

NEWS

Communist Party Appeal The Communist Party launches its eleventh national fund appeal on February 18. The aim is to raise £100,000 towards its annual running costs, and its campaigning. If you would like to help, please send your donation to Gordon McLennan, General Secretary Communist Party, 16 St John Street, London EC1M 4AL.

CAMPAIGNS

NAC's Tenth Anniversary Celebrations. This month the National Abortion Campaign are celebrating ten years of fighting back against the anti-abortionists and for women's abortion rights. They are planning events all over Britain: national rally (Glasgow 16 Feb), conference (Birmingham, 9 Feb), public meeting at the House of Commons (4 Mar), a new pamphlet and an exhibition about NAC and the women's movement over the last ten years. They want people to sponsor the Tenth Anniversary Celebrations and/or send donations towards their anniversary appeal. Contact them at NAC, Wesley House, 70 Great Queens St, London WC2B 5AX (01-405 4801).

CONFERENCES

Conference on Recent Changes in Public Order Policing Feb 9. Conference to consider the nature of recent developments and what we can do about them. Speakers will include: Clive Soley MP, Haldane Society of Socialist Lawyers, NUM representatives, Sheffield Policewatch, GLC Police Committee Support Unit, NCCL, and the Greater London Association of Trades Councils (GLATC). Organised by GLATC and the Public Order Research Group. Congress House, Great Russell Street, London WC1. Information from PORG, 9 Poland Street, London W1V 3DG (01-734 5831).

Poor Britain - Time for action 2 Mar (Sat). Conference organised by Child Poverty Action Group. Over twenty sessions on social security and the welfare state. Key strategic discussions on the eve of the Government's publication of their social security reviews. Speakers include Barbara Cohen, Judy McKnight, Chris Pond, Prof Patrick Minford, Nick Raynsford, Peter Townsend, Alan Walker. £6 (£3 unwaged). City University,



London EC 1. For more information, contact Alan Booth, CPAG, 1 Macklin Street, London WC2 (01-242 3225).

MEETINGS

Modes of Thinking, psychoanalysts and science. 11 Feb (Mon). One in a series of seminars sponsored by the British Society for Social Responsibility in Science, to be opened by Margot Waddell. 8pm at Adams Arms, 4 Conway St, London W1.

'Pacifism' 13 Feb (Wed). Discussion meeting organised by Epsom and Ewell CND. 8pm at 42 Reigate Rd, Ewell. Information from Peter Brooker, Epsom 21348.

Science and the mask of masculinity 25 Feb (Mon). This seminar on science and politics will be opened by David Albury from North East Polytechnic. Organised by BSSRS (see above). 6.30pm at Adams Arms, 4 Conway St, London W1.

EVENTS

A Day in Solidarity with Women of Cuba and Nicaragua 2 Feb. 10am-5pm workshops, videos, exhibitions. 6pm Film: 'Portrait of Theresa'. 8pm Dinner and Social. Unwaged £1 day, 50p eve; Medium-waged, day £3, eve £1; High-waged, day £5, eve £2. Please register in advance if possible. Send to Women in Cuba and Nicaragua, c/o Carila, 29 Islington Park Street, London N1. Creche and food provided, translators into Spanish at workshops. Disabled access

difficult but help available. No lift. Signer. Toilet door 30ins wide. Parking in street outside entrance. All women welcome. At Marble Arch Intensive English School, 21 Star Street, London W2.

Woodcraft Folk 60th Anniversary Festival 16 Feb (Sat). Activities for all ages, including drama, craftwork, new games, singing and dancing and discussions. Stalls from a range of progressive organisations. Come along with all the family. No admission charge. Catford County School, Bellingham Road, Catford, 1 lam to 4pm.

Stay Alive Social Sat Feb 16. In support of the miners. Cabaret evening with Midland theatre companies and disco. Star Club, Essex Street, Birmingham 8pm. £2 (£1.50 unwaged).

PUBLICATIONS

Round About 50 Hours a Week New study which reveals the time and costs of children and shows women are still responsible for 90% of it. David Piachaud argues that a coherent approach to tackling child poverty must take account of time costs and advocates a child benefit premium as a compensation for lost earnings or to help with child care costs. Published by Child Poverty Action Group, 1 Macklin St, London WC2D 5NH, £1.95 (incl p&p).

Striking Back Popular survey of international trade union links in multinational companies, looking at differing trade union responses to the growth of multinationals. Commissioned by the GLC to be

used in conjunction with the film *Striking Back at the Empires*, available from CIS, 9 Poland Street, London W1V 3DG, price 60p plus 30p p&p (01-439 3764/6541).

Workers' Co-operatives and the Labour Movement: the Political Arguments This paper examines the historical background to labour movement/co-op tensions and current arguments on the future of co-ops in Britain. Price £1 from Department of Political Theory and Institutions, University of Liverpool, PO Box 147.

FILMS, VIDEO

Health Emergency (25 minutes). What cuts in the Health Service mean to Brent and how they are fighting back. A detailed information pack for use with the video will be ready in March. Brent Health Emergency will provide a speaker to accompany the video. Available on VHS, for sale or hire. Umatic copies available with advance payment from BHE, 25 HighSt, Harlesden NW10 (453 1280).

Entries for the March Update should be sent as soon as possible (latest date Friday 8 February) to Maria Loftus, Marxism Today 16 St John Street London EC1 or tel 01-608 0265 or 01-249 9509 (evenings). Space is limited, so if you want to guarantee that your entry is published we suggest that you book it into our classified columns under the appropriate heading. Ring Dave Kitson on 01-608 0265 for more details.