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PN CENTENNIAL ISSUE: Please celebrate with us our 100th issue as an international, bimonthly newsletter on progressive planning; and anticipate with us many forthcoming issues as well.

We want to celebrate both continuity and change. This issue, for example, contains our usual mix of news notes, conference and job announcements, and a special essay. Future issues will continue these features, add more debate and commentary in the PN Special Feature section, and occasionally focus on selected topics with guidance from a series of guest editors.

In addition, we will explore creating an on-line, computer-based version of the newsletter as an additional PN service.

These were among the decisions of the PN Steering Committee in reviewing the results of our February PN questionnaire, and affirming the continuing existence of Planners Network. The Steering Committee also reviewed PN's leadership and finances, and proposed a PN conference for some time next year.

(Results of the February questionnaire and a report from the Steering Committee were included in a June 11 First Class mailing to Networkers; we still have a few extras, if you haven't received yours. *The mailing also included a follow-up questionnaire; please complete and mail it today, if you haven't already done so.*)

FINANCIAL MINI-REPORT: We have received financial contributions of \$1,110 from 28 Networkers since the May newsletter. Please know we appreciate each contribution. Our year-to-date totals now stand at \$4,535 from 115 Networkers.

For comparison, the July 1992 newsletter reported 163 year-to-date contributions, totaling \$5,611.

To tell quickly when you last supported PN with a check, look for the date after your name on the mailing label. We suggest contributing at least once each year, and we change (or add) the date whenever we get a check. The absence of a date means you have not yet contributed financially, and we'd like a check from you, if possible.

## Passing the Word

LEAD-SAFE HOUSING: The Alliance To End Childhood Lead Poisoning (227 Massachusetts Ave. N.E. #200, Wash., DC 20002, 202/543-1147) and the National Center for Lead-Safe Housing have issued a 47-page policy proposal, *A Framework for Action To Make Private Housing Lead-Safe*, aimed at eliminating the epidemic of childhood lead poisoning. Single copies are free.

HEALTH REFORM Today: *A Resource Manual on Health Reform* is available from: The Health and Medicine Policy Research Group, 332 S. Michigan Ave. #500, Chicago, IL 60604, 312/922-8057. Single copies are \$35.

DIVERSITY RESOURCE: The December 1992 *Population*

*Bulletin* (Population Reference Bureau, 1875 Connecticut Ave. N.W. #520, Wash., DC 20009, 202/483-1100) features a 47-page article by William O'Hare, "America's Minorities: The Demographics of Diversity." Single issues are \$7.

HEALTH CARE: Consumers Union (101 Truman Ave., Yonkers, NY 10703, 914/378-2000) has issued a 270-page publication, *How To Resolve the Health Care Crisis: Affordable Protection for All Americans* (\$4.95), by the editors of *Consumer Reports*, along with other related documents.

CITY BUDGET SURVEY: The National League of Cities (1301 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20004, 202/626-3000) has issued a 66-page update of its annual report on municipal finances, *City Fiscal Conditions in 1993*. One conclusion: City budgets remain stressed. No price listed.

HOMELESS/VOTING RIGHTS: Rep. John Lewis (D-GA) and 16 co-sponsors have introduced legislation (HR 1457) to guarantee homeless people the right to vote. The Community for Creative Non-Violence (425 Second St. N.W., Wash., DC 20001, 202/393-1909) is seeking organizational and individual endorsements, lobbying support, and assistance in surveying state policies and practices. Contact: Carol Fennelly.

L.A. REPORTS: The June *Crossroads* (Box 2809, Oakland, CA 94609, 510/843-7495) includes an article, "The War Against the Cities: Who Killed L.A.?", by Mike Davis. Single issues are \$4; subscriptions (10 times yearly) are \$24.

Separately, The Labor/Community Strategy Center (3780 Wilshire Blvd. #1200, Los Angeles, CA 90010, 213/387-2800) has issued a 59-page study, *Reconstructing Los Angeles from the Bottom Up*. Copies are \$10.

