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The next issue of RSN will consider the theme "Radical Statistics: Where have we been, and where are we going?". It is intended as a stocktaking issue, as we come up to our fifth anniversary in January, 1980. Contributions (e.g. short letters) will be especially welcome if they are on this stocktaking theme. It is hoped to include a review of Demystifying Social Statistics, as well as reports from our (wo)man in Maputo, and Marseilles. The editor is John Bibby. Please send your contribution to him by

31st August

at the latest. His address is:

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N.B. From September 1st his office telephone number is 0908-653844 .

He would also appreciate short reviews (up to one page) of any book you have read which you think might be of interest to Radstat members.

NOTE: Demystifying Social Statistics was published by Pluto Press on 24th May, after over 500 pre-publication sales and many more bookshop orders. (Does your local bookshop have it?). The dover price of £3.95 will be increased to £4.95 on 1st August, 1979 (to meet increased costs).

MARTIN BLAND

Fightback are planning an open conference on health service cuts. This will take place on June 30th from 10 am to 10 pm in the Conway Hall, London. We were invited to join in the organisation of this, along with other groups, and I attended a meeting to find out what was happening. There did not appear to be much that we as a group could contribute in the early stages, though we could possibly join in by leading a workshop on RAWP or some such.

The aim is to widen the basis of support for struggle against the cuts, develop a perspective for fighting the cuts, political analysis of health issues, development of a strategy for fighting the cuts. As a group, the second of these is most closely related to what we have been doing - RAWP is often mentioned! Fightback are hoping to hold meetings in different areas to discuss issues preparatory to the conference, and these should be on about now. Anyone interested in the conference contact:

Fightback 30 Camden Road LONDON NW1

Telephone: 01 560 3431 ext. 679

SEMINARS

John Adams: Traffic forecasting for motorways and airports

To be held on Tuesday, 19th June at 6.30 pm at the BSSRS Offices,
9 Poland Street, London W1. John Adams provides advice on this
topic to Friends of the Earth among others.

The next seminar in this series will be introduced by Alison MacFarlane who will talk about *Perinatal Statistics*. This seminar will be held following the second Royal Statistical Society Social Statistics meeting this year; the venue will be 9 Poland Street, London W1.

Further information from Boh Gilchrist, Department of Mathematics, Polytechnic of North London, Holloway Road, London N7 8DB.

FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN SCIENCE

LUDI SIMPSON

A couple of points came out of the British Society for Social Responsibility in Science steering committee in April that may be of interest to Radical Statistics members.

1 BSSRS CONFERENCE 15th/16th June

Micro-processors - plant breeding - sociobiology and women - operations research - science and society - and more. Details from:

BSSRS 9 Poland Street LONDON W1V 3DG

- THE LONDON PEOPLE'S FESTIVAL Alexandra Palace, 17th June.

 BSSRS will have a stall all day and require helpers committed in advance.
- SCIENCE FOR PEOPLE MAGAZINE has a new editorial and production collective, and is looking for articles and news from Radical Statistics and its members make use of it.