

# Update

## NEWS

**Women's Peace Bus** A double decker bus funded by the GLC to provide a friendly place for women to see videos, listen to radio tapes and to examine where they stand on peace issues. There is a creche on the top deck. Those interested in using the bus should apply to the Women's Peace Bus Cooperative 52 Acre Lane Brixton SW2 5SP (01737 4144).

### National Poster Competition

Launched by Child Poverty Action Group to attract new poster designs which confront popular myths about poverty and the poor in Britain today. Entries are open to art students, professional designers and all those interested in using their creative energies for Britain's poor. Competition runs to April. Details from CPAG 1 Macklin St London WC2 (01 242 9149).

**Greenpeace SOS** Most people will have heard of the £50,000 fine imposed on Greenpeace for refusing to give an undertaking not to try to plug the Windscale (Sellafield) waste discharge pipe. They hope to raise this from an appeal. Donations should be sent to Greenpeace 30 Graham St London N1 8LL.

## CAMPAIGNS

### Campaign for a Scottish Assembly

A week of activity from the 27 Feb to 3 March to coincide with the 5th anniversary of the fall of the Bill. This includes a symbolic demonstration outside the 'Scottish Assembly' building on Carlton Hill, Edinburgh (1st March 11-12.00) Leaflet ting and activity in Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen and Glasgow (3 March). Programme of events by East Lothian and Dingwall groups. Prof Chris Harvey will also be appearing on 'Comment' on Channel Four on 1 March. Details from Val Marshall 93 Tay St, Newport, Fife (Dundee 542197) or Kerr Yule (Dingwall 64016).

## CONFERENCES

### Should the law on rape be changed

7 March (Wed). One of a series of 'Living in 1984' meetings looking at individual freedom and rights. 6.30 at the Mary Ward Centre 42 Queen Square London W.C. 1.

**Science for the Boys** 13 March (Tues) What can be done to change it? Speaker from 'Girls into Science and Technology' project. Organised by British Society for Social Responsibility in Science 7.30 Manchester Poly Students Union, Sidney Street, M10.

### The Arab-Israeli Conflict and The Arms Race

3 March (Sat) One day conference, speakers include Claudia Wright and Patrick Seale. 10.00am St Catherines College, Oxford.

### Trade Unions and the Road to Socialism

4 March (Sun) One day school organised by the West of England District CP. Open to all interested. 11 am at 10 Lawford St, Bristol 2. Details from Ian Jackson (0272 558726).

### Teaching African History

7-9 March (Tues, Wed, Thurs) Organised by the Commonwealth Institute and aimed at secondary teachers. Fee £15. Details from Julia Osmond (01603 4335).

### Labour Movement Conference on Ireland

17 March (Sat) Organised by Nottingham Trade Union Council. Speakers from TUC, NCC, Labour Party and Ireland, also workshop sessions. 10-4.00 at Queens Walk



Community Centre. Details from Chris Preston (0602 51035).

### Patriotism: ideology and myth in the making of English national identity

Sat/Sun 10-11 March Oxford: Ruskin, Somerville, Balliol, Queen Elizabeth House. Plenary sessions: Beatrix Campbell, England Now: Anthony Barnett, The Left and Patriotism. Tickets (£6 waged, £3 unwaged) and programme, History Workshop, Ruskin College, Oxford.

### History in the Primary School

Sat 24 March Carolyn Steedman, the History Curriculum; Sallie Purkis, Oral History etc. Tickets (£4 waged £2 unwaged) and programme, History Workshop Ruskin College, Oxford.

### Vietnam—Rice and Literacy, New Victories

24 March (Sat) Conference and AGM of the British Vietnam Association. Main themes are achievement of self sufficiency in

rice and the abolition of illiteracy by Vietnam. 9.30-4.30 Caxton Hall, SW1. Fee £2.00 unwaged £1.00.

Apply BVA Sec Mrs J Yuille, 52 St Johns Pk, London SE3 (01 858 7930).

### Workplace Branch Conference

24-25 March. Organised jointly by the Scottish District and Northern District CP at the Star Club 44 Carlton Place, Glasgow. Details from John Kay (041 429 2558).

## EVENTS

### Hot Time

1-10 March. A play about the conflicts, passions, comedy and humour of those involved in the 1926 General Strike. Production by Common Stock Theatre and Youth Company with young unemployed people. 8.00 St Pauls Church, Hammersmith London. (01-748 3354) £2.50 unwaged £1.50.

### Victor Jara Festival

2 March (Fri) featuring Inti Illimani, Isabel Parra,

hearing at County Hall to assess the likely effects on jobs and the services offered to telephone users in the capital of the proposed privatisation of British Telecom. Organised by the GLC. Details of programme from Slim Halet (01-633 5958).

### Clydebank Blitz 1941

10 March (Sat) Commemoration and demo, speakers Joan Ruddock CND Norman Buchan MP, Gavin Strang MP and Ron Todd TGWU plus trade unions, Clydebank councillors, doctors etc. Assemble 12.00 Clydebank.

### The Deterrent has worked! Has it?

Will it? 22 March (Thur) Hear John Cox answer this question. Also speaker from Greenham and the 'Fall Out' marching band. Organised by Hornsey CND 7.30 Town Hall Crouch End Broadway London.

**'VIVA 84'** A Dance and Music Benefit for Chile at Sadler's Wells Theatre, on Sun March 18 at 7.30 pm. Featuring the Ballet Rambert, the English Dance Theatre, the Chilean Mime Theatre and Fusion, with Paco Pena to be confirmed. Tickets available from the Sadler's Wells Theatre. Box Office 01-278 8916. Proceeds to Chile Committee for Human Rights.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Defence Expenditure and Employment

This document, debated and endorsed by members of the Civil and Public Servants Union in the Ministry of Defence, argues a detailed case for arms conversion policies. It demonstrates that expenditure on arms if switched to other goods and services could not only protect but increase jobs. Available from SCPS 124/130 Southwark St, London SE1 0TU.

### Handbook for Workers Covered By

Wages Councils Handbook published by the Low Pay Unit for the 3m low paid workers covered by wages councils. It provides them and their advisers with an 'at a glance' guide to the min rates of pay and other conditions of employment laid down by wages councils. Available from LPU 9 Poland St London W1V3DO (01-437 1780).

*Entries for the April Update should be sent as soon as possible (latest date Friday 9 March) to Maria Loftus, Marxism Today 76 St John Street London EC1 or tel 01-25 J 4406 or 01-607 3344 (evenings).*

### Privatisation of British Telecom

7-8 March (Wed, Thur). A public

Santiago Del, Nueve Extremo and Special Guests. Organised by the GLC in association with the Victor Jara Committee at the Royal Festival Hall. Tickets £2.20, 3.30, 4.40, 5.50, 6.50 and 7.50.

### Welfare not Warfare

3 March. (Sat). A rally and march in the Rhonda to celebrate St Davids Day. Organised by the Wales CP the theme is 'Defence of the NHS and Peace'. March starts at Llwynypia Hospital at 11.30 am and proceeds via Tonypany to NUM Club for a rally. Details from Dave Richards (0222 811827).

Horwich Peace Festival 3 March (Sat) Fair and rally with theatre, music and workshops from 2-5.00 pm. Folk concert 8-11 pm. Organised by Horwich CND at the Horwich Leisure Centre, Victoria Road Horwich Greater Manchester.