



**The first international Feminist Book Fair and Festival** will take place from 7 to 15 June. There will be thousands of feminist books on display at the Fair in Jubilee Hall, Covent Garden, London from 7 to 9 June. W H Smith and J Menzies will also have displays in all their branches. 65 events have been organised with international writers in attendance in 57 towns throughout Britain and Ireland. For a full programme of events send 17p and a sae to IFB, R306, 38 Mount Pleasant, London WC1 (01 837 9666).

**A new threat to abortion rights** is posed by a group of antiabortion MPs who are calling for full implementation of the 1929 Infant Life Preservation Act which would restrict the time limit within which abortions may be performed. An intensive campaign is being mounted by the National Abortion Campaign focussing on the issue of time limits and the wider questions of availability. Petitions leaflets, pamphlets available from NAC, Waldrum Pk Rd, SE 23 (01 993 2071).

**Return to Sender** 9 June. Two CND events in Central London have been timed to coincide with President Reagan's visit. A National March from Hyde Park to Trafalgar Square at 12.30pm and a Rally at Trafalgar Square 2 to 5pm. At midday to 3pm groups of people prepared for non violent direct action will converge peacefully on the Embassy to encircle it. Contact CND01 272 5425.

**Anti-Apartheid Demonstration** 2 Jun (Sat) Protest at Botha's visit. Assemble Speakers Corner, Hyde-Park 11.45am. Details 01 387 7966.

**Poverty and Politics in 1984** 4 Jun (Mon) A North Islington CP and *Marxism Today* public meeting with Bea Campbell. 8pm at Caxton House Community Centre, St Johns Way, London N19.

**Media Sexism** 12 Jun (Tues) A meeting for women media workers to discuss sexism in the media, the need for a code of conduct and strategies for work in the NUJ. Organised by the Campaign For Press Freedom. 6.30pm at 9 Poland St., W1 Contact 014372795.

**Tough Guys and Tender Hearts** 21 Jun (Thurs) Third in a series of discussions on popular culture to be opened by Rosalind Brunt and Chris Pawling Organised by North West CP and *Marxism Today* 7.30pm at Manchester Poly Students Union, Oxford Rd.

**The World after Nuclear War** 9 Jun (Sat) A conference which presents recent scientific findings on 'nuclear winter' and its implications for civil defence regulations. Organised jointly by Sheffield City Council and Scientists Against Nuclear Arms.



**Eritrea, Challenges of Liberation** 2 Jun (Sat) Organised by Eritrea Support Committee 9.30 at Pimlico Comprehensive School, Lupus St, London SW1. £3 (unwaged £2). Contact Teame Teweldeberhan 01 5216404.

**London's Housing Crisis** 2 Jun (Sat) Organised by the National Housing Liason Committee to discuss how to broaden campaigns, make new alliances and exchange experiences. Speakers, workshops, videos, bookstalls, exhibitions and creche. 10-6pm at Morley Community Education Centre, King Edwards Walk, SE1 Contact NHL C, 92 Warwick Rd, London W5 (01 840 1886).

**Women, Children and Childcare Policy** 8 Jun (Fri) National conference for professionals, parents, local authority representatives and voluntary organisations working with under fives. Creche available. 10.30-4pm at the Purcell Room, Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 Contact Kidslines, 44 Earlham St, London WC2 (01 222 4640).

**Access to Broadcast** 9 Jun (Sat) Conference organised by the Birmingham Film Video Workshop to discuss TV images of young people. With speakers, small group discussion and extracts from videos. Creche. 10.30-5.30pm at the Triangle Cinema, High St, Aston, Birmingham £2 (unwaged 50p) Contact BFVW (021 8595545).

10-5pm at Sheffield Town Hall. £2 (unwaged £1) Contact Jim Coleman (0742 735357).

**19th Century Liberalism** an international perspective 9 Jun (Sat) Speakers include Barbara Taylor, Eric Hobsbawm, Paul Ginsberg, Teodor Shanin, Trinstan Piatt. At St Anthony's College, Oxford. £8 (£4 unwaged). Offer of papers to Tim Mason, St Peters College, Oxford.

**Olive Branch** 10 Jun (Sun). Conference for peace in Central America, with speakers from US Witness for Peace, Guatemala, El Salvador, and other Latin American countries, and the churches. 11-4pm at Westminster Cathedral Conference Centre, Victoria, London. £3.50 (unwaged £1.50). Contact ESCHRGCHR 20 Compton Terrace. 01 359 1836.

**ACW Employment Conference** 22 Jun (Fri) Organised by the Association of Community Workers to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and information on MSC, Co-ops and other alternatives, campaigns, local authority funding, etc. Central London Poly. Contact Anne Lanning 185 Brecknock Rd London N19 (485 7270).

**1984 A Celebration of Women li** Jun (Sat) NCCL Women's Rights conference celebrating 50 years of the NCCL and 11 years of the Women's Rights Unit. With speakers, film, workshop and displays. Contact NCCL 21 Tabard St SE1 (01 403 3888).

**The conflict between development and conservation** 29-30 Jun. A seminar on African Culture and conservation. Organised by Commonwealth Institute. 9.00-5.00pm. Contact 01 603 4535 ext1249.

**Spotlight on Marxism Today** 30 Jun (Sat) One day conference for CP members to discuss the role, content and promotion of *Marxism Today*. Discussion, workshops, displays and creche. Pooled fares. Contact Paddy Farrington 01 251 4406.

**Libertad** 8 Jun (Fri) Benefit concert for El Salvador and Guatemala Committee for Human Rights. Label Parra, Patricio Castillo, Leon Rosselson. 7pm at Logan Hall, Bedford Way, London WC1 £6, £4.50 (unwaged £2.50).

**Jobs For A Change Festival** 10 Jun (Sun) A festival organised by the GLC to celebrate alternative ways of creating jobs. Major exhibition on employment projects, debates and speakers. Music on five stages includes Ekome, The Smiths and Mari Wilson. Non stop theatre, river trips and childrens events and creche. Concerts in the Queen Elizabeth Hall and Purcell Room, cabaret, laser show. Films and video at the National Film Theatre. All free 1 lam-11 pm South Bank, County Hall, Jubilee Gdns.

**Glastonbury CND Festival** 22, 23, 24 Jun. The line up for this open air event includes Weather Report, Black Uhuru, Fairport Convention, Joan Baez. Also 200 performances by fringe theatre groups a superb programme of contemporary films, workshops, hot air balloons, lasers. Non stop care and entertainment for children. At Worthy Farm, Pilton, Shepton Mallet, Somerset. 3 day ticket £13.00 includes camping and car parking, children free. Contact CND 11 Goodwin St, London N4.

**Tolpuddle Martyrs** To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Tolpuddle Martyrs the C P have produced an enamel lapel badge. Other badges in the series include Marx Centenary, 25th Anniversary of the Cuban Revolution, May 1 and the Morning Star. £1 each (plus 16p p&p) reduced rates for 10 or more. Contact NTovev 01 251 4406.

*Entries for the July Update should be sent as soon as possible (latest date Friday 8 June) to Maria Loftus, Marxism Today 16 Si John Street London EC1 or tel 01-2514406 or 01-607 3344 (evenings).*