

#4—April 2, 1976

Dear Networkers:

Well, the Network all of a sudden appears to be moving into an activist phase, or at least beyond mere communication. Four regional meetings have been or are being held: at the AIP/ASPO conference in Washington on March 23; March 30 in the Boston area; April 27 in the NYC region, and May 8 in the Bay Area (notices enclosed). It feels really good to have all that happening at once. Lots of local energy and initiative are at work, which is what the Network is all about. People in areas where there are a small group of Networkers—Minneapolis, Seattle, Madison, Chicago, Toronto, Montreal, Eugene, etc.—should pull together an evening session at someone's house; just pull out all the names in your area (from the state crosslisting on the original list, supplemented by the enclosed addition list), send out a mailing, and you've got a meeting.

We're back to first-class mails, at least for a while. I got many reports of people not having received the last (Jan. 29) mailing, sent bulk-rate 3rd class. Until I can figure out how to avoid post-office screw-ups, I think it's best to send the mailings out this way, even though it's more expensive. To recapitulate the network's mini-history, there have been three mailings to date: August 4, Nov. 6 and Jan. 29. If you didn't receive any of these, let me know, and I'll send a substitute.

I think it's time to invoke the "non-participation rule" for those who haven't yet responded to any of the Network mailings. As I discussed previously, I think it's essential for our own internal health that the Network consist only of those who feel sufficiently part of it to express some kind of positive interest. That can be done by submitting materials for circulation, a financial contribution, or just a note or call expressing a desire to remain in the Network. Of the 600 plus people now in the Network, I have received some direct expression of commitment from about 350 of you. To the remaining 250 this will be the last mailing you will receive, absent a response. If, according to my records, you fall into that category, you will find a red "X" marked at the beginning of this communication. (If my records are mistaken, let me know, and apologies in advance. There's also a possibility that some of you to whom mailings have previously been sent third-class are receiving a mailing for the first time, due to forwarding privileges that only apply to first-class mail; if this is the case, please let me know your corrected new address, so you can continue to receive Network mailings.)

I've had several requests for use of our mailing list: from Urban Planning Aid (to assist them in their fight for refunding and defending themselves against the conspiracy suit being brought against them); the Inst. for Local Self-Reliance in Washington; *Liberation* (for a special cities issue they're getting out); NC State Univ. Community Development Group (for their newsletter). It's becoming clear that we will be receiving such requests regularly, and, in line with the reactions I have gotten from several of you and my own inclinations, I will be adopting a fairly liberal approach to use of the list. The whole purpose of the Network is communication, and if there are groups with good materials for Network members, it makes sense to facilitate that interaction. (Also, with the list of members distributed, it becomes hard to keep someone from using it; I do facilitate this by passing on a set of duplicate mailing labels—with the Network reimbursed for costs—to such groups.) I'm sure there will be requests that I will regard as inappropriate (politically, or because they are basically commercial), although this has not come up yet.

One of our members (who for sound personal reasons wants to remain anonymous on this item) has been in regular contact with North Vietnamese architects for some years. He has promised to send them some materials (rapidographs, transparent paper, etc.), books, and money. "In the future," he writes, "we could even organize a trip, modelled somehow on the Venceremos Brigades, during which we could build stronger ties, learning and exchanging by working." People who would like to contribute materials, books or money, or find out more about exploring such a trip, should write Architects' and Planners' Fund for Viet Nam, 155 Grand St., NYC 10013, specifying what they are interested in giving. I would like to make a \$100 contribution from Network funds, in the name of Network (which I hope will in no way lessen your individual motivations to make personal contributions.) In general, I think Network funds should be used only for internal Network expenses, but I would like to make occasional exceptions, as in this case to express collective solidarity with colleagues whose cities and country our government did so much to destroy. If anyone has any strong feelings that Network money should not be used for this contribution, please let me know.

