

TURNING POINT

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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.

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The next newsletter will be in February 1984. 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.

NEXT TURNING POINT MEETING

Saturday 26th November: 10am - 6pm, Conway Hall, London WC1

PEOPLE AND INSTITUTIONS : A SHIFT OF VALUES

Speakers: OLYA KHALEELEE (OPUS - see p.2)
FRANCIS KINSMAN (Business Network - see p.2)
SATISH KUMAR (Resurgence - see p.9)

Group explorations of specific aspects, e.g. Education, Planning, Peace, Money, Organisational and Personal Development, Health, Welfare.

Tickets (£4) from Alison Pritchard.

TURNING POINT PAPER NO.1

Some copies of "The Redistribution of Work" are still available from Alison Pritchard (address above), price £1 (inc. postage in the UK and surface mail abroad; add 65p for airmail, sterling only please).

A TURNING POINT RESEARCH AGENDA

Changes in people's perceptions (e.g. about physical limits to growth in the 1970s, and the end of full employment in the 1980s) are part of the change to a new direction. The right research done ahead of time can help to trigger these changes of perception when the crunch comes. Research-sponsoring bodies are now beginning to sense the need for a radical rethink. We are compiling an agenda of key topics for research in areas - like money (see p.4) and people and institutions (see below) - where the inevitability of radical change can now be foreseen.

PEOPLE AND INSTITUTIONS

"Within the institution people feel stifled; but without, there is the question of who I am". "Increasingly, employment institutions are being seen as not simply non-supportive but destructive. That helps to sustain the other fantasy that the creative initiatives, the new industries and businesses, are happening inside people's private houses. It's as though you can't believe in the creativeness of the individual unless you believe in the destructiveness of the institution". From OPUS Bulletin No.12 (July 1983), £1.25 from Olya Khaleelee (Organisation for Promoting Understanding in Society, 10 Golders Rise, London NW4 2HR).

THE BUSINESS NETWORK aims to guide business in alternative directions, complementary to appropriate traditional principles; and thus to foster progressive social change, balancing the practical with the spiritual. Details from Francis Kinsman (2 Langton Street, London SW10) or Edward Posey (18 Well Walk, London NW3). See also p.15.

In IFDA Dossier 34 (IFDA, 2 Place du Marche, CH-1260, Nyon, Switzerland) Bill Ellis (TRANET, PO Box 567, Rangeley, ME O4970, USA) argues that, as stronger transnational people-to-people networks are built and bridges between many new age movements grow stronger, a future world government will emerge providing each person with optional ways of participating in world affairs. (TRANET recently shipped its 45th appropriate technology library to a third world village). Among other contributions to this IFDA Dossier are Rudolf Bahro's "Who can stop the apocalypse?", Robert Jungk's "Under conditions of humanquake", and Walter Stahel's "Jobs for tomorrow".

"Gandhi's economics, the spinning wheel or charka, were an attempt to liberate the people of the village from the asymmetric terms of economic exploitation into which they were drawn by the capitalist system. Gandhi tried to provide an answer by telling the people to disengage themselves from the system through self-reliance - through spinning and being dependent on local resources". From "Gandhi - a message for all seasons" in Development Forum, June/July 1983 (DESI/DPI, Palais des Nations, CH-1211, Geneva 10, Switzerland).

Must people be dependent for their information on the institutions of the "information age" - TV, newspapers, etc.? Michael Marien, editor of the World Future Society's valuable Future Survey, writes about INFOGLUT in "Communications and the Future" (ed. Howard Didsbury, WFS, 4916 St.Elmo Av., Bethesda, MD 20814, USA). He hopes that self-restraint, or voluntary simplicity, by communicators may become a desirable cultural norm. "Second Thoughts", July 1983 (from Basic Choices Inc., 1121 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53715, USA) suggests that information consumers should learn to fast from the media, break the TV habit, etc. - i.e. disengage from the system, become self-reliant, and define their information needs for themselves.

URCHIN, Unit for Research into Changing Institutions (David Wasdell, 115 Poplar High St., London E14 OAD), aims to treat psychotic anxiety in individual, institutional and social behaviour. Useful leaflet.

"The next TP meeting might take for granted that present institutional values grow half-people. Also that people are building afresh from the bottom up - new forms of social interaction and institutions that do grow whole people. There is now a gap. Unless individuals and small groups can find ways of working with the existing organisations towards mutual transformations, then polarisation and conflict is likely to grow, to cause much unnecessary suffering and destruction". From George Henson (Hill Farmhouse, Cartmel, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria LA11 7SS), who recently recommended to the Countryside Commission the building up of informal personal networks among local people in the uplands.

The Fondation Internationale de l'Innovation Sociale and the Tavistock Institute believe "que les hommes et les femmes ont en eux-mêmes la capacité de rénover leurs institutions". Their next annual seminar on MANAGING FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION is in Feb/Mar 1984. Details from Société Internationale des Conseillers de Synthèse (5 Rue d'Alger, 75001 Paris, France).

THE FUTURE

One evening in the first week of 1984 HORIZON will present on BBC2 four 30-minute films on the Future (one by James Robertson) followed by a studio discussion.

Alan Bollard offers a Timescale for an Alternative Industrial Future in "Small Beginnings: Prospects for a New Industrial Path", the seventh and last report in his series on an ALTERNATIVE INDUSTRIAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE UK. From ITDG (9 King Street, London WC2 8HN).

The WEST MIDLANDS FUTURES STUDY concluded that long-term unemployment will only be overcome by a change of attitude to work; and that greater support for self-help, community and co-operative initiatives - economic, social and environmental - will be needed to break into the downward spiral of decline. Details, and of the Birmingham Futures Network, from David Thew (19 Chancellors Close, Edgbaston, Birmingham 15).

"Just as no single form of family will remain dominant in the next few decades, no single form of economic security will suffice to protect family members from the hardships of marital disruption". THE SHAPE OF THE AMERICAN FAMILY IN THE YEAR 2000, TAP Report 22. Contact: Trina Stephenson, Trend Analysis Program, American Council of Life Insurance (1850 K Street NW, Washington DC 20006, USA).

The passive attitude to the future is a legacy of religious fatalism. The adaptive attitude to the future is a response to the rapid changes imposed by science and technology during the industrial age. The creative attitude believes we can shape the future. CRISIS AND OPPORTUNITY: FROM TECHNOLOGICAL TO SOCIAL CHANGE, a Jan.1983 paper by Michel Godet (CNAM, 292 Rue Saint Martin, 75141 Paris, France).

