

Lino Brocka, winner of the 1984 British Film Institute award for the most original and imaginative film of the year, has been arrested by the Philippine Government and charged with organising demonstrations against the Marcos Regime. He now faces life imprisonment or the death penalty unless world wide pressure can be exerted on his behalf. His award winning film *My Own Country* (Bayan Ko) is to be screened by the Institute of Contemporary Arts Cinema, The Mall, London opening on Friday 29 Mar. Contact Sandy Broughton (01-930 0499).

Don Thomson Memorial Fund Don Thomson the campaigner for international trade union solidarity and author of *Where were you Brother?* died last year. To pay tribute to his work a memorial fund has been created which will offer travel opportunities to Third World trade unionists to visit the UK for educational purposes. Contributions to Don Thomson Memorial Fund c/o Mel Doyle, WEA, 9 Upper Berkeley St, London W1H8BY.

Property Rites. Drama documentary made by Birmingham Film and Video Workshop to examine ideas and assumptions underlying common attitudes to sexual violence will be transmitted by Channel Four on Monday 25 Mar as part of the *Late Night Stories* series.

The Underdevelopment of Britain. This pamphlet examines the havoc wrought by monetarist policies both here and in the Third World. *Help Yourself: The Politics of aid.* This questions the concept of aid and asks whether it is more fruitful for the countries of the Third World to help themselves. Both are produced by Third World First price 95p (inc p&p) and £ 1.50 (inc p&p) respectively from 232 Cowley Rd, Oxford (0865 245678).

Major miner writers 23 Mar (Sat) Second annual conference on the writings of British miners will be looking at some of the best known writers from the 20s and 30s. Including Di Smith on the novels of Jack Jones, John Cunningham on the poetry of Idris Davies, Gustav



Klaus on James Welsh. Enrolment £5.00 (unwaged is cheaper). Details from Diane Jacks, Dept of Adult and Continuing Education, Leeds University (0532 431751).

Housing Poverty in London 23 Mar (Sat) Workshop organised by Church Action on Poverty. Sessions include 'Housing Poverty, what are we up against?' 'How can CAP enable churches to respond to the Housing crisis in London'. Speakers include Nick Raynsford, Peter Dawe and John Battle. Chaired by the Bishop of Southwark, Ronald Bowlby. £2.00 (£1.00 unwaged) 10 to 4.30pm at Christ Church, 27 Blackfriars Rd, SE1. Details from Bob Major, 5 Cosway St, NW1 (01-724 1002).

War, Violence and Social Change 1-4 Apr. The British Sociological Association 1985 Conference on the themes war, nationalism, racism, violence to women, law, order and the state, protest and resistance. At the University of Hull. Details from BSA, 10 Portugal St, London WC2A 2HU (01-242 3388 ext 202).

Stop the Strip Searches in Armagh Jail. Strip searching is 32 more times frequent in Armagh than British prisons. Since November 1982 there have been 1550 strip searches in this women's prison. The campaign view this as a deliberate and systematic form of sexual harassment and urge people to write to Douglas Hurd (Sec of State for Northern Ireland), Nicholas Scott (Minister for Prisons at the N Ireland Office) and Mrs Thatcher demanding an end to this humiliating practice. They also want groups to organise events to coincide with International Womens Day on March 8th. More information from SSSC, London Armagh Women's Group, 52-54 Featherstone St, London EC1.

Poverty is politics. Politics is you 2 Mar. Day of action organised by Third World First Northern Group to challenge the myths of underdevelopment and to show that charity won't solve the political causes of poverty. March from Woodhouse Moor 12.30pm through Leeds to the city centre followed by workshops and stalls throughout the afternoon. Contact Adrian Sinclair TWF 29 Blenheim Terrace LS2 9HD (Leeds 430151 day) (Bradford 497740 eve).

Scunthorpe Women's Festival 4-9 Mar. A week of events including displays of women's literature and photographs of 'local women at work' at the library. Day of activities March 9, with exhibitions, workshops, food, creche at Central Community Centre, Lindum Street 10am-5pm. Social from 8pm-midnight at the Wortley Hotel. Further information from Julie Meakin 0724 845155 (office hours).

Linking The Left 23 Mar (Sat). Festival of Marxism in Sheffield. Workshops include class and feminism, response to racism, Southern Africa, miners' strike, nuclear energy and nuclear weapons. With videos, films, entertainment, creche and childrens' festival. Evening entertainment with disco and cabaret. Organised by Sharrowand Heeley Branch of the CP. At the Mount Pleasant Community Centre, Sharrow Lane, Sheffield 7. Contact Dave Smith (0742 550156).

Videoactive Research project set up to investigate the distribution of radical and educational video programmes and make recommendations on improving publicity, promotion and

distribution. They are interested in finding out about video programmes made by community, educational or campaigning groups which could have a wider use. Contact Vidcoactive 53 Coldharbour Works, 245a Coldharbour Lane, London SW9 (01737 0860).

The Technology of Confusion 11 Mar (Mon) Dave Wield from the Open University speaks on appropriate technology and the Third World. One of a series of seminars on science and politics sponsored by the British Society for Social Responsibility in the Sciences. 8pm at Adams Arms, 4 Conway St, London W1.

Enfield Peace Campaign Public Meeting 15 Mar (Fri). Bruce Kent, Air Commodore Alastair Mackie and Andrew Macintyre (Schools against the Bomb) will speak 7.45pm at the Chase Boys' School, Churchbury Lane, Enfield. Contact Richard Bearne (01 8866913).

A Spiritual Elect? Robert Tressell and the Early Socialists 16 Mar (Sat). The Robert Tressell memorial lecture is to be given by Raphael Samuel, 1pm at the Falaise Hall, Hastings. £1.00(50p unwaged). Details from WEA, Hastings Branch (0424 444686).

Where's the Left Going? 21 Mar (Thurs). Discussion with Martin Jacques (*Marxism Today's* editor) and Tricia Davis (CP Executive). At the 'Smiling Man', Hall St, Dudley 7.30pm. Organised by Dudley CP. Details from Mark Ferryman (0384 238216).

Science as Fiction 25 Mar (Mon) Seminar to be opened by Maureen McNeil from the Centre for Contemporary Cultural Studies. Organised by BSSRS. 6.30pm at the Adams Arms, 4 Conway St, London W1.

Entries for the April Update should be sent as soon as possible (latest date Friday 8 March) to Maria Loftus, Marxism Today 16 St John Street London EC1M 4AY 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.