

RACE GROUP REPORT

The Race Group are pleased to announce the long awaited publication of their joint book with the Runnymede Trust, Britain's Black Population. Publication date is 17 November 1980. Since the book is being published by Heinemann Educational Books it will be available in bookshops in the usual way, price £4.95 paperback, £13.50 hardback. However, there is a prepublication offer available to Radical Statistics readers, details of which appear at the end of this newsletter. This offer applies before publication only and money must accompany orders.

We are beginning to think about future activities, and are looking for new people and new ideas. To this end there will be a MEETING at 12 noon on Monday 10 November in Room H309, Department of Maths, Stats and O.R., Heriot House, Sheffield City Poly, Pond Street, Sheffield S1 1WB (next to bus station, 2 mins from railway station). If you cannot make this time and venue, but are interested in the Race Group and its activities, please get in touch either before the meeting (especially if you have any ideas) or after.

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HEALTH GROUP REPORT from Alison Macfarlane.

The 'Unofficial Guide to Official Health Statistics' was published on August 28 1980. There are no plans to start a further project of this magnitude. An order form is attached at the end of the Newsletter, with a brief summary of the book. A fuller account of the motivation for the book is provided in the following article by David Jones, entitled 'How useful are official health statistics?'.

The Health Group are updating their information on private practice- for details please contact Tim Scott, 42 Woodland Terrace, Charlton, London SE7 8EN.

It is likely that something on abortion statistics will be done jointly with Doctors for a Woman's Choice and the Coordinating Committee for the defence of the 1967 Act. The standpoint would be pro-choice, ie anti anti-abortion. If anyone wishes to take part in the decision as to whether ~~anything~~ produced was worthy of the Radical Statistics seal of approval, or even better, help in the work, please contact Sheila Adam, 13 Princes, Oxford.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE

'HEALTH STATISTICS IN BRITAIN' 1980 Statistics Users Conference.  
12 December 1980.

This conference is not a Radical Statistics venture but it does include speakers from Radstats. And apparently, the Government Statistical Service is prepared to answer questions from its users and critics at this occasion. An application form is attached at the end of the Newsletter; to be returned to Ian Russell as soon as possible.