Also, The Tomas Rivera Center (710 N. College Ave., Claremont, CA 91711, 909/625-6607) has issued a 112-page report, *Latinos and the Los Angeles Uprising: The Economic Context*, by Manuel Pastor. No price listed. A 15-page summary also is available.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES: PNER Mark Roseland (School of Resource and Environmental Management, Simon Fraser Univ., Burnaby, BC V5A 1S6, Canada) has completed a book, *Toward Sustainable Communities: A Resource Book for Municipal and Local Governments*. Single copies are free from: The National Roundtable on the Environment and the Economy, 1 Nicholas St. #520, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 7B7, Canada, 613/992-7189.

HOMELESSNESS/CLINTON: President Clinton has signed an Executive Order, instructing federal agencies to develop a plan for ending homelessness. Background and details: National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, 918 F St. N.W. #412, Wash., DC 20004, 202/638-2535.

BUILDING COMMUNITY: The Program for Community Problem Solving (915 15th St. N.W. #600, Wash., DC 20005, 202/783-4963) has issued *Facing Racial & Cultural Conflict*:

*Tools for Rebuilding Community*, which presents techniques and case studies for dealing with tensions stemming from race and ethnicity, among other issues. Copies are \$20.

□ HOMELESSNESS/LOS ANGELES: The Los Angeles Homeless Project (Dept. of Geography, Univ. of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90089, 213/740-0050) has a publications list with more than 50 working papers and other publications on project-supported research.

□ NETWORKER UPDATE: From Marsha Ritzdorf (Urban Affairs and Planning, Virginia Tech., Blacksburg, VA 24061, 703/231-5426): I have left Oregon for a new job at Virginia Tech. I will be teaching classes explicitly related to race, class, gender, and the planning process, including a class called "The MultiCultural City: Planning and Policy Analysis." I'd love to hear from any Pners with reading suggestions, outlines for similar classes, etc.

□ HOUSING HEARING: The House Banking Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development (Rayburn House Office Bldg. #B-303, Wash., DC 20515, 202/225-7054) held hearings May 20 on the "State of Our Nation's Housing." The Subcommittee will have a transcript available in a few months. Meantime, PN Chair Chester Hartman's testimony is available now, with a self-addressed stamped envelope.

□ DISCRIMINATION/HOUSING: The *May Housing Matters* (Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, 69 Canal St., Boston, MA 02114, 617/742-9250) features "Fighting Racism in Our Own Back Yards," highlighting concrete efforts to challenge housing discrimination. No price listed.

□ FAIR HOUSING: The Fair Housing Information Clearinghouse (Box 6091, Rockville, MD 20850, 800/343-3442) has available a list of its publications.

□ NETWORKER UPDATE: From Jim Kovar (c/o UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Apartado Postal 5151, Managua, Nicaragua, 011/505/2/668311): I have settled into a contract position with the UNHCR, primarily developing small-scale "micro-projects" on behalf of returned refugees and war victims in Nicaragua. But the UNHCR is pulling out by year's end -- and me with it -- so I encourage Networkers interested in our "micro-project" model to contact me soon.

□ POVERTY/TEXTBOOK REQUEST: Greenhaven Press (Box 289009, San Diego, CA 92198, 619/485-7424), in preparing a high school/college textbook on U.S. poverty, is seeking articles, position papers, documents, book excerpts, bibliographies, and resource organizations on poverty's causes, its disproportional impact on minorities, government anti-poverty policies, health care policies for the poor, and homelessness. Contact: Katie de Koster.

□ FANNIE MAE COLLOQUIA: The Fall 1993 awardees in the Fannie Mae University Colloquium Series on domestic and international housing issues include the Humphrey Institute at the Univ. of Minnesota, for a two-day symposium on "Race, Poverty, and Housing Policy" (contact: Samuel Myers Jr.); the Univ. of Michigan, for a lecture series on "Low-Income

Tenants and Rental Housing Policy" (contact: Pner Barry Checkoway); and Iowa State Univ., for a lecture series on "Housing and Support Services for the Elderly in Rural and Small Town America" (contact: Patricia Burgess).

□ BASE-CLOSING STUDY: The U.S. Agriculture Department's Economic Research Service (1301 New York Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20005) has issued a 20-page study, *A Comparison of Military Base Closures: Metro and Nonmetro Counties, 1961-90*, which describes socioeconomic changes in local economies following closure of a military base. Contact: Tom Rowley, 202/219-0546; or Peter Stenberg, 202/219-0542. No price listed.

