

Note from the Editor

Starting January I have joined the full-time faculty at Pratt Institute's Graduate Center for Planning and the Environment (GCPE, is case you wondered what those initials meant), further solidifying the close relationship between PN and Pratt. I'm looking forward to working in the Pratt program and its affiliated Pratt Institute Center for Community and Environmental Development (PICCED), which I have long respected for its work in community-based planning.

I leave New York City government after eight years with mixed feelings: sad to witness the latest, most devastating "reinvention" of planning as real estate deal-making, and happy to devote more time to teaching, writing and working with communities that have no real estate deals to make.

Please note our fax number has changed.

Networker Comments/Updates

□ **TAX EQUITY.** Chuck Collins (35 Hampstead Rd., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130; 617/522-6866; E-mail: ccollins@tmn.com) writes: "After ten years working at the Institute for Community Economics and then directing the HOME Coalition in Massachusetts, I've gotten interested in state and federal tax policy working with the Tax Equity Alliance of Massachusetts (TEAM). TEAM just lost a ballot initiative in Massachusetts that would have replaced our constitutionally required flat tax with a graduated income tax. I'm also still teaching housing and land policy in the New Hampshire College Community Economic Development Program."

□ **AFFORDABLE HOUSING/REGIONAL GOVERNMENT.** Tasha Harmon sends this update along from her new home in Portland (1802 SE 27th Ave., Portland, OR 97214; 503/239-1949): "I am currently working as the coordinator for the Community Development Network in Portland, a group of over 20 community-based developers doing mostly affordable housing in the immediate Portland area."

"I am also spending a lot of time working with a newly formed regional planning coalition made up of organizations representing environmental, transportation, affordable housing and other community advocates. The Coalition for a Livable Future is focusing its initial efforts on influencing the basic planning document that will shape the efforts of our elected regional government known here as Metro. We are also doing a lot of internal education. I worked on an affordable housing briefing for the group recently, and am now putting together a briefing on community redevelopment and revitalization."

"I think the group has the potential to build a strong coalition around issues of land speculation and what one person in the group calls 'givings' (as opposed to takings). We will be working in a wide variety of issues in the nine-county area around Portland. It is an exciting process to be part of. I'd love to hear from other PNers who have experi-

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ence working on environmental/affordable housing coalitions, or with regional governments.

"My thanks to all of the PNers who contribute far more regularly to the newsletter than I do. I wish I'd had the time and money to be at the conference last spring, and I hope once our family employment/finances are more stable that I'll be able to come to more of such events, as well as perhaps having more energy for writing. In the meanwhile, I am grateful for the information and inspiration the PN provides. Thanks for all your work."

□ **UC BERKELEY.** PNER Judith E. Innes informs us that in July 1994 she was appointed director of UC Berkeley's Institute of Urban and Regional Development (IURD, 316 Wurster Hall, UC-Berkeley, Berkeley, CA 94720-1870; 510/642-4874). Last year she served as co-director (with Edward Blakely), and in 1992-93 as acting director (after Peter Hall's retirement).

□ **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.** Jeffrey Stern (174 Garth Road #5S, Scarsdale, NY 10583; 914/723-7809) writes: "I am currently working as a self-employed economic development and planning consultant, specializing in the development, funding and implementation of community-based economic development projects and studies—including designing three micro-enterprise loan funds in the metropolitan NY area, as well as entrepreneurial training programs and Business Improvement Districts. Prior to working as a consultant, I served as Executive Director of the Local Development Corporation of East New York and worked for the NYC Public Development Corporation overseeing the City's In-Place Industrial Park Program."

□ **ECO-CLOTHING.** Michael S. Brown says he's "still having fun at Patagonia. Worked with a couple of folks at UCLA, Lynne Hopkins, a planning student, and Dave Allen, a chemical engineering professor, to compare the environmental impacts of different transportation modes for our products from fabric to the end customer. See the Fall 1994 issue of *Pollution Prevention* for a write-up or contact me for a slightly longer version" (Patagonia, P.O. Box 150, Ventura, CA 93002; 805/643-8616; Fax 805/643-1648).

□ **PARTICIPATORY PLANNING.** One of our members in Canada, Barbara Rahder, shares with us: "I have just become the Planning Program Coordinator in the Faculty of Environmental Studies at York University, and I am hoping to increase the Faculty's profile as a progressive place to study planning. I currently teach Planning Theory and the

Planning and Design Workshop.

