

# Update

## CAMPAIGNS

**Nobody's Backyard** 1-3 Dec. Christian and Third World groups will be organising events to focus on what is happening in countries like El Salvador, Nicaragua and Guatemala. The issues are the fight for social justice, the principle of non-intervention, provision of basic needs and respect for human rights, and the right to peace. More information from Nobody's Backyard, 4 Replingham Road, London SW18.

**Daws Hill Peace Camp** Sat 17 Dec. The Peace Camp, at Daws Hill Lane, High Wycombe will be celebrating its first anniversary. Please bring tent, sleeping bag, blankets and food.

## CONFERENCES

**Private Tenants Charter** 3 Dec. A rally with workshops on tenant involvement, local authority and voluntary sector initiatives, and local and national campaigns for private tenants, local government officers, politicians, campaigners, advice workers and lawyers. At the University of London Union, Malet Street, London WC1. £2.00 waged and tenants representatives, unwaged free. Called by Organisation of Private Tenants, 30 Camden Road, London NW1 tel 01 267 5328

**Can Science Save Municipal Socialism** 13 Dec. One of a series of meetings on the politics of science. This deals with local planning and technical change. Organised by the Manchester Group of the British Society for Social Responsibility in Science at the Polytechnic Students Union, Sidney Street, Manchester 10. 7.30pm. Further information from D Russell 061 226 6077.

**Computers, privacy and the law** 7 Dec. One in a series of meetings on the theme of living in 1984, addressing itself to the question of freedom and individual rights. 6.30 to 8.30pm Mary Ward Centre, 42 Queen Square, London WC1 tel 831 7711.

**A luta continua** 10 Dec. A study conference on Mozambique and Angola, organised by the Mozambique Angola Committee. Registration £2 in advance, £2.50 on the door.

## PUBLICATIONS

**Housmans Peace Diary** A practical diary which combines a directory of the peace movement, profiles of the major organisations and dates for peace makers to celebrate or mark with protest. Price £2.50.

**Gay Men's Press** This pocket sized diary has good picture research and layout. It combines a directory of relevant organisations with special features on health and self defence. Price £3.00.

**1984 Better Days Calendar** Peace in the Public Eye 1870 — 1984 will be the theme for the calendar based on posters and other materials showing aspects of peace campaigning since 1870. £2.50 from Better Days, 92 Western Road London E13. All proceeds go to peace groups.

**Contemporary Women Artists** Produced by the Women's Press, this well designed diary has 35 full colour reproductions of the work of contemporary women artists. Price £3.50.



**Spare Rib** The most comprehensive guide to women's activities around. This year's theme is women and music and the pages are lilac! Contains a menstrual calendar, as well as 40 pages of information, groups and contacts. Price £2.75.

**The Big Red Disarmament Diary** compiled by Martin Ryle and Kate Soper. Well researched, it contains peace camp addresses, details of the anti-nuclear movement and a directory of campaigns, pressure groups, radical alternatives and bookshops. Price £2.95.

**ShopTalk** A new quarterly magazine written by people in retailing for shopworkers, about pay and conditions in stores in London's West End. More information from Cathy Mackenzie tel 01 698 6177.

**Trump Cards** A pocket sized set of cards with snappy arguments for doorstep debaters and public speakers on peace issues. Produced by North West CND, price 50p a set (including p & p). 10 sets or more 40p. Available from 7 Quarrington Road, Bristol 7. Avon.

**Test Cases for the Poor.** A pamphlet which unravels the increasingly complex social security legislation, an essential guide to future use of legal techniques in pressure group activity. Produced by Child Poverty Action Group and available from 1 Macklin Street, London WC2 tel 01 242 3225. Price £2.75.

## EVENTS

**Blockade of 'Wales Bomb Factory'** 2-3 Dec. An all-Wales demonstration against the 'radioactive' ROF factory at Llanisten Cardiff, which manufactures parts for nuclear weapons. Called by CND, the event includes a picket of the gates, and march from the factory into Cardiff city centre.

**Benefit for El Salvador** 4 Dec. organised by the GLC with Julie Christie, the Flying Pickets, Peggy Seeger, Ewan McColl, Tony Sher, Yolo Cambarta. Compared by Andy de la Tour. Tickets £4 and £6. Queen Elizabeth Hall 7.30pm.

**The Great Peace** 12-17 Dec. The Theatre Underground presents the first British production of Volker Braun's critical and ironical allegory of revolutionary power. The playwright, East Germany's leading young theatre writer and poet, will be in attendance. At Essex University Theatre, Wivehoe Park, Colchester tel 0206 86196. Tickets £1 or £2.

**Voluntary Service Overseas Exhibition** 21-23 Dec. An exhibition of photographs, illustrations, graphics, written materials and 3 dimensional objects to give the public an impression of the type of work undertaken by the British volunteers who assist with development programmes overseas. Admission free. At the Commonwealth Institute tel 01 603 4535.

**Pre-Christmas social with politics** 4 Dec. Drinks, chat, video showing of Stuart Hall's Marx Memorial Lecture 83. Organised by Marxism Today and North West CP. 7.30pm The Black Lion, Chapel Street, Salford. £1 waged, 50p unwaged.

**Entries for the January update should be sent as soon as possible (latest date Friday 9 December) to Maria Loftus, Marxism Today 16 St John Street London EC1 or tel 01-251 4406 or 01-607 3344 (evenings).**