

# TURNING POINT

## newsletter

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Turning Point is an international network of people whose individual concerns range very widely - environment, sex equality, third world, peace and disarmament, community politics, appropriate technology and alternatives in economics, health, education, agriculture, religion, etc. - but who share a common feeling that humankind is at a turning point. We see that old values, old lifestyles and an old system of society are breaking down, and that new ones must be helped to break through. Turning Point does not demand adherence to doctrines, manifestos and resolutions. It enables us, as volunteers, to help and to seek help from one another.

There is an ad hoc committee whose members are: Beata Bishop, Peter Cadogan, Margaret Chisman, Alison Pritchard and James Robertson. Enquiries and communications should be made by post to Alison Pritchard, Spring Cottage, 9 New Road, Ironbridge, Shropshire TF8 7AU, or by phone to her (Ironbridge (095 245) 2224) or to Margaret Chisman (01-603 4755) or to Peter Cadogan (01-794 5590).

### NEWSLETTERS, MAILING LIST AND CORRESPONDENCE

Turning Point does not have "members" and formal subscriptions. The printing, postage and stationery costs of the twice-yearly newsletter, enquiries and correspondence are covered by donations.

As a guide, we suggest an annual contribution of £2 - more if you can, less if you can't. For recipients abroad £3 (sterling if possible, please). Cheques to "Turning Point". We don't send out reminders, but we take people off the mailing list when we haven't heard from them for some time. We welcome reciprocal arrangements if you send us your newsletters, etc., free. Thank you for your contributions and your letters. Forgive us if we don't always acknowledge them.

The next newsletter will be in February 1983. Please send us items for it by mid-January. Don't be disappointed if we don't put you or your organisation in every issue. This is a newsletter, not a directory or a 'listing'.

### NEXT TURNING POINT MEETING

Saturday 27th November: 10am - 6pm, Conway Hall, London WC1  
THE FUTURE OF HEALTH

Speakers: BEATA BISHOP: "New Frontiers in Health"  
ILONA KIRBUSCH: "Health for All by the Year 2000"  
DR. ALEX SCOTT-SAMUEL: "The Politics of Health"

Discussion Groups will include: Unemployment and Health; Setting up a Self-Help Group; New Approaches to Cancer.

Tickets (£4) from Alison Pritchard.

### THE REDISTRIBUTION OF WORK

TP Paper No.1, "The Redistribution of Work", is now more relevant than ever. £1 (inc. p&p in UK and surface mail abroad; add 65p for airmail, sterling only please) from Alison Pritchard.

## STAN CHISMAN

Stan Chisman, humanist and conservationist, died on 24th March. He supported Turning Point and participated in TP meetings from the start. Many readers will miss him, and share our sympathies with Margaret. She says that producing "Interim", an occasional bulletin for survivors, has been valuable Survivor Therapy for her. She hopes it may provide an outlet for the whole experience of dying, death, bereavement, grief, mourning and a return to living by survivors. If you would like a copy please send 30p to Margaret Chisman (41 Penn Road, London N7 9RE).

## HEALTH

Turning Point began in 1975. Since then our annual meetings have discussed various aspects of the turning point: what it means for energy, the economy, education, politics, peace, work and food. In each case we have tried to concentrate on practical questions: How can the desirable change of direction be brought about? by persons or organisations? by politics? by education? What contributions can be made by personal self-awareness, theoretical understanding, constructive social action, campaigning and confrontation? What can each of us do in our own situation?

Our November meeting on health (see p.1) will raise all these questions. HEALTH is a focal topic, linked directly to food, lifestyles, work and leisure, housing and the physical environment, social and economic justice, peace or war, self-help, feminism, education and the media, personal self-esteem, social belonging, and a sense of purpose in life. The turning point in health is already becoming apparent: a new "paradigm" of health and medicine is taking shape, alternative therapies are gaining ground, and awareness is spreading that existing health and medical services are really sickness services with little capacity to create healthier conditions of life.

HEALTH FOR ALL BY THE YEAR 2000 is the World Health Organisation's ambitious target. Self-help, healthy lifestyles, and health education are among the concerns of Ilna Kikbusch (WHO European Region, 8 Scherfigsvej, DK-2100 Copenhagen, Denmark), one of our speakers in November.

John McKnight (Associate Director, Center for Urban Affairs, Northwestern Univ., 2040 Sheridan Road, Evanston, IL 60202, USA) writes that we are entering a Health Era in which many of the prime actors in the politics of wellbeing will not be directly related to medicine. However, a coalition of medical professionals, the hospital and drug industries, medical media enthusiasts and those "who believe that the insignia of the Good Society is a hospital with open doors", will seek "to prolong the existence of a moribund Medical Era with fiscal intensive care". His article on HEALTH IN THE POST-MEDICAL ERA is in Health and Medicine, Winter 1982.

"A recent survey in the US showed that doctors knew less about basic nutrition than did their receptionists". "Warning: TV May Be Hazardous to Your Personal Health and Sanity". See the January 1982 journal of the Canadian Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (510 Bay Street, Box 700, Midland, Ontario L4R 4P4, Canada).

Advertising is bad for your health. Many TV ads promote over-consumption, anxiety and dependency. Plans to combat this were reported in the April 1982 HEALTH ADVOCATE (Health Advocacy Unit, Toronto Dept. of Health, City Hall, Toronto M5H 2N2, Canada).

The objectives of CLEAR, the Campaign for Lead-free Air (2 Northdown Street, London N1 9BG), are lead-free petrol and the reduction of lead pollution generally. A separate charity, the CLEAR Trust, is to promote research and education about lead pollution.

Doctors belonging to the MEDICAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST NUCLEAR WEAPONS (National Organiser: Claire Ryle, 23a Tenison Rd., Cambridge) believe that preventing nuclear war is the only way of protecting people from its medical consequences, and that this is a new province of preventive medicine.

Larry Dossey's SPACE, TIME AND MEDICINE (Random House, \$8.95; and Routledge, Kegan, Paul) "presents compelling evidence for the conceptual crisis of current medical science and points to directions for change" (Fritjof Capra). Thanks to Jim Moore (3501 Armstrong Ave, Dallas, TX 75205, USA) for sending us this, and best wishes for his own book, "Beyond Corporate Society: Business as if People Mattered".

Dr. James Lambert Mount, a leading authority on homeopathic medicine and natural therapies is asking for information from the public about natural, drugless treatments that have worked. Contact Janet Pleshette (42 Arden Road, Finchley, London N3).

Drs. Ian Pearce and Alec Forbes are among the practising medical members of the SCIENTIFIC AND MEDICAL NETWORK (George Blaker, Lake House, Ockley, Nr. Dorking, Surrey RH5 5NS) who are developing holistic treatments for cancer.