"In the closing days of the 20th century civilisation as it had developed from prehistoric times committed suicide. In the prints of the period that have survived, the impending act was represented as a possible accident. But the records contradict this. The suicide had been planned very carefully during most of the century". From MEMO FROM AD 4500 by Fred Gram (Box 12861, St. Paul, MN 55112, USA).

SWEDEN 1980-2000 by Sverker Jonsson and Ingvar Petzell (Industrial Policy Dept., Fedn. of Swedish Industries, Box 5501, S-114 85 Stockholm) describes two scenarios for future development in Sweden.

Phil Holroyd (Bradford Management Centre, Emm Lane, Bradford BD9 4JL) was a founder of the Futures Network. His paper on MICROCOMPUTERS AND DECISION MAKING is in "R and D Management", Vol.13, No.1, January 1983.

MONEY

The future of money is an item for the TP Research Agenda (see p.2) - and possibly for a TP meeting next year.

People's growing dependence on institutions has been reflected in the growing role of money in our lives, the growing role of financial institutions in society, and our growing obsession with government spending and finance. This industrial age trend may now be reaching its limit. What form will the post-industrial "dissolution of the monasteries" take?

- (1) More people may learn to be less dependent on money.
- (2) More people may seek to invest their savings in projects of their own choice.
- (3) More people may need starting capital for small-scale, local enterprises with social/environmental, as well as economic, aims.
- (4) The total amount of cash flowing through the economy may fall.
- (5) Consequently, capital values (e.g. of property, shares, agricultural land), which depend on rising rates of return, may also fall.
- (6) Holders of such assets, including financial institutions (e.g. banks, pension funds, insurance companies, building societies) which depend on steady flows of cash at today's high levels, may have problems.
- (7) The financial sector may have to slim down, like so many other industries.

How is a guaranteed basic income for all citizens to be financed? And how are increasing numbers of (unemployed, self-employed, part-employed) people to get access to land? May the answer to both questions be land-rent to the community from all land-owners/occupiers? A costed "scenario" needs to be drawn up. Meanwhile, two pamphlets. A QUIET REVOLUTION (95p from W.J. Barber, 9 Lord's Hill, Coleford, Glos GL16 8BG) bases a powerful case for land-rent on two facts: (1) everything we use and eat comes from land; (2) value is given to land by people. THE LAND QUESTION (second edition) is now available (95p from Shirley-Anne Hardy, The Rocks, Pitlochry, Perthshire, Scotland).

Robley E. George (Center for the Study of Democratic Societies, Box 475, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266, USA) is proposing a major conference on GUARANTEED INCOME FOR ALL, as an idea whose time has come.

THE SOCIAL DIVIDEND could be a liveable income for all citizens. See C.J. Whitmill's (P.O. Box 1827, Wellington, New Zealand) 8-page pamphlet.

Mercury Provident Society (Orlingbury House, Lewes Road, Forest Row, Sussex RH18 5AA), based on Rudolf Steiner's thinking, enables depositors to influence how their deposits are used.

Ecology Building Society (43 Main Street, Crosshills, Keighley, West Yorks BD20 8TT) lends to persons or on properties saving non-renewable resources, promoting self-sufficiency, or using land ecologically.

CALVERT SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND (1700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington DC 20006, USA) provides opportunities for investment in enterprises that make a socially and environmentally positive contribution to society through their products and services and through the way they do business. Advisory Council includes Hazel Henderson, Amory and Hunter Lovins and Robert Rodale.

Bob Swann's (E.F. Schumacher Society, Box 76, RD3 Great Barrington, MA 01230, USA) BOOKSHELF includes various papers on village banking and community banking. See also "Investing in the Community", Rain (Feb/March 1983), and "Choosing the Future: Social Investing", Rain (June/July 1983). Rain: Journal of Appropriate Technology comes from 2270 NW Irving, Portland, OR 97210, USA - personal sub. \$15 for 6 issues p.a.

WORK

Many practical people, for example in business and local government, are now facing up to the challenge of a new work order. Thoughtful radicals, on Right and Left alike, see the end of full employment as an opportunity to end wage-slavery. For example, in TOWARDS THE JOBLESS SOCIETY, The Entrepreneur, No.6 (Alston, Cumbria CA9 3RP, £32.50 p.a.), after welcoming this year's Conservative election win, argues powerfully for a National Personal Income to cut back the welfare state and restore personal responsibility. And, from a radical socialist standpoint, Andre Gorz, arguing ('The Guardian' 1st August 1983) that "the right to work must cease to be equated with the right to employment, and the right to an income with the right to a wage", says that the future of the Left depends on its ability to face the post-industrial revolution with a vision of the "enlarged space for freedom, creativity and voluntary co-operation that lies open beyond the present crisis".

WORK AND SOCIETY (14 Stratford Villas, London NW1 9SG) is part of the international "Jobs in the '80s" programme. Chairman is Hamish Orr-Ewing (Chairman of Rank-Xerox) and Research Director is Michael Shanks (Chairman of the National Consumer Council). These are the kinds of things they say in "Work and Society" newsletter, July 1983. Hamish Orr-Ewing: "While our parents worked for survival, we are working for personal development". Michael Shanks: "Full employment in the sense of a 40-hour five-day week for everybody who wants it is unlikely to return for many years, if ever. It is not a realistic objective to aim at". Graeme Shankland (2 Keats Grove, London NW3 2RT) is undertaking a study of "the informal economy" as one of "Work and Society's" projects for 1983. This follows his report on "Our Secret Economy" published by the Anglo-German Foundation in 1980.

TURN A NEW LEAF (£1.20 from Friends House, Euston Rd., London NW1 2BJ) is a radical look at the future of work. The six authors (Loraine Brown, James Robertson, Geoffrey Hubbard, Philip Sharp, Guy Dauncey, David Welbourn), some Quakers, some not, believe humankind is at a turning point, and that new values are needed for the post-industrial age.

Sally Sadler asks EMPLOYMENT - TIME TO MOVE BEYOND IT? in "Around Europe" July/August 1983 (Quaker House, 50 Square Ambiorix, B-1040 Brussels, Belgium), but reports that the European Parliament still discusses the employment situation almost exclusively in terms of economic models and social values which belong to the industrial age.

REFLECTIONS ON THE FUTURE OF FULL EMPLOYMENT is an important paper, available from World Social Prospects Study Association (PO Box 6, CH-1211, Geneva 22, Switzerland), by Wil Albeda, formerly a government minister in Holland, now Professor, Rijksuniversiteit Limburg, Maastricht, Holland.

