The Future For The Left

Jade Bull

Well, comrades, Jade's psychic powers have still not recovered from the horrors of the New Linear Projections (NLP) Conference in November last. At the conference, Jade witnessed a bitter power struggle between the SWP (Seers, Witches and Prophets Assoc.) on the one hand and the CPA (Combined Psychics Association) and a group of non-aligned gypsies on the other, over the basis for chart delineation. In a radical attempt to sever traditional ties with Greenwich Mean Time as the standard for calculations, the SWP attempted to replace it with EST.

Consensus be damned! Jade sees this astro-political opportunism as antithetical to the cause of astrological unity.

However, I digress. In this edition the ultimate horoscope — big Karl himself! (Although Jade did have a hard time choosing him over other famous Taurans such as Lenin and Glen Campbell. In the end we drew straws.) Also a few words of advice for the next few months.

Karl Marx 5/5/1818
Star Sign Taurus
Born Trier, Germany 1.00 am.

From an early age Jade has felt a deep affinity for this famous Tauran. I suppose it's just one bull to another.

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"Marx's compulsion to sing in the shower was to result in the family being evicted from their Chelsea flat in November 1850."

Born during a 26-year cycle of Pluto in Pisces, Karl was part of a generation who were all to seek to push back the frontiers of existing philosophy and have places named after them.

LOOKING AHEAD

Aries March 21 to April 20
With Mars ducking into your solar twelfth house, conflict looms. Watch your back at meetings.

Taurus April 21 to May 21
Jupiter's moving into your sign, and a little present is about to arrive. Jade won't spoil the surprise by telling you what it is.

Gemini May 22 to June 21
Venus puts you in the mood for love, even if it is only your other twin. Stay off those groovy touchy-feely drugs.

Cancer June 22 to July 22
A retrograde Mercury and Venus ensures that any movement in your career path will only be sideways.

Leo July 23 to August 23
Leadership opportunities abound. Forget friendships: destiny calls.

Virgo August 24 to September 23
Health is in your stars. Watch Uranus: it makes an untimely entry into your sign.

Libra September 24 to October 23
Your love of a balanced lifestyle could come unstuck this month because of your excessive talking. This could be a good time to wipe your "Jim Percy Motivational Tapes".

Scorpio October 24 to November 22
A lucky month for you! You know that peace badge you were looking for on Palm Sunday? It's under the fridge.

Sagittarius November 23 to December 21
You are wanting to combine health with an opportunity for new romance. Don't bother with the health club set, just give up smoking in meetings.

Capricorn December 22 to January 20
With Saturn making a heavy transit through your house, you may experience a feeling of depression and low self-esteem. Don't be concerned, it's only a statistical aberration. You don't really need those "Jim Percy Motivational Tapes".

Aquarius January 21 to February 19
Someone will try to persuade you that monorail travel is superior to astral-travel. Ignore them and they will probably go away.

Pisces February 20 to March 20
Don't be sucked in by the latest psychic fad, crystal swallowing. Like all such fads, it, too, shall pass.

Upcoming Birthdays

Arthur Murray 3/4
V.I. Lenin 22/5
Adolf Hitler 20/5
Glen Campbell 27/5
Florence Nightingale 12/5
The Queen 21/5
Buddha 31/4
Billy Graham 26/4

APOLOGIES: 1, 2, 3

1. In "Daisy Corunna's Story" (ALR 103), the graphic on page 26 and the photograph on page 30 should both have been credited to our cover artist, Marie McMahon (not Oliver Strewe, as suggested on p30). For readers' interest, the graphic was of a woman digging, Eva Valley, Arnhem Land; the photo was of Tiwi women hunting on Bathurst Island, 1981. Our apologies to Marie and readers.

2. The interview with Marilyn French in ALR 103 should have been credited as having been originally published in Marxism Today. Our apologies to Marxism Today and readers.

3. Finally, eagle-eyed readers would have noticed that the eight viewpoints on the Bicentenary purportedly presented in the same issue were in fact six in number (owing to a shortage of space). Our apologies for any distress caused to readers uncertain about their arithmetic.