

Update

NEWS

Beyond Poor Images A poster exhibition presented by Child Poverty Action Group is currently touring Bristol and Birmingham libraries. It is based on a competition to design images which challenged myths about the poor and pulls together some startling designs (many from young jobless). See it in Northampton, Manchester, Leeds or York before the end of the year.

A set of postcards (75p incl p&p) and a poster of the winning entry (£1.50p&p) are available from Child Poverty Action Group, 1 Macklin Street, London WC2B 5NH.

Gays and the Police Force. Two initiatives have been taken to monitor how London's police force treats the gay community. The National Council for Civil Liberties is currently investigating how policing practices affect gay Londoners and welcomes feedback on this. Contact Sam Jenkins at the NCCL01403 3888ext33.21 Tabard St, London SE1. Galop, an organisation set up to counter anti-gay attitudes within London's police force is also collecting information on police treatment of lesbians and gay men. Contact them at 5 Caledonian Rd, London N1.

CAMPAIGNS

Lesbians and Gay Men Support the Miners This organisation aims to raise the issue of the miners' strike inside the lesbian and gay community linking up the attacks by the police on the mining communities with the attacks on their own community. It also hopes to combat some of the negative attitudes which exist in sections of the labour movement towards lesbians and gay men. Contact Mark Ashton, L&GMSMc/o39 Chippenham Rd, London W9.

When the Cameras Come Down What can we do about the media? 4 Oct (Thurs) Showing of two videos exploring how the media distort industrial disputes, organised by the Campaign for Press and Broadcasting Freedom: *Making News* the story of the 1982 Health Service workers dispute and *The Lie Machine* current coverage of the miners' dispute, with speakers from the Barking Hospital Cleaners' Strike and the National Union of Mineworkers. 7.30pm Freemason's Arms, Long Acre, London WC2.



MEETINGS

Towards a Police State Policing the Miners' Strike 2 Oct (Tues) Fringe meeting at Labour Party Conference organised by the National Campaign Against the Police Bill. Speakers include Dave Douglas (Yorkshire NUM) Tony Benn and Louise Christian. 6.30 pm at the Pembroke Hotel, North Promenade, Blackpool.

The Reds and the Greens 11 Oct (Thurs) Discussion to examine traditional Communist aims in the light of the ecological challenge and whether environmental aims can be achieved without Socialism. Pete Carter (CP Industrial Organiser) and Jonathon Porritt (Friends of the Earth) 7.30 at Manchester Polytechnic Students Union, 99 Oxford Rd, Manchester.

Alternative Medicine 15 Oct. One of a series of seminars on science and politics sponsored by the British Society for Responsibility in the Sciences. Opening by Jeanette Mitchell (GLC) 6.30 pm Adam's Arms, 4 Conway St, London W1.

Europe's Third Road to Peace 25 Oct. Meeting to discuss prospects for a non-aligned Europe. Discussion to be opened by Jon Bloomfield. Dudley Library, St James Rd, Dudley. Details from Mark Perryman 0384 238216.

The hidden pathology of men; the role of medicine 29 Oct. The second in the Beneath the White Coat series of seminars organised by the BSSRS. Opening by Naomi Pfeffer • 8.00 pm at the Adam's Arms, 4 Conway St, London W1.

EVENTS

2nd Brum Peace Run 7 Oct (Sun) half marathon, 8 miles Fun Run takes place in Birmingham. Details and entry form from Jim Murray, 29 Upper St, St Marys Rd, Smethwick B67 5JR (sendsae).

1984 Rights 'N' Revels 7 Oct (Sun) Benefit for and celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the National Council for Civil Liberties. Artists appearing include Susannah York, Miriam Karlin, John Hurt, Billy Bragg and the Raving Beauties 7.30 pm Aldwych Theatre, London.

Leeds Anti Nuclear Film Festival 27 Sept-17 Oct. At the Hyde Park Picture House until the 10 Oct and at the Trades Club, Saville Mount 11-17. Films include Atomic Cafe, No Nukes, China Syndrome, Coming Home, Children of Hiroshima, America from Hitler to Marx, Carry Greenham Home and many more. Evening and late night showings. Details from Jerry Lockspeisir, 0532 743057.

Left Alive Roadshow in Birmingham 2 Oct (Tues) Nuclear power and the miners' strike with a panel of guest speakers. 7.30 pm at the Star Club, Essex St, Birmingham.

Left Alive Social 13 Oct (Sat) with Antics Theatre Co, the Dudley Performance Group, music and food. Tickets £1.25 waged, 75p unwaged 7.30 pm at the Star Club, Essex St, B'ham. Further details from David Allen 021 692 1765.

CONFERENCES

History and Adult Education 6 Oct (Sat) Past Trends and Current Patterns. Discussion, introduced by John Holford, at this year's Annual General Meeting of the Communist Party History Group. 2.30 (Business at 11). All welcome. At Marx House, 37a Clerkenwell Green, London EC1.

The Airwar has already started in Central America 13 Oct (Sat) Emergency conference organised by North London Central America Group. Speakers include Maxine Molyneux, James Dunkerley and Jeremy Corbyn MP. Pena with food. 11 am-6.00pm at the University of London Union, Malet St, WC1.

The Poor Law and Welfare in Hertfordshire 1834-1984. 20 Oct (Sat). A one day historical conference on the Poor Law of 1834 and its importance in the history of welfare. Speakers Mike Carpenter, Anne Digby, Peter Kingsford and Pat Thane. 10.35-5.00 pm at St Albans School, St Albans. Fee £2.50 (£1.00 unwaged) Details from Alan Hooper, 4A Wellington Rd, St Albans, Herts (send sae) St Albans 38325.

Literature and History Workshop 20 Oct (Sat) Organised by History Workshop Centre for Social History. Speakers include Christopher Hill, Marilyn Butler, Ian Wright. Fee £5.00 waged (£2.00 unwaged) Information from HWCSh, Ruskin College, Oxford 0865 56041.

Women and New Technology 6 Oct (Sat) Organised by the Cities of London and Westminster Trades Council. The conference will take place at Unity House Euston Rd, London N1 (NURBuilding) 1.30-5.00 pm. Speakers include Veronica Bayne (CPSA), Julia Stallybrass (NALGO). Further details from Industry and Employment Unit 1-3 Charlwood St, London SW1 828 0393.

Entries for the November Update should be sent as soon as possible (latest date Friday 5 October) to Maria Loftus, Marxism Today 16 St John Street London EC1 or tel 01-251 4406 or 01-607 3344 (evenings). Space is limited. We cannot guarantee the appearance of your listing. However a booking in our new classified section will guarantee entry in both classifieds and update. For details see page 47.