KEEPING ALIVE the "how explicitly radical should the Network be?" discussion of yesternewsletters, I'd like to throw in the following letter from Dan Carlson, because it's provocative, and because I feel strongly that the Network ought to be a place where he, and others like him, can feel comfortable (any counter-comments, observations, etc. are welcome): "Probably the main reason I haven't answered sooner is that I've struggled over the narrow space I felt was left to move in, given that I had to be a socialist or radical to be involved in the newsletter. Certainly in reading some of the names on the mailing list I saw some people who seemed decidedly un-radical to me. To me radical is unwillingness to alter or change but rather to remove or reverse—I apply some finality to a radical procedure whether it be removing a breast or a government. A weatherperson is a radical, a person convinced that moderation and reason (tenacity or strategy) simply won't do.

"I don't identify with that characterization of radical. By nature I'm a more moderating individual and I'm not prone to think of political or systemic solutions alone and believe, especially for the affluent like ourselves, that happiness and fulfillment is through personal growth and realization, not through an external event (were I living under the socialist regime in British Columbia I would still feel happy with myself or unhappy with myself if I was straight with others, could relate honestly with Sheri, etc.)

"However, if it is radical to favor the 'underdogs,' to use Gans' notion, or to believe that capitalist motivations do not result in the best use of land, a fair distribution of wealth or recognition of the essential decency and worth of man, that hierarchical institutions (the larger the worse) are dehumanizing, that I want local individuals and local representative governments in small towns to control their lives to the greatest extent, then I too am a radical.

"The word radical seems too overused in the Bay Area. Every reform had to be couched in radical terminology to be cool. Here in the conservative mannered and homogeneous Northwest, people seem to have many 'radical' concepts as part of their very straight expectations of life (this may reflect a Scandinavian tradition or in fact a radical or rugged individualist tradition as evidenced in the strong Wobbly movement here). For instance, Group Health was started here not by a business during the war but by individuals who asserted their right to hire and fire their own doctor. Here there is a strong Federation of Community Councils which wields great power in the many defined neighborhoods in Seattle. Each community council has real influence in city politics, often stands equal to or stronger than the local Chamber of Commerce, if unhappy with a city

program will draft its own, such as a neighborhood housing repair program, and receive funds to carry it out. The Central Community council just did a study on redlining, documenting the flagrant failure of banks to put money back into the 'central area' of the city and is confronting the banking community. Is this radical? Around here many average type people seem to partake in these activities and I don't think would feel comfortable with the radical tag.

"As for affinity to a socialist approach to things. I have certainly no affinity for large-scale capitalism/cartelism as we are coming to know it nationally. I do favor cottage industry and the open market ala Berkeley stands and street artists as the strength of free enterprise and don't see this as incompatible with socialism. My adversity at the moment is directed to largeness and the bureaucratic standards they spawn and blindly enforce and I do think this happens under most governmental systems. So in this sense I'm radical because in my ideal, peer groups work together making decisions in non-hierarchical fashion in small organizations doing work that is personally fulfilling and of benefit to man. (So much for idealism.)"

THE MISSOURI TAX JUSTICE RESEARCH PROJECT is involved in citizen-based organizing efforts to bring together low- and middle-income people around issues of economic justice. The Project has conducted several studies on how the property tax appeals system is used, has prepared a manual for small homeowners who want to appeal their assessments, is launching a neighborhood organizing effort in the St. Louis area, and is studying the class and economic power characteristics of banks in St. Louis as these relate to their mortgage-lending practices (redlining, etc.). For information and copies of their materials, write Richard Ratcliff, 1077 Colby, St. Louis, Mo. 63130. The various Network people involved in redlining studies and organizing should get in regular contact with one another.

GARY ASKEROTH of Alternative Resources for Community Housing (School of Social Work, Univ. of Iowa, Iowa City 52242) has set up a not-for-profit housing resource center to provide citizen control over the HCDA block grant rehabilitation program (which will be coordinated through the center, along with code enforcement); the center has also secured a commitment by the local food coop to expand into housing through its new credit union arm.

