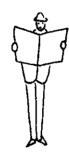
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World population now exceeds 4000m
There are \$10m in China
Three cities have over 10m residents:
Tokyo 11.6m Shanghai 10.8m Mexico City 10.2m
Life expectancy in the UK is 72 years
The labour force of the Pacific Islands is a mere 16% of the popn.
There is I physician to 159 people in Albania:
I to 770 in the UK...



IMPRESSIVE



SO WHAT ?



WHO SAYS?



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STATISTICAL HELP REQUIRED

"Alternatives to Nuclear Technology" need statistical help in interpreting mystifying UKAEA, BNFL, Do Energy etc data. Anyone interested please contact Mike Filgate, A N T 28 Polstead Road, Oxford.

EXTERNAL GROUPS

If you are interested in any of the following please contact them directly or write to Nic Wright (Top Flat, 65 Tower Street, Winchester, Hants) for further details:

The Earth Enterprise Project: "A Business Model" of the universe; Miss J Pick, 23 Maybourne Grange, Turnpike Link, Croydon CRO SNH.

The Leveller: Open, independent, democratic, socialist magazine and group; 155a Drummond Street, London NW1 01-703 8998.

Fare Flight: Resistance to London Transport fare increases (deferred payment slips); 60a Turners Road, London E3 01-790 9965

'London Tenant' Newspaper: Association of London Housing Estates; Tenant's Charter, Tenants Control; 17 Victoria Part Square, Bethnal Green, E2 9PE

The Public Library: 100,000 Left wing and alternative group publications; 3 Ockenden Road, London N1 (correspondence only).

QUESTIONNAIRE

The questionnaire attached at the end of this issue is the pilot for research into the 'popularity of painting' (both practice and appreciation). The editor would be grateful if readers would complete and return the questionnaire to him

at 1 Upper Holland Road, Sutton Coldfield, B72 1SU. Your comments will be most appreciated as well as your replies. Conclusions (both re-content and questionnaire) will be presented in RS10 (so please reply promptly)

BOOKS

"Government Statistics - a brief guide to sources' 1977 edition is now available from the Government Statistical Service, CSO, Great George Street, London SWIP 3AQ (O1-233 6193)

Griffin have just published "Studies in the History of Statistics and Probability" Vol II, Edited by M Kendall and R Plackett, (£12); "Sampling Inspection in Statistical Quality Control" by W Guenther (£6); and a new edition of "The Advanced Theory of Statistics" Vol I by M Kendall and A Stuart (£14.50); details available from C Griffin & Co, 5a Crendon Street, High Wycombe, HP13 6LE

Prentice-Hall have two new 'quantitative' sociological texts, "Strategies of Social Research: The Methodological Imagination" by H Smith (£8.70) and "Mathematical Sociology" by R Leil (£9.45). Details from 66 Wood Lane End, Hemel Hempstead HP6 4RG.

CONFERENCE OF SOCIALIST ECONOMISTS (CSE)

Formed in 1970, CSE is committed to the development within the labour movement of a materialist critique of capitalism in the Marxist tradition. All social scientists are welcome as members of CSE and its Bulletin is now published as a journal under the title, of "CAPITAL AND CLASS". All subscribers automatically become members of CSE (Individual subscription rates £2.50 p.a.) Full details from CSE Membership, c/o Dept of Economics, Birkbeck College, 7-15 Gresse Street, London W1P 1PA (or via editor RS9).

RADICAL STATISTICS AGM

SATURDAY 19 MARCH 1977 - INDUSTRIAL, SOCIOLOGY UNIT, IMPERIAL COLLEGE, 52-53 PRINCE'S GATE, SW7 (Tube to South Kensington then down main station tunnel)

Programme: 10.45 Business Meeting
(Bank account, Treasurer's report,
Publications policy, Pamphlet publication,
Member's addresses, Sub-group reports).
14.30 Discussion of 'Whose Priorities?'
15.30 Discussion of 'Statistics and
Government decision making'

PARTY ON FRIDAY NIGHT (18 March) AT IAN PLEWIS', 23 LINZEE ROAD, HORNSEY, LONDON N8 (Busses W2, W3)
Starts 8 p m - bring a bottle, please.

