

Update

NEWS

Women Alive Children's Festival & Creche Women Alive will have an accompanying children's festival and creche. As Women's resources will be stretched by the main event, men are being asked to give money and support. Contact Jonathon 01 272 4756 or Women Alive, 16 St John St, London EC1. Tel. 01 251 4406.

Achilles Heel is an anti-sexist men's publishing collective looking for help with their publication: articles, poems, drawings etc. They also need more members for their collective. All material for the next issue to: 79 Pembroke Rd, London E17 9BB. (01 521 4764) by Apr 30.

Left Alive '86 Nov 1-2, City University. Anyone interested in helping with the event contact: Sally Townsend on 01 608 0265.

MEETINGS

Doomsday 1086-1986 Who owns the Arts? with John Pick Mar 6; Who's news is good news? Who owns the Media? with Patrick Hughes Mar 13. 6.30-8.30 at University of London Extra Mural Studies Dept., 26 Russell Sq, London WC1.

The Spectre Haunting Education Speakers Brian Simon and Marian Darke. Mar 12 8.00 at Muswell Hill Library, Queens Ave, London N10. Sponsored by London District CP.

The London Feminist History Group London Women Hoppickers with Gilda O'Neill Mar 14 7.30 at Wesley House, Gt Queen St, London WC1. Tel. 01 703 5275.

Arnold Kettle

Arnold Kettle, who this month reaches the age of 70, is retiring from our Editorial Board. In a sense, this marks the end of an epoch. Arnold was an original member of the Board on the establishment of *Marxism Today* as the theoretical journal of the Communist party in the wake of the traumatic events of 1956-7. He has been a member ever since.

Radicalised in the student movement in the mid-late 30s, as were many of his contemporaries - a movement in which he personally played a leading part at Cambridge (and, through the University Labour Federation, nationally) - Arnold has consistently made his own unique contribution both to socialist thinking and action, and to Marxist scholarship, especially in the field of literature and the arts. A member of the executive committee of the Communist party for many years following 1957, he found the way to combine activity in the day-to-day political struggle at Leeds with pioneering studies in literature notable for the new dimensions he has given to marxist interpretations.

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The TUC after Wembley John Kelly and a speaker from the Left in EETPU. Mar 25 8pm at THAP Bookshop, Whitechapel Rd, London E1. Organised by 61 Marxism Today Readers Group and Tower Hamlets CP.

Women and the Man-Made Environment Speaker: Ben Foo, Mar 3 8pm at King's College. Babysitting available. Organised by Cambridge University MT discussion group.

What is Marxism? Roger Simon (author *An Introduction to Gramsci*), videos and discussion groups. Mar 1 10.30-4.30 16 St John St, London EC1. Details: Jackie Heywood, tel 01 251 4406.

Coal and Community The Miners' Strike - One Year On. Mar 7-9 at University of Sheffield. Details: Joan Keogh, Continuing Education, University of Sheffield, 85 Wilkinson St, Sheffield, S10 2GJ.

How We Live and How We Might Live Symposium organised by William Morris Society and Friends of the Earth. Mar 8, 2.30 at London Ecology Centre, 45 Shelton St, London WC2.

EVENTS

Moving Left Show '86 A day of discussion Mar 1, 10-4.15 at Friends House, Bushwood, Leytonstone, London E11. Sponsored by Waltham Forest CP and *Marxism Today*. £1 waged, 50p unwaged.

Left Turn All day event. 2 major debates: Peace - Life After Cruise? and The Realignment of the Left.

his thinking, he brings to these studies an unusually wide and deep knowledge in the field of culture and social development, as well as a profound humanism. The study units he wrote as Professor of English Literature at the Open University are remarkable for the easy informality of their style, though firmly leading the student to tangle for him/herself with profound and complex issues. His election as Pro Vice Chancellor at the Open University towards the end of his period of active teaching reflected the trust and respect - even veneration - of his colleagues.

As a member of the Editorial Board, Arnold has always taken a keen interest in the development of *Marxism Today*. And, until his recent ill-health, was ever-present at Board meetings.

Marxism Today is glad to pay tribute to a remarkable scholar - a marxist and true humanist. Modest, often tentative, profoundly serious yet with a delightful sense of humour, Arnold has been throughout his life a true educationalist, in the broadest and most distinguished sense of the word. Long may he continue to be so.

Martin Jacques



Speakers include Martin Jacques, Alan Booth, Brenda Kirsch, Richard Dyer. Mar 1, 10-5 at University of Bath, Claverton Down, Bath. Tickets £2 and £1 unwaged from Left Turns, 78A Northend, Batheaston, Bath, BA1 7ES. Tel. Bath 852458. Disabled Access and Creche.

What's Left? All day event with discussions, video festival and Red Wedge Cabaret. Speakers include Sarah Benton, George Bolton, Ros Brunt, Anna Coote, Dave Cook, Jerry Dammers and Peter Tatchell. Mar 15, 10.30 at Wolverhampton Poly. Sponsored by *Marxism Today* and *New Socialist*. Contact Mark Perryman, 27 Church Rd, Netherton, Dudley, Mids. Tel: 0384 238216.

FILMS, VIDEO

Farewell to the Welfare State focusses on the 1940s and today looking at the forces undermining the welfare state. **Mothers Don't Forget** Women talk about their experience of the welfare state. For hire or sale from: Northern Film & TV Archive, 36 Bottle Bank, Gateshead, Tyne & Wear, NE8 2AR. Tel. 091 4773601.

CAMPAIGN

National Campaign Against Berufsverbot West German art teacher Ulrich Foltz will be making a speaking tour of Britain in April. Foltz is a Christian who has been sacked by the education authorities because of activities in the peace movement. For details: Graham Dane, 2 Stevenson Court, Livingston, West Lothian, EH54 5NW. Tel. Livingston 34603.

European Nuclear Disarmament has launched an Anti-Star Wars Campaign in Britain. For further details contact END, 11 Goodwin St, London N4 Tel. 272 9092.

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Entries for the April Update should be sent to the office by March 14. For information: tel Diane Dixon on 01-965 7482 (evenings) or 608 0265 (day).