"My research focuses on community-based planning with marginalized groups. For example, I am just completing a two-year participatory planning project on improving the service system for women at risk of violence and abuse—the project has primarily involved native women, immigrant and racial minority women, women with a disability, and rural women at risk. While I have produced numerous reports and delivered several papers on the project (including one at the last ACSP meeting in Phoenix), I am still working on something for (refereed) publication. I am also hoping to see lots of Pners at the APA/CIP conference in Toronto in April." Barbara can be reached at the Faculty of Environmental Studies, 355 Lumbers Bldg., York University, 4700 Keele St., North York, Ontario, M3J 1P3, Canada.

Queries

□ **NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR GUIDES.** Have you ever been a visitor to a city and wished you could learn the "people's history" of certain neighborhoods: the planning catastrophes, the concrete victories, the present day neighborhood struggles? I have been leading a tour in Boston for the last three years which includes visits to community development projects, discussions of neighborhood change and ethnic history. It's a great way to learn about a community. And Pner Jean Riesman does a great tour of East Boston. I am interested in putting together a directory of people willing to lead neighborhood history tours in different cities. Maybe we could do a periodic update in the Planner's Network? Contact Pner Chuck Collins, 35 Hampstead Rd., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130; 617/522-6866.

□ **HEALTH CARE/RACE.** "The Racial Segregation of Health Care in the US: Assessing the Legacy, Impact and Remedies" is a research project (scheduled for completion Dec. 1996) being undertaken by David Barton Smith, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Smith is soliciting information from persons involved in local struggles related to this history, or who know of individuals important to interview to capture the story, or who have knowledge of other resources. Contact him at the Dept. of Health Administration, Speakman Hall (006-00), Temple University, Philadelphia, PA 19122; 215/204-8082.

Passing the Word

Economic and Community Development

□ **DETROIT ORGANIZING.** A new 350-page book edited by Robert Mast, *Detroit Lives*, contains interviews with Detroit activists and observers committed to rejuvenating their city. Chapters cover grassroots survival organizing, the struggles of women, the African-American experience, the trauma of the politics of race and class, the dilemma of organized labor, theology for the people, etc. Order from Temple University Press, Broad and Oxford Sts., Philadel-

phia, PA 19122; 215/204-8787. Price is \$19.95.

□ **NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZING.** *Let the People Decide: Neighborhood Organizing in America* (updated edition 1994), by Robert Fisher of the University of Houston, has just been published by Twayne (a MacMillan imprint); order from 800/257-5755. Cost is \$17.95.

□ **COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT.** "Banking, Finance and Community Economic Empowerment: Structural Economic Theory, Procedural Civil Rights and Substantive Racial Justice," by Anthony Taibi of the Univ. of Ill. College of Law, appeared in the May 1994 *Harvard Law Review*.

□ **CRA PUBLICATIONS.** *The Home Mortgage Disclosure Act: An Analytical Tool for Lenders, Regulators and Consumers, CRA and Branch Offices: A Match Made in Efficiency Heaven, Complying with the CRA in Rural Communities* (all free from the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 312/322-8232); *Closing the Gap: A Guide to Equal Opportunity Lending*, booklet (free) and video (\$9.95) — the book from the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, 612/340-6935, and video from VIDICOPY Corp., 650 Vaqueros Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086; *The Quick Reference Guide for Banking Regulations*, a 55-page American Bankers Association booklet with one-page summaries of top bank regulations (Bank Secrecy Act, Equal Credit Opportunity Act, HMDA, Truth in Lending, etc.), \$69.95 from 800/338-0626.

□ **COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION.** *First Annual Report: Comprehensive Community Revitalization Program* (20 pp., March 1994) evaluates a national demonstration by six South Bronx community development programs to rebuild their physical and social infrastructure. Available free from CCRP, 1155 Ave. of the Americas 16th Fl., New York, NY 10036-2711; 212/354-2277.

□ **MORE CRA.** The Community Reinvestment Clearinghouse has just been launched, providing technical assistance, a resource library, regulatory alerts and conferences. Contact the Clearinghouse, New York Law School, 57 Worth St., New York, NY 10013; 212/431-2899.