CONFERENCES

* BRITISH SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION : SURVEY RESEARCH GROUP

Theme : Survey Research and the State

Dates : Monday 28 March Tuesday 29 March

Location : Ranmoor House, University of Sheffield

Programme :

Assemble 3.30 p m for tea

Session I 4.00 p m "Politically Sensitive Issues"

- "Aspects of Sponsored Socio-legal and Criminological Research" - Hazel Genn; SSRC Socio-legal Studies Unit, Oxford.
- "The Case of 'Race Relations'" Dr Sally Jenkinson; Department of Law, Polytechnic of North London.
- "Sense and Sensitivity; the Case of Comprehensive Education" - Dr Guy Neave; Institut d'Education, Universite Dauphine, Paris.

Session II 6.00 p m "The Nature and Role of Survey Research in Sociology"

- "The Epistemology of Survey Research" Cathie Marsh; Social and Political Sciences, Cambridge.
- 2 "The Soothsayers" Malcolm Brighton; Document Reading Services Ltd., Milton Keynes.

Sherry at 7.30 p m followed by Dinner at 8.00 p m with guest speaker to be announced.

Session III (Tuesday 9.00 a m) "Local Government Developments"

- "Survey Research in An Area-Management Context" Carol Vielba; ILGS, Birmingham.
- 2 "Punters, Pollsters and Planners : Survey Applications in Local Government" - Tim Mobbs; R & I Unit, County of Cleveland.
- 3 To be announced.
- Fee : Accommodation, tea, dinner, breakfast, morning coffee and lunch £12 (£15 non BSA members) (Meals without accommodation £7.25 (£10.25 non-members)).

Applications: To Jane Hay, BSA, 13 Endsleigh Street, London WClH ODJ, including full payment by 4 March, stating car parking facilities required, special requirements (e.g diet), membership of BSA (or not), name, address, phone number. (Application forms from above, or editor of RS9, if required). Cheques payable to "British Sociological Association."

* REGIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION : EAST ANGLIA BRANCH

Theme : "Inter-Censal Information Needs"

Date : Thursday 31 March

Location : Key Theatre, Peterborough

Programme :

"Trends in Census Use" - Catherine Hakim; OPCS - Census
"Changing Census Policies" - Chris Denham; OPCS - Census
"Statistical Advice On Assessing The Local Housing Situation" Philip Turnbull; DoE

"Aspects of Sampling" - Denise Lievesley; OPCS - Social Survey
"Some Problems in the Collection of Data for Census & Surveys" Irene Rauta; OPCS - Social Survey

"The Skelmersdale New Town Social Survey" - Philip Roberts; Skelmersdale D C

"Developments in Employment Statistics" - to be announced.

Fee : £6.00 including lunch (£5 to RSA members)

Applications: To Keith Liveseley, Sec EARSA, c/o Planning Department,
Peterborough Development Corporation, Touthill Close,
City Road, Peterborough (Tel (0733) 68941 x 433) stating
name, address and organization; enclosing cheque payable
to "Regional Studies Association." (Application forms from
Keith Liveseley or editor of RS9, if required).

B S A STUDY GROUP ON COMPUTERS IN SURVEY ANALYSIS will be holding a two day conference in London during November 1977. Papers are invited from users, designers and sponsors of computerised survey analysis systems. Papers on handling life history data, census and spatial information and data linkage particularly welcome. Please submit outlines before 30 April 1977 to Dr S Tagg, Nursing Research Unit, Edinburgh University, 18 Buccleugh Place, Edinburgh.

EARTH METABOLIC DESIGN INC. Invitation to WORLD GAME '77 Workshop, 19-25 June, Philadelphia University City Science Center, 3500 Market Street, PA 19104.

Also, The Design Science of Buckmaster Fuller: A Video Seminar 30 May-11 June; the Fuller Archives (address as above).

Election Procedures for the RSS Council

STOP PRESS

The RSS is currently discussing changes in these election procedures (see "News and Notes". March '77, pp.1-2). The detailed changes proposed in the bye-laws to implement these proposals, together with an explanatory letter giving full details of the changes proposed, will be circulated to all Fellows at the end of April. The necessary resolution to amend the byelaws will be submitted to a special general meeting to be held on 22nd June 1977. This issue will be more fully discussed at our AGM, on 19th March.