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- FINANCIAL MINI-REPORT: Since the July newsletter, we have received contributions of $1,273 from 47 Networkers. A special thanks to each of you. Your contributions bring our year-to-date totals to $6,141 from 177 Networkers.

For comparison, our September 1993 totals were $6,013 from 148 members.

To tell quickly when you last supported PN, 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.

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- NETWORKER UPDATE: From Ann Markusen (Project on Regional and Industrial Economics, Lucy Stone Hall, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 08903, 908/932-4587, fax 908/932-2253): In the past year, we've been working intensively on two research fronts:

In our conversion project, we've been interviewing and surveying firms, unions, and community groups around the country on what is actually happening in defense conversion. We've published two reports (write me for copies): one, on worker readjustment to defense cuts, based on a Uniesys plant in New Jersey; the other, an economy-wide response, based on St. Louis. In addition, we've been buffing-maintaining the Clinton Administration and Congress, and supporting whenever possible the organizing efforts of conversion activists around the country.

Message from the Co-Chairs
by Ann Forsyth & Ken Reardon

Following our May conference, several areas emerged for action in the coming year (July Planners Network Message from the Co-Chairs and Special Feature).

Work already has started on a number of issues, with Steering Committee members agreeing to coordinate various areas:

- Revising PN's mission/policy statement (contact: Bill Goldsmith, Dept. of City and Regional Planning, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853, 607/255-2333, e-mail: wwg1@cornell.edu).

- Building and diversifying PN's membership base (contact: Jordan Yin, 2197 Oakdale Rd., Cleveland Heights, OH 44118, 216/961-4242, e-mail: ec9344@cleveland.freesnet.net).

- Establishing a PN election process (contact: Ann Forsyth, Dept. of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning, Univ. of Massachusetts, Box 34010, Amherst, MA 01003, 413/545-6634, e-mail: forsyth@larp.umass.edu).

- Developing PN communications ("Letter from the PN Editor" p. 8; contact: Tom Angotti, 808 Eighth Ave. #4-R, Brooklyn, NY 11215, 718/643-7550, e-mail: toboe@euny.vm.edu).

- Solidifying PN's financial status (Contacts: Ken Reardon, Dept. of Urban and Regional Planning, Univ. of Illinois, Urbana, IL 61801, 217/244-5384, e-mail: kmj@uxl.cs.o.uiuc.edu; with help from Alan Rabinowitz, 3400 E. Laurelhurst Dr. N.E., Seattle, WA 98105, 206/525-7941).

Other areas are moving forward fairly autonomously.

The National Conference Convening Committee, for example, has tentatively selected Friday-Sunday, May 19-21, in East St. Louis, IL, for our 1995 conference (contact: Ken Reardon); and a working group on race and diversity within the Network already has been meeting (July Planners Network "PN Working Groups"; contact: Janet Kreda, 45 Northeast St. #2, Amherst, MA 01002, 413/253-0420, e-mail: jkreda@larp.umass.edu).

A meeting/reception has been organized for the start of the November Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning meetings in Phoenix (Thursday, November 3, 8 p.m.-9:30 p.m.; contact: Ann Forsyth).

A session on progressive planning in Canada is being planned for the April 9-12 AARP/CIP annual conference in Toronto (contact: David Morton, 10 Wascana Ave., Toronto, Ontario M5A 1V5, 416/368-8087, e-mail: morton@geog.utoronto.ca).

More detailed reports on each of these issues will appear in future PN newsletters.
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PROGRESSIVE QUARTERLY: Applied Research Center (251 10th St. W., Albuquerque, NM 87102, 505/247-8832) has issued a special report on housing policy, the proceedings of an fst January conference, and a list of upcoming conferences.

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□ WOMEN/POVERTY: The Massachusetts Women’s Legislative Network (9th Floor, Converse Building, 348 Congress St., Boston, MA 02111, 617/426-1787) has published a report, Glass Ceilings and Bottomless Pits: Women, Income, and Poverty in Massachusetts, by PnR Chris Tilley and Randy Albro. The report analyzes barriers to women in the labor market and reasons for single-mothers’ poverty, and argues that AFDC should be preserved and strengthened. Copies are $10.


□ BRUNER AWARD: December 2 is the application deadline for the 1995 Rudy Bruner Award for Excellence in the Urban Environment. The $50,000 award recognizes urban places that successfully reconcile social, economic, and aesthetic values throughout the development process. Applications: The Bruner Foundation, 560 Broadway #507, New York, NY 10012, 212/334-9844.

□ SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: The Pathway Towards Sustainability: Development, Environment, and the Urban Form, by Igor Vojnovic, is a 45-page report which suggests than an optimal allocation of resources through correct pricing could be a main policy instrument to advance toward sustainable development. Copies are $7 (Canadian) from: Centre for Urban and Community Studies, 455 Spadina Ave., #426, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2B8, Canada, 416/978-2072.

□ HOMELESSNESS/TEACHING GUIDE: The Atlantic Street Center (2101 S. Atlantic St., Seattle, WA 98144, 206/329-2050) has published Learning About Homeless Children, Youth, and Families Teaching Guide. Copies are $5.

□ SOCIAL CHANGE NEWSLETTER: DataCenter (464 19th St., Oakland, CA 94601, 510/835-4692) publishes a newsletter, On the Line, in its work as a nonprofit social justice research center providing information on progressive social change. No price listed.

□ INDUSTRY STUDIES: Understanding State Economies Through Industry Studies, by John M. Robins, is a book from the Council of Governors’ Policy Advisors, which analyzes how state governments study their primary industries, with an eye to state economic development policies. Copies are $20.45 from: NGA Publications, Box 421, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.

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New York City programs fostering conversion of at-risk private housing and city-owned buildings to housing for the homeless create similar dilemmas.

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In places such as New York City, far more units are created annually through illegal conversions than through new housing construction.

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Approaches to Multiracialism

HUD’s fair housing agenda includes ambitious initiatives, such as the Presi- dente’s new Executive Order, proposed new regulations to affirmatively further fair housing, a proposed federal Fair Housing Council, and the new regional mobility policy.

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PnR Emily Achenben (47 Hallfax St., #21030, 212/438-3982, fax 617/524-8838) is a consultant to tenant, nonprofit, and government organi- zations in the preservation of federally subsidized housing.

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Letter from the PN Editor

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