□ **FULL EMPLOYMENT.** *Jobs for All: A Plan for the Revitalization of America*, by Sheila D. Collins, Helen Lachs Ginsburg and Trudy Schaffner Goldberg, recently published, is available for \$12 (discounts for bulk orders) from Apex Press, 777 United Nations Plaza Suite 3C, New York, N.Y. 10017; 800/316-2739.

□ **MORE FULL EMPLOYMENT.** Some of the same folks have started the *Action Newsletter*, published by the Jobs for All Coalition (c/o Council on International and Public Affairs, 777 UN Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10017).

□ **COMMUNITY ECONOMICS.** The Institute for Community Economics has issued a report on its first ten years (1984-94), *Putting Communities in Control*. It covers the Institute's land, housing and community investment programs. Contact ICE, 57 School St., Springfield, MA 01105-1331; 413/746-8660; Fax 413/746-8862.

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Why Environmental Racism Is an Issue for Planners

by Tom Angotti

In urban and rural areas across the country, a dynamic movement for environmental justice is emerging. It responds to the disproportionate concentration of waste and pollution in communities populated by people of color. This ought to be one of the main issues addressed by urban planners, but most professionals have looked the other way.

In New York City, West Harlem Environmental Action waged a struggle to eliminate the odors from a giant sewage treatment plant that was built in Harlem after it was rejected by the adjacent, mostly white, community. In Austin, Texas a Latino community successfully fought to shut down a "tank farm" in their neighborhood that was linked to chronic illnesses among residents. Local groups such as these often get support from regional coalitions like the Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice, founded in 1990 by representatives from eight states.

There are hundreds of regional and local organizations focusing on environmental justice issues throughout the U.S. Some of them are listed in the box below. At last year's Planners Network conference in Washington, DC, people from most of these groups made presentations and took part in workshops, in what was hopefully a first step in joining planners to the issues of environmental justice.

The Environmental Justice Movement

The environmental justice movement emerged in the last half decade as an expression of rising community protests, a maturation and transformation of a portion of the civil rights movement, and recognition that the mainstream environmental movement failed to focus on environmental degradation as it affected communities of color. In 1987 the United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice, under the leadership of Reverend Ben Chavis, completed

a study, *Toxic Wastes and Race in the United States*, which documented the disproportionate exposure of communities of color to toxic waste facilities. In 1990, Robert Bullard of UC-Riverside published *Dumping in Dixie: Race Class and Environmental Quality*. These were the first of many reports, articles and books touching on the subject.

In 1991, groups and coalitions of grass roots activists came together at the National People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit in Washington, DC. The Summit challenged the nation's major environmental organizations to recognize their issues and open up their organizations to people of color. Some activists from the People of Color Summit attended the United Nations Summit on the Environment in Rio, where they shared concerns about environmental justice with representatives from Africa, Asia and Latin America. One activist told me how the experience helped her to understand the global problem of wasteful consumption by the rich, whose conception of environmental action is to limit the negative impacts of pollution on wealthy communities and exhort poor communities to consume less.

The destruction of the natural environment affects everyone to one degree or another, and everyone has a stake in improvement of the general quality of life. Race and class are mediating factors, but not the only ones. This is the basis for joining with the traditional environmental organizations and addressing the wasteful regimes of urban

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development that continue to pollute the earth. However, with some notable exceptions, the mainstream environmental organizations have few people of color on their staffs and have not incorporated communities of color into their constituencies.

Environment and Planning

Environmental concerns raised by communities of color are often seen by others as just another example of NIM-BY, relegated to the category of "special interests" to be dealt with by specialized planners, mostly people of color. Environmental planning tends to be understood as a "color blind" science. Because some communities of color are preoccupied with survival it is assumed they do not care about air and water quality, conservation of natural resources, and the elimination of waste in production and consumption. It is more and more difficult to maintain this assumption because of the growing movement for environmental justice.

Most planners probably recognize that environmental issues are integral to urban planning. Planning deals with the use and development of land and other resources; different forms of urban development invariably affect energy consumption and the quality of the natural and built environments. Long before there was an environmental movement, Patrick Geddes, Lewis Mumford, regional planning advocates and many others argued for the central importance of environmental concerns. Many progressive planners helped fight the inequities and environmental consequences of a national urban policy that displaced communities of color through urban renewal and highway programs, and fostered exclusionary, sprawled suburban development that despoiled land, air and water.