DAN FESHBACH works for Health/PAC (when he's not studying city planning at UC, Berkeley). He's involved in research on the political economy of hospital expansion. The first fruits of that research appeared in the May/June 1975 *Health/PAC Bulletin*; "the article analyzes both the forces within the hospital—trustees, medical staff, administrators—and forces outside the hospital—health beneficiaries and government bureaucracies—which interact to spur hospital expansion. It attempts to tie hospital growth not only to narrow medical-industrial interests but also to the basic rhythms of what I call the politically driven health market." His research is part of a larger, three-year study on power and decision-making in non-profit hospitals. A pamphlet based on that work, "The Profits in Non-Profit Hospitals" will be back from the printer by mid-April, and a draft article on the role of hospital trustees in hospital decision-making is also available. Other studies of emergency rooms, Local 250 (the dominant hospital workers union in N. Cal.), and a booklet on the political economy of hospitals in SF are in the works. Another Health/PAC report (250 pp.) is "Closing the Doors on the Poor: the Dismantling of California's County Hospitals," which details the closing of 17 of the state's 49 county hospitals. These materials are available through Dan at Health/PAC, 558 Capp St., SF, and he also invites Network members in or passing through SF to visit their offices. And finally: "I'd like to mention another interest of mine: ways of evaluating advocacy and power structure research groups. Since the late 60s a number of advocacy research groups have sprung up throughout the country. I have seen only one or two efforts to evaluate their performance either in terms of

services they have delivered, their political impact, their theoretical or analytical framework and contributions, internal organizational attributes, or productivity (forgetting about how output is measured). I am interested in communicating with those in the Network who share this concern."

BOB BEAUREGARD has written to describe a corporate-institutional backed "revitalization" effort currently underway in New Brunswick, the principal instigator of which is Johnson & Johnson, whose world headquarters is in downtown New Brunswick. J&J and other businesses hired the American City Corp.—of Hartford fame—to do a study of NB. The result has been New Brunswick Tomorrow, a planning and organizing venture, and the NB Development Corp., that venture's development and financial arm. "The private sector has thus taken charge of the revitalization of New Brunswick (with primary focus of the CBD) while also using New Brunswick Tomorrow to motivate educational, health and neighborhood groups to organize and deal with their problems." IM Pei has been hired to provide a development plan for the CBD. "The type of citizen involvement pursued, the relationship between the private and public sector, the actions of the American City Corp., the symbolism and publicity, the role and motives of J&J all combine to make this an intriguing affair, and I would be interested in hearing about any similar projects from other Network members." (Bob is at Dept. of Urban Planning, Livingston College, Rutgers, New Brunswick, NJ 08903.)

PAUL DANIELS has sent in information about the WEJ (Working for Environmental and Economic Justice and Jobs) national action conference, May 2-6, in Onaway, Mich., sponsored by the UAW and 20 other environmental, labor and community organizations. "The WEJ conference will bring together representatives from all three groups to discuss ways of achieving both jobs and environmental quality. For further information, people can contact me (National Urban League, 500 E. 62, NYC 10021) or Phil Perkins, UAW Solidarity House, 8000 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit 48214."

BRUCE DALE has sent in an article he co-authored with Tom Angotti, entitled "Bolognas Historical Center: Renewal Without Removal." It's going to be published in the May-June issue *Social Policy*. He also writes: "I would be interested in hearing from people with both positive and negative experiences with restoration programs in the US. As the article attempts to clarify, most preservation programs are really attempts to increase land value through a sterilization process. Remove the lower class structure, clean up the buildings and collect higher taxes. It does seem possible, however, to expand the concept to community preservation, their life-styles and cultures included, to formulate a restoration program which would challenge the current understanding of the redevelopment process." Since returning to NY, Bruce has been working with Urban Deadline Architects, and is now trying to apply the concept of restoration to a fairly large institution, Columbia Teachers college.

NANCY ABODEELY wants to bring to Networkers attention three upcoming events: 1) A conference on "Women in the Economy," sponsored by the Office of Calif. Lt. Gov. Mervyn Dymally, May 1, at the Memorial Auditorium, 1516 J St., Sacramento. Further information from Dymally or Peg McCormack at (916) 445-9533. 2) The Second National Conference on Alternative State and Local Public Policy, June 10-13, in Austin, Texas. Information available from Derek Shearer, Calif. Public Policy Center, 1434 Westwood Blvd., LA 90024, (213) 474-4518. 3) A community conference, "Toward a Community Budget," sponsored by the Oakland Study Group, to develop progressive approaches to Oakland's financial troubles. April 10, Laney College, Rm. D-200, in Oakland. Nancy also would like to make contact with any Network people interested in CETA and organizing around community-based economic development programs.

