

PUBLICATIONS - PLUGS

The Neutrality of Numbers?

is the title of an issue of the Bulletin of the Institute of Development Studies at Sussex University. The Bulletin concentrates on third world problems, and statisticians might be particularly interested in the discussion of the role of 'numbers'- especially official statistics- in third world development. The issue has papers on:

Measuring Unemployment and the Informal Sector

Statistics on the Multinational Corporations as a means to exercise sovereignty

New Approaches to National Economic Accounting

Statistics and the Heritocracy

among others and may be obtained from I.D.S. at £1.25 or consulted in your local library (Vol 7 No 3, October 1975)

Further articles by Prof Dudley Seers can be obtained from him on request, on

' The Political Economy of National Accounting' ; ' The System of Social and Demographic Statistics , a review note'; and 'An integrated system of tables and indicators for social and demographic analysis and planning'

Dollars and Sense

a monthly bulletin produced by the U.S. Union for Radical Political Economics. Contains short articles on the current state of the U.S. economy and government planning for the crisis. Includes a feature on 'the economy in numbers' giving recent figures on wages, prices and profits and unemployment. It presents discussion and explanation of economic myths and ideas and 'money mysteries' and generally debunks the mystique of economics. Special features on e.g. the activities of large corporations, unionisation in particular industries, unemployment, taxation. Although largely U.S. oriented much of the analysis applies to our own governments machinations. If anyone would like to see a copy a sample can be borrowed from Liz Atkins. For permanent orders contact Economic Affairs Bureau, 324 Somerville Av. Somerville MA 02143 U.S.A. (annual sub \$ 5 + postage)

Science for People

produced by a collective of BSSRS - strong on articles on health hazards in industry, issues devoted to sexism in science, science education, technology applied to the third world. Obtainable from S f P, BSSRS, 9 Poland St., London W1V 3DG at 25p per issue.

News from Neasden

A useful catalogue of forthcoming radical publications, issued three times a year, and including books on Social Science; Housing; History; Education; Culture; Sexual Politics; Technology. Normally sent to bookshops and libraries, but can be ordered at 10p per copy from Box 30, 142, Drummond St., London NW1 - although should be free, given it's basically promotion material.

Keele Anarchist Conference

We have received from the Keele University Anarchist group a report arising out of their conference on 'Anarchist Society- an ecological and practical economic perspective', with sections on Industries; Cities; Agriculture; Communication; Family, community and education. If anyone is interested in reading the report contact Liz or Stephen (who was there).

Counter-Course: Social Work and the Welfare State

a critical reading guide produced by a Manchester University collective. Includes sections on Social Administration- whose history; The post war economic boom; Social Work and social control; medicine; Education- a subversive activity? and Community work. Published by SCANUS at 20p obtainable from SCANUS Publications, 3 Endsleigh St., London W.C.1

Progressive Technology

Have sent us a list of 'Periodicals that Progressive Scientists should know about' and a list of 'Reading Lists in the making' which contains a list of the subjects they intend to cover, but also two made/half-made lists on Population and The Green Revolution. If anyone would like to see either of these contact Liz

Incidentally, they would also like to hear of any references in the areas of radical science & technology (including radical statistics) so if you have any to offer please send them on to Liz