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□ PN LEADERSHIP: A three-hour Planners Network business plenary May 22, still charged with energy from sessions of "For An America That Works" at the National 4-H Center, moved on several fronts to re-energize the 19-year-old organization.

The business plenary’s 55 participants elected Ann Forsyth of the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and Ken Reardon of the University of Illinois-Urbana as co-chairs, selected a handful of new members for the Steering Committee, and volunteered for more than a score of possible PN projects, including another PN conference next year.

Founding Chair Chester Hartman, who supported the leadership change, continues as a member of the Steering Committee.

In a later statement, Chester said, "I knew when I began PN in 1975 that chairing it was just a temporary job. So, after 19 years, it’s time to pass along the leadership to new folks."

"Our organization has played an important role in the lives of many hundreds of progressive planners, through very different times, creating a sustaining sense of community and contacts.

"I am genuinely thrilled to see the energy and plans that emerged from our conference. I plan to remain an active member of the Steering Committee, and look forward to working with Ann, Ken, and all of you in a much-expanded set of PN activities."

The business plenary was co-chaired by Bill Goldsmith of Cornell and Ann Forsyth. (A message from the new co-chairs appears elsewhere on this page; the new Steering Committee is listed on p. 3; proposed PN projects and volunteer contacts start on p. 6.)

Message from the Co-Chairs

by Ann Forsyth & Ken Reardon

We want to start with some background on how we came to be co-chairs, and then move on to our agenda for the coming year.

Part of the reason for holding the PN conference "For An America That Works," despite its obvious biases in terms of attendance, was a desire by the former Steering Committee to search out new organizational leadership. PN has not had a mechanism for changing the Steering Committee, and many members of the former Steering Committee wanted to step down.

The leadership search was largely successful. The current Steering Committee is composed of carry-over members who wished to remain, and new members who either were active in convening the conference or its special interest tracks (like us) or were recruited to balance some of the regional, ethnic, and practitioner/academic biases identified at the conference.

PN's revitalization lies ahead. If it is to have any chance for success, someone has to coordinate PN organizational activities. This function in most voluntary organizations is carried out by an executive director in consultation with the organization's officers. Since PN lacks both a director and such a body of elected officers, it made sense for a subcommittee of PN (namely, the Co-Chairs) to carry out these functions. As conference co-conveners, we had a track record of organizing within PN, and we accepted the task. (Teresa Cordova and Peg Seip, who also had been conference co-conveners, chose not to be part of this executive, and Chester Hartman wanted to step down.)

This certainly was not the greatest leadership transition process, and we aim in the coming year to establish a democratic process for organizational elections. (If you know of any good models, please let us know!)

As Co-Chairs, our role will focus on coordinating the efforts of various PN working groups. We were particularly encouraged by the large number of people who came to the May 22 business plenary, and by the variety of ideas they had for how they could contribute, through PN, to progressive social change.

From the business plenary, it seems there are seven areas PN can focus on in the next 12 months. They are (in no particular order) clarifying PN's mission/policy statement (in a participatory manner); building and diversifying PN's membership base; establishing a democratic process for PN elections; developing PN communications (maintaining the newsletter and going electronic); holding PN networking meetings (regional and national); convening groups on specific issues (e.g. training community members, racism, diversity in planning education); and solidifying PN's financial status.

As Co-Chairs, we will take responsibility for encouraging those who volunteered to work in the issues, recruiting others, helping to set up working groups where necessary, and generally providing coordination and backup (while delegating freely).

We want to encourage other PN members to get involved in these activities. We turned up at PN meetings last year (advertised in the PN newsletter) and volunteered for tasks; and look where we are now!

Finally, our sincerest thanks to Chester Hartman, who over the years has provided a vision for Planners Network and, with Prentice Bowsher's able assistance, has kept it functioning on a day-to-day basis.
**PNI CONFERENCE:** "A marvelous place to network," summed up one participant, speaking it seemed for many, attending PNI’s May 20-22 conference at the National 4-H Center, "For an America That Works: A Planners Network Conference on Economic, Social and Environmental Justice."

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The members of the Working Group on Race and Diversity in PNI welcome your thoughts, ideas, and involvement. Please feel free to contact us.