Information about the ASSOCIATION FOR NEW APPROACHES TO CANCER and their quarterly "Cancer Naturally" from Marcus McCausland (1a Addison Crescent, London W14 8JP).

Iain Kirkaldy-Willis (HEALERS TRUST, Paivila, 83100 Liperi, Finland) would welcome opportunities for practical contact on specific projects.

"You are what you Eat!" (30p + postage) and research papers on "Lack of Essential Fatty Acids as a possible cause of Hyperactivity" (15½p for postage) are available from the HYPERACTIVE CHILDREN'S SUPPORT GROUP (Secretary: Sally Bunday, 59 Meadowside, Angmering, Nr. Littlehampton, West Sussex). See also p.16.

The February 1982 issue of Enterprise, the monthly report on the art of self-employment and survival (PO Box 125, Oxford) contained a special section on THE COMING BOOM IN HEALTH FOODS.

PS Whole sectors of the economy would be devastated if everyone got well (or if permanent peace broke out; or if there were no more crime). Makes you think...

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### FOOD, AGRICULTURE, LAND

THE POOR FEED THE RICH. "The major food importing countries should not be calling for reforms in the poor and hungry nations of the world while they themselves constitute major drains on the world's food system". Development Forum, May 1982 (free from DESI/DPI, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland).

"The McDonaldisation of the world is modifying consumption habits and generating enormous changes in production and land structures in Mexico and other Latin American countries, destroying the social fabric of existing peasant economies". See FOOD FOR ALL THE CHILDREN, a 4-page ICCR Brief (\$0.60, reductions for multiple orders, from Inter-Faith Center on Corporate Responsibility, Rm.566,475 Riverside Dr., New York, NY 10115, USA) by Joan Gussow (121 New York Ave, Congers, NY 10920, USA).

"Mushrooms sold in the US are now produced in Taiwan. Almost 60% of the vegetables Americans eat between December and May now come from Mexico". IDOC Bulletin No.3-4 1982 (annual sub. \$15 from IDOC International, Via S. Maria dell'Anima, 30-00186 Rome, Italy) is on AGRIBUSINESS. Useful bibliography and directory of organisations.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: THE USE AND ABUSE OF FOOD AID IN THE FIGHT AGAINST WORLD HUNGER by Jonathan Fryer (80p inc.postage from him at Flat 4, 106 Queens Gate, London SW7 5AG) is published by the World Council of Churches. It aims to widen public debate, is critical of many aspects of food aid, and supports increased production of local food crops in developing countries. Useful bibliography.

"Prospects for a genuine and self-sufficient emancipation of the peasantry are dim if present trends continue" - AGRARIAN WATCH, Vol.1.4 (Social Development Index, 48 16th Ave, Cubao, Quezon City, Philippines).

"Most programmes for the benefit of the poor have actually helped the rich". In HUMANISTIC PLANNING CULTURE (15 Rupees from the Association of Voluntary Agencies for Rural Development, 5 Deendayal Upadhyaya Marg, New Delhi 110002, India) Research Director S.D. Thapar proposes local level planning for the rural poor.

"Rural Poverty Unobserved: The Six Biases". Development Memo, February 1982, from CENDHARRA (PO Box 458, Greenhills, San Juan, Metro Manila, Philippines).

The March 1982 newsletter from THE FARM AND FOOD SOCIETY (Joanne Bower, 4 Willifield Way, London NW11 7XT) contains sections on "What's Happening to Our Food?" and "The Chemical War".

Robert Hart (Highwood Hill, Rushbury, Nr. Church Stretton, Shropshire), co-author of FOREST FARMING, commends agro-forestry as an approach to self-sufficiency in food, fodder, fibres, fuel, energy and construction for communities of all sizes in most parts of the world.

Digby Dodd's (Sparrow's Barton, Easton, Nr. Corsham, Wilts SN13 9QD) recent paper on LONG-TERM AGRICULTURE IN THE UK argues for the maximum possible home-grown supply of renewable resources and materials.

The March/June 1982 issue of CONSERVATION NEWS (Conservation Society, 12a Guildford Street, Chertsey, Surrey KT16 9BQ) contains a comprehensive statement on Agricultural Policy.

The June 1982 special issue of RAIN (\$1.50 from Rain Umbrella, 2270 NW Irving, Portland, Oregon 97210, USA) is on "Reinhabiting the Land".

A recent report on rural land-ownership in Scotland says: "In the face of continued misuse or under-use of land resources and the failure of official policy to influence land-owners, the simple concept of paying a regular ground rent on land to the ailing Highland communities appears an increasingly attractive solution, as an instrument for land development and economic regeneration". From Shirley-Anne Hardy (The Rocks, Pitlochry, Perthshire, Scotland).

#### DATES (Cont'd from p.16)

30th October, Friends Meeting House, Wanstead, 10am-4.30pm. Conference CREATING DESIRABLE FUTURES. Speakers include James Robertson. Details of this and follow-up series of seminars from Pat Saunders, 93 Wanstead Park Avenue, Manor Park, London E12.

8th December, Birmingham University. Seminar on THE ROLE OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR IN LEISURE. Details from Judy White, Centre for Urban and Regional Studies, Univ. of Birmingham, PO Box 363, Birmingham B15.

## ENERGY AND A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

The Ecologist, December 1981, (£1.50 from Worthyvale Manor Farm, Camelford, Cornwall PL32 9TT) is devoted to NUCLEAR ENERGY: THE REAL COST. Essential background to the forthcoming Sizewell Public Enquiry.

The June 1982 PARLIGAES newsletter (David Gordon, 14 Carroun Road, London SW8 1LJ) points out that the UK Government is following the principle of "non-intervention in a free market economy" to cut back investment in renewable energy research, while continuing to pump public money into nuclear research. Contrast the USA, where private investment in nuclear has now dried up.

As part of the World Conservation Strategy, reports are now appearing on "Earth's Survival: A Conservation and Development Programme for the UK" (enquiries to the Secretariat, c/o The Nature Conservancy Council, 19/20 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PY). Report No.3: SEVEN BRIDGES TO THE FUTURE: INDUSTRIAL GROWTH POINTS FOR A SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY by John Elkington (Environmental Data Services, Orchard House, 14 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BU), identifies seven "sunrise industries": information technology, biotechnology, pollution control, recycling and substitution, energy conservation, ecologically sound energy supply, and environmental services.

Sir John Chadwick (Larkfields, Woodstock Road, Charlbury, Oxon OX7 3ES), who is chairman of the FUTURES NETWORK (see p.13) has drawn our attention to items on energy conservation in Nippon Steel News (February 1982). Copies free from Nippon Steel Corporation, Tokyo, Japan.

In ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT - THE GLOBAL LINKAGES, Michael Geoghegan (UN Development Program, One UN Plaza, Rm. DC1673, New York, NY 10017, USA) supports adoption of a UN draft Convention of the Law of the Sea to combat the present, largely uncontrolled ocean pollution.

"There is an accumulating body of evidence which reveals that the predominant forms of industry and agriculture in the industrialised world are non-sustainable". Prince Charles, in a recent message to the Conservation Society (see p.4).

"Taking part in the creation of a sustainable society will be an extraordinarily challenging and satisfying experience, enriched by a sense of excitement that our immediate predecessors who built fossil fuel based societies did not have. The excitement comes from the vast scale of the undertaking and the full knowledge of the consequences of failure". WORLDWATCH PAPER 48, "Six Steps to a Sustainable Society", by Lester Brown and Pamela Shaw - \$2 from the Worldwatch Institute (1776 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington DC 20036, USA).

Finalists for the 1982 Mitchell Prize, to encourage the transition to sustainable societies, include Amory and Hunter Lovins (c/o Friends of the Earth, 1045 Sansome Street, San Francisco, CA, USA) and Walter Stahel (7 Chemin des Vignettes, Villetle, CH-1231 Conches, Switzerland). The prize will be awarded at the Woodlands (Texas) Conference, 7th to 10th November. (Newsletter SUSTAINABLE SOCIETIES from PO Box 9663, Arlington VA 22209, USA).

The message of THE SURVIVAL OF CIVILISATION, papers by John D. Hamaker with annotations by Donald A. Weaver (Hamaker-Weaver Publishers, Box 457, Pottersville, Michigan 48876, USA; \$8) is that we must remineralise the soil to avoid worldwide famine and glaciation.

Recent papers from the NGO Secretariat on Acid Rain (Kungsholms Strand 125, S-112 34 Stockholm, Sweden) include a 10-page pamphlet by Tom Burke (111 Palace Road, London SW2) on A STRATEGY FOR THE NGOS.

POINTERS TO THE SHE SOCIETY\* . . .

"The feminist movement is calling for a positive transformation and change in consciousness... Women are taking the lead towards this change, spurred on by the inherent, inbuilt, nurturing and life-giving power of the feminine". Stephanie Leland is an active member of WOMEN AND LIFE ON EARTH (2 St. Edmund's Cottages, Glastonbury, Somerset), a network linking feminism and ecology. See her article in Greenline's March 1982 issue, full of good things. (£2.80 for 8 issues from Greenline, 16 Lundsfarm Road, Woodley, Reading, Berks).

Among recent papers by Elizabeth Nathaniels (PO Box N 8350, Nassau, Bahamas) are "Eco-Feminism: Facing the Nuclear Threat" and "The Ecology of Future Communities".

"Today we are experiencing a deep transformation of religious awareness, often taking place at the margin or outside the official religious institutions. There is a mutation of consciousness, especially the consciousness of and about women. At the same time, the model of how to do theology is changing from a deductive to an inductive approach, based on human experience here and now. To do this seriously women's own experience needs to be taken into account, not by men, but by women themselves". Ursula King (Leeds University, UK) on MYSTICISM AND FEMINISM in the Summer 1982 issue of the new journal "World Faiths Insight" (annual sub. £2 to World Congress of Faiths, 28 Powis Gardens, London W11 1JG), editor Marcus Braybrooke.

"Family is the new frontier of feminism". Anne Ironside (Women's Program Director, Centre for Continuing Education, Univ. of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada) reviews Betty Friedan's new book, THE SECOND STAGE in Transition (June 1982), the journal of the Vanier Institute of the Family (151 Slater Street, Ottawa, Canada K1P 5H3). The same issue contains an important article on "The Fatherhood Revival: strengthening the two-parent family in the 1980s".

TRANET (PO Box 567, Rangeley, ME 04970, USA), winter 1981-82, was on WOMEN AND TECHNOLOGY. "The Second Stage" was the leading entry under the heading "Feminist Future" (followed by "The Sane Alternative"\* and the Turning Point newsletter).

Thanks to Valentina Borremans (Apdo. 479, Cuernavaca, Mexico) for keeping us posted on Ivan Illich's current work on GENDER. This will be the subject of lectures, public discussions, seminars and tutorials at Berkeley, CA, this coming fall. Those interested should write to Susan Hunt (Rt.3, Box 650, Dexter, ME 04930, USA).

"300 women MPs would change the character of Parliament. Change it? 300 women with the organisational experience and ability, the drive and determination needed to get that far would revolutionise British politics". Enquiries about the 300 GROUP to Molly Sawbridge (2 The Old Kiln, Nettlebed, Henley on Thames, Oxon).

CHANGE (Georgina Ashworth, Parnell House, 25 Wilton Road, London SW1) has now produced five reports on the status of women (in Singapore, Thailand, USSR, Chile, Peru). Important. Send for their free leaflet.

\* In THE SANE ALTERNATIVE James Robertson describes two opposing visions of "post-industrial society": the high technology, expert-dominated, hyper-expansionist (HE); and the people-centred, nurturing, sane, humane, ecological (SHE). (£1.95 from James Robertson, Spring Cottage, 9 New Road, Ironbridge, Shropshire TF8 7AU. US edition from River Basin Publishing Co., Box 30573, St. Paul, MN 55175, USA; Swedish edition DET SUNDA ALTERNATIVET from Liber, Stockholm; German edition DIE LEBENSWERTE ALTERNATIVE from Fischer, Frankfurt).

.... AND THE TRANSITION TO IT

We need a theory and strategy of social change as compelling as Marxism, but tending to liberation (not domination), peace (not violence), personhood (not organisation), androgyny (not patriarchy), ecology (not anthropocentrism).

Steiner Bryn (Kleppevegen, 6100 Volda, Norway) attempts this in TOWARDS A PERSONALISTIC POLITICS, a 70-page essay on a politics of social activism and personal growth. Recommended.

Also PERSONAL TRANSITIONS AND SOCIAL RECONSTRUCTION, a discussion paper by Alan Dale (Brunel University, Institute of Organisation and Social Studies, Uxbridge, Middlesex UB8 3PH).

In AHP NEWSLETTER, June 1982 (Association for Humanistic Psychology, 325 Ninth Street, San Francisco, CA 94103, USA) Willis Harman argues for "problem solution based in love and compassion rather than righteousness and attack". He puts his faith in "the quiet power of networks of people constructing a positive image of a desirable future and withdrawing legitimacy from practices and institutions that obstruct constructive change". Rollo May replies that Harman's "pietism" overemphasises the inner state of human beings, lacks adequate concern with the need for social action, and underestimates the sheer love of power that is behind a great deal of evil.