JAMES LOEWEN (Dept. of Sociology, Univ. of Vt., Burlington 05401) would like to hear from any Network people interested in municipal services discrimination. He's just finishing a study of services and their distribution by race and social class in Jackson, Miss., leading to a probable lawsuit against the city.

MICHAEL STONE has produced a really first-rate article, "The Housing Crisis, Mortgage Lending, and Class Struggle," which appeared in the Sept. 1975 *Antipode*. It applies Marxist analytical tools to the US housing system in a most skillful fashion and leads into some fascinating and highly useful guidelines for housing organizing strategies (the subject of a follow-up article he intends to produce.) I recommend his paper to everyone in the Network—he's one of the very few radicals in the housing field coming up with really new insights and approaches. (His address is College of Public and Community Services, Univ. of Mass.—Boston, Boston 02125.) He also feels *Antipode*, a radical journal of geography, would be of interest to many Networkers. Their address is Box 225, West Side Station, Worcester, Mass. 01602 (a list of their back issues is available).

RUTH GALANTER and MICHAEL GARABEDIAN both are involved in a new organization, PACE (People, Access, Coastal Environment), a (Calif.) statewide network of environmental, housing and community groups that have been appearing before the Calif. Coastal commission. "The thing that distinguishes PACE from the standard environmental groups is that we are explicitly concerned with social equity as well as natural resource conservation (e.g. maintenance of low-income housing in both urban and rural coastal areas)." Their two offices are PO Box 16247, SF Ca. 94116, and PO Box 5511, Santa Monica, Ca. 90405.

ALFRED WATKINS writes: "My main interest is in developing a radical (Marxist) interpretation of US urban economic history, and I would greatly appreciate it if others associated with the Network would drop me a line if they too are working in the field of urban history. Too much urban history is written as if cities exist in a vacuum divorced from the other institutions in society. I would find it helpful to be in contact with others who are trying to combat this type of historiography." He's at the Dept. of Govt., Univ. Texas, Austin 78712.

JOB: Marty Krieger of the Univ. Minn. School of Public Affairs writes that his department is hiring an assistant professor for their Master of Planning program. Principal responsibility will be "to teach preparation of comprehensive plans [need not be 'land-use'] and programs as an integral part of the public decision-making process, and to demonstrate how plans vary in accord with the authority, objectives and values of the decision-making body." Applications (including resumes, references, and samples of work) were supposed to be in by March 31, but can be a bit late; address to Robert C. Einsweiler, Chairman, Faculty Search Committee, School of Public Affairs, Univ. of Minnesota, Minneapolis 55455. Write or call Marty if you want further information.

W.H. FERRY has had "The Triple Revolution" reprinted; it's a 1964 pamphlet, still very relevant. If you want a (free) copy, write him at 385 Fort Hill Rd., Scarsdale, NY 10583. Ferry also has available some copies of the "Report of the DJB Foundation, 1971-1975." It's a frank descriptive compendium of the grants made by the Foundation over that period, when it was the central financial support of an astonishingly large number of radical social change groups in the country, giving away \$5.5 million in a most creative way. It's informative, useful reading and a good source book of recent radical history. Write him if you'd like a copy.

EVE BACH of the Community Ownership Organizing Project wants to bring to Networkers' attention their newsletter, *The Public Works*, available without charge. Write to 349 62nd St. Oakland, Ca. 94618 (415-653-6555).

MICHAEL FISH is involved in a struggle to save the 28-year old (sic) Downtown Laurentian Hotel, which is scheduled to be demolished after the Montreal Olympics by the Canadian Pacific RR. The Laurentian's rooms rent for \$20, while all other downtown hotels in the same general area go for \$35-75 a night. The campaign is coordinated by Save Montreal, a coalition of neighborhood and other planning interest groups. "There is no end of concern here now for housing and heritage conservation and much expertise. I am wondering if any Network members who have had experience related to problems of the conservation of a large hotel or other commercial property of unaccepted or controversial architectural merit but unassailable size or ecological value would like to write with any information which might help. Books or articles touching on the subject would help." Michael's address is 4920 de Maisonneuve, Suite 303, Montreal 215.