"The unemployed are living out a 21st century reality under a 19th century system. It is time that it changed. And to get things changed we must act with 21st century courage, not 19th century shame. We are 3 million strong. We could be a new force to be reckoned with."

BURN (British Unemployment Resource Network) newsletter, Summer 1983 - editors Guy Dauncey and Andy Howell (c/o Birmingham Settlement, 318 Summer Lane, Birmingham B19 3RL). Among the Birmingham Settlement's many other activities - see their Annual Report for 1982 - are the Future Studies Centre and the Job Change Project - a self-help organisation for the unemployed over-40s.

SOCIAL AUDIT: A MANAGEMENT TOOL FOR CO-OPERATIVE WORKING by Freer Spreckley (£1.50) is one of a number of booklets from Beechwood College Publications (Elmete Lane, Leeds LS8 2LQ).

COMMUNITY JOBS - OK? (excellent value at 50p from Youth Employment Resource Unit, Rms. 54-55, 1 Albert St., Dale End, Birmingham B4 7TX) shows how the Manpower Services Commission's Community Programme can be used to develop new employment possibilities, based on local community needs, under the auspices of Community Jobs Agencies.

"The reconquest of the garden as women's domain reduces female "manpower" on the cropland where men drive tractors; cuts into the acreage and water supply now controlled by men; and removes women from men's control at work" - a quote from TECHNIQUE AND WOMEN'S TOIL, DOC 02.83 from Valentina Borremans (Apdo.479, Cuernavaca, Mexico).

"The changes which we can expect in the working world and in the nature of employment in coming years suggest the need for a serious multi-disciplinary study of age," argues Evelyne Suillerot in AGE AND ACTIVITY, a paper (7 Dutch Guilders) published by the European Centre for Work and Society (PO Box 3073, 6202 NB Maastricht, Holland).

"Mainstream Christianity has become committed to a theological dualism which saw man's spiritual and material lives as entirely separate ... , so Christianity could happily sit beside the capitalist faith. ... But in our own time a growing number of Christians are coming to believe that the existing economic order is profoundly immoral, and are opening their minds to alternative possibilities". Robert van de Weyer on THE CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT: A CHRISTIAN UNDERSTANDING. Details of this, other publications, and their own initiative, from Daily Bread Co-operative (The Old Laundry, Bedford Road, Northampton NN4 0AD).

"It is through the activity of work that people are able to exercise their creative spirit, realise their human dignity, and share in Creation. ... What would it mean to develop an alternative economic model that would place emphasis on: socially useful forms of production; labour-intensive industries; appropriate forms of technology; self-reliant models of economic development; community ownership and control of industries; new forms of worker management and ownership; and greater use of renewable energy sources?" The ETHICAL REFLECTIONS ON THE ECONOMIC CRISIS, including Guidelines for Study and Action, published by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in Jan.1983, are available (\$5 for 100 copies) from Social Affairs Office, CCCB (90 Parent Ave., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1N 7B1). Grant Maxwell, editor of Jesuit journal "Compass" (69 Marmaduke St., Toronto, Ontario M6R 1T3) and Tom Webb (Tara Policy Alternatives, PO Box 695, Stn.B, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5P8) drew our attention to this important statement by the Canadian Catholic hierarchy. Tom Webb recently visited Mondragon and has written up the co-operative experience there.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

"A genuine understanding of the changing nature and future of work may be the key to regenerating a curriculum which is beginning to look irrelevant and unresponsive to contemporary social and economic realities". Keith Evans (Deputy Director of Education, Shire Hall, Mold, Clwyd CH7 6ND, Wales) in JOBS, WORK AND THE CURRICULUM.

David Turner (Turner Training and Business Services, 57 Church Drive, Ravenshead, Nottingham NG15 9FG) believes that the "rigid pattern of paid employment coupled with paid unemployment is beginning to break", and that this change will require a great deal of new learning and training. He would like to hear of any moves to provide the necessary learning for individuals. (TP comment: in this, as in much else, the cards are still stacked in favour of the old against the new; for example, the tax system makes it easier for organisations to finance out-of-date training for dependent employees, than for people to finance learning for self-reliance for themselves.)

John Nixon (157 Watford Road, Chiswell Green, St. Albans AL2 3HG) asks how the present costs could be reduced of hiring or purchasing films like "Limits to Growth" for teaching in schools. Suggestions please.

THE CONSERVATION TRUST (c/o George Palmer School, Northumberland Ave., Reading, Berks RG2 7PW) hopes to proceed shortly with its plan to set up regional resource centres to serve schools and colleges. Practical suggestions, help and funds will be welcome.

Joan Randle in QUARRY NEWS Spring 1983 (Centre for Alternative Technology, Llwyngwern Quarry, Machynlleth, Powys, Wales) asks for suggestions how the Centre can be used by schools and colleges. Quarry News is edited by Jill Whitehead (Sub. £5 p.a.).

The syllabus and bibliography put out by Frank Fisher (Graduate School of Environmental Science, Monash University, Clayton, Victoria, Australia 3168) for his course on the CONSERVER SOCIETY are valuable models for people contemplating anything similar.

Chris Mager (Gunthorpe Hall, Gunthorpe, Melton Constable, Norfolk) edits the WWOOF (Working Weekends on Organic Farms) information sheet on organic education.

Roger Orgill, Chairman of the National Association for Outdoor Education, is initiating (as Director of Outdoor Adventure Activity Programmes, Sports Council, West Midlands Region, Metropolitan House, 1 Hagley Road, Five Ways, Birmingham B16 8TT) a three-year demonstration programme in the urban areas of Manchester, Merseyside and the West Midlands.

The RADICAL ENGLISH MOVEMENT (14 New Road, Hebden Bridge, West Yorks HX7 8AD) offers (1)Alternative English Courses, (2)Radical Clippings Monthly, (3)Global Alternative Address List.

POLITICS FOR ADULTS (ed. R. Peter Wassell, Extramural Department, Univ. of Edinburgh, 11 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh EH8 9JT) is a newsletter about the political education of adults.

"Our schools are used by under-developed, unimaginative people to induct our children into roles appropriate to our imperfect society... Most of us are trapped within a mental adolescence which results in immature social behaviours. This will only change when we conceptualise self-and-environment in a significantly different way". From Douglas Ogilvie's (Div. of External Studies, Univ. of Queensland, St. Lucia, Brisbane, Australia 4067) THE NATURE OF EDUCATION, second of three (book-length) papers relating organisation theory to the process of education.