The 1981 Transformational Book Award organised by Mark Satin's invaluable newsletter RENEWAL (1629 Columbia Road NW, Suite 628, Washington DC 20009, USA), has gone to Hazel Henderson's THE POLITICS OF THE SOLAR AGE (Anchor, \$9). Duane Elgin's VOLUNTARY SIMPLICITY (Morrow, \$6) was runner up. James Robertson reviewed these two books - "Transatlantic Tonics" - in the March/April 1982 RESURGENCE (£1 from Satish Kumar, Ford House, Hartland, Bideford, Devon).

Byron Kennard, NOTHING CAN BE DONE, EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE (Brick House, 34 Essex Street, Andover, MA 01810, USA; 1982; \$9.95) wisely and amusingly sums up his years of experience as networker, community organiser, environmentalist, and social activist. Recommended.

Jessica Lipnack and Jeffrey Stamps, NETWORKING (Doubleday Dolphin, NY; 1982; \$15.95) is two books in one: a report on networking and a directory of networks. Interesting and useful. (Mainly about the USA - only 13 entries for England, including Turning Point).

ALTERNATIVE LONDON (1982). Fantastic value for anyone interested in a future in which people control their own lives (and not other people's). £3.50 from Otherwise Press, BCM ALTER, London WC1N 3XX.

Keith Motherson's (3 Dwr Bach, Jordanston, Nr. Fishguard, Dyfed, Wales) SLEEP WELL, FATHER MARX is a "booklist of materials useful for the critique of Marx and Marxism in particular, and of white, straight, patriarchal Leftism in general". Send him at least 3 second-class stamps if you want a copy. Monica Sjoo's THE ANCIENT RELIGION OF THE GREAT COSMIC MOTHER OF ALL is £4, inc. postage, from the same address.

HOW TO SAVE THE WORLD - guide to the Politics of Scale. Special book offer from The Fourth World (24 Abercorn Place, London NW8).

News of the PLANETARY INITIATIVE FOR THE WORLD WE CHOOSE from Julian Russell (188 Old Street, London EC1, England); Angus Marland (Centre for Human Ecology, 15 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh, Scotland); Lionel Pollard (7 Duncan Avenue, Boronia, Victoria 3155, Australia).

## WORK AND LEISURE

Twenty eight people asked for copies of THE REDISTRIBUTION OF WORK (see p.1) to send to their MP. We have seen eleven MPs' replies (including one from a minister at the Dept. of Employment and one from our own MP). We have also taken part in discussion with one MP at Loughborough Univ. MPs' responses varied from "the theme of this pamphlet accords to a surprisingly large degree with my own thinking" and "I wish I had had a chance of reading it earlier when I was writing a book", through "I am inclined to think that a return to full employment will not be achieved at the flick of a switch, but I do not share the doomsday view that there will never be enough work for everyone" and "Many thanks for sending me the paper. I look forward to reading it"(!), to "With regard to the paper called Turning Point, it is interesting as an idealistic memorandum but in my view would be solidly resisted by almost every section of the population and is therefore quite impracticable". There was a good deal of support for encouraging self-employment and small community enterprise, and recognition that detailed study is needed on the financial aspects of moving to more leisure time and less structured work.

It seems that, like other people, different MPs have different views on the future of work. The old conventional certainty that full employment will and should come back is weakening. But for most MPs the alternative concept of a more self-organising, flexible way of getting work done and distributing incomes is not yet credible. How could we help to make it so?

Two interesting papers from the European Centre for Work and Society (PO Box 3073, 6202 NB Maastricht, Holland) are AUTOMATION, UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME by Keith Roberts - essential reading about how people are to get money incomes when full employment is a thing of the past - and WORK AND EMPLOYMENT IN POST-MANUFACTURING SOCIETY by Michael Shanks. Both cost 7 Dutch Guilders, inc. postage. Also THE ORGANISATION OF WORKING TIME, ed. Leonce Bekemans, in a series on "New Patterns in Employment". (20 Guilders).

In a splendid paper on BELIEF, ENERGY AND ORGANISATION Denis Pym (London Business School, Sussex Place, Regents Park, London NW1 4SA) argues that the real energy crisis is about how to tap human energy ... It is the bricoleur, not the manager, whom we now admire. The bricoleur thrives in "the less visible world of economic activity beyond employment, fixing up the mess that our devotion to rationality has left us in. Our private regard for the bricoleur is a reminder of our personal capacities to dream ahead of the zeitgeist".

"We need to break out of an employment and unemployment ethic into a new world in which work, prestige and income are allocated according to totally new patterns". Robert Theobald's (Box 2240, Wickenburg, AZ 85358, USA) forthcoming book on Social Economics will contain a chapter called TOWARDS FULL UNEMPLOYMENT. Write to him if you would like to take part in finalising the text. He expects that in a twenty-first century dictionary the terms "job", "leisure" and "unemployment" will be explained as obsolete, and that "work" will be defined as activity which provides a sense of self-worth.

"Economists tend to view unemployment as just another of their abstractions to be manipulated...Building a new economics that serves human beings will require some dramatic shifts of priorities". HUMAN ECONOMY CENTRE newsletter (PO Box 551, Amherst, MA 01004, USA), Spring 1982.

Tom Boydell's (Dept. of Management Studies, Sheffield City Polytechnic, Pond St., Sheffield S1 1WB) project on EMPLOYMENT IN CRISIS is concerned with preparation for redundancy, helping unemployed people, and new employment initiatives. -8-



WOMEN, WORK AND THE FAMILY IN THE SOVIET UNION, ed. G.W. Lapidus (M.E. Sharpe, 80 Business Park Dr., Armonk, NY 10504, USA; 1982; \$22.50) is by 16 Soviet sociologists, economists, political scientists and demographers. The editor discerns three distinct orientations: the orthodox, moderately reformist; the pronatalist emphasis on "women's primary roles as wives and mothers"; and the radical feminist. A valuable book.

Recent studies from the ASSOCIATION DES AGES (Jean-Marie Thiveaud, 73 Avenue Paul Doumer, 75016 Paris, France) on retirement and on work attitudes and aspirations raise questions about the use and distribution of time. "Nous mangeons le temps d'autrui. Nous utilisons tous le temps des autres et, a la limite, chacun passe son temps a s'approprier le temps de son voisin". New norms are required for the allocation of activity between different phases of a person's life, and between people of different ages.

UNEMPLOYMENT HERE TO STAY (20p from Leeds Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission, 232 Burley Road, Leeds LS4 2EN) argues that unemployed people should be permitted to take on part-time paid work, and supports alternatives to conventional employment and changed attitudes to employment and unemployment, work and leisure, activity and usefulness.