BOB GOODMAN suggests Networkers might be interested in Ellen Perry Berkeley's article in the March 22 *Village Voice* on the effect of the Arab boycott on Jews in US architectural firms. (If you have real difficulty locating it, I'll send you a xerox copy.)

ELLEN FEINGOLD writes: "One thing that might be done is a sort of Job Mart of an unconventional sort—that is, people who have ideas about work they would like to be doing and project ideas they would like to try out describing them in the newsletter and maybe finding people in positions to try either implementing them, or asking the person who suggested the idea to come and try and implement it. Conversely, people with problems looking for a person or an idea to solve it might try that out on the readers. I am impressed with how little variety there is in the 'normal' world, and how hard it is to do anything new, or to find anything new to try out."

PETER MARCUSE (noting the fact that, although not labeled as such, six of his Columbia colleagues are in the Network) suggests that the revised list of members indicate place of employment. That's a good idea, and will be done, wherever I have that information. But you've got to send such facts in. The list becomes infinitely more useful when it's more than a name and address, when it contains your individual interests and activities, enabling people with similar concerns to make direct contact.

ERNIE EDEN, Executive Director of the National Assn. of Housing Cooperatives (1828 L St. NW, Wash. 20036; 202-872-0550) wants Network members to become more acquainted with his group's work. The Association promotes the interests of cooperative housing communities through a variety of services and publications (including the monthly *Cooperative Housing Bulletin* and the thrice-yearly *Cooperative Housing Journal*.) For information about NAHC's conferences, legislative and educational programs, technical materials, consulting services and research projects, write Eden directly.

HAUS-RUCKER, Inc., a non-profit urban design and research group, has completed a two-year study on the feasibility of using urban rooftop space for recreational, cultural, and educational facilities. The results of the study will be included in the book, *Up Up on the Roof: A Primer for New Acres in the City* (Charles Scribner's Sons, autumn 1976). In addition, special public information brochures are being prepared and will be available in the spring. For further information, contact Haus-Rucker, Inc., 491 Broadway, New York, New York 10012. Telephone (212) 966-0713.

NATHAN WEBER is editing a good tenants' union newsletter, *Advance*, published by the Tenants Unions of the West Side (NYC). You can get a copy by writing him at 150 W. 21 St. NYC 10011.

We got a nice note from Karen Wolk Feinstein, Managing Editor of *The Urban and Social Change Review*, published quarterly by the Boston College Graduate School of Social Work. They too (like *Social Policy*) would be interested in publishing articles from Network members. It's a pretty good journal, progressive and action-oriented in its goals. Of particular value is their Information Clearinghouse section, which contains short squibs divided in the following groupings: Periodicals, Books/monographs/reports, Bibliographies, Knowledge reviews and simulations, Action programs, and Information reference services. I'll try to include regularly anything garnered from that section which would be of particular interest to us.

ELIZABETH CHASE writes: "I am trying to establish a Housing Research and Development Center at The University of Tennessee School of Architecture—designing and building housing for low-income people and team teaching courses in the sociological, financial, and legal aspect of housing. I also have a design studio. Our purpose is to see how we can build 800 to 900 square foot energy-aware houses (solar hot water, orientation, extra insulation, and caulking) and still make it possible for a person in the \$6,000 to \$7,000 a year bracket to own a house. We are building on small inner-city lots. There are plenty of people in Tennessee who cannot afford to buy a \$13,000 house. Now the State is trying to get the HUD fair market rents raised to give bigger profits and greater equity to our profit making developers to get them to participate in Section 8 rent subsidy developments—the only way *any* housing is being provided for low-income people." Her address at the Center is 109 Estabrook, Univ. Tenn., Knoxville 37916.

DAVID GURIN had a nice letter in the Feb. 24 *NY Times* (reproduced herewith), penned after "they made me angry with their sunbelt series and their acceptance as gospel the reactionary ravings of Sternlieb."