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Track Leaders Profile Workshops

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The PN conference culminated May 22 in such a high energy level that it was impossible to stick with the conference organizers' plan for the PN business meeting to give way for final break-out sessions on each of the main themes. Instead, the entire group stayed together to reflect on the conference and PN history, and to contemplate our future as an organization.

To recoup as much as possible, track organizers (with contact information listed elsewhere in this section) here summarize the main themes and conclusions of their tracks.

Energy Development
The economic development tracks revolved around the question of how local people can organize around economic development issues. Answering this question forces planners to address dilemmas of politics, knowledge, and vision.

First, progressive constituencies organized in cities dominated by elites?

Second, what is a progressive economic analytic?

Third, how are progressive economic development policies fashioned that are both tenable, given the economic analysis, and politically meaningful to the progressive constituency?

Progressive economic development programs succeeded in the 1970s and early-1980s in Burlington, South- east Chicago, and other cities. Case histories of programs in those and other cities should be compiled and studied.

Every program is, of course, specifically in both its constituency and the details of the economic analysis. Nonetheless, these historical cases would be useful to progressive planners currently engaging communities in economic development planning.

Progressive planners are creating new opportunities by combining economic development agendas with agendas from the women's movement, the peace movement, and environmental movements. These programs remain locally specific, but can draw ideas and analytical frameworks from a broader source.

Pierre Clavel

Affordable Housing
There is an emerging window of opportunity to re-engage public debate on the right to housing, based on an alternative system of social ownership, production, and finance.

There are more examples and experience with social housing to draw upon.

Recent HUD scandals and mortgage lending abuses have reinforced public cynicism toward private developers and financial institutions, while budget-deficit consciousness underscores the need for more cost-effective subsidy solutions.

The organizers of these tracks will fight to keep health issues on the PN agenda.

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Social housing is more wasteful, will create skills and jobs, and bolster productivity.

The moral basis for a "right to housing," and the potential of a right to housing, are being debated in an effort to heighten public debate.

Participants in the IPS Right to Housing Working Group (now officially a PN project) have discussed updating the Right to Housing program and marketing it more aggressively. Updating will accommodate the interrelationship of the urban system and other fundamental rights, racism, and other issues that complicate housing entitlement.

Planners have allies in housing advocacy groups.

The National Low Income Housing Coalition/Low Income Housing Information Service has launched a Housing Justice Campaign, focusing on the creation of a federal Housing Trust Fund. The proposal would be a reform of the present homeowner tax subsidy system.

The Legal Services Homelessness Task Force/National Housing Law Project is beginning a right-to-housing campaign. According to Mark Wrighton, this will make use of a range of tools, including public education, media strategy, organizing, policy advocacy, research, litigation, legislative advocacy, and administrative advocacy.

Community organizations and state and local governments now have in place programs intended to foster social housing. But progressive planners, practitioners, and activists who face the challenge of implementing these programs confront practical dilemmas that call into question basic social housing principles.

At the heart of many of these dilemmas is the idea that advocates of social ownership of housing for the private sector. Past failures to deal with racism further challenge fair housing advocates who work in segregated minority neighborhoods.

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These sessions dealt largely with racism and health care. One session began with a reading of the Tuskegee lynchings list, updated to include recent racially and anti-sweat-organized murders.

Minority communities face enormous political issues from the reemergence of the health industry. In large cities, such as New York, the corporationization of hospitals has been accompanied by a decrease in emphasis on community relations and community needs, especially in minority communities, which are perceived to have less profit potential. As a result, members of these communities find it much more difficult to organize, and time-consuming to see a health professional.

There are exceptions to service shutdowns and hospital corporatization in the real demand in minority communities, and designing health delivery systems to meet that demand.

Community organizations and labor unions have provided leadership in confronting, organizing against hospital corporatization.

In New York, HealthPac, an organization that includes many planners, has been involved in demanding a panel that focused on national and regional aspects of environmental racism, including representatives of the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Institutes of Health.

Vernice Miller of the Natural Resources Defense Council helped the mock trial on AIDS funded by UCLA chaired a panel on Industrial Policy and Pollution Prevention that examined the issues from political and technical perspectives.