"We have noticed two changes in the public rhetoric about work and unemployment: (a) it seems to be being recognised that the current loss of jobs is likely to be permanent; (b) people are now using phrases like 'alternatives to conventional employment'". Report from the Merseyside skill exchange, NETWORK (Robin Little, The Network, Temple Lane, Liverpool L2 5RS).

Lynn Lowe is Secretary of the BOSTON UNEMPLOYED WORKERS CENTRE (West Side Trinity Street, Boston, Linco) which offers counsel and advice on all problems associated with unemployment.

Keep up to date with WORKSHEET from the Employment Unit (NCVO, 26 Bedford Squ., London WC1B 3HU) and with SCAN (Scotland's Community Education Newspaper, 40 Queensferry St., Edinburgh EH2 4PA). NCVO's Trevor Davison has info. on a Forum on the Social Costs of Unemployment.

WEALTH FROM THE HOME: PROSPECTS AND SNAGS IN THAMESDOWN. Richmond Postgate (3 Stanford Road, Faringdon, Oxon SN7 7AQ) is studying - for the Gulbenkian Foundation - the scope for reviving the household as a centre of work, production and wealth creation.

In The Catholic Worker, May 1982 (25c for 9 issues from 36 East First St., New York, NY 10003, USA) Geoffrey Gnehuhs discusses the meaning of THE INTEGRITY OF WORK, with particular reference to the thinking of Eric Gill. He looks forward to repersonalised work, when each person will be responsible, using intellect and will, "collaborating with God creating".

Bill Martin and Sandra Mason of Leisure Consultants (Lint Growis, Foxearth, Sudbury, Suffolk) have helped to set up a LEISURE NETWORK in Sudbury, with a "Guide to over 80 ways to get the most from your Free Time". Includes voluntary and social activities, sports and hobbies. They would like to hear about similar initiatives.

Employment has been a way of organising work that enables some people to use, control and regulate the activities of others. In WORK AND LEISURE: THE IMPLICATIONS OF TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE (Conference Proceedings No.4, Tourism and Recreation Research Unit, Univ. of Edinburgh, Edinburgh EH1 1NR, £4) Chas Critcher discusses "The Politics of Leisure - Social Control and Social Development". Increasing leisure may be structured, organised and used, so as to control people's activities or to enable them to develop themselves. Which is it to be?

## TECHNOLOGY CHOICES

ITDG (Intermediate Technology Development Group, 9 King Street, London WC2E 8HN) keeps up the good work. John Davis writes on "Engineering for Humanity" in News Exchange No.13, and his 1981 Tawney Lecture on "New Directions for Technology" is available from ITDG for £1 (inc. postage). Meanwhile Alan Bolland's seven reports on an "Alternative Industrial Framework for the UK" cover the Brewing, Printing, Brick, Wool, Plastics Recycling, Car Repair, and Dairy Processing Industries. Each report costs £2 (inc. postage) or £12.50 for the lot.

In APPROPRIATE POLICIES FOR THE NEW TECHNOLOGY, a paper for a Jan.1982 EEC-FAST conference on "Transition to an Information Society", Prof. Sean Cooney (An Foras Taluntais, 19 Sandymount, Dublin 4, Ireland) concludes that "policies which will maximise the benefits and minimise the disbenefits of new technology will not be based on the promotion of monetary economic growth or on job creation. They will seek to use new technology to promote progress in the quality of people's lives directly. Instead of making people more dependent on the monetary exchange economy, such policies will encourage the use of new technical methods which make individuals, families and communities less dependent on the money economy".

Prof. Christopher Freeman's recent paper SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND UNEMPLOYMENT" (£1.50 from SPRU, Sussex Univ., Falmer, Brighton BN1 9FR), on the effect on employment of long waves or cycles of development, concludes that we must "come back to the fundamental wisdom of the Beveridge Report: Full Employment in a Free Society".

In THE MICROELECTRONIC CHALLENGE TO THE INDUSTRIAL SYSTEM David Ross (Vanier Institute of the Family, 151 Slater, Ottawa K1P 5H3, Canada) says that "the benefits of widespread microelectronic innovation could be immense if at each stage we ask, What is this innovation appropriate to? The present industrial system does not ask this question".

Prof. Bill Ford's (Dept. of Organisational Behaviour, Univ. of New South Wales, Kensington, NSW, Australia 2033) recent paper on THE RUSH TO 1984 emphasises some of the important social criteria which are now ignored in the development and application of information technology systems.

"The debate over technological alternatives is a central social-policy struggle of our time. The social impacts are the key issue and thus the central criterion for policy decision". Dora G. Lodwick and Denton E. Morrison (Dept. of Sociology, Michigan State Univ., East Lansing, Mich. 48823, USA) in a recent paper on APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY.

PUBLIC SECTOR DECISION MAKING FOR TECHNOLOGY CHOICE - A Select Annotated Bibliography by Pat Saunders is available from Publications Div., Commonwealth Secretariat, Marlborough House, London SW1Y 5HX. Compiled from 500 books and articles, many relating to Eco-development and Intermediate Technology. Stresses the importance of decision making from a holistic viewpoint.

The Manchester NEW TECHNOLOGY FORUM is concerned with the impact of new technology on society and industry and on the lives of individuals. Information from H.E. Farrow (c/o NCC Ltd., Oxford Road, Manchester M1 7ED). Chairman is Rowland Goodwin whose excellent paper "Employment, Technology and Work" is available from him (30p + postage) at 27 Blackfriars Road, Manchester M3 7AQ.

For information about NATTA (Network for Alternative Technology and Technology Assessment, Faculty of Technology, Open University, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes, Bucks) contact Alexi Clarke.

## INFORMATION, RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

John Smith (County Librarian, 18/19 Portland Square, Carlisle, Cumbria CA1 1PS) takes Maslow's hierarchy of needs as a basis for "a social ecology of librarianship, a perspective of society from a librarian's professional viewpoint". He is convening discussions about the future of libraries in a HE or SHE future (see p.6).

Michael Marien, FUTURE SURVEY ANNUAL 1980-81 (World Future Society, 4916 St. Elmo Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814, USA; 1982; \$25). Abstracts of 1487 books, reports and articles on 16 aspects of the Future, e.g. Economy and Work, plus introductory essay, and charts on, e.g. the two visions of post-industrial society. Valuable resource for researchers, librarians, teachers, students, planners, etc. (Annual sub. for monthly "Future Survey" is \$45 for individuals, \$65 for libraries). In his keynote address to the 1982 annual meeting of the US Association for the Study of Higher Education, Michael Marien took up the question of THE TWO POST-INDUSTRIALISMS AND HIGHER EDUCATION. Can today's universities become "the centre of the search for new paradigms, rather than peripheral spectators as at present?"