□ HOUSING COURT/NEW YORK: The City-Wide Task Force on Housing Courts (666 Broadway #410, New York, NY 10012, 212/982-5512) has completed a 36-page report, *Housing Court, Evictions, and Homelessness: The Costs and Benefits of Establishing a Right to Counsel*. No price is listed.

□ POLICY/LOW-INCOME: The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (777 N. Capitol St. N.E. #705, Wash., DC 20002, 202/408-1080) has issued a number of policy reports, *The Clinton EITC Proposal: How It Would Work and Why It Is Needed* (8 pages); *Funding for Low-Income Programs in FY 1993* (12 pages); and *Making Work Pay: The Unfinished Agenda* (68 pages). No prices listed.

□ HOMELESSNESS/FORUMS: The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Interagency Council for the Homeless (202/708-1480) are holding around the country a series of interactive forums, "Building Communities Together." August sessions, for example, are in Chicago, August 4-5; Buffalo, August 24-25; and St. Louis, August 30-31. The schedule runs into early 1994. Details: National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, 918 F St. N.W. #412, Wash., DC 20004, 202/638-2535.

□ LENDING/CHICAGO: The Woodstock Institute (407 S. Dearborn #550, Chicago, IL 60605, 312/427-8070) has issued its eighth annual *Community Lending Fact Book*, reporting on Chicago-area lending, and for the first time including five-year trend data, this for the 1987-91 period. No price listed.

□ BLACK CHURCHES/OUTREACH: The Piton Foundation (511 16th St. #700, Denver, CO 80202, 303/825-6246) has available an 80-page report, *Community Outreach in Denver's Black Churches*. Single copies may be free. Contact: Grant Jones.

□ YOUTH/SUMMER PROGRAM: The nonprofit Equity Trust Inc. (539 Beach Pond Rd., Voluntown, CT 06384, 203/376-6174) is offering an August 4-26 program in New England and the New York City area for 15- to 18-year-olds. Called Community Builders, the program combines urban, rural and wilderness experiences, and a mixture of physical work, experiential education, and recreation. Registration is \$200; some financial aid is available. Contact: Chuck Matthei.

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# The Great Suburban Train Robbery: The Clinton Administration and Barriers to Urban Policy

by William W. Goldsmith

Commentators (but for Dan Quayle and Ross Perot) find widespread agreement about bad conditions in inner-city Los Angeles pushing provoked people to explode in rebellion.

As the commentators look ahead, however, they find it much harder to agree on ways to improve inner-city conditions.

Hundreds of studies of LA and other cities suggest that four changes in policy would help most. Three of the four are commonly accepted as needed, but thought of by prominent people as too costly. The fourth reform also would be costly, and undoubtedly would be unpopular for non-budgetary reasons as well.

● First, the country needs an ambitious employment and wage policy that seeks simultaneously to improve incomes and skills, and reduce unemployment.

This is largely a matter of enacting a sound industrial policy, one that recognizes the new role of the United States in the global economy, and guarantees a profitable place for productive workers.

Easier said than done, but, in contrast to the 1980s, at least Bill Clinton and several of his top advisors (Labor Secretary Robert Reich and Council of Economic Advisors Chair Laura Tyson, for example) have endorsed variants of this approach. And there will be plenty of pressure from some corporations to move in this direction.

● Second, we need expanded family support policies to reduce the burdens of poverty, with better health care, more effective schools, and a raft of special efforts to protect and nurture children.

I'd like to see a national health plan, a welfare program that focuses on needs rather than work penalties, and much more funding for needy public schools.

I'll surely be disappointed, but, again, there are luminaries pushing hard in progressive directions (Hillary Rodham

Clinton, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala and her Assistant Secretary David Ellwood, and Housing and Urban Development Secretary Henry Cisneros, for example).

● Third, we need a revived civil rights policy that seeks anew to address real and harmful discrimination against people of color, women, and ethnic minorities.

Until discrimination by employers, landlords, and public servants is further reduced, that basis for outrage and rebellion will remain.