A panel on Sustainable Transportation Alternatives, chaired by Jon Orcutt of New York City's Transportation Alternatives, involved activists from the New York City Environmental Justice Alliance, Chicago's Center for Neighborhood Technology, and the Environmental Defense Fund.

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Economic Development

The economic development tracks revolved around the question of how local people can organize around economic development issues. Answering this question forces planners to address dilemmas of politics, knowledge, and vision.

First, progressive constituencies organized in cities dominated by elites.

Second, what is a progressive economic analysis?

Third, how are progressive economic development policies fashioned that are both tenable, given the economic analysis, and politically meaningful to the progressive constituency?

Progressive economic development programs succeeded in the 1970s and early-1980s in Burlington, South- east Chicago, and other cities. Case histories of programs in those and other cities should be compiled and studied.

Every program is, of course, locally specific in both its constituency and the details of the economic analysis. Nonetheless, these historical cases would be useful to progressive planners currently engaging communities in economic development planning.

Progressive planners are creating new opportunities by combining economic development agendas with agendas from the women's movement, the peace movement, and environmental movements. These programs remain locally specific, but can draw ideas and analytical frameworks from a broader perspective.

Compiled by Gwen Urey

The PN conference culminated May 22 in such a high energy level that it was impossible to stick with the conference organizers' plan for the PN business meeting to give way for final break-out sessions on each of the main themes. The entire group stayed together to reflect on the conference and PN history, and to contemplate our future as an organization.

To recoup as much as possible, track organizers (with contact information listed elsewhere in this section) have summarized the main themes and conclusions of their tracks.

Affordable Housing

There is an emerging window of opportunity to re-engage public debate on the right to housing, based on an alternative system of social housing ownership, production, and finance.

There are more examples of and experience with social housing to draw upon.

Recent HUD scandals and mortgage lending abuses have reinforced public cynicism toward private developers and financial institutions, while budget-deficitconsciousness underscores the need for more cost-effective subsidy solutions.

Public debate could be stimulated by following the model of the national health campaign of getting people to recognize its stake in a "right-to-housing debate."

The "right to housing" could also be framed on environmental and sustainable growth grounds: Social housing is more efficient, less wasteful, will create skills and jobs, and bolster productivity.

The moral basis for a "right to housing" debate has been gained in an effort to heighten public debate.

Participants in the IPS Right to Housing Working Group (now officially a PN project) have discussed updating the Right to Housing program and marketing it more aggressively. Updating will accommodate the interrelation between and other fundamental rights, racism, and other issues that complicate housing entitlement.

Planners have allies in housing advoga-
ty groups.

The National Low Income Housing Coalition/Low Income Housing Information Service has launched a Housing Justice Campaign, focusing on the creation of a federal Housing Trust Fund. The plan would be a reform of the present homeowner tax subsidy system.

The Legal Services Homelessness Task Force/National Housing Law Project is beginning a right-to-housing campaign. According to Marcuse, this campaign will make use of a range of tools, including public education, media strategies, organizing, policy advocacy, research, litigation, legislative advocacy, and administrative advocacy.

State, local and national governments now have in place programs intended to foster social housing. But progressive planners, practitioners, and activists who face the challenge of implementing these programs confront practical dilemmas that call into question basic social housing principles.

At the heart of many of these dilem-
mas are the conflicts pitting advocates of social ownership of housing against the private sector. Past failures to deal with racism further challenge fair housing advocates who work in segregated minority neighborhoods.

The goal of promoting grassroots residents seeking to rebuild communities, many residents seek to move. Who is the client? -- Emily Achenberg, Chester Hartman

Health Care Delivery

The organizers of these tracks will fight to keep health issues on the PN agenda.

The embattled position of advocates for single-payer health care underscores the dinner, which health itself has been commodified. As a commodity, health care can be chosen by some, managed for a greater private, and has become a luxury beyond the means of the poor.

These sessions dealt largely with racism and health care. One session began with a reading of the Tuskegee lymphings list, updated to include recent racially and anti-score-motivated murders.

Minority communities face enormous political problems from the economy of the health industry. In large cities, such as New York, the corporatization of hospitals has been accompanied by a decline in emphasis on community relations and community needs, especially in minority communities, which are perceived to have less profit potential. As a result, members of these communities find it much more difficult to be aggressive, and time-consuming to see a health professional.