In fact, who now agrees with Daniel Bell that "the university will become the central institution of the next hundred years"? Question sparked by discussion about alternative futures for educational administration with Alan Coulson (11A Burton Drive, Wrexham, Clwyd LL12 8BG) of the N.E. Wales Institute of Higher Education.

FUTURE STUDIES CENTRE Library and Newsletter (formerly run by Roland and Jean Chaplain and friends, 15 Kelso Road, Leeds LS2 9PR) has moved to the BIRMINGHAM SETTLEMENT (318 Summer Lane, Birmingham B19 3RL).

THE FUTURE WORKS (1982) from Secretariat for Futures Studies (Wenner-Gren Center, Sveavagen 166, PO Box 6710, S-113 85 Stockholm, Sweden). Concise reports (14pp) on projects on Energy, the Vulnerability of Society, Care and Welfare, Sweden in World Society, Political Planning for the Future, and Vitalisation of the Informal Economy. Information about the WORLD FUTURE STUDIES FEDERATION, and its recent conference on the Future of Politics, from the same address.

Do you want to take part in, or organise, a course on a topic important to you? Your local education authority will probably welcome your suggestions and may be willing to help. An example: THE GOOD LIFE: OUR SHARE IN IT; 22-week evening course, Tuesdays 7.30-9.30pm, starting 21st September, Bromley, Kent. Information from Bromley Libraries; Bromley Adult Education Centre; or Peter Greenwood (59 Hayes Road, Bromley, Kent BR2 9AE).

"Expression des Personnes et Fonctionnement des Organisations". Study Group Report from La Societe Internationale des Conseillers de Synthese (Directeur-General, Armand Braun, SICS, 5 Rue d'Alger, 75001 Paris).

The Jan/Feb issue of The New Era, journal of the World Education Fellowship, is on EDUCATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT (annual sub. £5 from Joan Watson, 54 Fontarabia Road, London SW11 5PF). Report No.2 in the series EARTH'S SURVIVAL (see p.5) is also on that topic.

Two very different '82 paperbacks on creation, consciousness and the philosophy of science. THE CORE OF CREATION: AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE FUNDAMENTALS OF REALITY AND THE FOUNDATION OF EXISTENCE by Albert G. Choate (Syzygy, Box 18, Rush, NY 14543, USA; \$7.50), and A CO(S)MIC BOOK ON THE MECHANICS OF CREATION by Itzhak Bentov with Mirtala Bentov (Dutton, 2 Park Ave., New York, NY 10016; \$6.25).

MANAGEMENT FOR THE XXI CENTURY: EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT (Kluwer, Nijhoff; 1982; price not known). Final report of joint American/European business schools' project. Section on "Societal Expectations and Trends, 1980-2010" includes chapters by James Robertson, Daniel Bell, Ignacy Sachs, and Jan Tinbergen.

Prof. Reg Revans (8 Higher Downs, Altrincham, Greater Manchester WA14 2QL) is the acknowledged pioneer of ACTION LEARNING, starting in the 1930s. It is, he writes to us, the educational approach implicit in Turning Point - helping, and seeking help from, one another. His 86Opp book "The Origin and Growth of Action Learning" is published by Utbildningshuset, Lund, Sweden and distributed (£8) by Chartwell-Bratt, Old Orchard, Bickley Road, Bickley, Bromley, Kent BR1 2NE.

"Are we transmitters of cultural patterns whose job is unquestioningly to pass on to succeeding generations of managers the ideology of business and the tricks of the trade? ... Or should we be helping managers to see where and how these might be inappropriate to the world as we see it now?" In a recent paper Hugh Gunz (Manchester Business School, Booth Street West, Manchester M15 6PB) reflects on five years' experience of the MBS course for senior managers on MANAGING IN A CHANGING ENVIRONMENT.

"What is the first great necessity of life? It is daily labour. ... Work, as the first necessity of life, has to be recognised as the centre of gravity of the whole structure, and everything else in a sound and developing society should be seen in relation to productive work ... Society becomes diseased in direct ratio to its neglect and contempt of labour". From LETHABY: A CONTINUING PRESENCE, seven essays (37pp) by W.R. Lethaby (1857-1931) about the inseparability of art and design from work, production, making and doing, with a foreword by Harry Ward. This is a Norman Stevenson memorial publication (1982) from British Thornton Ltd. (PO Box 3, Wythenshawe, Manchester M22 4SS). It is dedicated to the furtherance of Education for Capability.

The December 1981 GREEN REVOLUTION (\$1 from School of Living, PO Box 3233, York, PA 17402, USA) focussed on Education, including home education. This is also the concern of Kay Oldfield (Woodhall Cottage, Pencaitland, East Lothian EH34 5DH, Scotland). And of John Holt's "Growing Without Schooling" magazine and Mail Order Booklist (729 Bowling Street, Boston, MA 02116, USA).

EDUCATION OTHERWISE, a support network for the education of children at home, is now at 18 Eynham Road, London W12 0HA. Julie Duff (Hasfield Court, Hasfield, Glos) is the Gloucestershire Co-ordinator and also handles enquiries about handicapped or, as she prefers to call them, special children.

David Bamber (17 The Riding, Woking, Surrey GU21 5TA) is chairman of the Ealing LEAP Centre (Life Education for the Autistic Person). He would like to hear from anyone who shares his view that autistic and other mentally handicapped young people should have the opportunity to live and work in the community with or near their families, and that this requires an examination of alternatives in areas such as health, education, enterprise, lifestyle and environment.

John Ohliger (Basic Choices Inc., Blakeman Place, 1121 University Ave, Madison, WI 53715, USA) sends out a newsletter SECOND THOUGHTS raising fundamental questions about education (annual sub. \$13). He also offers a "manifesto bibliography" on radical adult education and a paper "Must we all go back to school?" (\$1 each plus postage).

Chris Gold and Rudolf Blake (The Radical English Movement, 14 New Rd., Hebden Bridge, West Yorks HX7 8AD) offer European activists low cost English courses, in which "language, subject matter (e.g. the Nuclear State, Appropriate Technology) are combined to form a genuine alternative culture experience".

"Towards a New World Information and Communication Order" is the topic of DEVELOPMENT DIALOGUE 1981:2 from the Dag Hammarskjold Foundation (Ovre Slottsgatan 2, S-75220 Uppsala, Sweden).

For information about the recently formed MEDIA NETWORK - a network of professional communicators with "new age" concerns and interests - write to Richard Thomas (18 Milton Manor Drive, Little Milton, Oxford).