There are signs the Clinton Administration recognizes these problems; we can hope they will act forcefully.

But as the mayors of every big city in the country know, even if there were to be ample action promoting full em-

## PN Special Feature

In its Special Feature, *Planners Network* presents thoughtful, provocative writings about substantive concerns and issues in the planning professions. Essays typically highlight a single issue, and illuminate with examples and insights.

The Special Feature editor is Bob Beauregard (Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, Forbes Quadrangle, Univ. of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260, 412/648-7600; fax 412/648-2605).

We are grateful for Networkers' support of this feature, and encourage continued ideas, suggestions, commentary, and dialogue.

ployment, family support, and civil rights, that still would not be enough.

● A fourth reform also is required. We need to stop the great suburban train robbery: American cities, especially inner cities, have been robbed, and still are being robbed, year by year, by unfair and biased federal spending and taxation.

Every year since the Second World War, the federal government has paid enormous subsidies to people who live in suburbs, monies for the most part denied city people, especially poor people in inner cities, doubly poor people of color.

These suburb/city imbalances in federal payments result from legislation, not regulatory whim; and they can be corrected, although not without real political change.

What is out of balance? The main culprits are federal highway and transit spending, federal housing programs, and the military. The amounts of money transferred to suburbs are gigantic. They look big whether considered individually or in the aggregate.

The great bulk of military and transportation transfers go to benefit the suburbs, whether as industrial complex wages or highway grants.

Today, for example, highway users, mainly people who live in or serve the suburbs, pay through the gas tax only 70 percent of the cost of road building and repair. The remaining 30 percent comes from general revenues. A tiny share of the money goes to people at the other end, those who live in big cities; and virtually none goes to those who do not have cars.

The case with housing is clearer and more dramatic.

A well-off suburban homeowner, for instance, may pay \$2,000 a month for her mortgage. If \$1,500 of that payment is for interest, and she is in the top tax bracket, she will receive a monthly subsidy of \$480 from the Internal Revenue Service, and perhaps another \$150 if she also is subject to a state income tax. This amounts to \$7,560 a year. Some get more; some get less. Imagine the anti-poverty benefit that sort of money would confer if paid monthly to a needy family renting an apartment in the (inner) city!

Month by month, or household by household, perhaps it does not seem like so much; but added up, this federal tax expenditure on housing alone amounts to

\$50-\$80 billion a year, depending on whose estimate we use.

Not all that money goes to suburban households, but most of it does; not all suburban households benefit, but most of them do; and not all suburban homeowners are white, but the vast majority are.

At the same time, none of this federal spending goes to renters, and precious little goes to homeowners in inner cities, because few people in inner cities own their homes, and fewer still own homes with high values.

These taxes and expenditures are not fair, and laws should be passed to change them.

No such change, however, will come to pass without an improved relationship between cities and the federal government, one that shifts power to the cities. Shifts of that sort will happen only after intense political struggle. The Mayors' March on Washington (in Spring 1992) was a sign that people who matter are beginning to work in these directions.

Next time the mayors meet, I hope they decide to march every year, and I hope they demand action not only on the economy, family support, and civil rights, but also on fair budgetary balance.

They should demand full disclosure of budgets for federal urban programs,

and demand a fair allocation of tax expenditures that will reduce suburban/city differences.

The great suburban train robbery happens every year, and cities and their residents no longer can afford the loss.

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## Passing the Word

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□ **TENANT ORGANIZING:** The South Arizona People's Law Center (606 N. Fourth Ave., Tucson, AZ 85705, 602/623-7306) has available a 20-page resource, *Getting Together for Change: An Organizing Manual for Low-Income Tenants*. No price listed. Contact: Paul Gattone.

□ **BANKING UPDATES:** The Southern Finance Project (329 Rensselaer, Charlotte, NC 28203, 704/372-7072) has available a number of reports and reprints, including a briefing paper, "New Lemonade from RTC's Old Lemons," and an Economic Policy Institute report, "The Parallel Banking System." No prices listed. Contact: Tom Schlesinger.

□ **DEVELOPMENT TRAINING:** The Development Training Institute (4806 Seton Dr., Baltimore, MD 21215, 410/764-0780 ext. 150) has announced a July 26 starting date for its next five-month "Leadership and Management Program for Community-Based Development." Sessions are twice yearly; scholarships are available.