Diana Haydon (2 Langton Street, London SW10 0JH), trained in psycho-synthesis and now active with the Planetary Initiative for the World We Choose, describes in HUMAN POTENTIAL, March/May 1983 (ed. Maureen Yeomans, 35 Station Road, London NW4 - annual sub. for 4 issues £2.60 in UK) the start of a new global network for Universal Education based on integrating Buddhist principles with western science.

CHOICE, CHANCE AND UTOPIA (Dept. of Educational and Psychological Research, Box 23501, Lund Univ., S-200 45 Malmo, Sweden) is a report by Simon Nicholson (180 Woodstock Road, Oxford) on questions and ideas about the future developed by children in Sweden.

Roger Pritchard (see p.14) tells us that NOREN SCHOOL (62 Stanton St., San Francisco, CA 94114, USA) is a new business school started by the Briarpatch Network to teach an open and honest approach to business.

The UNIVERSITY FOR PEACE (Apdo. 199, Escazu, Costa Rica) published its first newsletter in May 1983.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Evidence mounts that the pendulum is now swinging strongly away from doctor-dependent and drug-dependent conventional medicine, through alternative therapies (which may still be therapist-dependent), to self-help and health-creation (as opposed to sickness-treatment).

Dr. Trevor Hancock has sent us PARADIGM HEALTH's March 1983 report on "Health Strategy for Ontario", presenting a positive vision of health and its practical implications to the Minister of Health. This is a valuable model for anyone concerned with health policy. \$5 from Paradigm Health (180 Bloor Street West, Suite 603, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5S 2V6).

CARE AND WELFARE AT THE CROSSROADS (Secretariat for Future Studies, PO Box 6710, S-113 85 Stockholm, Sweden) is a readable 43-page summary of "Care in Society", an important study which concluded that new ways must be found to achieve the objectives of the welfare state.

FIT AS A FIDDLE?, 1983 (95p + 25p postage from TUIREG - Trade Union International Research and Education Group - Ruskin College, Walton Street, Oxford OX1 2HE) by Martin Stott (Ferry House, Meadow Lane, Oxford OX4 4BJ) contains case studies on international health hazards, and argues that workers in developed and developing countries have a common interest in the enforcement of health and safety standards.

Recent issues of RADICAL COMMUNITY MEDICINE (£6 p.a. from Dr. Alex Scott-Samuel, 5 Lyndon Drive, Liverpool L18 6HP) focus on Health Care and Sexism, and Housing and Health.

WHAT IS HEALTH?, a booklet from the Templegarth Trust (82 Tinkle St., Grimoldby, Louth, Lincs LN11 8TF) describes Dr. Peter Mansfield's approach to Health Cultivation.

HEALTH CONDITIONS OF THE YEAR 2000 by Peter Goldschmidt (Policy Research Institute, 2500 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, MD 21218, USA) stresses the importance of healthier lifestyles and environment, and the need to promote health. Also by the same author, HEALTH 2000.

The new RESEARCH COUNCIL FOR COMPLEMENTARY MEDICINE (Secretary: Harold Wicks, 37 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3HW) published their first newsletter in May 1983.

The March 1983 report on the first year's work of the NOTTINGHAM SELF-HELP GROUPS PROJECT - project worker, Judy Wilson - will interest people proposing similar initiatives elsewhere. (£1 inc. p&p, from 54 The Ropewalk, Nottingham NG1 5DW).

The W.H.O. newsletter on APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY FOR HEALTH, July 1983 issue, is on human nutrition and children's health in the third world. Editor: Claudine Brelet (W.H.O., 1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland).

Bryan and Hazel Fearon (Flat 4, The Grange, Woodhouse Eaves, Loughborough, Leics LE12 8ST) are active in parapsychology, healing, meditation. Write for information - and about the Loughborough Centre for Natural Therapies and the International Institute of Integral Human Sciences.

Peter Draper is taking early retirement from the Unit for the Study of Health Policy (8 Newcomen Street, London SE1 1YR) in the new year and plans to take up a second career in health promotion.

Mary Greeley (912 Wood St., No. 10, Ft. Collins, CO 80521, USA) would like to contact people interested in alcoholism as an ecological illness in relation to food allergies. Vicky Colquhoun (Hyperactive Children's Support Group, Mayfield House, Yapton Road, Barnham, Bognor Regis, West Sussex PO22 0BJ) suggests a link between hyperactivity in children and alcoholism in adults. Both connected with food allergies?

PEACE AND SECURITY

"Most Western students and interpreters of Mahatma Gandhi have understood him in rather a narrow sense. They have seen his non-violence, his Satyagraha and his pacificism in terms of war and resistance. They have ignored a very important section of his philosophy which is about the reconstruction of a peaceful society". Satish Kumar (Editor of Resurgence, Ford House, Hartland, Bideford, Devon) in GANDHI'S WAY TO PEACE in "World Faiths Insight", Summer 1983 (annual sub. £2.50 to World Congress of Faiths, 28 Powis Gardens, London W11 1JG).

REAL SECURITY, say Amory and Hunter Lovins in "Rain", June/July 1983 (see p.4), is threatened by the vulnerabilities in the life support systems of late industrial societies. Such vital services as energy, water, food, data processing and telecommunications have become too easy to disrupt. Individual and community self-reliance is the only thing that can give us real security.

"The test of people-to-people internationalism is what we do about it - each one of us personally". July 1983 newsletter from EAST-WEST PEACE PEOPLE (Peter Cadogan, 1 Hampstead Hill Gardens, London NW3) includes advice on making East-West contacts.

In WOMEN FOR LIFE ON EARTH, Summer 1983 (2 St. Edmunds Cottages, Bove Town, Glastonbury, Somerset), Ann Pettitt reports a visit to Russia and concludes: "Only the solidarity and intelligence of the Western Peace Movement, making good use of our hard-won freedoms and good communications, can ensure the survival of independent voices for peace, voices from the heart, in the Soviet Union".

JUST DEFENCE (Stan Windass, The Rookery, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon) is a new non-party organisation, striving for defence that is effective, legitimate, non-provocative, non-nuclear, and contributing to general disarmament and world security. Publications (from 83 Heath Lane, Bladon, Oxford OX7 1SA): "Defence Without Fears: How Electronics Have Made Nuclear Weapons Obsolete" (20p), "A New Language Of Defence" (30p), and "Non-Provocative Defence" (30p), all by Frank Barnaby and Stan Windass; and "Ten Questions Answered" by Generals for Peace and Disarmament (75p); also Membership brochure (free).

