Film Tribute to Mandela Documentary on the work of Nelson Mandela and the S African people's struggle for independence requires financial support. Contact Parallax: 7 Denmark St, London WC2 01-853 1478.

Share your feelings this Xmas Combine Xmas greetings with the issue of homelessness. Chain cards for housing minister available from Shelter: 157 Waterloo Rd, London SE1 (01-633 9377).

Trolleys against South African Savagery The latest way to register a protest against supermarkets carrying South African products is to abandon trolleys with these goods at check-outs. Contact Tass: 01-948 2271.


East Timor Discussion on 10 years of resistance to the Indonesian invasion opened by Jose Ramos Horta, Frettlin UN representative. Dec 6 at 7pm. Conway Hall, Red Lion Square WC1.

The Future of Socialism A reappraisal of Socialism as it relates to social policy with Michael Meacher. Fabian Society. Dec 3 at 7.30pm. Friends House, Euston Rd, London WC1.

Realining the Left Organised by Marxism Today Sat 18 Jan 2.00-5.00pm; doors open 1.30pm. Opened by Ken Livingstone, Leader of the GLC, and Martin Jacques, Editor of Marxism Today; chaired by Janie Glen OPCS, Conference Hall, Town Hall, Albert Square, Manchester, Creche.

Radical Response to Community Programmes Speakers include Clare Short, Dann Finn, Martin Willis followed by workshops. Dec 7 at County Hall, Birmingham, Contact Richard Trengrouse: 021-326 6166.


Diaries for Christmas. All the following are available from progressive bookshops.

Spare Rib Takes a fresh look at women and clothing. £3.25.

Big Red Diary focuses on Nicaragua and provides a Latin American directory. £3.50.

Housewives Peace Diary Celebration of peace publishing and comprehensive peace directory. £3.

Socialist Worker 'Betrayals and defeats' for the labour movement in 1936. £3.25.

Women Artists With colour plates of women and reproduction £3.95.

Irish Women's Guidebook An invaluable guide to women and money. £2.95.

Women in Manual Trades An alternative to porno images. £3.20.

Calendars This season's crop includes some innovations such as calendars against the Bomb £4.95, and an imaginative display folder from Leeds Postcards if you provide your own pics. Some have stunning colour plates eg. New Internationalist's Third World calendar, £6.50; Photomontage by Cath Tate £1.50. Campaigning calendars include Buenos Dias from Nicaraguan Solidarity Campaign; Amnesty Calendar-Better Days, sing your way to peace £2 75 and Doomsday 1986 anti-nukes £3.50. Available from Progressive bookshops.

March against Strip Searches Protest against practice carried out in Armagh and British jails. Nov 30 at 11am at Blythwood Square, Glasgow, Creche and accommodation. Contact: Glasgow Women's Centre, 48 Miller St, Glasgow.

Mexican Aid A little Westbrook Music with Chris Bisoe, Kate and Mike Westbrook. All proceeds to earthquake relief. Dec 1 at 7.30pm at the Hampstead Everyman. £4.

Isaac Deutscher Memorial Lecture Dr Margaret Rose on Marxism and Art chaired by John Saville. Dec 2 at 7.30pm at the LSE, New Theatre, London WC1.

Racism and the Riots Public discussion with Unmesh Desai, Vishnu Sharma and representatives from the Broadwater Farm and Legal defence campaigns. Organised by London District GP. Dec 4 at 7.45pm Finsbury Library, St John St, NW1.

A Farewell for Now Linton Kwesi Johnson in concert with the Dub Band. Organised by Creation for Liberation. Dec 8 at 7.30pm, Camden Centre, Bidborough St, NW1.

Marxism Today Cabaret Bands include the Flying Pickets, Happy End, Skint Video, Blah plus Benjamin Zephaniah and compere Pauline Melville. Bar, buffet, raffle and disco. Dec 18, 7.30-1.00 at the Electric Ballroom, Camden WC1. £5 (£3 conec) Contact: MT by freepost, 16 St John St, WC1 or tel: 01-608 0265.

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