There are exceptions to service shutdowns in hospital corporations, organizing real demand in minority communities, and designing health delivery systems to meet that demand.

Community organizations and labor unions have provided leadership in confronting the privatization of hospital services.

In New York, HealthPac, an organization that includes many planners, has been involved in demands to panel that focused on national and regional aspects of environmental racism, includ-

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PN Special Feature

Robb Burloge, Gwen Urey

Environmental Justice

The environmental justice track brought together some of the major activist leaders, scientists, and scholars in the field. The entire range of issues that fall under the category of environmental justice was covered: the relationship between pollution and race, class, gender; industrial pollution, jobs, and economic justice; pollution as an element in the urban quality of life; and racism within environmental movement.

Hopefully, the lively discussions and interest will translate into a continuing relationship between Planner's Network and people who are working on environmental issues.

A panel chaired by Michael Heinman of Dickinson College covered diverse experiences from throughout the country.

A panel chaired by Sam Goldthoof of the Indigenous Environmental Network; and representatives of Citizens for Better Environment.

Other panels included activists from groups in New York City, the Southern Environmental Law Center, and the Native Land Institute in Albuquerque.

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They included proposals for continuing regional networks, fundraising, promoting diversity in planning education, and dealing with racism, among other topics.

Some participants volunteered initially for the various projects.

Other PNers interested in participating in a listed project should contact a project volunteer directly (through the contact information listed below).

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   - Tim Mungan

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□ DEVELOPMENT/UTILITIES: The Enterprise Foundation (4100/0637-230) is issuing Investing in Community-Based Development: The Case for Utility Investment in Distressed Communities. Single copies are free.

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□ MICROENTERPRISE: The Corporation for Enterprise Development (777 N. Capitol St. N.W. #101, Wash., DC 20001, 202/638-2981) has issued a number of reports relating to microenterprise development, including AFDC and Micro-enterprise: Working with Your State To Address Regulatory Barriers ($17.50); Savings Communities: A Tool for Community Organizations ($15); and Individual Development Accounts: A State Briefing Book ($7.50).


□ RACE/ETHNICITY DATA: Federal Data Collection: Agencies' Use of Consistent Race and Ethnicity Definitions is free from the General Accounting Office, Box 6015, Gaithersburg, MD 20884, 202/512-6600.

□ Vol. 42, No. 20: RR-ID of Mortality and Morbidity Weekly Report includes "Use of Race and Ethnicity in Public Health Surveillance: Summary of the CDC/ATSDR Workshop" (June 25, 1993). Copies are $3 from the Massachusetts Medical Society, Box 9120, Waltham, MA 02254.


□ DEVELOPMENT/UTILITIES: The Enterprise Foundation (4140/066-2330) has issued Investing in Community-Based Development: The Case for Utility Investment in Distressed Communities. Single copies are free.

□ CHRISTMAS IN APRIL (1225 Eye St. N.W. #601, Wash., DC 20005, 202/326-8268) is a national, volunteer-based home repair and rehab program, with some 118 local efforts. This year, more than 120,000 volunteers, working on the last Saturday in April, rehabbed some 4,000 homes and nonprofit facilities.

□ HOUSING TRUST FUNDS: The Housing Trust Fund Project (570 Shepard St., Bolinas, CA 94924, 415/371-3100) has a 32-page report, A Summary of Revenue Sources Co mitted to Existing Housing Trust Funds. Copies are free to community nonprofits, $6 for others.

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South Africa National Civic Organization report on the Yom Kippur War (PN #10, August 1973), are $8 each from the author, and $5 each from co-author Sunwoo Kim, Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 60321; no price listed.

FAIR HOUSING SUMMIT: Materials from the Administration's January 19-22 National Fair Housing Summit (PN #18, November 1984) are available from a number of sources: Summit newsletter ($1), video highlights ($15), final report ($14), and participants list ($7), from Fair Housing Information Clearinghouse, Box 6091, Rockville, MD 20850, 800-343-3442. The report of the Surveys of Fair Housing in the 102rd National Fair Housing Summit speech audio tapes (no price listed), from Audio Transcripts Ltd., 335 S. Patrick St. #220, Alexandria, VA 22314, 703-545-7334. Summit Proceedings (no price listed), from Hope Fair Housing Center, 154 Main St., Lombard, IL 60148, 708-495-4846.

