

Update

NEWS

Feminist Audio Books A library of feminist and lesbian books on tape for blind and partially sighted women and women who have difficulties with the printed word. Subscription: £3-£15 according to income. Readers are urgently required to read books onto tape. Contact FAB c/o A Women's Place, Hungerford House, Victoria Embankment, London WC2 (01-7326515).

Recording the Miner's Strike The Northern Film and Television Archive are running an appeal for film and video material shot during the miner's strike. Contact the Archive at 36, Bottle Bank, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear NE8 2AR (091-477 3601).

Citizens Advice Bureau Cost saving measures imposed by the Government's spending limits mean some Citizens Advice Bureaux could close, lose staffer face reductions in service particularly in inner city and urban areas where demand for help is heavy. In Hillingdon already four CAB's are halving their opening hours and the legal service will be lost altogether. As 90% of CAB's professionally trained advisors are volunteers, reductions in small numbers of paid staff will create a domino effect wasting the potential of thousands of volunteers currently offering their services free. Further information from Martin Prestage or Ann Crossey CAB 115-123 Pentonville Rd, London N1 9LZ (01-833 2181 ext 284/285).

Nicaragua Study Visit Of interest to those involved in housing and local government issues or who want to forge links with a country attempting to reconstruct on socialist lines after years of dictatorship. Organised jointly by the Labour Housing Group and Nicaragua Solidarity Campaign from Aug 18 to 3 Sept; Cost is £800. Contact Steve Hilditch LH Group 29 Croyley Rd, London W9 3HH (01-885 2222 ext 277).

MEETINGS

Media - Long Arm of the State? 11 June. Speakers include: Tarn Dalryell MP, Jane Hickman (solicitor, Greenham women's peace group) plus a speaker on the coal dispute, Holborn Library, 32-38 Theobalds Rd, London WC1. 7.30pm.



Women and Drug Abuse 20 June, Sickett Court Community Centre, Marquess Road, London, N1. 7.30pm. Speakers: Chris Smith MP, City Roads Drug Project worker. Organised by IS&F Labour Party Women's Section. All welcome. Details from (01-609 0009).

CAMPAIGNS

Campaign for Equal Opportunities in the Arts for People with Disabilities. This aims to ensure that society as a whole, and the media in particular, should study afresh its attitudes to the disabled. They want to promote the employment interests of the disabled by using the full power of TV to show how the disabled function (have to function). Its quarterly newsletter *Fair Play* carries a survey on the employment of disabled actors and actresses and information on how Susan Hampshire copes with dyslexia. Information from 9 Fitzroy Square, London W1P6AE.

Pensioners for Peace International 'Play it like there's no tomorrow' says the blurb for an American Commodore video game now available here 'plot your spacecraft to the heart of the Kremlin and lead a commando assault on the Soviet Defence Centre'. Worried about the conditioning of their grandchildren Pensioners for Peace International are calling for the widest condemnation of the promoters Ocean Software (6 Central Sq, Manchester) for their efforts to promulgate the arms race into the minds of the next generation. Join their protest by writing to MPs, press, radio and TV. Contact Jack Shepperd, 1 Viewfield, Como Rd,

Great Malvern WR14 2TH (06845 68365).

PUBLICATIONS

Jewish Socialist. A new independent magazine which aims to revive and build on the Jewish radical tradition and promote open and critical discussion on issues affecting Jews in Britain or elsewhere. Contact 01 587 1506.

CONFERENCES

National Campaign Against Social Security Cuts 8 June. This conference for claimants, activists and trade unionists will look at Norman Fowlers' proposals and develop tactics and strategy for a campaign against social security cuts. Accommodation and creche available, access for people with disabilities is limited. At St Mary's Community Centre, Brumall Lane, Sheffield; fee £10 (unwaged free and other reductions available) Contact NCASSC, PO Box 22, Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 1LX (091-2638271).

EVENTS

The 2nd Horwich Peace Festival 8 June. Includes a peace fair from 2-5pm with stalls, celebrities, folk singaround, videos and exhibition. Admission free. Evening Peace Concert featuring Stanley Accrington, The While Band and Ushers Well, 8pm at Horwich Leisure Centre (access for the disabled to all events) £2.00 waged (£1.00 unwaged). Organised by Bolton and Horwich CND. Contact Jean West (Horwich 694232) and Chris Riley (Bolton 691728).

Feminist Book Fortnight 3-15 June. Bookshops, libraries and educational centres will be displaying feminist books. Local Arts Councils, publishers, bookshops and venues in Belfast, Birmingham, Bristol, Dublin, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Lancaster, London, Southampton and other centres are co-operating to produce a full programme of performances, readings and other events. A 1985 Catalogue of Feminist Books is also available. Information from FBF, Box 85, 190 Upper St, London N1 (01-4379011).

Mozambique's 10th Anniversary of Independence 22 June. A party with District 6, African Dancing, Red Specs Disco. Organised by Mozambique Anglo Committee in aid of the Rural Water Pumps Campaign for Mozambique. 8pm to 3am at the African Centre, 38 King St, WC2. £4.00 (£3.00 unwaged).

Oxford Peace Festival 29 June. Organised by Oxford City Council for its Peace Year. Music ranges from the best nationally known bands to local folk, jazz and rock musicians as well as music from a variety of cultures. Also major speakers on peace, celebrities, films, theatre, stalls for peace groups, crafts and food, a CND hot-air balloon and children's activities. Tickets 4.00 in advance, £5.50 on the day (unwaged £3.00) Children free. Send SAE to Peace Festival Tickets, 12 Southfield Rd, Oxford (0865 244961).

FILMS, VIDEO

Nowhere to hide Produced by an all women crew and sponsored by the Peace Film Fund. A portrait of a woman with a job and a family who asks why people are afraid to face the possibility of nuclear war. The film will be shown on TV on Apr 29, and will be available for hire. More information from Claire Pollak 01-3889077.

Entries for the July Update should be sent as soon as possible (latest date June 3) 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 Martin Pople on 01-608 0265 for more details.