DUNAMIS (details from St. James's Church, Piccadilly, London W1V 9LF) continues its important programme of lectures (see p.16), and offers tapes of past lectures, on Security and Survival.

AN ECOLOGICAL DEFENCE POLICY involves taking defence into our own hands and building up a highly decentralised citizen army. So argues Edward Goldsmith in "The Ecologist" Vol.2/3 1983 (£12 p.a. from Worthyvale Manor Farm, Camelford, Cornwall PL32 9TT).

The NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL (29 Great James Street, London WC1N 3ES) is appealing for £50,000 to develop their information and advice services, their education and research work, and their links abroad.

Recent titles from the MENARD PRESS (8 The Oaks, Woodside Avenue, London N12 8AR) include Oliver Postgate's "The Writing on the Sky", Lord Zuckerman's "Europe and America" and "The Nuclear Shadow", Andrew White's "The Terror of Balance", Ronald Aronson's "Technological Madness", and Stewart Britten's "The Invisible Event".

David Hicks and Simon Fisher have compiled an 85-page INTERIM GUIDE TO PLANNING AND TEACHING WORLD STUDIES. (£2.50). One of a number of publications available from the Centre for Peace Studies, St. Martin's College, Bowerham, Lancaster LA1 3JD.

MAKINGS OF A NEW PHILOSOPHY

Hazel Henderson (PO Box 448, Gainesville, Florida 32601, USA) in her 23rd Horace M. Albright Conservation Lecture (published by the Univ. of California at Berkeley, California) describes how the two hitherto separate streams of (1) post-Cartesian Science (ecophilosophy) of David Bohm, Rupert Sheldrake, James Lovelock and others and (2) ecofeminism, have been approaching the same conclusions from different directions, the first intellectually, the second experientially. They are now beginning to flow together towards a new androgynised consciousness and a new cultural synthesis.

Tom Kitwood (School of Science and Society, Univ. of Bradford, Bradford, W.Yorks BD7 1DP), in a July 1983 paper called SCIENCE - OUT OF TOUCH? REFLECTIONS ON THE USE OF HANDS IN ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE, points out that the observational techniques of Western science (which has been a male project, seeking to remain detached from nature and value-free) have been largely based on one of the senses only - the sense of sight. May we now be starting to develop scientific perception and scientific knowledge based on the sense of touch? Kitwood calls this kind of knowledge "haptognosis" and speculates that a more participatory, experiential approach to science may grow from it.

Further thoughts on science as experiential - "a process of building mental models representing our experiences" - will be found under the heading WHAT DO WE REALLY KNOW? in the February 1983 newsletter from the Scientific and Medical Network (George Blaker, Lake House, Ockley, Nr. Dorking, Surrey RH5 5NS). Network Cassettes may now be hired from Jean Kollerstrom (9 Primrose Gardens, London NW3 4UJ).

The 1982 Yearbook of the Institute of Psychosynthesis (1 Cambridge Gate, Regents Park, London NW1 4JN) contains accounts of some of the main projects presented at the Institute's Summer School, including Peter Russell "Thinking on Self and Planet" and Marco de Vries "The Emergence of a New Paradigm in Medicine".

INVESTIGATIONS is a new publication of the Institute of Noetic Sciences (2658 Bridgeway, Sausalito, CA 94965, USA). The March 1983 issue was about Rupert Sheldrake's hypothesis of formative causation.

In "Solar Age Pathfinder No.5", in a piece on THE PEACE MOVEMENT, FASCISM AND FREEDOM, Michael Tobin (Harepark, Boyle, Co.Roscommon, Ireland) discusses what Magorah Maruyama calls monopolisation - the psychological need to believe that there is one correct answer, right course of action, universal truth, etc. Is the nuclear family a factor that encourages monopolisation in western culture, with its hierarchical, monocephalic and uniformistic view of the Universe?

Tony Judge's (Union of International Associations, 40 Rue Washington, B-1050 Brussels, Belgium) book-length (173pp) draft on DEVELOPMENT THROUGH ALTERNATION? also questions Monopolisation. This difficult, but important, paper discusses: non-equilibrium, self-organising, dissipative structures; the discontinuities of the development process; the re-interpretation of development as learning; and models of alternation as an aspect of cyclic transformation.

The UK CYCLES NETWORK (Chairman: Digby Dodd, Sparrow's Barton, Easton, Nr. Corsham, Wilts SN13 9QD) now has study groups on economic, natural, and social cycles and methodology.

BOOTSTRAP TO INFINITY: THE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY IN EXPANDING CONSCIOUSNESS is a 62-page booklet by Alan Cravy (Thunderbird Villa, 10001 W.Frontage Road, Space 73, South Gate, CA 90280, USA).

John Linton (18 Hurst Rise Road, Cumnor Hill, Oxford OX2 9HQ), whose recent speaking tour led to an American chapter of the QUAKER UNIVERSALIST GROUP being set up (enquiries to Irving Hollingshead, RD4, Boyertown, PA 19512, USA), describes universalism as "only one part of a whole new world of ideas that is fermenting all over America, variously called New Age thinking, the New Renaissance, or the Aquarian Conspiracy". "The Universalist", January 1983, E1 from John Linton.

"To Marx nature is passive, female and to be used when not to be fought. His male chauvinism was in line with his non-holistic weltanschauung... He never saw that to create a classless society one needs to start with a classless society in embryo. The means will decide the ends... In accepting power and the struggle for power Marx was essentially a Conservative". From LET THE IVY GROW IN HIGHGATE NOW by Peter Cadogan (1 Hampstead Hill Gardens, London NW3) in Chronicle, July 1983. (From The Dag Hammarskjold Information Centre on the Study of Violence and Peace, 110 Eton Place, Eton College Rd., London NW3 2DS). This issue of Chronicle also includes articles by Nicholas Gillett (51 Eastfield Road, Bristol BS9 4AE) and Stan Windass (see p.9).

"Marx is the prophet of violent conflict ... Gandhi on the other hand is the sage of non-violence. ... In a sexist world, Gandhi seems feminine, while the fully-bearded patriarchal Marx seems powerful and masculine". From THE GANDHIAN PATH TO DEVELOPMENT: REALISTIC UTOPIA OR ROMANTIC IDEOLOGY? by Hans Bakker in Gandhi Marg, December 1982 (US\$20 p.a. from Gandhi Peace Foundation, 221-223 Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Marg, New Delhi 110002, India).