Interested in COMMUNITY RADIO? Write to Simon Partridge (ComCom, 92 Huddleston Road, London N7 OEG) for details of recent publications.

Films now available from CONCORD FILMS (201 Felixstowe Road, Ipswich, Suffolk IP3 9BJ) include "Man of the Trees", "The Medical Implications of Nuclear Energy", and hundreds of others on ecology, world development, health, etc.

Three films about trees, with Schumacher and St. Barbe Baker. Details from Barrie Oldfield (3 Over Ave, Lesmurdie, Western Australia 6076).

PUBLICATIONS REVIEW - a quarterly review of innovation and management -oriented publications for industry and business - is building up a section on Alternatives/Communities/Cooperatives. Cyril Gee (Penta Pubns. Ltd., NT, Linkside West, Hindhead, Surrey GU26 6PA) may be able to offer it on special terms to recipients of TP newsletters.

THE FUTURES NETWORK (info. from Susan Gardner, 12 Wentworth Court, Rastrick, Brighouse, West Yorks HD6 3XD) is a useful forum for people concerned with Futures studies and the use of Futures thinking. It aims to expand its membership.

#### PEACE AND WORLD ORDER

NEITHER HAWK NOR DOVE: A THIRD APPROACH TO ISSUES OF SECURITY is a new tract by Ronald Higgins. £1.25, inc.postage, from the Radical Centre (15 King Street, London WC2).

In giving publicity to the peace movement in the West, the Kremlin are putting ideas into the heads of their own people, especially the young. How can we in the West support a genuine peace movement in the Soviet Union as well as in our own countries? Contact EAST WEST PEACE PEOPLE (1 Hampstead Hill Gardens, London NW3).

UNDER THE EAGLE by Jenny Pearce (Latin America Bureau, London; 1982; £3.50) is about "the ruthless exploitation, the support of vicious dictatorships, and the military interventions, which have characterised US policy towards Central America and the Caribbean". Thanks to Renee-Marie Croose Parry (3 The Close B, Heath Lane, Blackheath, London SE3 OUR) for this.

Chronicle, June 1982, from the Dag Hammarskjold Information Centre on the Study of Violence and Peace (110 Eton Place, Eton College Road, London NW3 2DS) contains several interesting pieces, including Peter Cadogan's on POST-SOVIET POLAND.

Russell Peck and Marshall Gordon (Box 5056, Greensboro, NC 27403, USA) have proposed an American-Soviet summit (Reagan-Brezhnev) to draw up an effective plan to end world starvation, as a constructive confidence-building measure to help solve many other problems which now threaten the world.

In a recent paper on GRASS ROOTS ACTION FOR PEACE, Brian Martin (Dept. of Mathematics, Australian National Univ., PO Box 4, Canberra ACT 2600, Australia) discusses social defence as a non-violent alternative to military defence, and argues that "social defence can help to link the struggle for peace with other struggles such as feminism and environmentalism, which themselves can help to challenge the institutions which must be transformed in order to eliminate war".

"It is within our means to make national policy in which every can be recycled, every BTU of energy conserved, every solar collector installed or drop of water preserved, moves us towards global security and healing...If we wish to find national security, that is where our search must lead us: to new understandings and social policies which empower each of us as a peacemaker and a healer". From William S. Becker's THE INDEFENSIBLE SOCIETY: A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO THE SEARCH FOR NATIONAL AND GLOBAL SECURITY (Lorian Press, PO Box 147, Middleton, Wisconsin 53562, USA; 1982, \$3 inc. postage).

"We pour billions into creating redundant nuclear weapons, sufficient to destroy the planet many times over. We need to put some of that money and energy to work in developing the communications process that leads towards peaceful reconciliation". From a 1982 paper by Carl Rogers, A PSYCHOLOGIST LOOKS AT NUCLEAR WAR. Thanks to Alan Coulson for this - see p.11.

Warfare research that involves torturing hundreds of thousands of live animals in the development of new weapons is utterly repugnant. Shocking article about the Chemical Defence Establishment at Porton Down in NEW RADIATOR, April 1982 (£3 annual sub. from 4 Chase Crescent, Woodcutts, Salisbury, Wilts).

THE FELLOWSHIP OF FRIENDS OF TRUTH (Sec: Ruth Richardson, 52 Green Meadow Road, Birmingham B29 4DE) was originally founded by Quakers who worked with Gandhi in India. Part I of Devi Prasad's paper on "Peace Education or Education for Peace" is in their May 1982 newsletter.

WORLD STUDIES JOURNAL (ed. David Selby, Groby College, Ratby Road, Leics) is a quarterly forum for educators on world studies, peace, development and international understanding. Price £1.75. Annual Sub. £7. Details of available back numbers from the editor.

THE NUCLEAR NUMBERS GAME: UNDERSTANDING THE STATISTICS BEHIND THE BOMBS (£1.50 from Radical Statistics, c/o BSSRS, 9 Poland Street, London W1).

How will the breakdown of the industrial order happen? Here's one possibility. "By the end of 1981, Third World debt was virtually out of control. The same bankers who were scrambling to lend money were beginning to worry that the size of the debt could bring down the entire international financial system". Development Forum, March '82 - see p.3.

SOUTH: The Third World Magazine (£0.95 monthly, UK annual sub. £10.50, from 13th Floor, New Zealand House, Haymarket, London SW1Y 4TS).

THIRD WORLD PUBLICATIONS (151 Stratford Road, Birmingham B11 1RD). Write for catalogue.

#### PEOPLE AND PROJECTS

Bill Jones, Co-ordinator of the COMMONWEAL COLLECTION of books and journals on nonviolence and social change (c/o J.B. Priestley Library, Bradford Univ., West Yorks BD7 1DP) is studying the influences which shaped the Catholic Worker movement in the USA: pacifism, Christian personalism or anarchism, philosophy of work and voluntary poverty, Peter Maurin's links with Kropotkin, Tawney and A.J. Penty.

Lyn Roberts (Centre for Alternative Technology, Llwyngwern Quarry, Machynlleth, Powys, Wales) is organising a RAFFLE with interesting prizes - proceeds to help the Centre employ another Engineer - draw 31st October. CAT offers Bed and Breakfast until 19th September.

Roderick James (The Kineton Bakery, Guiting Power, Cheltenham, Glos), formerly of CAT, is a member of ENERGY DESIGN GROUP, providing an integrated design, research and consultation service in all aspects of energy use (1 Canton Place, London Road, Bath, Avon).

John F.C. Turner (AHAS Housing Network, 5 Dryden Street, London WC2E 9NW) has enquired about kindred souls (East London) who can help with programming and using a micro-computer.

Patrick Peacey (1 Park Farm Cottages, The Street, Brettenham, Ipswich, Suffolk) plans to start an environmental peace centre near the Kenya/Uganda border.