□ **METROPOLIS 2000: Planning, Poverty, and Politics**, by PNer Tom Angotti (808 Eighth Ave. #4-R, Brooklyn, NY 11215), is a 304-page analysis of 20th Century metropolitan development and planning, which promoted pro-urban sustainable planning, equality, and a progressive approach to development. Copies are \$17.95 (paper), from: Routledge Inc., 29 W. 35th St., New York, NY 10001, 212/244-6412.

□ **POVERTY REPORT/CLEVELAND:** The Cleveland Foundation Commission on Poverty has issued a 185-page report with recommendations, *The Cleveland Community-Building Initiative*. Single copies are free, from: Arthur Naparstek, Mandel School of Applied Social Science, Case Western Reserve Univ., Cleveland, OH 44106, 216/368-3023.

□ **CREDIT UNIONS/OEO:** The Woodstock Institute (407 S. Dearborn #550, Chicago, IL 60605, 312/427-8070) has issued a 55-page report, *Credit and the War on Poverty: An Analysis of the Credit Union Programs of the Office of Economic Opportunity*. Copies are \$10 for nonprofits, universities, and government; \$20 for others.

□ **TRANSIT/RAIL GUIDE:** *Citizen's Guide to ISTEA* is a 50-page resource produced by the National Association of Railroad Passengers' Campaign for New Transportation Priorities, 900 2nd St. N.E. #308, Wash., DC 20002, 202/408-8362. Copies are \$10.

□ **DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORY:** The National Congress for Community Economic Development (1875 Connecticut Ave. N.W. #524, Wash., DC 20009, 202/234-5009) has issued a 111-page *National Congress for Community Economic Development Membership Directory, 1993-94*. No price listed.

□ **HOMELESS PROGRAMS:** *Federal Programs To Help the Homeless* is an updated, 99-page guide from the Interagency Council on the Homeless, listing more than 100 programs and activities. Copies are \$4, from: HUD User, Box 6091, Rockville, MD 20850, 800/245-2691.

□ **ECONOMY/U.S.:** The Council on International and Public Affairs (Box 337, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520, 914/271-6500) has issued a 46-page report, *The Underbelly of the U.S. Economy: Joblessness and the Pauperization of Work in America*, by David Dembo and Ward Morehouse. Copies are \$7.

□ **NONPROFITS FOR HIRE:** *The Welfare State in the Age of Contracting*, by Steven Rathgeb Smith and PNer Michael Lipsky, is a 312-page examination of the social, political and organizational effects of government's burgeoning use of contracting with nonprofits for social services delivery, ranging

from homelessness to AIDS. Copies are \$35, from Harvard University Press, 79 Garden St., Cambridge, MA 02138.

□ LIBRARIES/FEDERAL FUNDING: Fourteen Department of Education programs, including literacy training in public libraries under Title VI, have been proposed by the House for elimination in funding President Clinton's supplemental jobs bill. For information on restoring the cuts, Libraries for the Future, 800/542-1918.

□ WORK/FAMILY: PNER Rachael Stark (47 Webster St., Malden, MA 02148) is seeking professionals, parents, and activists looking at and working on work/family issues. She is especially interested in links between overwork and over-consumption. Community activism, political lobbying, values education, corporate culture change in a multi-income range, multi-ethnic context. Focus on activism, culture change, environmental sustainability, workplaces that are flexible and participatory, and strong families in strong communities.

□ ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM: A 260-page book, *Confronting Environment Racism: Voices from the Grassroots*, edited by Robert Bullard, has been published by South End Press, 116 St. Botolph St., Boston, MA 02115, 617/266-0629.

□ SHELTER POVERTY: *New Ideas on Housing Affordability*, by PNER Michael Stone, is a 352-page discussion of housing and social justice in the U.S. He argues for "the right to housing," and proposes transforming a large portion of housing from a commodity to a social entitlement. Copies are \$18.95 (paper), from: Temple University Press, Broad & Oxford Sts., Philadelphia, PA 19122, 800/447-1656.

□ ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: Two documents have emerged from the 1991 First National People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit: A 17-point "Principles of Environmental Justice" is available from us, with a self-addressed stamped envelope. The 234-page conference proceedings, edited by Charles Lee, are available, for \$22.50, from: The Commission for Racial Justice, United Church of Christ, 475 Riverside Dr. #1950, New York, NY 10115.

□ WOMEN/DEVELOPMENT: From PNER Nancy Nye (Box 61, Taftsville, VT, 05073, 802/457-3783): As a community development consultant, I am especially interested in integrating gender analysis into community economic development and public policy. I've written a short paper, "A Proposal To Enhance the Role and Leadership of Women in Community Development," and also some case studies applying gender analysis to development situations. I'd like to hear from others interested in this topic.

□ VIOLENCE/CHILDREN: The National Maternal and Child Health Clearinghouse (8201 Greensboro Dr. #600, McLean, VA 22102, 703/821-8955 ext. 254) has available a resource, *The Impact of Community Violence on African American Children and Families*. Single copies are free.

□ PLANNING/NETHERLANDS: From Patrick Driscoll (c/o Stan McWilliams, Colpey, Muff, County Donegal, Ireland): I'm researching the particular and aggregate impacts of the

Dutch National Environmental Policy Plan (to reduce polluting emissions up to 70% by 2010) on the various sectors of Dutch political, economic, and social life. I'm particularly interested in analyzing the effects on urban and regional planning. I have been unable to find more than cursory analyses of the Plan's aggregate impacts, and would greatly appreciate any assistance you may be able to provide.

□ VIOLENCE/WOMEN: The National Center on Women and Family Law (799 Broadway #402, New York, NY 10003, 212/674-8200) has issued two publications, *Battered Women of Color* and *Woman Battering: A Major Cause of Homelessness*. No details on prices.

□ CRITICAL THEORY, *Public Policy, and Planning Practice: Toward a Critical Pragmatism*, by PNER John Forester, shows how policy analysis, planning, and public administration work as political communicative practices for organizing public attention. Published in the SUNY series on Political Theory: Contemporary Issues, copies are \$14.95 (paper), from: SUNY Press, c/o CUP Services, Box 6525, Ithaca, NY 14851, 607/277-2211.

□ CHILDREN'S COMMISSION: The National Commission on Children (111 18th St. N.W. #810, Wash., DC 20036, 202/254-3800), which has just ended its work, has available a number of publications, including a 516-page final report, *Beyond Rhetoric: A New American Agenda for Children and Families*; a 64-page report, *Making Programs and Policies Work*; and a 63-page report, *Ensuring Income Security*. They likely are free.

□ SANTA CRUZ UPDATE: PNER Dan Garr (Box 3329, Santa Cruz, CA 95063) has completed a second edition of *The Santa Cruz Jokebook*, featuring some 25 full-page cartoons, most with eight frames, for those "fed up with the stupidity, hypocrisy, incompetence, thievery, and sanctimoniousness that goes on around here." Copies are \$3.50.

□ HIV/AIDS HOUSING: The AIDS National Interfaith Network (110 Maryland Ave. N.E. #504, Wash., DC 20002, 202/546-0807) has issued *The HIV/AIDS Housing Handbook*, to help organizations developing housing projects know which HUD assistance programs are available. Single copies are \$10.

□ PROGRESSIVE OP-EDS: The Progressive Media Project (c/o Erik Ness, 409 E. Main St., Madison, WI 53703, 608/257-4626) is an effort to place op-eds in newspapers all over the country. Please contact it with your possible submissions. The Project is connected to *Progressive* magazine, and its Advisory Board includes PN Chair Chester Hartman, among others.

□ RESEARCH GRANTS: The Policy Research Action Group (Loyola Univ., Chicago, IL 60626, 312/508-3468) has set July 30 as the deadline for Fall 1993 community-based research proposals focusing on the Chicago area. Grants up to \$5,000 are available for research assistants (primarily activists at Loyola, DePaul Univ., and Univ. of Illinois-Chicago). Contact: Charles Saxe.

**ALTERNATIVE BUDGET:** An alternative federal budget proposal from the Congressional Black Caucus/House Progressive Caucus, "A Budget for New World Realities and for Rebuilding America: FY 1993," is available from us with a 52-cent self-addressed stamped envelope.

