

NEWS

Chapter A Media Education Institute. Facilities should benefit teacher training and pupil teaching to coincide with new 16+ syllabus in Media Studies and Community and Adult Education. Contact Chapter Arts Centre, Market Road, Canton, Cardiff CF51QE. Tel. 0222 396061.

CAMPAIGN

Anti Star War Campaign To organise public protest against British participation in 'Star Wars'. For details contact European Nuclear Disarmament, 11 Goodwin Street, London N4 3HQ. Tel. 01 272 9092.

Silentnight Strikers Don't buy these beds - Silent night, Perfecta, Sealey Sleep, Lay-E-Zee, Hackney, Sleepy Lagoon, Restmaster, or other Silentnight products. Its management sacked 95% of the workforce on strike because of the company's failure to honour 1985 pay deal. Support and donations to Union of Furniture, Timber and Allied Trades, Mrs Ann King, 10 Rainhall Crescent, Barnoldswick, Colne, Lancashire. Tel. 0282 8136662.

Chile Solidarity Campaign The hottest commodities on the Left are produced by the Chile Solidarity Campaign's Women's Section. Original design, bright and colourful, these teeshirts and sweatshirts provide an attractive addition to your wardrobe. £5 and £8.50 from CSC, 129 Seven Sisters Road, London N7. Tel. 01 272 4298/9

MEETINGS

London Feminist History Group discusses its work, approaches to feminist history and directions for the future, Feb 14. Women & Architecture with Betty Startup, Feb 28. Both at 7.30 at Wesley House, Gt Queen St, London WC1. Tel. 01 703 5275.

Doomsday 1086-1986 Examines pattern of ownership and control in contemporary Britain. Who owns our cities? with Michael Edwards, Feb 6; Who owns London? with Drew Stevenson Feb 13; Who owns our countryside with Marion Shoard Feb 20; Who owns science with John Turney Feb 27 6.30-8.30 at University of London Extra Mural Dept., 26 Russell Sq, London WC1.

Gramsci and the Politics of Hegemony Opened by Roger Simon (author of *Cramsci's Political Thought*) Feb 20, 1.00, Room C13, St Peters Site, Wolverhampton Poly. Organised by *Marxism Today* and Wolverhampton Poly Communist Society.

Introduction to Women's Studies A course open to men and women. Themes explored include feminist movements, sexuality, media, women in socialist countries etc. Begins Feb 17, 6-9pm at Evening Studies Centre, Marlborough Building, Poly of North

London, Holloway Road, London N7
Tel. 01 607 2789 ext 2014.

Feminism & Realignment of the Left Feb 21 at 7pm at Spring St Theatre, Hull. Organised by Hull *Marxism Today* discussion group. Details from Janie Glen. Hull 801780 or Chris Russell Tel. 836774.

Critique Group Meeting Bob Fine and Baruch Hirson discuss 'South Africa - the end of Apartheid'. Feb 14 7.30 at University of London Students Union, Malet St, London WC1.

CONFERENCES

Women, Social Security and the White Paper Examines political problems in the White Paper, mounting campaigns and alternatives. Organised by Rights of Women, Feb 22, 1-5 at 52-54 Featherstone St, London, N1. Tel. 01 251 6577.

Questioning Development Weekend of discussion about causes of world poverty and whether aid helps; Jan 31-Feb 2 in Newcastle. Organised by Voluntary Services Overseas, 53 Regent Rd, Leicester, LE1 6Y4. Tel. 0533 541862.

The Great Economic Debate Weekend seminar to develop a new economic strategy, organised by the Communist party's economic committee. Open to all. Feb 1-2. Contact CPEC, 16 St John Street, London EC1 4AY. Tel. 01 251 4406.

History of the Communist Party Day school to explore the roots of the CP and the development of its programme for revolution. Speakers: Jackie Heywood, Tricia Davis, Monty Johnstone, Dave Priscott and Vic Eddisford. Feb 8, 10-4.30 at Conference Hall, Manchester Town Hall, Albert Square, Manchester. Creche available. Tel. 061 273 7652.

How we live and how we might live A symposium organised by William Morris Society and Friends of the Earth. Mar 8, 2.30 at London Ecology Centre, 45 Shelton St, London WC2.

ICOM Industrial Common Ownership Movement national conference with workshops and events Feb 15 at Moat Community College, Maidstone Rd, Leicester. Tel. 0532 461737/8.

EVENTS

Staying Alive All-day event with workshops and discussion on the broader issues thrown up by the peace movement. Speakers include Bruce Kent. Stuart Hall, Mary Kaldor, Joan Ruddock. Feb 22, 9-6.30 at the University of London Union, MaLi St., London, WC2. Organised by *Marxism Today* and CP Peace Committee. Tel. 01 608 0265.

Images of Wales An annual film festival for Wales reflecting thriving Welsh tv and film industry. Chapter Arts Centre, Market Rd, Canton, Cardiff CF51QE. Tel. 0222 396061.



Women on the Big Screen A season of women's films on Thursdays from Jan 30-March 6, organised by Leeds Animation Workshop at the Hyde Park Picture House, Leeds. Tel. 0532 484997.

What's Left? All-day event with discussion, video festival, book fair and cabaret. Speakers include Anna Coote, George Bolton, Peter Hain, Jerry Dammers and Peter Tatchell. Mar 15, 10.30 onwards at Wolverhampton Poly. Sponsored by *Marxism Today* and *New Socialist*. Contact Mark Perryman. Tel. 0384 238216.

Breaking the Chain of Racism Antiracist event with workshops, discussion, video and stalls. Shake the Cape - Birmingham's three top live bands and disco. With Muhamed Idris, Black Sisters, Handsworth Defence Campaign, Asian Youth Movement and Afro-Caribbean Youth Council. Feb 1 at Star Club, Birmingham. Organised by the Young Communist Black Alliance. Tel. 021 692 1765.

Left Turn All day political event Mar 1, 10-5pm at University of Bath. Organised by University Communist Society and *Marxism Today*. Speakers include: Martin Jacques, Alan Booth, Brenda Kirsch and Richard Dyer. Further information from 78A Northend, Batheaston, Bath BA1 7ES. Tel. Bath 852458.

PUBLICATIONS

It's Your Cause Too Provides a useful guide for trade unionists looking for a practical way of challenging racism by getting involved in the anti-deportation campaigns. TURC, 7 Frederick St, Birmingham B1 3HE. Tel. 01 236 8323. £1.

Deadly Persuasion A study of school history text books, analysing their bias and contribution to producing 'cold war' attitudes. £1 available from Greta Sykes, 34 Weston Pk, London N8.

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Entries for the March Update should be sent to the office by February 10. For information: tel Diane Dixon on 01-965 7482 (evenings) or 608 0265 (day).