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CRITIQUE CONFERENCE

Mick Cox writes: Since its foundation in 1973, *Critique* has created a forum for serious, specialised discussion of the Soviet Union and other related societies. It has attempted to stimulate debate and critical self-examination about the nature of these societies, opening its pages to a wide range of writers and engaging in debate with all trends on the European and American left; speakers from the journal have also participated in the Communist University of London.

The aim of *Critique*, however, has always been wider than just the analysis of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, and we are, therefore, organising our next conference on the theme of 'The Political Economy of the New Cold War.' The general purpose of the conference will be to analyse the parallel crises in the major areas of the world system. Major discussions on the new militarism, the USSR in the present crisis and the historical differences between the 'old' and 'new' cold wars will form the basis of later workshop debate.

Speakers include: Mary Kaldor, Dan Smith, Fred Halliday, Tariq Ali, Mick Cox, Hillel Ticktin, Martin Shaw, Sandy Smith,

Mike Haynes, Phil O'Brien, Lionel Cliffe, Peter Lawrence, Andrew Gamble, Moshe Machover and Frank Furedi. The conference begins at 7pm on Friday 15 January 1982 and continues all day Saturday 16th; it will be held at the University of London Union, Malet Street. The weekend fee is only £3.00 and advance registration is advised. For further details contact: *Critique*, c/o 31 Clevedon Road, Glasgow G12 0PH.

RACISM AND THE POLICE

Dave Cook writes: 'Without knowing it at the time we were looking at the whys and wherefores of what was to explode shortly afterwards on the streets.'

These words from the introduction to a new Communist Party pamphlet *'Black and Blue'* — Racism and the Police edited by Dave Cook and Martin Rabstein, emphasises the prophetic character of the proceedings of the conference on the same theme held earlier this year. The contributions are centred on the experience of police racism, ranging through a scene-setting opening by Stuart Hall to interventions by Basil Manning, Ian Martin, GS Dhesi, Tony Bunyan, Stephen Sedley, Dorothy Kuya, Winston



Pinder, Nazim Ul-Haq, Brenda Kirsch, Neelim Zabit, Vishnu Sharma, Avtar Jouhl and Martin

The inclusion of the detailed 'Charter of Demands' on Racism and the Police, put forward by the Communist Party and introduced by Dave Cook, gives a campaigning edge to this timely and attractive pamphlet.