

FORUM

SPRING

1980

APRIL

easter/passover

4-6

Truman Nelson

HEROES, DREAMERS & SCOUNDRELS

Forgotten heroes and inspiring movements in our history vividly recreated, and unworthy idols destroyed, by the militantly nonconformist historian who wrote "The Revolutionary Life and Death of John Brown," and "The Torture of Mothers."

11-13

Edward Boorstein

AFGHANISTAN

An economist now teaching at the New School in New York City, a former government advisor in Castro's Cuba and Allende's Chile, analyzes political and military events in Afghanistan and around the Persian Gulf from the perspective of U.S.-Soviet relations and the third world struggle against imperialism.

18-20

A seminar for Adelphi University students

25-27

Robert J. Cohen

IDEALISM AND MATERIALISM

The physicist and philosopher who is now chairperson of the Center for Philosophy at Boston University explores the ongoing tension between idealism and materialism and illuminates the role of philosophy as a weapon in our efforts to create as well as comprehend history.

JUNE

6-8

Ellen and Victor Perlo

THE PERLOS TALK ABOUT THE SOVIET UNION

Cultural and economic opportunities for the average Soviet citizen surveyed and illustrated by an economist and an artist who have recently concluded months of research in the USSR. Victor Perlo is a member of the Central Committee, CPUSA. Ellen Perlo is on the executive board of the Workshop for People's Art in New York.

13-15

Marcella Katz and Patricia Wolman

NUTRITION: SCIENCE, MYTH, POLITICS

Nutrition discussed both in terms of its great potential benefits and as a field for cultism, commercial exploitation and political abuse. Katz directs the nutrition program for a major health maintenance organization; Wolman is an instructor in "Nutrition and Disease" at Teachers College.

20-22

Rachel Erlich

THE YIDDISH GIFT TO AMERICA

An exploration by a scholar and translator, who is a member of the Yivo Institute for Jewish Research, of the ways in which Yiddish has invaded and enriched the language, literature, folkways and politics of all Americans, even those who don't know a duck from a dybbuk.

VACATION