**PROGRESSIVE POLICY:** The Commonwealth Institute (186 Hampshire St., Cambridge, MA 02139, 617/547-4474) has available a four-page description of the Progressive Policy Initiative, a joint project of the Institute, the Northeast Citizens Action Resource Center, and the Northeast Network of Progressive Elected Officials. No price listed.

**POLICY NEWSLETTER:** The Center for Policy Alternatives (1875 Connecticut Ave. N.W. #710, Wash., DC 20009, 202/387-6030) has created a new newsletter, *Alternative*. It's likely free.

**PEACEWORK** is a monthly newsletter on peace and social justice issues from the American Friends Service Committee, 2161 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA 02140, 617/661-6130. No price listed.

## Upcoming Conferences

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**WOMEN/DEVELOPMENT:** The Ms. Foundation for Women (141 Fifth Ave. #6-S, New York, NY 10010, 212/353-8580) is sponsoring the Sixth Annual Institute on Women and Economic Development on September 9-12 in Peachtree City, GA. The double-occupancy rate is \$450; financial aid is available. Details: Judy Lorimer.

**SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION:** The Northeast Sustainable Energy Association (23 Ames St., Greenfield, MA 01301, 413/774-6051) is organizing a symposium on solar and electric vehicles October 21-23 in Boston, MA., titled, "Sustainable Transportation: S/EV 93."

## Jobs

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**PN REMINDER:** Some of the jobs we list may have publication deadlines earlier than when you receive the newsletter. But deadlines sometimes can be adjusted. So we urge you to phone first, if a number is listed, and check on the deadline schedule.

**FARMWORKER HOUSING:** Centro Campesino Farmworker Center Inc. (Box 3483, Florida City, FL 33034) has four staff openings in its affordable housing work in the South Dade area: Senior Development Director, Director of Program Operations, Housing Counselor, and Training Director. Salaries are competitive. Contact: Shawn.

**DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST:** The Sea Islands Preservation Project (c/o Emory Campbell, Pen. Center, Box 126, St. Helena Island, SC 29920, 803/838-2432) is seeking a Specialist in Community-Based Economic Development. No salary listed.

**HOUSING/DEVELOPMENT ADVOCATE:** The Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis (430 First Ave. N. #300, Minneapolis, MN 55401) has an opening for a Housing/Community Development Policy Advocate. Salary is \$23,100. Contact: Tim Thompson.

**HOUSING SPECIALIST:** The Center for Community Change (1000 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20007, 202/342-0519) is seeking a Housing Development Specialist. No salary listed.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** Food First (c/o Institute for Food and Development Policy, 145 Ninth St., San Francisco, CA 94103, 415/864-8555) is seeking an Executive Director. Salary is in the \$32,000-\$40,000 range.

**PROJECT COORDINATOR:** The Fair Employment Council of Greater Washington (1400 Eye St. N.W. #500, Wash., DC 20005, 202/842-4474) has an opening for a Project Coordinator. No salary listed.

**FILENE CENTER:** The Lincoln Filene Center of Tufts Univ. has senior staff openings in two of its programs: the New England Institute for Nonprofit Organizations (Program Director, Nonprofit Program Coordinator, Program and Marketing Coordinator); and the Environmental Citizenship Program (Program Director). No salaries listed. Contact: Nilima Bhatia, Tufts Human Resources, 169 Holland St., Somerville, MA 02144, 617/627-3453.

**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR:** The National Housing Institute (439 Main St., Orange, NJ 07050, 201/678-3110) has an opening for an Assistant Director. Salary is up to \$42,000.

**LA RAZA STAFF:** The National Council of La Raza (810 First St. N.E. #300, Wash., DC 20002, 202/289-1380) has two staff openings: Employment and Training Director (\$35,000-\$45,000), and Deputy Vice President-Senior Economic Development Director (\$38,000-\$52,000).

**ECONOMIC JUSTICE:** The American Friends Service Committee (1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19107) is seeking a National Representative for Economic Justice. Salary is \$31,000 or more. Contact: Lydia Wilcox.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** Libraries for the Future (c/o Blue Mountain Center, Blue Mountain Lake, NY 12812, 800/542-1918) is seeking an Executive Director to design and manage strategies for building national support for public libraries. No salary listed.