SLEEP WELL, FATHER MARX is Keith Motherson's (3 Jordanston Cottages, Dwr Bach, Nr. Fishguard, Dyfed ST5 9RT, Wales) anarcho-feminist critique of Marxism. Two-thirds (162pp) now available from him in draft, and he will welcome comment and advice/help about publication.

Paolo Freire believes that the destiny of humanity is for us to become subjects of free and authentic experience. He mistrusts political leaders who objectify the poor, and enlist them in the promotion of their own aims. Carl Rogers' political creed involves every person being helped to become aware of their own power, and the sharing of power, not its use to control others. From "Journey", Sept. 1982 (\$20 p.a. from the Learning Group, Center for Studies of the Person, 1125 Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, CA 92037, USA). Thanks to Alan Coulson (Cartrefle College, Wrexham) for sending us this.

In his pamphlet on THE MEANING OF STRUCTURAL HISTORICISM Mark Kinney (Box 150, Mt. Vernon, OH 43050, USA) suggests that, as the 17th century freed thought from the Church's authoritarian doctrines, the 20th century can free it from the sociologies of the secular State.

WORLD ETHICS: ITS FOUNDATION by Archie J. Bahm (Univ. of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, USA) published in "World Futures" Vol.18, takes the likenesses between all people - in having interests, being selves, in associating, in participating in groups, and in embodying culture - as the foundation for a universal ethic.

Berkeley Telequark (ed. Tobi Quill, \$13.20 for six issue trial sub.) is the newsletter of the Society for People Engaged in Conscious Enquiry into Evolutionary Survival (SPECIES, PO Box 601, Berkeley, CA 94701, USA). Recent coverage of entropy, Freire, Ouspensky.

"Negatist theory explores the obstacles to a transition to global thinking and points to changes in language necessary to accomplish it". NEGATISM (50p + postage) is published by Polytantric Press (c/o Charlotte, 221 West End Lane, London NW6).

BOOKS RECEIVED

James Robertson, THE SANE ALTERNATIVE: A CHOICE OF FUTURES (from James Robertson, Spring Cottage, 9 New Road, Ironbridge, Shropshire TF8 7AU), revised and expanded edition, 1983. £2.95 inc. p&p UK and surface mail abroad (sterling only please).

Guy Dauncey, NICE WORK IF YOU CAN GET IT, National Extension College (18 Brooklands Avenue, Cambridge CB2 2HN), 1983, £1.95. A companion volume to THE UNEMPLOYMENT HANDBOOK. A valuable guide for anyone who is unemployed or concerned about unemployment.

Paul Hawken, THE NEXT ECONOMY, Holt, Reinhart and Winston, New York, 1983, \$14.50. An illuminating analysis of the changing relationship between the value of labour (people), capital (money), and resources (energy), and the possible consequences of the transition from a "mass economy" to an "informative economy".

Marion Loring, A CHRISTIAN VIEW OF ECONOMICS, Exposition Press (325 Rabro Drive, Smithtown, NY 11787, USA), 1983, \$5.50. This useful, short (67pp) study contains many relevant biblical quotations.

Ivan Illich, GENDER, Marion Boyars, 1983, £4.95. Analyses the rise of the capitalist mode of production as a transition "from the aegis of gender to the regime of sex". A further instalment in Illich's exploration of the history of scarcity.

Bernard Nesfield-Cookson, RUDOLF STEINER'S VISION OF LOVE: SPIRITUAL SCIENCE AND THE LOGIC OF THE HEART, Aquarian Press, 1983, £7.95. Corrects the commonly held view that anthroposophy appeals to the head rather than to the heart. (Bernard Nesfield-Cookson is Principal of Hawkwood College - see p.15).

Walter C. Patterson, NUCLEAR POWER, Penguin, new edition 1983, £2.50. This authoritative survey concludes that the decisions about nuclear power now impending "will affect not merely global energy supply and demand, but the entire organisation of our global society. We, the people of the world, must be a party to these decisions. Before we commit ourselves and our descendants to a nuclear future, it is vital that we concur in and understand the nature of the commitment".

Daniel Deudney and Christopher Flavin, RENEWABLE ENERGY: THE POWER TO CHOOSE, Worldwatch/Norton, New York, 1983. "The basic challenge is to empower people with the knowledge, resources and freedom required to solve their own energy problems. ... Renewable energy can preserve options rather than close them". 400+ pages on progress and prospects for all forms of renewable energy.

THE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE UK: A Response to the World Conservation Strategy, 2 vols., Kogan Page, 1983: (1) "An Overview - Resourceful Britain" by Brian Johnson, £7.95; (2) seven reports on Industry, Urban, Rural, Marine and Coastal, International, Ethics, Education, £14.95. Massive analysis. Action proposals for government, industry, trade unions and other organisations.

Jean-Pierre Quentin, MUTATION 2000: LE TOURNANT DE LA CIVILISATION, Le Hameau, Paris, 1982, 79F. A study of our present predicament "ballottés entre les modes de pensée de l'ère industrielle et les réalités de l'ère post-industrielle". Originally stimulated in discussion with Georges Guéron and the Conseillers de Synthèse (see p.3).

A CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM OF VIOLENCE. Report (230pp) from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (DOC.5013-E, Strasbourg, 1983), includes interesting evidence.

PEOPLE AND PROJECTS

Sae, please, to Ian Taylor (20 Ratho Place, Kirkcaldy, Fife, Scotland) for information about the community centre, community farm and other projects existing or planned at BALBIRNIE PARK, Glenrothes.

Dan Shatil (PO Box 275, Station P, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5S 2S8) tells us that ATEED, the Centre for Environmental Communities, now has its own farm about 100 miles from Toronto.

Greentown Group (c/o Urban Studies Centre, 553 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, Bucks MK9 3AR) are now asking would-be residents of GREENTOWN to apply for inclusion in the first Clusters of houses.

Swan-Liat Kwee (Willem de Rijkelaan 2, NL-5616 EA Eindhoven, Holland) tells us there are now more than 3000 Man and Environment friendly small enterprises linked with MEMO (Damrak 37, NL-1012 LK Amsterdam, Holland). STERSTAETE is a new star-shaped centre for 450 people living and working in a self-supporting community (contact: Ir.W.van Monsjou, Zweerslaan 31, NL-3723 HN Bilthoven, Holland).

