

Update

NEWS

GLC Anti-Racist Year London will be designated an Anti-Racist Zone and a programme developed to raise awareness among Londoners of the oppressive and discriminatory effects of racism against London's black and other ethnic minorities. Details 01-633 4270.

From Stratford upon Avon to Newcastle on Tyne This month the Royal Shakespeare Company transfers the whole of Stratford's current repertoire to the Theatre Royal and the Gulbenkian Studio, Newcastle. Productions include *Twelfth Night*, *The Comedy of Errors*, *Measure for Measure* and a week of events for 15-25s. From 20 Feb to 31 March. Details Nicola Russell 0789 296655.

CP Tenth National Fund Appeal The aim is to raise £100,000 between February 20 and March 26. Early donations welcome, to be sent to Gordon McLennan, 16 St John Street, London EC1.

CAMPAIGNS

National Lobby for the Arts Set up in response to stringent cuts on the Arts Council budget, this all party campaign is now opposing government plans which would have a devastating effect on the culture of major metropolitan cities. Museums, art galleries, theatres and innovative programmes of ethnic and community arts are all at risk. Contact Pierre Audi, Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, London N1.

CONFERENCES

Politics and Technology of Possible Catastrophe 4, 11 Feb. First day covers the nuclear numbers game and looks at global issues; on the 11th the results of nuclear conflict for Britain. Organised by Extra-Mural Dept of University of London. £5.00 per day or £9.00 for both (£2 and £4.00 unwaged). Details Richard Clarke, R255, 26 Russell Square, London WC1.

What Price Trident? 11 Feb Trade Union Conference on unemployment and the Bomb, chaired by Rodney Bickerstaffe. Speakers include Margaret Beckett MP and Tony Benn. At County Hall, London 10-5pm. Registration £1.00 from Trident Conference c/o ACTT, 2 Soho Square, London W1 01-437 8506.

Conference on the Police Bill 11 Feb. Organised by Greater London Association of Trades Councils. At Congress House, 2-5pm.

Ecology in London 14 Feb A GLC Conference, with London Boroughs, to discuss ecological planning. At County Hall, 10.30am. Also exhibitions in Main Foyer. Details Dr Gould 01-633 5988.

Anti Trident Convention 25 Feb To discuss the need to organise against Britain's own deadly contribution to the arms race — Trident. Speakers, workshops, videos, displays etc. Free Trade Hall, Manchester 11-5pm. Details from Anti Trident Campaign, 420 Sauchiehall St, Glasgow G2. 041-332 3141.

National Abortion Campaign Conference Abortion rights and facilities, what future? 25 Feb, University of London Union, Malet Street, London WC1. SAE for details: 47, Waldram Park Road, London SE23 2PN.

The politics of history 3 Feb. Meeting to launch the History Workshop Centre for Social History



to be followed by a celebration party. Speakers include Christopher Hill and Raphael Samuel. Contributions of food/drink welcome. 7.30 to 9.30pm. Buxton Hall, Ruskin College, Oxford.

The Caribbean Diaspora 1, 15, 29 Feb. Discussion forum organised by Goldsmiths Steering Group for Caribbean Studies. 1 Feb Robin Blackburn on patterns of slave emancipation in the Americas. 15 Feb Errol Lawrence on historical perspective on the black presence in Britain, 29 Feb Charles Faustin on VSNaipaul. 7.30pm R219 Education Block, Goldsmiths, London.

Labour's Lost Millions 7 Feb. A public discussion organised jointly by Marxism Today and the Labour Co-ordinating Committee with Beatrix Campbell, Robin Cook, Harriet Harman and Eric Hobsbawm. 7.30pm Friends

House, Euston Rd, London NW1. Tickets £1 waged, 50p unwaged. Send SAE to Marxism Today 16 St John Street, London EC1.

Whistle blowers 14 Feb. A meeting to discuss what happens to scientists whose opinions don't fit their employer's politics. Organised by the Society for Social Responsibility in Science. 7.30pm at Polytechnic Students Union, Sidney Street, Manchester 10.

Forward Face of Feminism 23 Feb. Discussion opened by Tricia Davis, organised by Dudley CP. 7.30pm. The Swan, Castle Street, Dudley.

CP philosophy group discussion weekend 4-5 Feb. 10-4.30 Sat, 11-4.30 Sun. Speakers include Don Cuckson, Tom Vaughan, Derek Harding and John Hasted. The cost is £1 for a session, £3 for the weekend. More information from Alan Spence, 16 St John Street, London EC 1.

EVENTS

Waking London's Living Memory 17-19 Feb. A Multi-cultural festival to represent London's colourful history. With exhibitions, workshops, discussions, stalls, films and videos, reminiscence, theatre and oral history. All groups encouraged to participate. County Hall, details Exploring Living Memory, 92 Queens Square, London WC1. 01-8318871.

The Turning Left Show 25 Feb. A day of discussion, debate and entertainment, organised by Kings Heath CP and Marxism Today. Sessions on the Left in the 80s, the peace movement, Central America, the health service, and Today's Marxism. Creche, videos and food. £2 waged, £1 unwaged. Centre 13, School Road, Mosely. Contact KHCP, 69 All Saints Road, Birmingham 14. 021-692 1765.

1st Harwich Peace Festival 3 March Peace Fair and rally with theatre, music and workshops. 2-5pm. Evening folk concert. 8-11pm. Harwich Leisure Club, Victoria Road, Harwich. All proceeds to CND. Details from J West 0204 694232.

PUBLICATIONS

National Welfare Benefits Handbook and Rights Guide to non means tested social security benefits. The Child Poverty Action Group has updated and reissued their two authoritative rights guides to means and non means tested benefits. Price £3, CPAG, 1 Macklin Street, London WC2.

Real Life The theoretical and discussion journal of the Young Communist League is now available, with a complete redesign. Articles include Labourism, youth culture, young women and socialism, the Eisteddfod (bi-lingual) and an interview with John Cooper Clarke. Price 30p (plus postage) from Mark Perryman, 16 St John Street, London EC 1.

Mukti A new magazine produced by and for Asian women. The first issue has articles on immigration law and campaigns, the media view of Asian women, self defence, rickets. Available in Hindi, Punjabi, Gujarati, Bengali, Urdu and English from Mukti, 213 Eversholt St, London NW1. 60p. Subscription £2.40 individuals, £6.00 organisations.

FILMS, VIDEO

Two videos are available for hire to GLC residents. Video 1 has *If you love this planet*, a documentary on the dangers of nuclear war. Video 2 has *Talking History* in which CLR James and EP Thompson talk about the nuclear issue and the rise of mass movements. Available free of charge for up to 2 days from the Other Cinema, 79 Wardour Street, London W1 01-734 8508.

Stuart Hall's Marx Memorial Lecture A VHS video of the complete lecture (55 mins), given on the centenary of Marx's death, to an audience of 900 at Sheffield City Hall, available for sale or hire from Steel Bank Film Co-op, Albreda House, Lydgate Lane, Sheffield 10 (0742 662583).

Entries for the March Update should be sent as soon as possible (latest date Friday 3 February) to Maria Loftus, Marxism Today 16 St John Street London EC1 or tel 01-251 4406 or 01-6073344 (evenings).