When an environmental movement arose in the 1970s, planners began looking for ways to make urban development more energy efficient. A whole generation of planners cut their teeth on growth control regulations, planned unit developments, infrastructure planning and Environmental Impact Statements.

But planners who specialize in environmental concerns too often function in a narrow technical role in support of the status quo. They rationalize the new

generation of exclusionary suburban land use regulations which use the environment as a shield. Racially coded environmental controls are most often applied to maximize the interests of white suburbia and protect the exclusive municipal enclaves delineated by auto-centered sprawl. Using concepts such as "risk assessment," the unspoken assumption is that mitigating risks to the suburban majority must take precedence over mitigating risks to communities of color in central cities and rural towns. Sophisticated optimization models obscure the impacts of a wasteful consumer society on the communities that live near toxic waste dumps and waste treatment facilities — disproportionately communities of color.

Perhaps it is inevitable that most environmental planners fail to treat race as a major variable in their formulas because most come out of planning schools that still have largely white faculty and student bodies. Thus, the experiences of daily life with the hazards of lead paint, toxic dumps, and industrial waste get treated as minor coefficients in the abstract formulas of optimization and risk assessment.

Environmental racism is integrally bound up with a system of land development driven by the real estate market. People with low incomes — disproportionately people of color — are historically confined to living in communities with relatively low land (and housing) values. Public and private institutions seek to locate waste treatment and storage facilities, and noxious industrial uses, in areas with low land values. The "rational" choice is therefore often near communities of color.

What Planners Can Do

Planners can play an important role in addressing environmental racism. For example, we can help identify the impacts of waste management and pollution on communities of color and work with communities to mitigate and eliminate them. Transportation planners can help communities polluted by freeways and traffic corridors, and promote mass transit. Community economic development efforts can include clean industry and pollution reduction programs. We can join efforts to plan for healthy communities (see PN #108). And we can

help other planners recognize environmental racism as a fundamental planning issue.

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A Socialist Caucus in Planners Network?

By John Cabral

At last year's Planners Network conference I proposed we take up the task of formulating a systematic critique of the U.S. metropolis and propose alternative models for organizing our cities in a new society. Someone called it a proposal for a *socialist caucus* and put it on a long list of ideas to revitalize Planners Network. Several people have since expressed interest in the idea.

I believe the Planners Network should take the lead in discussing, debating, developing and proposing urban alternatives to the capitalist metropolis in the U.S. This can be part of a larger effort to develop a vision of a new participatory democratic society.

Socialism?

Socialism may not be the best name for this new society, since to most people in this country the word connotes government ownership of the means of production and Soviet-style central planning, now being dismantled. I believe instead that socialism is a society without class exploitation, without gender or racial exploitation, but also without bosses, in which men and women invent and perfect decisionmaking structures and mechanisms that eventually allow them, and not the state, to take direct control of their own destinies.

Any possibility of ending exploitation requires the development of an *alternative*, a totally new direction that people can begin to think about. There is no widely debated alternative now. To the contrary, the demise of the centrally planned economies has reinforced the notion that humans cannot and should not strive to give society a conscious direction. We are told over and over that only the so-called free market,

meaning private gain and profits, guarantees progress and freedom.

Participatory Democratic Planning

In my view, the main question to be addressed is the following. How can ordinary citizens at different geographic levels make decisions about where to invest society's resources in a future society where corporate and government planners no longer make investment decisions? There will always be economic scarcity and opportunity costs, but what mechanisms can be developed to help decide between equally necessary or beneficial social investments? What methods and principles, in addition to fairness, would guide these decisions?

For example, how could a decision be reached between building a community swimming pool or a recreation hall for senior citizens? In a truly democratic society these issues would appear constantly, just as they do today, but they would have to be resolved by workers and consumers themselves. What type of planning bodies could be developed to facilitate this grassroots decisionmaking, and how would competing needs in different communities or regions be weighed?

What Does PN Have to Offer?

I believe many PNers share my belief that as important as it is to fight back and resist, the urban movements

many of us are attached to or work with can never reach their long-range goals within the existing capitalist system. Of course, Planners Network is a tiny organization compared to the multifaceted popular movement in this country. For example, one organization alone — the National Clearinghouse on Hazardous Waste, which was represented at our conference — is a coalition of more than 7,000 groups from all over the country! PN has practically no organizational or material resources to offer this movement. But we may have something that the movement doesn't have.

