

NOTES

VOTE COMMUNIST

John Peck writes: Over 30 Communist candidates will be contesting in the General Election on June 9. They will be presenting an alternative economic strategy to make deep inroads into unemployment. They will argue the case for unilateral nuclear disarmament, for Britain to leave NATO and to pursue an independent foreign policy. They will highlight the need for women's liberation. Communist candidates will be the champions of democracy; they will expose the cancer of racism in our society, and call for the repeal of the racist Immigration and Nationality Acts. They will show that the roots of Britain's crisis lie not only in the policies pursued by Thatcher, but in the capitalist system of society. In the constituencies where there is no Communist candidate, Communists will work for the return of Labour candidates, and for their commitment to left policies. If you would like to join in Communist Party electoral work, contact our headquarters at 01-251 4406, and we will put you in touch with your nearest candidate.

MARX WITH SPARX

Kate Sullivan writes: 'Marx With Sparx' is the latest of several festivals which the Communist Party has organised at Alexandra Palace in recent years. 'An extravaganza of politics, culture and fun', the event is expected to attract 20,000 people. It will include political debate, stalls representing the labour and democratic movements in Britain and progressive movements around the world. There will be a strong cultural input, with a day-long programme of entertainment, including rock, jazz, folk, and classical music, theatre, cabaret, film and many international performers. Mar-quees focussing on peace, the women's movement, trade unions, youth and international issues will each have their own programme of debates and entertainment. A Marx centenary exhibition and debate on Marxism in the 80s will be a major feature of this exciting event. Marx With Sparx takes place on June 25. Information and tickets from 'Marx With Sparx', 16 St John St, London EC1 (01-251 4406).

FOUR DAY BLOCKADE AT USAF UPPER HEYFORD

John Millner writes: The giant USAF Upper Heyford in Oxfordshire is one of the most important US 'forward strategic bases' in Europe. The base's 71 supersonic F1-11s, each with the destructive power of 14 Hiroshimas, are on permanent standby and can take off within minutes. The base is

currently being enlarged to take the new radar-jamming 'stealth bombers' designed to bring NATO still closer to nuclear first strike capability. CND's next mass mobilisation will be a four day blockade of the base from May 31 to June 3. Contingents from different areas will take responsibility for each of the days, and all those who intend to participate are asked to be trained and organised into groups. Phone Oxford (0865) 726441 for further details.

MARXISM TODAY DESIGN

As our designer will be leaving in the near future we invite applications from people with suitable experience for the job of designing and pasting up Marxism Today each month. The work also involves picture research and needs good organisational ability. This is not a staff job and is undertaken on a freelance basis. Some commitment to the magazine would be expected.

Write to Sally Davison as soon as possible at the editorial office for more information.

CAMPAIGNING AGAINST PRIVATISATION

Andrew Livingston writes: NALGO have recently launched a £1m campaign against cuts and privatisation in the private sector. This is the largest campaign ever mounted by a trade union in this country; it includes a series of full page advertisements in the national press, a twelve week tour by the Banner Theatre Group with a special campaign production, a giant hot air balloon with the campaign slogan *Put People First*, videos, a record. For more information contact NALGO, 1 Mabledon Place, London WC1 tel 388 2366.

Dave Rushton adds: Birmingham Film Workshop and Birmingham Trade Union Resources Centre have co-operated to produce three videos on privatisation, for the campaign. These include an 18 minute film on privatisation aimed at councillors and health authority members, a 30 minute film on the role of the contractors and how to fight them, and a 13 minute film on cuts, for the public. The compilation tape which includes all three videos (total length one hour) is for sale at £20, and each tape is available separately at £5 each, for hire.

Further information from Dave Rushton, Birmingham Trade Union Resources Centre, Victoria Works, Frederick Street, Birmingham B1 34E tel 021 236 3380

CUBAN REVOLUTION ANNIVERSARY

Nidge Tovey writes: The Covent Garden Branch of the Communist Party, after bringing out the Karl Marx Centenary badge, have now issued a badge to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Cuban revolution. The badge, in three coloured enamel, costs £1 (plus postage), and is available from N Tovey, 16 St John Street, London EC1 tel 01-251 4406.

MARXISM TODAY — CIRCULATION MANAGER

Marxism Today is looking for a Circulation Manager. The job provides an interesting mixture of the commercial and political worlds — ranging from canvassing orders at wholesale and retail newsagents to organising public meetings for Marxism Today. The work involves some travel, working with people around the country to promote Marxism Today locally. We are looking for someone with a creative approach, capable of acting on their own initiative. Salary approximately £5,500. For more information ring Sally Davis on tel 01-251 4406.

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