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The long promised pamphlet on social indicators is now printed and available. It is entitled "Social Indicators: For individual well-being or social control? (The case of OECD)", and can be obtained by sending 40p to Radical Statistics (Pamphlet no. 4), 9 Poland St, London W1V 3DG. Please leave space for payee's name blank on cheques or postal orders.

"The theme of this pamphlet is the way in which social statistics, frequently promoted as a neutral record of the situation of individuals or groups, in fact reflect particular ideologies or views of the world." The pamphlet considers the case of the OECD "Social Indicator Development Programme" and attempts to show "...how the contradiction between measures reflecting the circumstances of the average or typical individual (which are easy to understand, although not of much use, to individuals) and measures which pinpoint marginal groups or deviant situations (which are most useful for social control) occur throughout the programme." The general argument is illustrated with reference to various areas in which social statistics are collected (health, education, employment, etc.).

**ANNOUNCEMENT**    Radical Publications Group

This group includes representatives from Radical Science Journal, Radical Education-Radical Philosophy, Wedge etc. and Claimants Union Literature. It is holding a one-day conference on Publication on the Left at the ICA on Saturday February 17th from 10.00 a.m. Details from Jonathan Ree at Middlesex Polytechnic, The Burroughs, LONDON NW4. Tel. 01-202-6545.

Next ordinary meeting of the group at Centreprise, 132 Kingsland High street, London at 11.00 a.m. Saturday March 10th. Anyone to represent RadStat ?