

Update

NEWS

A Radical Bookshop For Cambridge Grapevine reopens this month, run by a group of volunteers, mostly unwaged. Coverage will include Socialist, Feminist, Anarchist and 3rd World literature - material that is unavailable or marginalised elsewhere in Cambridge. Watch out for special opening events. For relaunch details ring Cambridge 315865 (12-6pm). New address: Grapevine Bookshop, Unit 6, Dales Brewery, Gwydir St, Cambridge CB1 2LJ.

CONFERENCES

Defend Union Political Funds Dec

1 A campaign conference. Speakers include Ron Todd, Ken Livingstone, Tom Sawyer, Robin Cook MP, Peter Main, Jean McCrindle (Women Against Pit Closures) 10am-4.30pm. Organised by the Labour Co-ordinating Committee at Central Hall, Westminster, London Fee £3.00 Details from 01-439 3749.

TUC Special Conference on Local Government 4 Dec. A joint initiative between the TUC and rate capped councils. 10.30-4.30pm at Congress House, Gt Russell St, WC1.

Beyond Un/popular Education 8 Dec. Day conference to examine 'Alternatives to Schooling for the Dole'. Speakers include Miriam David, James Donald, David Hargreaves, Ken Jones, Valerie Walkerdine, Paul Willis, Michael Young. At Institute of Education, Gordon Sq, London. Fee £5.00 (unwaged £2.00) Creche. Contact Phil Cohen, 57 Gordon Sq, WCIH ONT(016361500ext766).

Communist Party Women's National Conference 8-9 Dec. This includes a session on Women and Racism. Observers as well as delegates from districts and advisories welcome. At 16 St John St, London EC1. Contact 01 251 4406.

MEETINGS

Primary purpose rules Dec 8 (Sat) Preparatory meeting to discuss major national campaign. Co-sponsored by CARL, JCWI, Midlands NALGO EOC, GLC Anti-Deportations Working Group, Immigration Widows Campaign and Divided Families Campaign. Apply to CARL, 56 Edithna Street, London SW9 9JP(01 7338508).



The militarisation of psychology

Dec 10. A seminar to be opened by Tim Shallice, part of the 'Beneath the White Coat' series on science and politics organised by the British Society for Social Responsibility in the Sciences 6.30 at Adam's Arms, 4 Conway St, London W1.

EVENTS

Working for a Change Dec 1 (Sat) Day of discussion and debate on employment and unemployment in the West Midlands. 10-4.30 at Centre 13, School Rd, Moseley, Birmingham. Speakers include Sam Aaronovitch, Angela Coyle, Dan Finn, Andrew Nickson, Jean Biggs. Plus stalls, creche, food. £2/£1. Presented by Kings Heath CP and *Marxism Today*.

Music from El Salvador 7 Dec (Fri). International evening for El Salvador with Yolocamba 1-ta, Peggy Seeger and Ewan MacColl, and Barricada. 8pm at the LSE. Tickets £3.50 (£2 unwaged) from ELSSOC, 29 Islington Park St, London N1.

Marxism Today Christmas Party 14 Dec (Fri) Buffet, disco, late bar. 8.00pm at New Merlins Cave, Margery St, WC1. Tickets £2.00 (£1 unwaged). Enquiries to Trudie 01 251 4406. Bring Christmas presents for miners' kids.

William Morris Today 9 Dec (Sun) Kensington CP event. Speakers John Kay, Jackie Heywood pjus Childfun, food, exhibitions, bookstalls and more. Details from Brian Nicholls 01 2297456.

PUBLICATIONS

Spare Rib Diary Attractive and well illustrated containing 43 pages of useful addresses, reading and contacts plus a menstrual calendar £3.00.

Socialist Worker Diary Around the theme of 'Socialism & War' this reverts to rather traditional format and graphics and as it concentrates on the 'heroes' of socialist struggle will have little appeal to feminists £2.75.

Housmans Peace Diary This has a totally new look with unusual wood cut style graphics which don't intrude on the writing space. Contains historical and current facts and information on peace issues £3.00.

Irish Women's Guidebook and Diary In a similar vein to Spare Rib, an Irish women's pocket resource centre. There are sections on well womens' centres, a menstrual calendar and a lot of political information for those interested in Ireland £2.95.

Contemporary Women Artists Diary A large spiral bound diary teaming with beautiful colour paintings covering all aspects of women's art. Each page covers a week but there are monthly sections which allow you to take the month in at a glance. Produced by Women's Press £4.50.

Marx for Beginners Diary A real innovation this diary is presented in the style of the 'beginners books'. In large (book sized) format and ring bound it has 2 days to a page, lots of pictures and cartoons, includes a Marx Family Tree, brief Marx chronology, Marx After Life section, quotes and source material £3.95.

'Singing for our lives' The Better Days 1985 Peace Calendar, with a quote for every day and peace songs, drawings and posters £2.50.

'In our own image' The Deptford Women's Photography Project Calendar with large black and white photographs highlighting aspects of women's life £2.00.

1985 Resistance The El Salvador Solidarity Campaign Calendar presented in a very original graffiti style, with photographs showing the many forms of resistance used by the people of El Salvador in their struggle for liberation £3.00.

Chile Protest Calendar Contains 16 pages featuring full colour photographs of some of the best known Chilean patchworks produced by the women of Santiago £3.00. Published by the Chile Committee for Human Rights. Available from them at 266 Pentonville Rd, London N1 9JY (01 8377561).

1985 Democracy Calendar A must for Ken Livingstone fans, it contains bright and breezy photos accompanying the slogans used in the campaign to retain the GLC. Produced by Democracy Calendars £2.95.

Entries for the January Update should be sent as soon as possible (latest date Friday 7 December) to Maria Loftus, Marxism Today 16 St John Street London EC1 or lei 01-251 4406 or 01-249 9509 (evenings). Space is limited. We cannot guarantee the appearance of your listing. However a booking in our new classified section will guarantee entry in both classifieds and update.