We have the technical expertise, theoretical understanding of the metropolis, and practical connections with urban movements that would allow us to develop a fundamental critique of U.S. cities that no other group is willing or qualified to do. We are qualified to do more than show what's wrong with our cities and our country. As a group, we have the unique ability to initiate and organize a discussion of what our cities *could* look like and how they *could* function in a free society. This discussion is sorely needed as an antidote to burn-out and parochialism.

Our "socialist caucus" (or whatever we decide to call it) could participate in or help organize PN discussion forums on several topics, such as transportation, recycling or neighborhood planning. Perhaps not everyone will agree that under capitalism democratic institutions are

set up to exclude people from meaningful participation in the decision-making process. Not everyone will agree on what a new society should be like. But everyone should be willing to ask the right questions and consider different answers. We can share our proposals with people in progressive movements we work with. We can incorporate the ideas and experiences of groups that grapple every day with issues of resource allocation and democratic participation.

One of the first things we could do is to develop a discussion document showing how planning is done in a particular functional area, with a critique of the process and proposals for alternative decisionmaking. The proposals could include short- and medium-range solutions which contain the seeds of a truly democratic process.

John Cabral taught adult literacy in shantytowns in his native Brazil, and was active in the left in Mexico, where he completed a degree in sociology. He has an MUP from the University of New Mexico and presently works at the University of Illinois/Chicago Center for Urban Economic Development. Interested Pners should contact him at UICUED, 400 S. Peoria St. Rm 2100, Chicago, IL 60607-7035; E-mail: jcabral@uic.edu.

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□ **REGIONAL GROWTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.** The first issue of *Cityscape*, a new journal published three times a year by HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research, presents edited versions of papers commissioned for the Regional Growth and Community Development Conference held in November 1993. Call HUD USER at 800/245-2691. Cost is \$4.00 per issue.

□ **TAX JUSTICE.** A two-year study group has led to the formation of the "Share the Wealth Project," which is educating community organizations about the growing concentration of wealth in the United States and proposing several fair tax organizing initiatives. For information and bibliography, contact the Share the Wealth Project, 35 Hampstead Rd., Boston, MA 02130; 617/522-6866.

□ **RURAL MANUFACTURING/FOREIGN TRADE.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently issued a 23-page report written by John M. Redman and David W. Sears, *Helping Rural Manufacturers Adjust to New Trade Rules: Developing State Strategies for the Rural Apparel Industry*. To order, call 900/999-6779, or write ERS-NASS, 341 Victory Drive, Herndon, VA 22070. The cost is \$9 per copy.

Environment

□ **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE.** "An Open Letter to Funding Colleagues: New Developments in the Environmental Justice Movement," a nine-page, September 1993 document, is available free from Ann Bastian, New World Foundation, 100 E. 85th St., New York, NY 10028 and Dana Alston, Public Welfare Foundation, 2600 Virginia Ave. NW, #505, Washington, DC 20037; 202/965-1800.

□ **MORE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE.** Jim Schwab's 500-page book, *Deeper Shades of Green: The Rise of Blue-Collar and Minority Environmentalism in the US*, is available from Sierra Club Books, 100 Bush St., 13th Fl., San Francisco, CA 94104. The price is \$30.

□ **TOXIC WASTE.** Political Ecology Group's Action Paper #2, *Toxic Empire: The WMX Corporation, Hazardous Waste and Global Strategies for Environmental Justice* is a 32-page case study of WMX (formerly Waste Management, Inc.). It is available in Spanish or English from PEG, 519 Castro St., Box 111, San Francisco, CA 94114; 415/641-7835; E-mail: peg@econet.apc.org. The price is \$1.50; bulk rates provided; free to communities actively fighting WMX.

□ **NEIGHBORHOOD TECHNOLOGY.** *Place Matters*, the quarterly newsletter of the Center for Neighborhood Technology, brings news of three new publications: *Community Green Line Initiative: Land Use, Community Economic Development and Public Transit*, by Michael Freedberg (\$5.00); *Reuse, Recycling, Refuse and the Local Economy: A Case Study of the Berkeley Serial MRF*, by Urban Ore and the Center for Neighborhood Technology (\$2.50); and *An Alternative to the Northwest Incinerator: Reducing Waste, Stimulating Economic Development and Creating Jobs Instead of Pollution*, by Bill Eyring, Kevin Greene and Franklin Lomax (\$5.00). Postage and handling for each is \$2.50. To order, contact Briget Torres (312/278-4800 ext. 140), or write the Center for Neighborhood Technology, 2125 W. North Ave., Chicago, IL 60647.