Send for PLANETARY INITIATIVE's Bulletin No.6 (now from Rainbow Foundation, 160 Bath St., Ilkeston, Derbyshire) reporting growing activity throughout the UK. Julian Russell (6 Hyde Park Gdns, London W2) has been giving talks and workshops in many parts of the country and PI's UK Action Group is now based on ten centres countrywide. (See p.16).

One of these is GREENHOUSE (Trevelyan Terrace, Bangor, Gwynedd, Wales), a centre shared by eight alternative groups. In a recent paper, "The Reds and the Greens: The Need for a Dialogue", Paul Fletcher described Greenhouse as a local model for a global movement toward a post-industrial society.

ACTION LINKAGE (Robert Theobald, Participation Publishers, Box 2240, Wickenburg, AZ 85358, USA) enables people to learn that there is a widely shared belief that we are moving out of the industrial era into a new period of history. "A Place to Build" - a 4-page note - sets out premises for action.

Joan and Roger Evans (The Barn, Nan Clark's Lane, London NW7 4HH) are among the curators of THE RESOURCE GROUP. This new non-profit charitable trust aims to fund individuals and groups who are contributing to understanding of global interconnectedness. 3-page note describes the Group's approach and how to submit proposals for funding to Resource Associates Ltd., 2 Cambridge Gate, Regents Park, London NW1.

John Llewellyn Cooke (Gwastad Ceffylcorn, Ty-Somerset, Heol Dwyrain, Rhaiadr Gwy, Powys LD6 5DS, Wales) has set up RURAL RESEARCH, a community information project in rural mid-Wales, based on his university and trade union experience that "we have to be our own self-regenerators" (William Lovatt). Objectives include: support for local communities, traditional farming, local history, local culture.

A number of towns and cities are showing the LOTHIAN ENERGY GROUP's travelling exhibition on energy conservation and renewable energy. Details from Angus Marland (Centre for Human Ecology, 15 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh EH8 9LN).

Incidentally, why does Britain lag behind the other European countries in energy conservation (PARLIGAES Bulletin, April 1983, from David Gordon 14 Carroun Road, London SW8 1LJ), and in standards of treatment of farm animals (FARM AND FOOD SOCIETY newsletter, April 1983, from Joanne Bower, 4 Willifield Way, London NW11 7XT)?

Preparations are being made for an International Exposition of Rural Development in Delhi in February 1984. A large number of UK organisations and groups are involved. Information from Clare Bonnell (Institute of Cultural Affairs, 277 St. Ann's Poad, London N15).

Remegius Menezes (St. Paul's Church, Garhwa, Palamau District, Bihar 822114, India) is helping people in his parish in Northern India to understand their situation and how to act to improve it. His group has a small library, and welcomes newsletters, etc., about similar groups elsewhere.

Michael Franklin (Shantock Hall, Bovington, Herts HP3 ONG) has established a new SHANTOCK CENTRE for the practical study of the ideas of Gurdjieff developed by J.G. Bennett and others. A new Shantock Press is issuing previously unpublished lectures by J.G. Bennett. Books and tapes include the "Future Communities" series. He tells us that the next Congress of Faiths, organised by the Interfaith Association, will be in July 1984 at St. Albans.

David Bowman (c/o NT Powers, 4672 Barfield Road, Memphis, TN 38117, USA) has written LEARNING FROM COSTA RICA, a Schumacher-inspired work about what a small and beautiful country can teach a large and often ugly country like the USA. David put us in touch with the University for Peace (see p.7). He also suggests "one job per household" as a goal, but not the "he gets paid, she gets the housework" system.

Lloyd Lill (Community College of the Finger Lakes, Canandaigua, NY 14424, USA) is an active participant in ECO-JUSTICE, a network based on the Center for Religion, Ethics and Social Policy at Cornell University, whose April conference was on "Work Options in an Age of Transition".

The FINANCIAL NETWORK (\$12 p.a., Roger Pritchard, 1514 McGee Street, Berkeley, CA 94703, USA) is an informal network of professionals partly or primarily concerned with money and an alternative approach.

Mike Bell (69 Cambridge Road, Oakington, Cambs CB4 5BG) is co-ordinator of the SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GREEN GROUP, who issue a newsletter called "Green View".

May Robert Waller's verses in THE ECOLOGICAL TENDENCY (Conservation Society, 12A Guildford Street, Chertsey, Surrey KT16 9BQ - 35p + postage) "travel like seeds whose plants are deeds".

Don Weaver's SOLAR AGE OR ICE AGE? Bulletin (Hamaker-Weaver, Box 1961, Burlingame, CA 94010, USA) links the growing network of individuals and groups concerned about The Survival of Civilisation.

Copies of the "Hartlepool Report" (£1 inc. p&p), on the risk of a nuclear catastrophe there, and information on the MOPSS (Make Our Power Station Safe) campaign, from Kevin Daws (10 Scanbeck Drive, Marske-by-the-Sea, Redcar, Cleveland TS11 7AU), editor of VOICE OF THE NORTH.

There are now speakers of the new international language GLOSA in nearly every continent, and people are teaching it in India, Latin America, England and Africa. Information from Wendy Ashby and Ron Clark (29 Pandora Road, London NW6).

The Australian Freedom From Hunger Campaign (GPO Box 3930 Sydney, NSW, Australia 2001) has an IDEAS CENTRE which issues an excellent bulletin summarising publications on development.

UTOPIA LIMITED will be a series of ten TV programmes on world development from the International Broadcasting Trust on Tuesdays at 6.30pm from 18th October. Action and Study Guide from IBT (9 Upper Berkeley Street, London W1H 8BY).

In TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING, April 1983, Barry Cooper (Director, Transport and Traffic Studies Unit, Dept. of Town Planning, Univ. of Wales Institute of Science and Technology, Cardiff) argues that the next changes in public service administration must come from the bottom up. He proposes a role for parish councils, and believes decentralisation will show many of today's practices to be founded on myths.

A new INSTITUTE FOR STUDIES IN POLICY, ETHICS AND LAW, has been set up to examine the implications for public policy and law of changing moral values and ethical principles. Simon Miles (2 Hawthorn Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4W 2Z2) is one of ISPEL's advisers.

Robert Hutchinson (77 Dresden Road, London N19), formerly Green Alliance, is studying the changing pattern of interdependence between the live arts and the electronic media for the Policy Studies Institute.

