

# NOTES

## OPERATION MAJOR

*Alan Jarman writes:* Operation Major is the theme of a one day conference being organised by Oxford Claimants Defence Committee. The conference will take place on Saturday September 3rd, one year after the joint swoop by police and DHSS officials on unemployed people and claimants in Oxford. The conduct of the police and the DHSS during Operation Major has since come under heavy attack. The conference will discuss claimants' rights and civil rights, the link between social security and poverty, and the attack on the unemployed and claimants as 'workshy and scroungers'. The fee is £1 and conference papers are obtainable in advance from the Claimants Defence Committee c/o 446 Princes Street, Oxford tel (0865) 723750.

## THATCHERISM AND BEYOND

*Pat Devine writes:* The recent series of meetings jointly sponsored by Marxism Today and the North West Communist Party have proved to be so successful that a one day conference is now being organised. The aim is to take the discussion further in the context of the new situation after the election. The conference *Thatcherism and Beyond* will explore ways of developing a socialist perspective that presents a positive and non patriarchal alternative to Thatcherism. Workshops will focus on the family and the welfare state, public services and privatisation, ideology and popular culture, peace and militarism, and law and order. It takes place on Saturday 17 September from 10am to 4pm at the Sacred Trinity Centre, Chapel Street, Salford. For further details ring Pat Devine 061 766 4977.

## MOVING LEFT IN WALES

*A Ian Lane writes:* The Communist Party in Wales has just launched the first issue of a

new magazine *Moving Left in Wales* to be published three times a year. This will provide a forum for radical debate and mobilisation on topics and issues relevant to Wales and the Welsh people. The first issue, published in June, looks at women and trade unions in Wales; at S4C; at the results of the elections and their impact; at peace and Nuclear-Free Wales; at the economic decline of Wales; and at the popular music business and the young. The Editorial Collective welcomes contributions, advertising and letters for the next issues (in Welsh or English). Copies of the first issue (price 65p plus 20p p&p each) available from 4 Tudor Street, Cardiff.

## GETTING TO GRIPS WITH PESTICIDES

*Mike Press writes:* The growth of transnational corporate power raises issues of concern to many workers, trade unions and researchers all over the world. Since its formation in 1978 TIE (Transnational Information Exchange) has been instrumental in promoting new forms of international co-operation and action, focusing particularly on the motor industry, new technology and agriculture. The latest issue of TIE's journal *TIE Europe* concentrates on the issue of pesticides. It looks at the restructuring of the agro-chemical industry, the impact of this on those working in it and the problems faced by farm workers regarding health and safety. It also reveals the disastrous effects of the use of pesticides in the Third World. It concludes by offering a perspective for meeting the needs of agro-chemical workers for safe, secure and socially useful employment, and the needs of farm workers for safe and efficient crop production technologies, which are accessible to farmers in the Third World. For information contact Mike

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