PUBLIC HOUSING BILL: Rep. John Conyers and 16 co-sponsors have introduced the Jesse Gray Housing Act (HR 1380), which would construct 500,000 units and revitalize 100,000 units of public housing annually for 10 years, providing the process, employment for public housing residents. Details: National Tenants Organization, Box 2818, Ft. Pierce, FL 34954.

TENANT UNION: The newly formed ACORN Tenant Union represents some 30,000 public housing residents in 40 projects in 20 cities, including Baltimore, Oakland, New York, Chicago, Kansas City, Bridgeport, New Bedford, and Chelsea, MA, as of the end of February. Details: Madeline Talbot, 312-395-7488.

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PREVENTING EVICTIONS and Stabilizing Housing for Low-Income Families: Results from Advocacy and Improved Access to Legal Services The 31st volume of the PNL Report is a 28-page report from Liz Krueger, Community Food Resource Center, 90 Washington St., New York, NY 10006, 212/342-0195. Copies are $5.


HOUSING JUSTICE: The National Low Income Housing Coalition (1012 14th St. N.W., #120, Wash., DC 20005, 202/622-1530) is seeking organizational endorsements for its Housing Justice Campaign, which includes an annual 250-billion housing trust fund (from upper-income homeowners' tax deductions) to subsidize low-income housing programs.

ATTENTION: Larry Yates.

NEIGHBORHOODS/CHICAGO: The Network Builder is the membership newsletter of the Chicago Rohab Network, 53 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604, 312/663-3936.

MORTGAGE REFINANCING/CHICAGO: Refinancing Bumps Benefits Some, Not Others is a study from the Woodstock Institute (407 S. Dearborn #550, Chicago, IL 60605, 312/427-8070) that has two reports on economic change in Chicago neighborhoods: Focusing In: Indicators of Economic Change in Chicago Neighborhoods (400 pages, $20 for nonprofits, $75 for others), and Against the Tide: A Cluster Look at Economic Change in Chicago's Moderate-Income Neighborhoods ($10 for nonprofits, $20 for others). Copies are $5.

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Policies Report: The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 1330 G St. NW, Washington, DC 20005 (202/408-1080) has issued a series of policy reports: A Tale of Two Futures: Restructuring California’s Finances To Boost Economic Growth; (20 issues); Funding for Low-Income Programs in FY 1994 (16 pages); Mandate Relief for State and Local Governments (12 pages). Contact the Center on prices.

Base Closures/Clean Up: The Center for Economic Conversion (222 View St. #C, Mountain View, CA 94041, 415/968-7898) has published a 75-page report, A Citizen's Guide to Military Base Clean-up and Conversion, focusing on a conversion planning process for easing the economic pain of a base closure and building a healthy community. Copies are $18.

Land Use/Property Taxes: The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy (113 Brattle St., Cambridge, MA 02138, 617/661-3016) has issued its 1994-95 publications catalog on land use and property tax issues. New listings include New Visions for Metropolitan America, by Anthony Downs (220 pages, $22.95); and Legal Issues in Property Valuation and Taxation: Cases and Materials, by Joan M. Youngman (300 pages, $37.95).

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Center (645 Fort St. #203, Victoria, BC V8W 1G1, Canada, 604/361-2613, fax 604/384-9068) has developed a directory in loose-leaf and disk forms of environmental success stories, covering nearly a dozen fields from solid waste, to the urban environment, to eco villages. Please call the Center for details and prices.

GRANTS/NEIGHBORHOODS: July 26 is the deadline for applications for $5 million in Neighborhood Development Grants up to $75,000 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Details: Gene Hine, 202/708-1189.

IMMIGRATION REPORT: Immigration and Immigrants: Setting the Record Straight, by Michael Fix and Jeffrey Passel, is a 104-page report from the Urban Institute, Box 7273, Wash., DC 20044. Copies are $10. Also available is a publications list on immigration and immigrants.

