

Update

NEWS

Londonwide Emergency Legal Service. Funded by the GLC and the ELS Research and Development Project this service aims to operate outside of office hours and at weekends. It will provide advice and assistance on a wide range of legal emergencies, arrests, illegal evictions, domestic violence, immigration emergencies etc. Based at 4 Dock St London E1. Information available from Maxine Petinaud and Dave Perry.

Royal Shakespeare Company 'comes to town'. Sheila Hancock leads an 18 strong group of actors and musicians in a pioneering touring venture. This will bring RSC productions to 22 towns and villages where there is little regular professional theatre. In addition to *A Midsummer Nights Dream* directed by Sheila Hancock, and *Romeo and Juliet* directed by John Card, Edward Bond's play *Derek* directed by Sara Pia Anderson will be staged in morning performances for parents with children. The tour begins in October: Lincoln 10-15, Mansfield 17-20, Walsall 21-25, Bridgnorth 26-29, Barnsley 31-3 Nov. Further details available from Carol Braithwaite 01-628 3351.

Student Left Alliance 24 hour 'hotline'. Open from 3-7 October for new students wanting to find out about the student left or to be put in contact with a local group. Tel 01-651 4631.

Stuart Hall on Karl Marx. On 15 and 22 Oct at 8.00pm Channel Four transmits a two-part documentary written and narrated by Stuart Hall which outlines a brief history of Marxist ideas, examines the development of Marxism in the revolutions of the USSR, Eastern Europe and the Third World and explores the relevance of Marxism in contemporary Western Europe.

CAMPAIGN

National Campaign Against the Police Bill. A wide range of black, community and political groups backed by the GLC have begun a campaign against the new Police Bill. A series of events are planned to draw attention to the new powers this will give the police and the dangers to civil liberties. Information available from National Campaign against the Police Bill 50 Rectory Rd London N16 (01-249 8334).

National Campaign against the Berufsverbot. Gerhard Von Schenehen is a recent victim of the West German Berufsverbot system. He will be touring Britain from 25

Oct to 3 Nov and speaking at Reading Oct 26, Bradford University 27, Liverpool 28, Scotland 31-1 Nov, House of Commons 2 Nov and Cardiff 3 Nov. Further information from Jack Tyrrell 01-560 8758.

Overseas Nurses singled out for attack. Overseas nurses in Newham and some other Area Health Authorities are being denied the opportunity to consolidate their training and face unemployment on qualifying. The Malaysian Nurses Society in the United Kingdom are campaigning for a minimum period of 6 months qualifying experience for all overseas nurses. Further information from MNSUK at Malaysia Hall 46 Bryanston Square London W1H 8AJ.

CND Demonstration, 22 Oct. No Cruise, No Trident, Freeze the Arms Race, Nuclear Weapons are no



Defence are the major themes of this demonstration to coincide with a worldwide week of actions by the peace movement. Assemble at Victoria Embankment London from 11.00. Tel 01-263 0977 for details of coaches etc.

Support Namibia March and Rally. 29 October London. Part of an international week of action, supported by United Nations, to draw attention to the liberation struggle in Namibia and the illegal occupation by S Africa, organised by Anti Apartheid and the Namibia Support Committee. Details of countrywide meetings and other events from Claire 01-267 1941 or AA 01 387 7966.

Political Postcard and Poster Fair. 7-8 October. An exhibition to publicise the work of the variety of collectives and individuals publishing political postcards. To be held at the Africa Centre 38 King St London WC2. Friday 10-5. Saturday 10-6.

Women For Life on Earth. 15 Oct. Evening event (see confs) featuring two women's jazz bands, High Jinks and the Danish band Superkarla. At the Ace, Brixton 8.00pm.

Peace Day on the South Bank 22 Oct. A celebration of peace, a mixed programme of music, poetry and prose 11-6 at Jubilee Gardens. Evening concert with Superkarla — Danish women's Jazz Band and Stable Singers — an American Black Band. At the Ace Brixton 8.00pm. Full details from 01-633 5557.

CND Benefit Concert. 22 Oct. Sponsored by Musicians Against Nuclear Arms. Cello soloist Raphael Wallfisch plays Arnold, Hayden, Handel, Strauss, Mozart, 7.30pm. St Martin in the Fields Church, Trafalgar Sq. Admission £2.50, gallery £2.00, (unwaged £1.50).

Support Namibia 29 Oct. An evening benefit organised by Namibia Support Committee and

Women for Life on Earth. 15-16 October. A workshop based conference aimed at making the connections between ecological and feminist issues. To be held at County Hall, London. Sat women and men welcome, Sun women only. Creche available. Day session £1.50 (75p unwaged). Full details from Liz Butterworth, Mandala, Bermuda Lodge, Lambeth Eye, Suffolk IP23 7AG or 01-673 4814.

1984 Just Around the Corner. 15 Oct Left Alliance Student Conference at Manchester University Students Union. Main themes include YTS, the peace movement and the Police Bill. 16 Oct Left Alliance Women's Conference, women only. Registration 10.30am. Day session £1.00. Pooled fare. Accommodation available. Full details from 01-651 4631.

Communist Strategies in the 1930s and 1940s 16 Oct. Day school organised by Merseyside CP at 39 Shore St, Liverpool 6. 11-4.00pm. Refreshments available. Full details 051 207 0280.

Women and Employment. 19 Oct GLC Women's Committee Open Meeting to seek women's views on aspects of employment in London. 7.00 at County Hall. Full details from 01-633 1113.

PUBLICATIONS

Amending Equality Laws. A booklet published by the National Council for Civil Liberties which puts forward proposals to help groups make demands and points out the loopholes in current legislation. For further information contact 01-403 3888.

Non-Nuclear Defence for Britain. This booklet is a transcript of a talk given by Dan Smith. Published by Birmingham Labour CND it is available from Joyce Murray 28 Blackford Rd Birmingham 11. Price 30p.

Trade Unionism: A Strategy for the 80s. This is the text of a speech delivered by Tony Benn for The George Woodcock Memorial Lecture in March at Leicester University. Published by the Institute for Workers Control and available from them at Bertrand Russell House, Gamble St, Nottingham NG7 4ET Price 30p.

Entries for the November update should be sent as soon as possible (latest date Friday 7 October) to Maria Loftus, Marxism Today 16 St John London EC1 or tel 01-251 4406 or 01-607 3344 (evenings).

CONFERENCES

London's Transport 8 Oct. Conference at County Hall organised by the GLC to discuss the implications of the Government's White Paper on London Transport. Transport pressure groups and other organisations interested in saving public transport welcome. Contact Roger Budden 01-633 5485.

Community Newspapers National Forum 8-9 October. A workshop based weekend for those involved in community newspapers. Topics include News, Libel, Distribution, Sexism. Held in Brighton. Full details from Brighton Voice, Box 12, 20 Cowper St Hove Sussex