

NOTES

READERS' LETTERS

From the May issue, we will, for the first time, be printing a letters section in *Marxism Today*. Letters for publication in the May issue must be received at the editorial office by Tuesday 6 April, and be of no more than 250 words length.

BREAST OR BOTTLE?

Andy Chetley writes: This report published by War on Want documents nearly 1700 examples of marketing practices for infant feeding products in the UK which violate a voluntary international code approved by the World Health Assembly in 1981. Based on a survey conducted in September and October 1981, results were obtained from 98 communities in the UK, and primarily covered health centres, clinics, maternity wards and hospitals.

The report also outlines other measures that can be taken to improve the current infant feeding situation, such as better training for health workers; improved maternity leave and creche and nursing facilities at the workplace; more education on the benefits of breast feeding and the employment of



more community-based health workers to assist and advise mothers.

The report is priced at £1, and available from: War on Want, 467 Caledonian Road, London N7.

FAMILIES AGAINST THE BOMB

Josette Morgan writes: Would you carry and rear children only to have them destroyed in a nuclear holocaust? Mothers who feel that the risk to their own families is becoming greater and greater are going with their children to lobby Parliament on May 18 to pro-

test about Cruise missiles and Trident.

Families Against the Bomb are a group of parents who wish to protect their children, not allow them to be made the victims of a nuclear power struggle. Our lobby of Parliament starts at 2.30 pm on Tuesday May 18 and will continue into the early evening. For further information please contact Maggie Weatherby on 01-340 2715 or Josette Morgan on 01-341 3969.

JEWISH SOCIALISTS GROUP

Dave Rosenberg writes: A two day conference on Jewish Socialist Perspectives for the 80s, attended by sixty people, was held in London recently by the Jewish Socialists Group.

The conference sought theoretical clarification on two central issues: raising socialist issues in the Jewish community and bringing forward Jewish/ethnic minority issues in the socialist movement.

For minority groups a major source of strength lies in the reclaiming of our history, as was shown by the success of the third talk, 'Jewish Women and Work in Manchester at the Turn of the Century'.

The JSG is organised through branches and support groups in major cities, and may be contacted: JSG BM3725, London WC1N3XX.

UNIVERSITY STAFFS

John Kelly writes: The University Staffs Left Group, a Broad Left group in the Association of University Teachers (AUT), is holding its annual meeting on Saturday 24 April at Birmingham University. The one day meeting will discuss the newly formed Educational Alliance and the ways in which socialists can and should campaign for progressive policies in the whole of the higher education sector. The meeting is open to all and further details can be obtained from: Wilfred van der Will, Dept of German, University of Birmingham, Birmingham B15 2TTtel: 021-472 1301.

FOURTH IDEA BOOKSHOP APPEAL

Charlie Unsworth writes: The Fourth Idea is a non-profit making, co-operatively owned radical bookshop — one of the few in the north of England. Our premises were badly damaged by flooding over the Christmas period, and we now find ourselves having to move but lacking the necessary capital to do so, so we are appealing for donations and/or loans at reduced interest rates. Please send any offers to: The Fourth Idea Collective Ltd, 14 Southgate, Bradford 1, West Yorks.

Contributions to *Notes* (brief please) are welcome. We need copy as early as possible.

MARXISM TODAY CIRCULATION

Marxism Today is looking for a full-time circulation manager to supervise all aspects of our circulation. The job will involve dealing with our distributors, wholesalers and retail shops. Part of this can be done from the editorial office, but the job will entail a lot of travelling and field work throughout Britain. A key aspect of the work will be developing local groups to assist with circulation and promotion. Liaison with the Communist Party at all levels will be central to this. Candidates should be hard-working, well-organised, have plenty of initiative and be good at organising people. A current driving licence would be a considerable asset. The annual salary is approximately £5,400 per annum.

Apply in writing with statement of background and qualifications to: The Editor, *Marxism Today*, 16 St John Street, London EC1M 4AY. The closing date for applications is 13 April, 1982.

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