David also passes on, "in case you ever want to publish a fine example of pure gibberish", a letter passed down to his department, from the Director of the Urban and Regional Planning Program at the University of Florida to the President of Queens College. The gibberishly operative paragraph is as follows:

"We are currently engaged in exploring the subject of teaching to present and future white and minority students in our program of Urban and Regional Planning, planning problems including housing, health, welfare, employment, law and order, and other related central city problems currently concentrated in urban ghettos. We are also searching for experience and advice on developing an adequate interface between the average middle income white student of Planning and Urban Problems and the non-whites or students from deprived families, in our classes, recognizing as we must, that during these years of transition, educational techniques must be developed to provide students from deprived backgrounds with a desire to work on the amelioration of problems of areas from which their peers, racial, and ethnic groups live. Simultaneously, we must find ways in which we may properly instruct students of all ethnic and racial groups to work together for a common purpose."

As a matter of future policy, the Network hereby welcomes any and all contributions in a similar vein, with a view possibly to establishing an annual Planning Gibberish award.

BILL SIEMBIEDA writes that he saw a Network mailing list on the bulletin board of the UCLA Planning Dept. and asks if this is the kind of distribution we want. My own feeling is that we ought to avoid too widespread publicization of the network (it is for that reason that I have not put a notice in the JAIP, but have placed them in radical journals that planners might be likely to read). It's a trade-off: some limitation on publicity in exchange for a higher probability that the Network remains somewhat homogeneous politically. I think we can and should get word of the Network out pretty broadly, but in a somewhat controlled manner. In my view, posting Network mailings on a bulletin board is not a good idea.

## 4 Old Cities: The Would-Be Killers

To the Editor:

No one is predicting the death of Paris, London or Amsterdam, though they are far older (and less sunny) than New York, Pittsburgh or Boston. The Times news series on the Sunbelt compares the new cities of that region with older Northeast cities through the metaphor of human youth and age. This is seriously misleading, for it is not old age that is killing cities but the repeated stabbings of government, corporate and bank policies.

Urban renewal and high-rise construction have wounded or wiped out sound neighborhoods of low-rent housing and small businesses. Tax codes penalize apartment living. Red-lining pushes mortgage money from old neighborhoods into new suburbs. The Highway Trust Fund builds roads that make it possible for truck transport to thrive at the expense of rail freight and for industries to move out of cities. Local tax abatements and unorganized labor are further lures of the suburbs or the South.

Federal transportation policy subsidizes Houston and Los Angeles with interstates and airports but starves the New York subways and the Northeast rail corridor. The Sunbelt's sprawling air-conditioned settlements are dependent on cars, trucks and costly im-

ported fuel. High-density older cities, with their potentially superb rail networks, are far more efficient in using energy. If we let them die they will be replaced—in this time of capital and energy shortage — by completely suburbanized, energy-wasteful, new cities.

In New York we need to understand the real strengths of the city and not ape Houston or our own far-flung suburbs. We cannot compete on free-way terms. For example, we have to demand a change in Federal policy to get subsidies for operating the IRT at low fares rather than for constructing an interstate highway on the West Side.

And in culture as in transport and housing we should build on our strengths. Culture need not depend for support on an élite, as Professor Sternlieb suggests [real estate column, Feb. 13]. New York drama, dance and music are livelier than ever because of strategic small public subsidies and enormous individual efforts.

There is nothing inevitable about the death of a city.

DAVID GURIN

Flushing, N.Y., Feb. 16, 1976

The writer is an instructor in city planning at Queens College.

On money: the Network has received a \$500 supplementary contribution from WH and Carol Ferry, who gave us our original \$2500 grant—a big upper. And response from individual members has been fairly good, with some largish checks (including one for \$100). Deducting expenses for this mailing (which I estimate will be about \$400), we'll have \$2200 remaining. Those of you who haven't yet sent anything in are encouraged to do so, so we can be assured of solvency. Checks, by the way, should be made out to "Planners Network."

Two addendum lists are attached. One is a list of about 85 people who have been added to the Network since the January listing. The other contains corrections, address changes, and supplementary biographical information for people on the January list. (The two will be shortly integrated into a revised list, once the non-responders are dropped.) Inclusion of biographical information of course makes the list far more useful, as people interested in or working on similar things can start contacting one another directly. Those of you who haven't yet sent in material of this sort should do so, for inclusion in the revised listing.