□ **SAVING TREES DURING DEVELOPMENT.** The National Arbor Day Foundation is sponsoring, "Building With Trees," a full-day workshop providing the tools to save trees during building and land development. Dates and places for 1995 workshops: Feb. 24 (Indianapolis), March 7 (Cincinnati), Apr. 28 (Anchorage), (Nov. 1 (Minneapolis), and Nov. 3 (Grand Rapids). Contact the foundation at 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410; 402/474-5655.

□ **MORE ECOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT.** The *Ecocity Builder News* reports on the work of Ecocity Builders, 5427 Telegraph Ave. W2, Oakland, CA 94609. Mailing list \$25; membership, \$50.

□ **INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTALISM.** The Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL) recently started publishing the *CIEL Brief*, which is distributed without charge (contributions requested). CIEL also has a publications list. Write them at 1621 Connecticut Ave. NW Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20009-1052; 202/332-4840; Fax 202/332-4865; E-Mail: cielus@ipg.apc.org.

□ **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE/MILITARY CONVERSION.** The Spring-Summer 1994 special double issue of *Race, Poverty and the Environment*, a journal for social and environmental justice, is dedicated to military conversion. Subscriptions for this quarterly magazine are \$15; \$30 for institutions; free for low-income persons and community groups. Write RPE c/o Earth Island Institute, 300 Broadway, Suite 28, San Francisco, CA 94133-3312.

□ **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT/GROWTH.** The California Policy Seminar recently released a brief entitled "Coordinating Growth and Environmental Management through Consensus," prepared by PNER Judith Innes as well as UC professor Judith Gruber and doctoral students Michael Neuman and Robert Thompson. Available free to California state government offices and for \$30 to others. Order from California Policy Seminar, University of California, 2020 Milvia St. Suite 412, Berkeley, CA 94704; 510/642-5514 (make checks payable to UC Regents).

Health

□ **HEALTH REFORM/INSURANCE.** The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities issued two health-related publications in October 1994: *Assuring Access to Low-Income Subsidies in Health Care Reform* (32 pp.) by Laura Summer; and *Trends in Health Insurance Coverage, 1987 to 1993* (9 pp.) by Laura Summer and Isaac Shapiro. Both are available from CBPP, 777 N. Capitol St. NE #705, Washington, DC 20002; 202/408-1080. Contact them for prices.

□ **ASTHMA DEATHS AND RACE.** "Patterns of Asthma Mortality in Philadelphia from 1969 to 1991," by David Lang and Marcia Polansky, appeared in the Dec. 8, 1994 *New England Journal of Medicine*. The study reports that, while concentrations of major air pollutants have declined, death rates from asthma have increased, with the highest rates in census tracts with the highest percentages of poor people and minority residents, particularly blacks. Free reprints from Dr. Lang, Hahnemann University, Mail Stop 107, Div. of Allergy and Immunology, Broad and Vine Sts., Philadelphia, PA 19102-1192.

□ **HEALTH CARE ACCESS.** "Breaking the Barriers of Access to Health Care: A Discussion of the Role of Civil Rights Litigation and the Relationship Between Burdens of Proof and the Experience of Denial," by Marianne Engelman Lado, staff attorney with the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, appeared in the Spring, 1994 *Brooklyn Law Review* (vol. 60, no. 1 — the entire issue is devoted to a Symposium, "Ensuring (E)qual(ity) Health Care for Poor Americans.") Reprints of her article may be available from Lado at the NAACP LDEF, 99 Hudson St., #1600, New York, NY 10013-2897; 212/219-1900.

□ **IMMUNIZATION AND RACE/POVERTY.** "Adequacy of Well-Child Care and Immunizations in US Infants Born in 1988," by Henry Mustin, Victoria Holt and Frederick Connell (Oct. 12, 1994 *Journal American Medical Association*) shows lower rates of immunization among Black and poor infants, with much of the responsibility lying with their doctors. It is available (free) from Dr. Mustin, Dept. of Health Services, University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine SC-37, Seattle, WA 98195.

□ **PUBLICATIONS ON HEALTH.** The National Health Law Program has available a Dec. 1994 Publications List, from 1815 H St. NW #705, Washington, DC 20006; 202/887-5310.

