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SUMMER 1986

FROM THE SPRING SCHEDULE:

June 13-15 — Meredith Tax: "...Wommen Desiren Have Sovereynetee"

20-22 — Irving Crain, Victoria Ortiz, Ray Rakow: "Sexual Orientation, Politics and the Left"

July 3-6 — Robert Kendrick, Toby Glickman, Neil Leonard, Mike Murdock: "A Cuban Jam Session"

JULY

July 11-13

HOW FAR WILL THE RAINBOW GO?

Jack O'Dell, Director of International Affairs for the National Rainbow Coalition, one of the founders of the Coalition and formerly a lieutenant of Jesse Jackson in PUSH, will explain the structure and goals of the organization as it emerged from its April '86 convention and its plans for becoming a major factor in the '88 presidential election campaign.

July 18-20

SOME YANKEES DIDN'T "GO HOME"

An unconstrained conversation about life in socialist Cuba led by two U.S. citizens who went to help for a few weeks at the time of the revolution and then decided to stay to help build socialism. They are **Elfreda Mahler,** a dancer and choreographer who was one of the founders of two National Schools of the Arts in Cuba, and **Harold Spencer,** a labor organizer in the States who became an English teacher at the University of Havana. They will share their experiences as members of a socialist nation.

July 25-27 — Reserved for "Holding Our Own," a women's organization

AUGUST

Aug. 1-3 — Reserved for Meacham Family Retreat

Aug. 8-10

THE LEFT IN WESTERN EUROPE: WILL THE REAL KARL MARX PLEASE STAND UP?

What's happening on the left and *to* the left in western Europe at this moment of ominous international conflicts and almost apocalyptic US/USSR confrontations? **George Ross,** Senior Associate at the Harvard Center for European Studies, professor of sociology at Brandeis University and co-author of "A View From Inside: A French Communist Cell in Crisis," will explore this question, concentrating particularly on what some critics charge is the excommunication of Marx from the Italian CP, largest Communist Party in the capitalist world, and the recent shocking swings to the right in France and Greece.

Aug. 15-17

...AND THE FIGHT FOR PEACE IS INDIVISIBLE

Delegated representatives of labor, church and peace organizations will meet at the Forum to explore possibilities for more potent cooperation to end Washington's conquer-the-world foreign policies, its ruthless, union-busting, red-baiting despotism at home.

Aug. 22-24

LIBYA – REHEARSAL FOR MAJOR SURGERY?

The vast political fallout which promises, ultimately, to follow Reagan's 14 minutes of murder over Libya to fulfill his vow to strike "any part of the earth" to combat "terror" and defend U.S. "interests" will be analyzed by two scholar/activists exceptionally qualified for the job: economist **Sean Gervasi,** Oxford graduate and Cornell Ph.D., who has worked in the Kennedy administration, for the U.N. Committee on Apartheid and for the government of Libya; and historian and community organizer **Heather Cottin** who spends a large part of her political energy on American-African relations.

Aug. 29 Sept. 1 (Labor Day)

DEATH WALTZ TO IMPERIALISM

Mark Solomon, chairperson of the History Department at Simmons College, national co-chair of the U.S. Peace Council, and author of "Death Waltz to Armageddon," will refute attractive legends and persistent lies in exposing the truth about America's expansionist and brutal history, from Thomas Jefferson's war on the Barbary Pirates ("from the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli") and the Monroe Doctrine to Reagan's bombing of Libya . . . in the U.S. drive for world hegemony.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 5-7 — Available for other groups

Sept. 12-14

3 YEARS AFTER GRENADA: FROM TRAGEDY TO . . . HOPE?

In the light of political history and of facts which have surfaced since the tragedy, **Caldwell Taylor,** Grenada's ambassador to the United Nations at the time of the U.S. invasion in 1983, will analyze both the complex events which led up to the disastrous episodes of autumn, 1983—Maurice Bishop's trip to Washington, the struggle within the New Jewel Movement, and the U.S. assault—and also the subsequent efforts of the Unites States to use dollars, diplomacy and naked power to turn the eastern Caribbean, Jamaica to Grenada, into "Reagan's Mediterranean".

Sept. 19-21

CLASS CONSCIOUSNESS: AN ALIEN NOTION IN THE U.S.A.

Bertell Ollman, professor of political science at New York University, one of the most dynamic, controversial Marxist academics in the country, will discuss the resistance of U.S. workers to achieving class consciousness and adopting class action to change society despite their tradition of fighting the boss, on occasion, in struggles of heroic proportions. Among Ollman's many published works are "Alienation: Marx's Concept of Man in Capitalist Society," and "Studies in Socialist Pedagogy," an anthology which he co-edited.

Sept. 26-28 — Reserved for Florida Friends of the Forum

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Arrangements can be made for other groups to use the Berkshire Forum when workshops have not been scheduled. The rates are reasonable, the meals are appetizing, the facilities are comfortable, the atmosphere is informal, the mountain views are stunning and groups will enjoy exclusive occupancy of the lodge. Call or write for details.

scholarships

If you need financial aid to attend a workshop, please do not hesitate applying to the Alexander L. Crosby Scholarship Fund.

BERKSHIRE FORUM RESEARCH TRIP TO CUBA JANUARY 7-21, 1987

A research trip to study Cuba's international relations. Discussion with University of Havana professors will reveal how socialist Cuba has related to its capitalist and third world neighbors and how its international influence has zoomed despite constant assaults by the United States. The programs will include trips to nearby cities for observation of the country's internationally significant material, social and cultural achievements. Due to U.S. Government travel restrictions, participation in the trip is limited to professionals in the area covered and journalists. Write or call for further information.

RATES

Weekend workshops begin with Friday dinner and end after Sunday lunch.

One person single occupancy	$115
One person double occupancy	90
One person triple occupancy	80

For long weekend (through Monday lunch) add $45. Please notify us in advance.

(See information about scholarships)

Two rooms with private baths are available if reserved in advance.

Please enclose a deposit of $50 per person with reservation. The deposit is refundable up to two weeks before a workshop; after that it will be applied against a later reservation.

We will meet trains, buses and planes for a charge of $10 per person.

Child care will be provided upon request.

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