

THE IRISH IN BRITAIN HISTORY GROUP

presents: 3 HISTORY LECTURES

at: THE CAMDEN IRISH CENTRE

murray st. n.w.1

7-30 pm start

1987

thurs. May 1st:

NOEL O'CONNELL

'The Mythology of the 1950's: A Personal View'

In this lecture Noel O'Connell will attempt to challenge some of the 'myths' which have arisen about the 1950's and the Irish in London at that time. Contrary to much popular opinion, this was not a 'golden age' for the Irish immigrant in Britain. In actual fact times were often very difficult for the newly arrived immigrants, particularly in the fields of employment and housing.

NOEL O'CONNELL is President of The Irish Literary Society, Hon. secretary of The Irish Texts Society and Chair of The Irish Commission for Culture and Education, London.

thurs. June 5th:

JON PARRY

'The Irish in Wales and the Tredegar anti-Irish riots'

We particularly welcome this month's speaker as this is the first time that we have had a contribution about the historical experience of the Irish in Wales. The lecture will cover some general comments on the Irish in Wales and deal more specifically with the Tredegar Anti-Irish Riots of 1882.

JON PARRY is a member of the Welsh Labour History Society, former lecturer at Coleg Harlech and currently teaching at The Working Mens College. His article 'The Tredegar Anti-Irish Riots of 1882' appeared in Llafur (the volume of the Welsh Labour History Society), in 1983.

thurs. July 3rd:

DOROTHY THOMPSON

'Ireland, the Irish and English Radicals, 1820-1850'

In this lecture Dorothy Thompson will examine the role played by the Irish in Chartism and the British radical movement in general. She will also discuss the attitudes of British radicals towards Ireland and the Irish Question in the 1820-1850 period. DOROTHY THOMPSON is lecturer in modern history at the University of Birmingham. In 1982 she edited a volume, The Chartist Experience with James Epstein. As well as her own essay 'Ireland and the Irish in English Radicalism before 1850' the volume also contains an article about Feargus O'Connor and is therefore of particular Irish interest.