## Ex Conferences

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**ECONOMIC CONVERSION:** New England labor unions sponsored a regional conference June 18-19 in Storrs, CT, on "A Call to Action: Labor's Agenda for Economic Conversion in New England." Details: UAW Region 9A, 111 South Rd., Farmington, CT 06032, 203/674-0143.

**MIDWEST ACADEMY:** The Midwest Academy/Citizen

Action conference was held July 16-18 in Chicago. Details: Midwest Academy, 225 W. Ohio #250, Chicago, IL 60610, 312/645-6010.

INSURANCE REDLINING: ACORN (739 8th St. S.E., Wash., DC 20002, 202/547-2500) held a June 4 "Roundtable on Insurance Redlining." Details: Brian Maney.

FAIR HOUSING: A national fair housing conference was held June 28-30 in Arlington, VA, outside Washington. Details: National Fair Housing Alliance, 1400 Eye St. N.W. #530, Wash., DC 20005, 202/989-1661.

AMERICAN CITIES: The American Assembly (475 Riverside Dr., New York, NY 10115, 212/870-3500) sponsored a conference in April on "Interwoven Destinies: Cities and the Nation," and has issued a free, 23-page conference report. Conference background papers are due in book form in November from W.W. Norton, 500 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10110, 800/233-4830. Copies are \$20.

## Etcetera

SEPTEMBER PN DEADLINE: The arrival deadline for copy for the next *Planners Network* is Tuesday, September 7. We look forward to hearing from as many Networkers as possible. As always, our thanks to those who can type their notes. It reduces our chances of misreading what you write.

Arrival deadline for PN #101 copy: Tuesday, September 7.

TALK UP PN: Please don't be shy about sharing news of the Planners Network with others. Let them know about us. Probably the best outreach we have is when you educate and recruit your friends, co-workers, acquaintances, and others. We have a good, one-page introductory sheet, "The Planners Network -- What It Is," which we can send you in any quantity you wish. "What It Is" includes a statement of our principles, a brief organizational history, a list of Steering Committee members (who double as regional contacts), and how to calculate contributions.

MOVING? TELL PN: When you move, please let us know directly. A thoughtful change-of-address postcard will cost you just 19 cents. On the other hand, if the Post Office returns our (non-forwardable) Third Class newsletter with your new address, which is how we often learn of PNers' moves (we mark the newsletter "Address Correction Requested"), it costs us far more. So please help us cut our costs, send us a postcard.

PERSONAL UPDATES: There are a number of short communications in this issue from Network members, letting us know about new jobs, projects, what's happening in their lives, etc. We encourage this. Sharing this kind of "where-I'm-at" information helps create a sense of community, provide contact, and generate support.

## The Planners Network

The Planners Network is an association of professionals, activists, academics, and students involved in physical, social, economic, and environmental planning in urban and rural areas, who promote fundamental change in our political and economic systems.

We believe that planning should be a tool for allocating resources and developing the environment to eliminate the great inequalities of wealth and power in our society, rather than to maintain and justify the status quo. We believe that planning should be used to assure adequate food, clothing, shelter, medical care, jobs, safe working conditions, and a healthful environment. We advocate public responsibility for meeting these needs, because the private market has proven incapable of doing so.

We oppose the economic structure of our society, which values profit and property rights over human rights and needs. This system perpetuates the inequalities of class, race, sex, and age which distort human relationship and limit the potential for a decent quality of life. We advocate a shift in current national budget priorities to favor human services, social production and environmental protection over military and other nonproductive expenditures.

We seek to be an effective political and social force, working with other progressive organizations to inform public opinion and public policy, and to provide assistance to those seeking to understand, control, and change the forces which affect their lives.

The Planners Network Newsletter is published six times a year as the principal means of communication among Network members. Annual financial contributions are volun-

tary, but we need funds for operating expenses. The Steering Committee has recommended the following amounts as minimums for Network members: \$15 for students and unemployed; graduated payments for the employed of \$25 plus \$1 for each \$1,000 earned above \$10,000.

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