□ **MORE HEALTH CARE/RACE (ALSO WOMEN).** *Women of Color and Access to Health Care* is an eight-page Briefing Paper from the Institute for Women's Policy Research, 1400 20th St. NW #104, Washington, DC 20036; 202/785-5100. No price listed.

□ **HEALTH CARE/WELFARE.** *A Study of the Relationship of Health Care to Welfare Dependency*, by Sarah Shuptrine et al. (1994), is available (free) from the Southern Institute on Children and Families, 2725 Devine St., Columbia, SC 29205; 803/779-2607.

Housing

□ **HOUSING/DEVELOPMENT LENDING.** The Federal Housing Finance Board held hearings Dec. 8 and 9, 1994 on the System's contribution to housing and community development lending. Information from Scott Baker, FHFB, 1777 F St. NW, Washington, DC 20006; 202/408-2980.

□ **HOUSING RIGHTS/EUROPE.** *The Right to a Home — The Right to a Future* is the 3rd report of the European Observatory on Homelessness. Available for 7.5 ECU (ca. \$9 — banks can provide this currency; no other kind of payment accepted) from FEANTSA, 1 rue Defacqz, 1050 Bruxelles, Belgique.

□ **SEGREGATION.** "Housing Segregation and Local Discretion," by P. Philip Tegeler, an attorney with the Connecticut Civil Liberties Foundation, appeared in Vol. III, No. 1 (1994) of *The Journal of Law and Policy*. Reprints may be available from Tegeler, CCLUF, 32 Grand St., Hartford, CT 06106-4607; 203/247-9823.

□ **TENANTS/HOUSING POLICY.** "Low-Income Tenants and Federal Housing Policy" is a series of 4 VHS tapes, from the University of Michigan's 1993 Fannie Mae University Colloquium, featuring such experts as Irene Johnson of Chicago's LeClair Courts public housing project, Marilyn Mullane of Michigan Legal Services, Jim Grow of the National Housing Law Project, and Andrew Scherer of Legal Services for NYC. Topics are: "Tenant Control in Public Housing"; "Tenant Security in the Private Rental Market"; "Tenant Organizing and Resident Empowerment"; "Housing At-Risk: SRO and Expiring Use Issues." Price is \$15 per tape, plus \$4 shipping/handling per order from Creative Video, PO Box 130314, Ann Arbor, MI 48113.

□ **MORE SEGREGATION.** *Residential Apartheid: The American Legacy*, edited by Robert Bullard, J. Eugene Grigsby III and Charles Lee, (310 pp.) has just been published by the Center for Afro-American Studies (UCLA, 160 Haines Hall, LA, CA 90024-1545). Foreword by John Lewis, preface by Benjamin Chavis, contributions by P. Joe Feagin, Joe Darden, Nancy Denton, Nestor Rodriguez, Shanna Smith, Gregory Squires and others. Price is \$18.95.

□ **SRO/ELDERLY.** *Resource Guide on Single Room Occupancy Housing (SRO) for Older People*, by Victor Regnier and Julie Culver of the National Eldercare Institute on Housing and Supportive Services (48 pp., March 1994), is

available (\$12, payable to the Andrus Gerontology Center) from the Center, USC, 3715 McClintock Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90089-0191.

□ **HOUSING TRUST FUND.** The Federal Housing Trust Fund Act of 1994 (HR 5275) has been introduced by Rep. Major Owens. This very detailed piece of legislation, to be funded by reform of the homeowner deduction, has been developed by the National Low Income Housing Coalition/Low Income Housing Information Service. Information and copies of bill from them at 1012 14th St. NW #1200, Washington, DC 20005; 202/662-1530. Endorsements are being sought.

□ **INTERNATIONAL HOUSING RIGHTS.** *Towards an International Convention on Housing Rights: Options at Habitat II*, by Scott Leckie (112 pp., Dec. 1994), is Issues Paper #4, \$18 from The American Society of International Law, 2223 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20008; 202/939-6000.

□ **MORE INTERNATIONAL HOUSING RIGHTS.** The Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions (COHRE) has prepared a draft International Convention on Housing Rights as a means of promoting international debate and gaining widespread support for further legal action strengthening existing housing rights provisions. Contact COHRE at Postbus 15100, 3501 Utrecht, Netherlands; tel 31-30-731976.