Ulrich and Francesca Loening (Centre for Human Ecology, 15 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh EH8 9LN) and colleagues from Amsterdam and Sofia have worked out a programme of European Workshops in Human Ecology.

Sabine Kurjo (197 Piccadilly, London W1) is co-ordinator of the computer-based PEACE NETWORK and of a lecture series called "Turning Points" at St. James's Church, Piccadilly.

Interhelp (c/o Post Office, New Galloway, Kircudbrightshire, Scotland) is a network of groups and individuals whose aim is to support and empower people to find their own way of working for planetary survival.

Dinah Molloy (11 Bracebridge Court, Metchley Lane, Harborne, Birmingham B17 0JU) leads transpersonal psychology and "life-scripting" workshops. "Our individual self-concept is developed from the messages we received about ourselves when very small, from significant authority figures". How can we identify the script and break it?

DATES (Cont'd from p.16)

31st October, 6pm, Institute for Complementary Medicine, London. Business Network meeting addressed by James Robertson. Details of BN membership and meetings from Francis Kinsman (see p.2).

5th November, SCOTTISH PLANETARY INITIATIVE BONFIRE GATHERING. Details of this and workshops starting in October from Antony Arcari, Centre for Human Ecology, 15 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh EH8 9LN.

17th-19th November, Dorset. WILLIAM BLAKE: PEACE THROUGH THE IMAGINATION, led by Peter Cadogan. Details of this and full programme (also of the Bridge Trust and the International Prayer for Peace) from John Careswell, Seniors Farmhouse, Semley, Shaftesbury, Dorset SP7 9AX.

19th November, Edinburgh Univ., A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO POLITICS, with Winnie Ewing MEP. 300 Group conference for women. Details from Linda Hendry, Extra-Mural Studies, 11 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh 9.

24th November, Leeds Univ. Student Union, UNEMPLOYMENT AND HEALTH POLICY SEMINAR. Details from Dr. Alex Scott-Samuel (see p.8).

25th-27th November, THE HERO'S JOURNEY. Speakers Ludi How and Bernard Nesfield-Cookson use Myths and Creative Imagination. Details of this and full programme of events from Hawkwood College, Painswick Old Road, Stroud, Glos GL6 7QW.

26th November, TURNING POINT MEETING, PEOPLE AND INSTITUTIONS - see p.1.

3rd December, Wanstead Futures Forum meeting, CREATING THE FUTURE: Response to Crisis in the Health Service. Details from Jane Natai, Warden, Wanstead Friends Meeting House, London E11 3AU.

SOME DATES TO NOTE

10th September, 10am-5pm, at Scott Bader. Seminar on Folkert Wilken's book THE LIBERATION OF CAPITAL. Tickets (£10) and details from Scott Bader Commonwealth, Wollaston, Wellingborough, Northants NN9 7RL.

10th September, 10am-5.30pm, Herringham Hall, Bedford College, London. Scientific and Medical Network Conference on EXPANDING AWARENESS. Speakers: Alistair Shearer, Michael Shallis, Peter Russell. Tickets (£12) and details from George Blaker (Lake House, Ockley, Nr.Dorking, Surrey).

16th-18th September, London. PLANETARY AWAKENING, with Peter Russell, Diana Haydon, Julian Russell. Details of this and other Planetary Initiative workshops from Diana Haydon, 2 Langton St., London SW10 OSH. (See also pp.7 and 13).

16th-23rd September, WOODSTOVE WEEK. Details of this and other courses from Laurieston Hall, Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire, S.W.Scotland.

19th September and following Monday evenings Autumn and Spring term, 7.30-9.30pm, Aylesbury Road Adult Education Centre, Bromley, Kent: THE GOOD LIFE - media influence, food, pollution, health, energy, feminism, transport, etc. Same place, same times, Thursdays, starting

22nd September, PERSON TO PERSON - thinking, communication, human potential. Weekend course combining subjects in two courses above: 30th September-2nd October, Commonwork Centre, Edenbridge, Kent, LOOKING AT ALTERNATIVES. Details of all these from Peter Greenwood, 59 Hayes Road, Bromley, Kent BR2 9AE. (Details of more courses at Commonwork from Jean Poynton, Bore Place, Bough Beech, Edenbridge, Kent TN8 7AR).

23rd-25th September, St. Hugh's College, Oxford. McCarrison Society Conference on NUTRITION AND MENTAL HEALTH. Details from Pauline Atkin, 23 Stanley Court, Worcester Road, Sutton, Surrey SM2 6SD.

23rd-26th September, Rivermill Centre. GREEN ECONOMICS GATHERING. Details from Tim Eiloart, Rivermill House, St.Ives, Huntingdon, Cambs.

24th-25th September, Launch of BRITISH HOLISTIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION. Details from BHMA, 23 Harley House, Marylebone Rd., London NW1 5HE.

7th-9th October, HOW TO START AND RUN A SMALL FARM, with Patrick and Shirley Rivers. Details of this and other courses from Adrian Wood, Nurtons Field Centre, Tintern, Nr. Chepstow, Gwent NP6 7NX.

8th October, 10am-4.30pm, Friends House, London. DEVELOPMENT/DISARMAMENT /ENVIRONMENT: Converging Links for a Peaceful World. Details from Pat Saunders, Friends House, Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ.

8th-15th October, Findhorn, Scotland. WILDERNESS '83. Details from 3rd World Wilderness Congress, The Park, Forres, Scotland IV36 OTZ.

12th October, 6.30pm, Walter Patterson on THE MYTH OF THE PEACEFUL ATOM. Details of this and full Dunamis Autumn programme from Nigel Pearce Dunamis, St. James's Church, 197 Piccadilly, London W1V 9LF. (See p.9).

14th-16th October, Lower Shaw Farm. INTRODUCTION TO PERMACULTURE. Details and full programme from Lower Shaw Farm, Shaw, Swindon, Wilts.

16th October, County Hall, London. WOMEN FOR LIFE ON EARTH, conference for women. Details from Liz Butterworth, Mandala, Bermuda Lodge, Lambseth Street, Eye, Suffolk.

22nd October, Bristol University Union, THE SCHUMACHER LECTURES. Details from Schumacher Society, Ford House, Hartland, Bideford, Devon.

31st October, 1pm, James Robertson on THE COMING TRANSFORMATION OF WORK. One of a series of lunchtime lectures on the future of work at St. James's, Piccadilly. Details of this and other events from Rev.Donald Reeves, St. James's Rectory, 197 Piccadilly, London W1V 9LF.