of the US**

M. Milshtein

**Capitalism in Latin-America**

J. Cademartori, J. S. Colmenares

Single issue 40p Subscription (1 year) £6.00 for 12 issues

Apply to WMR, Central Books,

14 The Leathermarket, London SE1 3ER

## Marx and Engels Collected Works

Vol 14, 1855-56

This volume concludes the collection of articles — mostly hitherto untranslated — which form Marx's and Engel's extensive commentary on the Crimean War, its diplomatic ramifications, and its political effects on the internal and foreign affairs of the protagonists. This volume also includes the first English publication of Marx's witty character-sketch of the Whig prime minister Lord John Russell, as well as his famous account of the massive Chartist demonstration in London's Hyde Park in June 1855, and a further collection of Engel's military writings.

hardback £5.00

832 pages, maps, illustrations, indexes



Lawrence & Wishart  
39 Museum Street, London WC1A 1LQ

## BOOKMARXCLUB XMAS '80

This is the list for the fourth quarter of 1980. You may join the quarter ahead by selecting books to the value of £6.50 or more at book club prices (heavy type) — the normal retail price is in brackets. Books may be collected from Bookmarks or will be sent by post.

1. **LICENCE TO KILL** £1.05 (£1.75) The Friends of Blair Prach publication on the request and the cover-up.

2. **POPULARISM 1910-1925** £2.20 (2.35) Norman Bruce tells of a Labour Council who were jailed for their rebellion against anti-worker central government officials.

3. **DAY WHITE SEASON** £1.50 (1.95) by South African novelist Andre Brink. A white investigates the death of a black friend in police custody following Soweto.

4. **PENULTIMATE TRUTH** 75p (95p) by Philip K Dick. Science fiction novel of the world after a nuclear holocaust.

5. **YONNONDIO** £1.30 (2.50) by Zilia Otwell. A novel telling the story of an itinerant working-class family in middle America in the thirties.

6. **BRICKLIGHTS** £2.20 (2.95) Poems from the labour movement in East London, edited and introduced by Chris Searle.

7. **THE DESTRUCTION OF NATURE IN THE SOVIET UNION** £2.20 (2.95) by Boris Karmay. Told of unrestrained industrial pollution and neglect of the environment.

8. **THE COBB BOOK** £2.20 (2.95) Last copies of the book by brilliant American political cartoonist Ron Cobb.

9. **WHY CHILDREN?** £1.95 (2.75) Eighteen very different

women write with passion and honesty about the significance of children in their lives.

10. **THE BOOK OF THE YEAR** £4.45 (5.95) An exciting and unique book which looks at the past year in photos and reports of struggle edited by David Wiegory.

11. **WORKER CONTROL IN AMERICA** £2.95 (3.95) by David Montgomery. Studies in the history of Work.

Technology and the labour struggle.

12. **JAH MUSIC** £3.50 (4.35) by Sebastian Clarke. A participant write an illustrated history of music in the culture of Jamaican Rastafarians, including the

British reggae movement.

13. **THE MEN WITH THE PINK TRIANGLE** £1.70 (2.25) By Heinz Heger. A unique first-hand account of the life and death of homosexual prisoners in the Nazi concentration camps.

14. **MICROELECTRONICS** £2.20 (2.95) by the GSE Microelectronics Group.

Shows why management will go keen, and how jobs are reorganised, workers isolated and job control lost.

15. **DREAMS AND DECONSTRUCTIONS** £3.90 (4.95) An illustrated collection of very readable essays covering aspects of the alternative theatre in Britain, edited by Sandy Craig.

Offers on this list apply only until 31 December 1980.

Special selections for £6.50 each

**SELECTION A:** Titles 1, 2, 3, 13.

**SELECTION B:** Titles 4, 8, 15.

**SELECTION C:** Titles 7, 11, 14.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me the titles/selections ringed

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 A B C

I enclose sum of £ . . . . . (minimum £6.50)

265 Seven Sisters Road, London N4.