



CAMPAIGNS

National Campaign Against Berufsverbote In W Germany every public employee can expect to be vetted for loyalty to the Constitution and over 5,000 have been dismissed. With recent developments at GCHQ, the Sarah Tisdall trial and the extension of vetting for jobs does W Germany's Berufsverbote have implications for us? The campaign is planning two delegate conferences this month to discuss this question (London 12 May and Glasgow 19 May). Further details from Jack Tyrell 265 Jersey Rd, Osterlev, Middx 7W7 4RF (01 560 8758).

DEMONSTRATIONS

National March to Oppose the Police Bill 19 May. With the Bill proposing to extend police powers now in its final stages in Parliament the Campaign to Oppose the Police Bill has called for a national demonstration. Assemble at 12.00 for a march from Hyde Pk to Jubilee Gardens.

MEETINGS

Broad Democratic Alliances 8 May (Tues) Discussion organised by the Socialist Society's Strategy for Socialism Working Group. Paper by Nigel Kelsy (CP) 6.30 at 9 Poland Street, London W1. Further details from 01 692 4998.

Labour Party Womens Conference (Swansea) 12 May (Sat) *Marxism Today* fringe meeting with Beatrix Campbell. Further details 01 251 4406.

NUPE Conference (Bournemouth) 15 May (Tues) *Marxism Today* fringe meeting with Beatrix Campbell and Inez McCormack.

Finding a Voice 17 May (Thurs) A series of three discussions on popular culture sponsored by *Marxism Today* and the North West CP. The first features Eileen Murphy actress, playwright, socialist and feminist and Rick Gwilt poet and Arts Development Officer for Lancashire Trades Council. 7.30pm at Manchester Poly Students Union, Oxford Rd.

William Morris 'Socialism by Design' 31 May (Thurs) Roger Simon author of *William Morris Now* and *Gramsci's Political Thought* opens the second discussion on popular culture. 7.30pm at Manchester Polytechnic Students Union, Oxford Rd.

CONFERENCES

Labour Movement Conference Against the Police Bill 12 May. Jointly sponsored by the Labour Party and National Campaign Against the Police Bill. 1.00-6.00pm at Conway Hall, Red Lion Sq, Holborn, London. Details 01 249 8334.

Beyond Poor Images 12 May (Sat) A major child poverty action group discussion of why popular perceptions of poverty rarely match up to reality. Speakers include Bea Campbell, Michael Meadowcroft and Peter Townsclnd. 10.30-1.00pm City University, London EC1 Fee £2 (£1 unwaged) Contact Alan Booth CPAG, 1 Mackhn St, London WC2 (01 242 3225).



Academic Freedom 12 May (Sat) A day of discussion with John Saville (Chairperson Campaign for Academic Freedom and Democracy) Dafydd Elis Thomas (MP) and Dave Egan. Organised by the Society for the Study of Welsh Laobur History. 4.30pm at Students Union, Park Place, Cardiff. Details from Neil Evans, Coleg Harlech, Harlech, Gwynedd (0766 780363 or 780767).

Major Miner Writers 12 May (Sat) A Conference on the writing produced by British Miners in the 30s. Margot Heinemann on 'Oppression and Militancy in the Coalfields', John Field on the Arthur Markham Prize, Anthony Gray on the writings of Fred Boden, Ray Hearne on 'Roger Dattaller', Linda MacKenney on the plays of Jow Corrie, Andy Croft on the novels of Harry Heslop. Enrolment £4, details from Diane Jacks, Department of Adult and Continuing Education, Leeds University.

Mayday 1940,41 and The Peoples' Convention Movement 19 May (Sat) An afternoon of discussion and films organised by the Scottish

CP History Group. All welcome. 2.00pm at the Star Club, Carlton Place, Glasgow.

Issues for Socialist Feminists in the 80s 19-20 May (Sat/Sun) CSE-Socialist Society Women's Conference. Themes are The Family, Sexuality, Feminism and Racism. Peace and Employment. At Kingsway Princeton College, London WC1 £6.00 (unwaged £3.00) Creche must be booked. Details from CSE 25 Horsell Rd London N5 (01 607 9615).

Popular Literature 1 26 May (Sat) Bob Owens on *Pilgrim's Progress*, Jo Spence on *Cinderella*, Rosemary Jackson on *Frankenstein*, Robin Blackburn on *Uncle Tom's Cabin* and Helen Taylor on *Gone with the Wind*. 10.00-6.00pm at Ruskin

College, Oxford. Offers of papers to Simon Birrey HWCSH Ruskin College, Oxford. Fee £4.00 (£2.00 unwaged).

The Illegality of Nuclear Weapons 27 May (Sun) Conference to discuss the legal, scientific and medical aspects of nuclear warfare. 10.00am at St Mary's Hall, Coventry. Fee £5.00 including lunch (£2.00 unwaged). Details from John Dewar, School of Law, University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL (Cov 24011 ext 2119).

EVENTS

Chorlton Peace Festival 28 Apr (Sat) Organised by Chorlton CND with live music, a body popping contest, peace games, stalls, food and childrens entertainment. Speakers include Frank Allau, Lynn Jamieson (National Council CND) and prospective local councillors. At Beech Rd Pk, Chorlton, Manchester 21. 11-5pm Free. Details from Derek Clarke (061 850 6033).

Marxism and Structuralism 30 Apr-9 Jul (Mondays). A course consisting of 8 lectures on recent

developments in Marxist theory to provide both an introduction to and critical resume of these developments. 6.30-8.30pm at Goldsmiths College, School of Adult and Community Studies, New Cross, London SE14 6NW Fee £5.00 (unwaged £1.00). Details from Madam Sarup (01 692 7171).

Mcrseaside International Workers Festival

May Day Rally 1 May (Tues) With local, national and international speakers. 7.30pm St Georges Hall, Liverpool.

Danger Men at Work 2 May (Wed) A play performed by the Topical Theatre 'a study of sexual harrasment at work'. 7.00 at Chaucers Tavern, Hardman St, Liverpool. Free.

The 'God has given us this leisure' Show 4 May (Thu) A pop concert with Mark Miwurdz, the Redskins, The Lotus Eaters, Levi Talari and Virgin Dance. 7.30 at the Philharmonic Hall. £2.00 (unwaged £1.00).

March and Rally 5 May. With Askin Colliery Band, floats, steel band, fire engine, shire horse and cart etc. From Shaw St to Pier Head. Starts at 11am.

International Social 5 May. A Celidh, Latin American, African and English Folk music plus international cuisine. At Liverpool Town Hall. £2.00 (unwaged £1.00).

CND Film Show 6 May (Sun) 12-2.00pm followed by Vauxhall Writers Workshop performing sketches and poetry. 7.00-10.30pm. At Tom Hall's Tavern. Liverpool. Free.

The Levellers 1649 12 May (Sat) A day of international celebration to remember those early peace activists organised by WEA Oxford Industrial Branch. With Tony Benn, Ken Livingstone and David Selbourne, also History Workshop procession round Burford followed by a Barn Dance. 10.00-12.30 at Warwick House, Burford, Oxon.

Non-Violent Direct Action Workshop 16 May. All Peace People welcome. To be held at Bourne Hall, Ewell, at 8.00pm. Epsom & Ewell CND Epsom 21348 or 24055. Facilities for disabled.

Entries for the June Update should be sent as soon as possible (latest date Friday 4 May) to Maria Lofius, Marxism Today 16 St John Street London EC1 or tel 01-251 4406 or 01-607 3344 (evenings).