

THE YEAR AHEAD

As 1987 approaches here are Update's suggestions for some positive resolutions.

Join CND

You've always meant to and you know you should - so contact your local group tomorrow.

CND, 20-22 Underwood St, London N1.

Anti-Apartheid

13 Mandela St, London NW10DW.
-Details 01387 7966.

Greenpeace

6 Ensligh St, London WC1MODX.
-Details 016081461.

Friends of the Earth

377 City Road, London EC1V1NA.
Details 018370731.

Drink Well

Switch to Nicaraguan coffee and make sure it's from a *Marxism Today* mug.

Coffee from NSC sales, 23 Beviden St, London N1; mugs from *Marxism Today*, 16 St John St, London EC1, both £1.95 plus p&p.

A Great Read

Make sure the year doesn't pass without tackling one of the unread classics. Proust's *Remembrance of Things Past* (Penguin, three vols, £6.95 each) in the new Terence Kilmartin translation is an obvious choice. Or could it finally be time for *Capital*?

All titles available from Central Books, 37 Gray's Inn Rd, London WC1.

Anniversaries

1987, Jan 8 - is the 75th anniversary of the founding of the ANC. This year is also the 50th anniversary of Gramsci's death (April 27), and the 70th anniversary of Russian Revolution (Nov 7). Commemorate them in style!

EYES LEFT

A selection of new exhibitions opening in January.

National Gallery of Scotland

A selection of the marvellous watercolours of one of Britain's greatest artists, Turner, from the Vaughan Bequest. Jan 3-31.

Details 031556 8921.

Royal Academy

Following last year's German retrospective, the spotlight falls on British Art - 1910 to the present day. Featured artists include Henry Moore, Francis Bacon and Ben Nicholson. Jan 15-April 5.

Details 01734 9052.

Whitechapel Gallery

A rare opportunity to see the work of Bruce Nauman whose work questions the sources and uses of art. In this show, models of subterranean passages mix with neon signs and other works. Jan 16-Feb 22.

Details 01377 0107.

Barbican Centre

An exhibition of court and country dress from Russia (1750-1920) taken from the Hermitage, Leningrad. Jan 29-April 26.

Details 016384141.

Institute of Contemporary Art

To accompany the Channel Four series 'State of the Art', this show examines the current state of

contemporary art. Using such themes as 'politics and representation' and 'sexuality, image, identity', there are works by artists such as Mary Kelly, Keifer, Joseph Beuys and Barbara Kruger. Jan 14-March 1.

Details 01930 0493.

NEWS

From Resistance to Rebellion

An exhibition on black struggle in Britain since the second world war produced by the Institute of Race Relations. On tour this year and available for hire.

Details Busi Chaane 01 837 0041.

London Cycling Campaign

Cyclists are organising to prevent Kensington and Chelsea Council closing cycle lanes on Fulham Rd despite a drop in accidents since their introduction.

Details LCC 01928 7220.

Marxism Today

We welcome you to join the volunteer team who play an important part in all aspects of the magazine. Many thanks to Linsey Firkser and Dan Glaister for their help on this issue.

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COMMUNITIES ALIVE

A selection from the wealth of creative work done in local communities but which rarely attracts national coverage.

Assembly Lines

Poet Tim Lewis has written a record of daily life in the Massey Ferguson tractor factory in Coventry. In poetry, prose and photography he depicts the boredom, danger and humour of working life.

^ - Available from 23 John Tofts House, Leicester Row, Coventry CV1, price £1.25 plus 20pp&p.

Liberation Soldier

A collection of poetry by Joe Smythe, a railway guard from Manchester, on topical issues from South Africa to Manchester's housing estates. In a variety of moods, there is nonetheless an overall sense of crisis both personal and national.

WF-Commonword Publishing, 61 Bloom St, Manchester M1 £2.50 plus 30pp&p.

Day In, Day Out

A selection from taped conversations with women in Monsall Hospital, Manchester. Their experiences in service during the war and at work in the mill are accompanied by photographs. Price £1.60.

^ - Available from The Gatehouse Project, St Lukes, Sawley Rd, Miles Platting, Manchester M10.

National Storytelling Festival

A week-long celebration of storytelling and the oral tradition featuring Abbi Patrix, the best young story-teller in Europe and Diane Wolkstein's adaptation of the 4000-year-old Sumerian epic of the goddess Inanna. For adults and children alike. Jan 18-25.

^ - Waterman Arts Centre, Brentford. Tel: 01568 1176.

Chapter Video

This community video workshop based in South Wales has its roots in local campaigns and events. A new

video catalogue is available.

Details Chapter Video 0222 42755.

Sistren Song

Following the recent tour of Britain, the Sistren Theatre group from Jamaica have published a booklet examining their plays and workshops in depth. Their work is based on the lives of the poorest women in Jamaica. Price £1.75.

Available from War on Want - 014032266.

The Roundhouse

Britain's most exciting multi-cultural arts project has just published a report outlining its past, present and future objectives. However, there is still a need to raise Elm if these are to be achieved.

Details 01482 5245.

EVENTS

SandinistaSix

Following the hugely successful Mandela 10km, *Marxism Today* is planning another Road Race for May 87. This time the cause will be the 'Nicaragua must Survive Campaign'.

If you are interested in helping to organise this run please contact Mark Perryman, 16 St John St, London EC1M 4AY, 01608 0265.

Gramsci 87

Marxism Today is planning a major conference to mark the 50th anniversary of Gramsci's death in April 87. Lectures, seminars and films with national and international speakers.

Contact *Marxism Today*, 16 St John St, London EC1M 4AY.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOKS

Housing Finance

Shelter calls for a thorough reform of the housing finance system as the only way out of the current housing crisis. Labour's policy is

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likewise not judged up to the mark. Price £3.95.

Available from Shelter, 157 Waterloo Rd, London SE1.

Unions at Work

A study of the shop steward or staff rep. at work, showing that one in five workplaces have a union newsletter and only 8% of union reps, have access to a microcomputer. Price £1.25.

Labour Research Dept, 78 Blackfriars Rd, London SE1.

Councils Support Co-ops

Local councils are urged to make more use of co-operative development both as a means of job creation and of improving work practices. Price £2.50. Published by CLES.

Available from Central Books 14 Leathermarket, London SE1.

The Employment Institute

Set up in 1985 to promote debate about how to reduce unemployment without inflation, a series of pamphlets has now appeared on incomes policy and profit sharing.

Details Employment Institute 01 735 0777.

READERS GROUPS

Marxism Today discussion groups and local events are springing up all over Britain. If you would like help in setting one up yourself contact *Marxism Today*, 16 St John St, London EC1M 4AY. Tel: 01 608 0265.

Entries for the February Update should be sent to the office by Jan 2. For information: tel Nick Mirzoeff on 01673 3450. Please try to ensure you give details of disabled access.

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