ENVIRONMENT/CHILDREN: The Children's Environmental Health Network (5000 Hollis St. #E, Emeryville, CA 94608, 510/540-3657) claims to be the first national multidisciplinary effort to focus on preventing childhood exposures to environmental hazards.

VIETNAMESE AMERICAN Resettlement: Education, Employment, and Family Outcomes in the U.S. is an 81-page report (GAO/PEMD-4-15) available through the General Accounting Office, P.O. Box 6425, Washington, DC 20044, 202/512-6000. Single copies are free.


RURAL YOUTH: The Invisible Poor: Rural Youth in America, by Harold Hodgkinson, is available from the Institute for Educational Leadership, 1001 Connecticut Ave. N.W. #310, Wash., DC 20036, 202/822-8405. No price listed.


BUILDING RURAL COMMUNITIES: The goal of the Urban-to-Farm Relocation Project is to assist urban-bond poor families (often homeless) in relocating to rural areas and reestablishing a viable life in agriculturally based cooperative communities, incorporating sustainable technologies. Details: Jim Busher, Box 3401, Flagstaff, AZ 86003, 602/774-1224.

PNer BOOK: Liberty and Jobs for All, by PNer Edward Page, is a 132-page book that recounts three decades of direct experience, research, and development related to generating secure jobs责任制 by those who serve. Copies are $7.95, from Northwest Publishing Inc., 6060 S. 300 W., Salt Lake City, UT 84107.

HIGHTOWER RADIO: The new national, three-hour Saturday-Sunday, ABC call-in talk show by populist Jim Hightower. Details, and information on getting your ABC outlet to carry the show: Betsy Moyn, 512/477-5588.

WOMEN/DEVELOPMENT: The Howard Samsel State Management and Policy Center, CUNY Graduate Center, 5 W. 34th St., #1512, New York, NY 10036, 212/291-2020 has issued The Difference Gender Makes: Women in Neighborhood Development Organizations and Women in Minority Neighborhood Development Organizations. No price listed.

BUDGET CRITIQUE: Life Under the Spending Caps: The Clinton Administration's '95 Budget, by Michael Leibman and Citizen's Budget, is a 25-page report from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 777 N. Capitol St. N.E. #705, Wash., DC 20002, 202/408-1080. Contact the Center for prices.


REINVENTING COMMUNITIES: Reinventing Citizenship Instruction and Reinventing Community Life - Old Dilemmas, New Visions, by Ed Kriso (Box 2041, Sebastopol, CA 95473, 707/829-5066), are available from him. No price listed.


PHILANTHROPY STUDY: The National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (2001 S St. N.W. #620, Wash., DC 20009, 202/387-9177) has issued the first in a projected seven-volume series on community grantmaking by sector to racial and ethnic populations. The top 19 profit-making corporations are profiled in the initial volume. Contact the NCRP on price.

PNer INSIGHT/CHILE: From Bill Siehmenda (School of Architecture and Planning, Univ. of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131): I just returned from Chile, working with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning and the UN Urban Management Program. I wanted to share my impressions before the audience stand before the test of reality.

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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.

The Planners Network

The Planners Network is an association of professionals, students, academics, and students involved in physical, 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 healthy 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 relationships and limit the potential for a decent quality of life. We advocate a shift in current national budget priorities to favor human services, social protection and environmental protection over military and other nonproductive expenditures.

We see planning as an essential tool for social justice, 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 voluntary, but we need funds for operating expenses. The Steering Committee has recommended the following annual contributions:

- **National membership:** $15 for students and unemployed; graduated payments for the employed of $25 plus $1 for each $1,000 earned above $10,000.
- **Members of the Steering Committee:** Co-Chair Ann Forsyth, Amherst, MA 1034/543-6634, e-mail: forsyth@larp.umass.edu; Co-
MOVING? TELL PN: When you move, please let us know directly. A thoughtful change-of-address postcard (with both your old and new addresses, please) 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.

"CALL" STATEMENT: We have a one-page, broadside version of the "Call for Social Responsibility in the Planning and Building Professions," which appeared in PN #49. Copies are available on request. It makes a good addition to "The Planners Network -- What It Is" in recruiting members.

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