

NOTES

POLICING IN THE EIGHTIES

Philip Thomas writes: The changing nature of policing in the past decade has become a major area of public debate. In many sections of the community it is now open to question whether the police operate with the 'consent' of the policed.

The police are now under more sustained public criticism than at any other time during the post-war period. At the same time senior police officers have taken the unprecedented step of making public statements on politically contentious matters, such as public order, criminal procedure and 'subversion'.

The *British Journal of Law and Society* in conjunction with the Faculty of Law at University College, Cardiff, is to hold a critical conference on police and the community at Cardiff University, from September 25-28.

The conference will bring together activists, academics, researchers, journalists, trade unionists and people from community groups to examine the extent and effect of these changes on policing in the 1980s

Special arrangements for registration and free accommodation are available to those who are not supported by an institution or organisation. For information contact Penny Smith, Faculty of Law, University College, Cardiff, Tel. 0222-44211 ext. 2369. Anyone interested in organising a workshop should contact Philip Thomas at the Faculty of Law.

COMMUNIST UNIVERSITY OF WALES

Kevin Littlewood writes: Britain now faces its worst crisis since the 1930s: mass unemployment, industrial closures, the break-up of the welfare state, increasing poverty and social violence and the building of nuclear weapons for mass destruction. But 1981 has also seen the development of the fightback against these trends. The revival of the Left is apparent in the success of the People's March For Jobs, in the rapid growth of the peace movement, in the battle for socialist policies within the Labour Party, and in other campaigns unifying a wide cross-section of society in a common cause.



Wales and the present crisis is the theme of the Communist University of Wales (CUW) to be held at Cardiff University from October 23-25. Under this general theme CUW will attempt to bring together the theory and practice growing out of these new initiatives on the Left and to suggest future possibilities

for the broad movement. The weekend will consist of lectures and study sessions, discussion and entertainment and speakers will include Bob Rowthorn, Gwyn Williams and Bert Pearce. For further details contact Kevin Littlewood, CUW, c/o 4 Tudor St, Cardiff.

THE STENCILLED PAPER GROUP

Andrew Goodwin writes: The publishing efforts of the Centre for Contemporary Cultural Studies are not limited to the recent book *Unpopular Education* (CCCS Education Group, Hutchinson 1981). Readers may be interested in the series of Stencilled Papers available from the Centre. There are over sixty titles, covering the media, subcultures, popular culture, feminism, race, historiography, work, and cultural theory.

Recent additions to the series include *The Cultural Study of Music* (Dick Bradley), *On the Political Economy of Black Labour* (Andy Green), *Femininity and Consumption in Women's Magazines* (Janice Winship) and *Fads and Fashions* (Chas Critcher *et al.*) The papers cost around 40p—70p. For a detailed list and order form send an SAE to: Stencilled Papers, CCCS, Arts Faculty, University of Birmingham, Birmingham B15 2TT.

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SOCIALISM AND NATIONAL IDENTITY IN TIMES OF CRISIS (19th-20th Centuries)

Conference at Portsmouth Polytechnic 18-20 September 1981

Second conference of the British Research Group on Socialism and Nationalism. Papers by historians and social scientists will focus on the relationship between socialist and working class movements and the nation, as well as on the political uses of nationalism in times of war, civil strife and revolution.

Proceedings of the groups first Portsmouth conference (1977) now available: E Cahm and V C Fissera (eds), *Socialism and Nationalism*, 3 vols: Spokesman Books 1978-80.

Inclusive conference charge, £35 full board. Assistance may be available for postgraduate students and the unemployed.

Enquiries and bookings to: Conference on Socialism and Nationalism, School of Languages and Area Studies, Portsmouth Polytechnic, Wiltshire Building, Hampshire Terrace, Portsmouth PO1 2BU. Telephone: Portsmouth (STD 0705) 27581, ext.215.

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