

NEWS

Which Side Are You On? An LP made as a historical record of support for the miners struggle and the creative activity it stimulated. Includes performances from the Country Pickets, 7:84 Theatre Co and Tynside People Against Pit Closures. Available from left bookshops or by mail order from 22 Brighton Grove, Fenham, Newcastle upon Tyne 4 (Newcastle 2721010) £5. An EP on the same theme featuring Newtown Neurotics, Real by Reel, Austin Shirts and Respect in aid of the Nottingham miners hardship fund is also available at £2, from Julie Rogers, 151 Bishopsfield, Harlow, Essex, CM18 6UR.

Government Funding Veto on GLEB Threatens Jobs In the 2 years since the GLC established GLEB it has invested in over 200 enterprises creating or preserving 3500 jobs at the average cost of £4000 per job (less than the cost of keeping someone unemployed for a year). Its Technology Networks have also made a valuable contribution in transferring technological innovation from London's centres of academic learning to new job creating enterprises. The Government is putting this work and thousands of jobs in jeopardy by refusing to release funds approved by the GLC. Further information from John Palmer (01-403 0300 or 01-542 3740).

CAMPAIGNS

UTC and Art London Region CND are questioning the sponsorship of art in this country by the United Technologies Corporation who are currently sponsoring the George Stubbs exhibition at the Tate Gallery. They claim that UTC (an American based multinational) derives its profits from military aircraft, cruise missiles, weapons in space and oppression in South Africa and Namibia. You can object to UTC as a sponsor of the arts by writing to The Director, Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1P 4RG.

Maire O'Shea Support Campaign A national campaign has been launched in support of Dr Maire O'Shea charged recently under conspiracy laws. As a result of the arrest she has lost her job as a consultant psychiatrist at a Day Centre in Birmingham where she



pioneered specialist psychotherapy. A petition and legal defence fund have been set up and she hopes the campaign will direct opinion against the repressive Prevention of Terrorism Act under which she has been charged. Donations: c/o 448 Stratford Rd, Birmingham B1 1 4AE (021 773 8663).

CONFERENCES

Women, Work and Low Pay 13 July. Organised by the SERTUC Women's Rights Committee and 'Centres for Women' Working Party this aims to bring together women trade unionists and women in low paid industries to talk about their experiences and develop ideas for campaigning and organising on a broad range of issues. Creche available. Contact Heather Tipton (01-572 6347).

Northern Women's Health Conference 6-7 July. Intended for users and those working in the health services it will consider strategies and ideas about improving health provision. Workshops include Reproductive Rights, Birth Rights/Motherhood, Women's Bodies/Women's Lives, Life Changes, Sanity and Mental Health, International Issues, The NHS, Alternative Therapies/New Initiatives. Also Health Fair with stalls, videos, demonstrations. Live entertainment on Saturday night. Creche available and access and facilities for the disabled. At Manchester Polytechnic. Sliding scale of fees. Contact NWHC, 20 Lombard Grove, Fallowfield, Manchester M14.

EVENTS

Perspectives for the Left 2-6 July. Organised by Birmingham CP and *Marxism Today*. Discussion and debate on: Thatcherism (2nd) with Martin Jacques; The Bomb and European Politics (3rd) with James Hinton; The Answer to Victoria's

Values with Jane Woddis (4th), Fowlers Folly - The Challenge of Poverty (5th) with Alan Booth. All at 7.45 pm. Day School on Strategy for Socialism (Sat 6th) includes Popular Fronts Reconsidered with Mark Perryman, 1956 with Jon Bloomfield. What is Eurocommunism with Gordon Robinson. Star Social Club 25 Essex St, Birmingham 5. All welcome 30p evening sessions; £1 (50p concessionary) day school. Contact Pete Shepherd (021 6921765).

Nottingham Peace Festival 14 July. Organised by CND and peace groups and supported by local third world, animal liberation and ecological groups. Entertainment, stalls, children's programme and separate women's area. From 12 to 8 pm at the Victoria Embankment, Nottingham CND 14-18 St Mary's Gate, Lace Market (Nottingham 581948).

Central American Independence Day 4 July 4.30-9pm. Concert and rally in Jubilee Gardens, South Bank, London in protest against the US trade embargo on Nicaragua. Organised by the Nicaragua Solidarity Cttee and War on Want. Further details: 01-359 8982.

MEETINGS

Is there A Crisis in the Arts? 18 Aug. *Marxism Today* meeting at the Edinburgh Festival with Salman Rushdie, John McGrath, Gillian Hanna, Melvyn Bragg and Joan Bakewell. For further information contact Sally Townsend (01-608 0265).

Prevention of Terrorism Act 20 July. Public meeting organised by the Scotland Campaign Against the PTA. Creche. Starts 1 lam at the McLellan Galleries, Glasgow.

PUBLICATIONS

Medicine in Society The latest issue covers two controversial areas. Embryo research: Marge Berer reviews current and possible research projects. The limited list: Frank Dobson challenges the Government's motives whilst Jerry Shulman argues the advantages of having a list. Also includes the Reagonomics of Health. Available from Bookshops £1.50.

Women and Homelessness draws attention to the comparatively neglected issue of Women and Homelessness for although homelessness among single women has increased dramatically in the last decade very little has been written on the subject. Produced by the National Cyrenians, available from: Northern Office R24, 14 St George St, Leeds L51 3DW (0532 459570).

Second Class Treatment for Black Social Security Claimants. Based on the experiences of advice agencies around the country this report shows that the benefit system does not respond to the needs of a multi-cultural society, that black people claiming social security are receiving second class treatment and sponsored immigrants are denied their rights. Published by Child Poverty Action Group, 1 Macklin St, London WC2B 5NH (01-242 3225) and the Runnymede Trust, 37A Grays Inn Rd, London WC1X 8PP (01-404 5266).

Women and Technology. A new study published by the Workers' Education Association finds that a decade of official equal opportunity has made little or no impact on women's access to technology and women find this a severe disadvantage. It argues for positive action on an unprecedented scale if women are to develop the technological skills needed, cost: 95p, from WEA, 9 Upper Berkeley St, London W1H8BY.

Entries for the August Update should be sent as soon as possible (latest date July 5) 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.