

**NEWS**

**Response Centenary** Response, Earls Court's community newspaper, this month celebrates the publication of its 100th issue. Written and produced by volunteers and entirely self funding, it has exposed a number of illegal housing rackets, opened debates on drug abuse and campaigned against the Juggernaut. An exhibition of its work is on at the Brompton Library, Old Brompton Rd, SW5 until 24 May.

**The Hall-Carpenter Archives** With the help of a GLC grant the Hall-Carpenter Archives has now moved into the new London Lesbian and Gay Centre. It aims to train volunteers to use oral history to record the experience of lesbians and gay men in London particularly working class women, older or disabled people and members of ethnic minorities who have been marginalised. Contact Margot Farnham (01-608 1737) or write to the Hall-Carpenter Archives c/o 69 Cowcross St, London EC1 6BP.

**MEETINGS**

**The Welsh Socialist Tradition 1** May The Arthur Horner memorial lecture will be given by Dafydd Elis Thomas MP at the Pare and Dane Hall, Treorchy, Rhondda. Admission free. Details: Neil Evans 0766 780363 or 780767 (evenings).

**Orwell and Swift** 13 May The George. Michael Foot MP will give the George Orwell Memorial Lecture with Professor Bernard Crick in the chair 6.15 at the Goldsmiths' Lecture Theatre, The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel St, Gower St, London WC1. Admission £2.00. Further details from Mary Wood 01-636 8000 ext 3839/3840.

**MIS's Official Secrets** 9 May. A showing of the video documentary **MIS's Official Secrets** followed by discussion led by Cathy Lloyd of the Cities of London and Westminster Public Order Research Group, 8pm at Paddington Labour Club, 39 Chippenharn Rd, N9.

**CONFERENCES**

**Labour and Peace** 11 May Conference of the Society for the Study of Labour History with the theme 'Labour and Peace'. Sessions on Feminism and the Peace Movement in 20thC Britain, Intelligence Surveillance of Pacificism, Subversion in the Armed Forces 1914-36, The Peace



Protest in France 1900-14, 1965-85, Fellow Travellers of the Right, The Parliamentary Left and opposition to Ernest Bevin reconsidered. All welcome 9.30-5.30pm. Fee £1.00. Contact David Englander, Arts Faculty, Open University, Milton Keynes MK76AA.

**Womens Peace Conference** 11-12 May. Come and celebrate Spring with the Malvern Women for Life on Earth group: Workshops, creche, discussion, social events, food, accommodation. Children welcome. Cost depends on means (£2-£10). Details from Eve, Birchwood Hall, Storridge, Malvern, Worcestershire (08 864 203).

**EVENTS**

**Marxism for Beginners** 4 May. A day of discussion with Jackie Heywood, Jon Bloomfield and others. Workshops on the state, class and democracy plus videos and a 'Bolshevik' buffet. Organised by Wolverhampton Poly Communist Society. 10-5pm. Details from Mark Perryman (0384 238216).

**Levellers' Day** 11 May. A celebration which includes speeches with David Blunkett, Joan Maynard, Joan Lestor, a procession (bring peace banners etc) drama, Morris dancing and more. Workshop on peace and socialism in the afternoon. Tickets £4.00 (£3.00 advance). Evening barn dance with live music £1.50. Organised by the Workers Educational Association, Oxford Industrial Branch. 10am, Burford, Oxfordshire. Contact

Jennie Chesterton, 3 Castle Cres, Shillingford, Faringdon, Oxon (Stanford in the Vale 308).

**Bread Not Bombs Week** 20-26 May. Members of peace and development groups across the country are arranging events to help raise awareness of the links between hunger and the arms trade. Organised by The Campaign Against Arms Trade and Oxfam who want valuable resources to be channelled into meeting the basic needs of the Third World and away from the purchase and use of wasteful and deadly weapons. Information from Ann Feltham (01 278 1976).

**Walt Whitman Day Celebration** 25 May 10am onwards. Norman Parker speaks on Bolton's Whitman Collection, Ed Folsom on 'Talking back to Whitman and Paul Salvesson on Edward Carpenter and the Bolton College at Bolton Public Library; Ed Folsom gives an open-air reading from Whitman's 'Leaves of Grass' at Walker Fold. Bring sandwiches and drinks, lilac sprigs optional. Admission £1.50 (75p unwaged). Information from the Workers'-Educational Association (Bolton 42869).

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Help with Mortgage Costs.** With escalating mortgage interests the problems confronting home owners are growing alarmingly with many facing arrears, eviction and homelessness. To help those in financial difficulties SHAC, the London Housing Aid Centre and

the Child Poverty Action Group have published a new edition of their Rights Guide for Home Owners. Available from CPAG, 1 Macklin St, London WC2B 5NH (01 242 3225) or SHAC 189A Old Brompton Rd, SW5 OAR (01 373 7276). Price £2.50.

**Salvadorean Women Speak For Themselves.** An information pack consisting of interviews and articles about women activists in El Salvador, trade-unionists, women prisoners, mothers of the disappeared and church workers. Also has details of a Health Project, postcards and badges. Available from Women and El Salvador Group c/o CARILA, 29 Islington Pk St, London N1. Price £2.30.

**Families Rent Apart** looks at recent changes in housing benefits under which working 18-20 year olds are expected to pay their parents £8.80 a week for rent and rates and their parents benefits are cut by this amount, whatever the child's income. Produced jointly by CPAG, 1 Macklin St, London WC2 and Youthaid, 9 Poland St, London W1V 3AG. Price £1.95 (p&p 35p).

**FILMS, VIDEO**

**Aphra Videos** A cooperative funded by the GLC which makes videos for community and special interest groups at subsidised rates. They cover meetings, conferences etc.

**A New Tree in Tolpuddle** A 50 min video commissioned by the Transport and General Workers Union to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Tolpuddle Martyrs. It combines film of the 150th celebrations with filmed extracts from 7:84's production of **Seven Men of Dorset** but also focuses on the contemporary experiences of three different workers in the industry. Available with teacher materials pack suitable for trade union education and schools. Contact Forum Television, 108c Stokes Croft, Bristol 3RU (0272 40764).

*Entries for the June Update should be sent as soon as possible (latest date Friday 3 May) 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.*