Gil Bradshaw (39 Roundthorn Road, Alkington, Middleton, Manchester M24 1FT), who is active with the Greater Manchester Peace Movement and, in particular, the Middleton Peace Campaign Youth Section, is also hoping to set up a HERBERT MARCUSE STUDY GROUP.

"The PEACE PROJECT begins now with each one of us choosing to be a source of peace". Contact: Mark Mironov (322 Montgomery Street, Highland Park, NJ 08904, USA).

UNILATERAL INITIATIVES (John Runnings, 2713 NE 94th Street, Seattle, WA 98115, USA) uses the Gandhian approach of "vulnerable aggression" in its aim of establishing political alternatives to military means for the settlement of international disputes.

Tom Webb (PO Box 695, Ottawa, Canada K1P 5P8), whose recent report to The Co-op Housing Federation of Canada (56 Sparks Street, Suite 401, Ottawa K1P 5A9) discussed how cooperative and community enterprises could be encouraged, will be visiting such enterprises in Britain, France and Spain with a Canadian group from 20th September to 7th Oct.

URBED (Nicholas Falk, 359 The Strand, London WC2R OHS) have drafted a CODE OF CONDUCT for the new order of enterprises which aim to combine self-development with collective action.

Mark Kinney (PO Box 150, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050, USA) has drafted a COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP CO-OP MANUAL.

Roger Pritchard (1514 McGee Street, Berkeley, CA 94703, USA) recently visited Britain, Finland, Denmark and Sweden on a consulting/lecturing /workshop tour, and hopes to come back next year. He works with the BRIARPATCH NETWORK, the San Francisco support network for "alternative" businesses, as a financial consultant. Write to him for information.

David Seals (4046 Denny Ave, North Hollywood, CA 91604, USA) is a Canadian Indian writer and film-maker who wants contacts concerned with justice and freedom for Red Indians and Arabs.

Robert H.S. Robertson (Resource Use Institute, Dunmore, Pitlochry, Perthshire) summarises the Revolutions of Civilisation in PETRIE UNPETRIED in the Spring/Summer 1982 National Democrat (50p from 50 Warwick Square, London SW1).

Kevin Daws (10 Scanbeck Drive, Marske-by-the-sea, Redcar, Cleveland TS11 7AU) edits VOICE OF THE NORTH - annual sub. £3 for 8 issues, back numbers free (send SAE 9 x 6).

Prof.S.P. Padolecchia (c/o UN, Palais des Nations, Villa Le Bocage, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland), is President of the POST-INDUSTRIAL CLUB and would be glad to develop contacts with interested TP readers.

## SOME DATES TO NOTE

29th August - 4th September, Brighton. ACTION FOR SOCIAL PROGRESS: The Responsibilities of Governmental and Voluntary Organisations. Details from Bill Seary, NCVO, 26 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3HU.

1st September-1st December, DUNAMIS autumn programme at St. James Church, Wednesdays, 6.15pm. Includes lectures starting 20th Oct. by Adam Roberts, Mary Kaldor, David Owen on NEW DIRECTIONS IN THE DEFENCE DEBATE. Contact Dunamis, St. James Church, 197 Piccadilly, London W1.

2nd-5th September. BIOGRAPHY WORKSHOP: Exploring Life's Phases, with Hester Goodwin and Tijno Voors of the Centre for Social Development, Emerson College. Details from Bernard Nesfield-Cookson, Hawkwood College, Painswick Old Road, Stroud, Glos GL6 7QW.

5th-17th September. SIZEWELL STOMP - MARCH FOR A SAFE FUTURE, from London to Sizewell. March organisers: Ann, John and Ben Stringer, 1 Fell Road, Birdbrook, Halstead, Essex CO9 4BG.

10th-12th September, Birmingham. WORK AND THE FUTURE. Speakers include James Robertson. Details from Chris Lawson, Woodbrooke E.M.S., 1046 Bristol Road, Birmingham B29 6LJ.

11th September, 10.30am-6pm, HYPERACTIVE CHILDREN'S SUPPORT GROUP Conference at Bedford College, London. Speakers include Lawrence Hills and Prof. D. Bryce Smith. Details from Mrs. Vicky Colquhoun, Mayfield, Yapton Road, Barnham, West Sussex PO22 OBJ. Tickets (£3) at door.

24th-26th September. HOW TO START AND RUN A SMALL FARM with Patrick and Shirley Rivers (also Oct. 8th-10th). Details from Adrian and Elsa Wood, The Nurtons, Tintern, Nr. Chepstow, Gwent NP6 7NX.

1st-3rd October, Wellington, Shropshire. A WOMAN'S PLACE? Residential weekend study conference on women's participation in politics and the community. Details from Pat Allchurch (Wynthorn, Queens Rd., Oswestry) of the Shropshire/Staffordshire branch of the 300 Group (see p.6).

3rd October, 11am-6pm, London. Meeting for educators and trainers. Details from Ian Cunningham (124 Capel Road, London E7 OJT) of the ASSOCIATION OF HUMANISTIC PSYCHOLOGY PRACTITIONERS.

3rd-30th October, Beacon Farm, Dartington, Devon. 4-week introductory course on ORGANIC GROWING AND SELF-RELIANT LIVING. Contact Eric Clarke, The Yarner Trust, Beacon Farm, Dartington, Totnes, Devon.

5th October, 12.45pm-3pm, Royal Society of Arts, London. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOR INDUSTRY. RSA seminar with John Elkington (see p.5). Details from Timothy Cantell, RSA, John Adam Street, Adelphi, London WC2.

23rd October, 11am-8pm, Bristol Univ. Union. THE SCHUMACHER LECTURES by Gary Snyder and Wendell Berry. Also "Ten Years On - Where Are We Now?" - 10th Anniversary of Small Is Beautiful with Keith Critchlow, Ronald Higgins, James Robertson, Marion Shoard. Tickets (£6) and details from Schumacher Society, Ford House, Hartland, Bideford, Devon.

23rd October, 9.30am-4.15pm, Hume Tower, Edinburgh Univ. McCarrison Society Conference on SCOTLAND'S FOOD FOR SICKNESS OR FOR HEALTH. Tickets (£10) and details from Anne Drysdale, McCarrison Soc. (Scottish Group), Kilrie, Kirkcaldy. Speakers include Dr. Walter Yellowlees.

26th-28th October, London. Experts from USA, France and UK discuss ISSUES AT THE SIZEWELL INQUIRY. Details from Centre for Energy Studies Polytechnic of the South Bank, Borough Road, London SE1 0AA.

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NB: 27th November, TURNING POINT MEETING on HEALTH, see p.1.