I'd like to thank various folks who've helped out with the folding, addressing, stamping, stapling and other exciting phases of getting this newsletter out the first few rounds: Bill Shapiro, Jerry Horovitz, and Rokki Filaseta. Others have also tendered offer of assistance, and they too shall be taken up in the near future.

That about wraps it up, folks. If there's some real interest in getting together at HABITAT in Vancouver, I'll commit myself to getting the next mailing out in time to be of some use for that.

All best,

*Chester*

## ADDITIONS TO JANUARY, 1976 NETWORK LIST — APRIL 1, 1976

[Will shortly be integrated into the alphabetized, geographically cross-referenced, soon to be pared down Jan. list.]

ROBERT DON, 2348 Rohs St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45219.

Will graduate in June from Univ. of Cinn. urban planning & design dept. "My interests are particularly concerned with changes that can be brought to the educational institutions which train us as planners, designers and urbanists. . . . Additionally, I am interested in bringing on changes in the profession at-large—seeking alternative forms to the consultant/public planner arrangement.

GINI SHERRY, 28 Bethune St., NYC NY 10014.

Completing MUP at Hunter; works at Suburban Action Inst.

SCOTT COLTRANE, 208 Fern St., Santa Cruz, Ca. 95060

Has worked on transportation study for S.C. County Planning Dept., for Tenants' Union of S.C., and on comprehensive housing program through S.C. City Planning Dept.

Currently finishing work on study of non-profit housing development under contract with City of S.C. and just beginning as coordinator of city-funded Landlord/Tenant Project. In that position "I am working directly for a large group of citizens and service organizations whose extremes are represented by the Board of Realtors and the Tenants' Union. Basically I'm supposed to develop programs and recommend actions that solve problems but do not offend—an impossible task, but an educational endeavor with reinforcement coming from watching unlikely combinations communicate."

PAMELA PROCUNIAR, Rutgers Law School, Fifth & Penn, Camden NJ. 08102.

Teaches land use, property and education law. "I am particularly interested in exclusionary zoning, urban problems, ethnic neighborhoods, and general housing problems. I am also interested in historic preservation and programs designed to save our cities."

STEVEN RUFFENNACH, Community Design Ctr., 1911 1/2 Pacific Ave., Dallas Texas 75201.

Architect, ACTION volunteer at CDC since Feb. 1975. "Presently the CDC is a small but growing organization experiencing the frustrations of developing a 'change Dallas strategy/philosophy' while trying to deliver an architectural/planning service directed towards the social-environmental problems not addressed by the design community. . . . More specifically, I am interested in the problems of the low-income community, self-help procedures, and participatory planning."

CHRISTOPHER CUTRO, 1225 Kennedy Blvd., Apt. 6E, Bayonne NJ 07002

Planning student at Hunter.

MIRIAM PHILLIPS, 346 Green St., SF Ca. 94133, (415) 398-6515, 989-6515.

Has worked for private consulting firm in SF; formerly with Mass. Dept. of Natural Resources. Members of Bay Area Women Planners and in process of setting up a non-profit corporation—the Women's Planning Alliance—with five other women active in Bay Area planning issues.

W.L. HOOVER, 1224 N. Dearborn (Gdn. rear), Chicago, Ill. 60610.

HOWARD SCHWARTZ, Dept. of Urban Planning (JO-40), Univ. Wash., Gould Hall, Seattle, Wash. 98195.

PhD student in planning at Univ. Wash., interested in governmental and policy activities and the political process of planning. Has been involved with Seattle City Council.

DARYL WILEY, Rt. 2, Box 692, Castle Hayne, NC 28429.

Chairperson, Cape Fear Group Sierra Club. Running for County Commission.

NEIL PINNEY, 136 13th St., Seal Beach, Ca. 90740.

Architect, has developed a user-responsive housing system and formerly director of design on Minnesota Experimental City ("which failed primarily because of lack of citizen input, contrary to what I was pressing for"); and have been trying to get citizen input more established in Seal Beach. . . . I have developed a special interest in low impact, decentralized systems—intermediate technology systems for architecture and community design. Solar energy is a big part of this."

JANET JOHNSTONE, Amnesty International, 3618 Sacramento St., SF Ca. 94118, (415) 563-FREE.

PATRICIA WILSON, Dept of City & Reg Planning, 106 West Sibley Hall, Cornell Univ., Ithaca NY 14853.

Professor of city and reg. planning, "using the radical political economy approach, and interested in the idea of progressive (i.e. antagonistic) reform. In the Bay Area I was involved with a fledgling group of radical technocrats."

STEVE SOLOMON, 58 Central Ave., #3 SF Ca. 94117, (415) 626-7288.

Planning student at San Jose St. Univ. "The areas of greatest interest now are community development/neighborhood planning/social planning."

HARRY WEINER, 2127 E. 27 St., Brooklyn NY 11229, (212) 743-5747.

Urban affairs graduate, Univ. Wisc. Former intern with NYC Office of Public Transportation Services and Office of Midtown Planning and Development. Research specialty is urban environmental impact analysis.

MINNESOTA TENANTS UNION, 1513 E. Franklin, Mpls. Mn. 55404, 871-2701, 7485.

MTV does community education and organizing. Have started a clinical program with the local law school to handle the need for legal assistance for the neighborhood they serve. They've also developed a landlord-tenant simulation game for organizers.

LARRY KEATING, Grad. City Planning Prog. Rm. 108, Old C.E. Bldg., Ga. Inst. of Tech., Atlanta, Ga. 30332.

"Currently teaching planning theory, some housing and human services courses, intermittently working on finding bucks for the struggling Atlanta Community Design Consortium, and intermittently writing a dissertation on filtering in Milwaukee."

DON CONWAY, 6710 Van Fleet Dr., McLean Va. 22101.

"My interests are in dismantling/changing social and political and professional institutions that are counter-productive to human-responsive environments. Things I can add to the Network: 1) Access to the Congress (pending legislation, etc.), the fed. agencies and Washington-based organizations; 2) A pretty fair set of research skills on assessing human responses to the built world; 3) Tons of information about research that has been done on human psycho-social responses to the built environment." Works as director of research for AIA.

ERNIE EDEN, Exec. Director, Natl. Assn. of Housing Cooperatives, 1828 L. St. NW, Washington DC 20036, (202) 872-0550.

GALE BACH, 1031 Virginia, Berkeley, Ca. 94702.

HUGH GARDNER, Natl. Coalition for Land Reform, 246 Adams, Denver, Col. 80206, (303) 355-9926.

" . . . Thought I might ask to be added to your list . . . if you consider deurbanists as a valid variation on radical urbanism. Of course if I understand radical urbanism correctly it's basically decentralization anyway. I just happen to be interested in population dispersal as much as urban community building." Former co-editor of *People and Land*, publication of the now moribund Natl. Coalition for Land Reform. Editor-at-large for *Harper's Weekly* and freelancer for a variety of other national magazines. Finished PhD in Sociology at U. Wisc. last year, "not that it's proving relevant of anything . . . but this aspect of my professional life is centered on the recovery of popular fate control in American society. How to translate this into change, outside of journalism (my 'field', as you know, is deeply mired in antique categories, timidity, and noninterventionism), I am still trying to discover."

JOHN KOLKMEYER, Vogt Sage & Pflum, 1835 N. Meridan St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46208 (317) 926-3427.

"My current interests are almost exclusively with the potential of film as a research methodology in urban planning and design . . . I am most interested in housing problems in urban areas and the use of central city space as they are problems of different ethnic and cultural elements of this country.

STEVEN MATHEWS, 4218 LaCresta Ave., Oakland, Ca. 94602, (415) 530-6834.

"I am a recycled engineer who came to planning via community organizing work while doing my Alternative Service work as a Conscientious Objector. I have also worked for the Calif. Coastal Zone Conservation Comm. in SF while obtaining my MCP from Berkeley. I am presently on the Advanced Planning staff at Contra Costa County working on the Community Development Program. I am very interested in keeping in communication with planners who are actively pursuing their political roles within various structures—both private and public."

RONA HEIMHOFF-GREGORY, 4158 West Hill, Montreal, Canada

DOUGLAS MORITZ, 291 Hewes St., Brooklyn, NY 11211.

Consultant to Williamsburg Housing Assn., local housing company, representing the interests of the Black and Hispanic community in developing a 534-unit housing site (Mitchell-Lama, Sec. 236).

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