□ **LOW-INCOME HOUSING/GAO.** GAO has recently released two reports on low-income housing: *Resolution Trust Corp. Affordable Housing Disposition Program Achieving Mixed Results* (GAO/GGD-94-202, Sept. 1994) and *Expanding HUD's Options for Dealing with Physically Distressed Properties* (GAO/T-RCED-95-38, Oct. 1994). Both are available free from USGAO, PO Box 6015, Gaithersburg, MD 20884-6015.

□ **FAIR HOUSING.** *Your Fair Housing Rights* is a series of pamphlets (Advertising, Mortgage Application, HIV/AIDS, Religion/Sex, Real Estate, Handicap/Disabled, Race/Color/Nationality, Familial Status) put out by Long Island Housing Services, 1747 Veterans Memorial Hwy. #42A, Islandia, NY 11722; 516/582-2727. No price listed.

□ **MORE FAIR HOUSING.** The Fair Housing Information Clearing House (FHIC) has materials available related to guidelines for architects and builders to comply with the 1988 Fair Housing Amendments Act as well as materials and information useful for Fair Housing Month (April). Contact 800/343-3442 (TDD: 800/483-2209).

□ **AFFORDABLE HOUSING/MANAGEMENT.** *Confronting the Management Challenge: Affordable Housing in the Nonprofit Sector*, a new publication of the Community Development Research Center at the New School for Social Research, looks at the ability of nonprofits to maintain a viable stock of affordable housing over the long term, and provides recommendations for improving both management capabilities and strategies. Single copies free; contact Stephanie McQueen or Eric Feliciano: 212/229-5415.

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LINKING COMMUNITY ACTION AND EQUITY PLANNING: PLANNERS NETWORK 1995 CONFERENCE

May 19-21, 1995

State Community College, 601 Thompson Boulevard
East St. Louis, Illinois

Why East St. Louis?

In this distressed midwestern city, many progressive solutions have emerged to deal with severe environmental, housing, employment, public safety and municipal services problems. These are made possible by the efforts of neighborhood organizations, service agencies, local and state officials, and university planners and designers.

The Planners Network Conference will bring together professionals, academics, students and activists from across the country, who will share their knowledge and experiences in community planning and organizing. They will witness the unique local efforts by participating in charettes, workshops and field trips with local planners, activists and policymakers. Friday's program is mostly focused on these local initiatives.

Breaking the Contract

Beyond local action, fundamental changes are required in the distribution of wealth and power at the national level. The Republican Contract on America would further redistribute wealth upward. Saturday's conference workshops and plenaries will address ways to counter the Contract and create a progressive urban agenda.

The Planners Network annual meeting will be held on Sunday. All participants are invited to summarize and evaluate the conference, and discuss future PN actions.

A detailed program will be sent in a separate mailing to PNers and be included in the March newsletter.

Special Events

- Field trips to meet with local neighborhood organizations and development corporations
- Opening plenary with Hon. Gordon H. Bush, Mayor of East St. Louis and Hon. James Edgar, Governor of Illinois
- Friday dinner on the Mississippi Casino Queen Gaming Boat
- Saturday Night Live at East St. Louis City Hall, with a performance by the Katherine Dunham Junior Dance Troupe, followed by a Block Party in City Hall Parking Lot

- Planners Tours of the Mississippi River, Cahokia Mounds and Farmers Market (Sunday)

Registration

Thanks to several generous contributions, the cost of this year's conference is substantially less than last year: \$75 general, \$40 student and \$30 community leaders **BEFORE APRIL 1**; late registration, after April 1, is \$90 general, \$50 student, and \$40 community leaders. **Register now and save!**

Conference information telephone: call Damon or Andy at the East St. Louis Action Research Project (217) 244-5394.

Transportation

The St. Louis International Airport (Lambert Field) is conveniently located about 40 minutes from the Metro Link light rail system, which goes to within four blocks of the conference site. The Community College is within four blocks of Interstates 55/70. We're negotiating a special convention discount with TWA.

Lodging

Arrangements have been made for accommodations at the Ramada Inn in Fairview Heights, Illinois. (East St. Louis does not have a full-service hotel or motel.) The \$54.39 plus tax room rate includes a continental breakfast. Each room has one king-sized bed or two double-beds and can accommodate up to four. Transportation will be provided at no extra cost to and from the conference site. A limited number of rooms are available at the PN discount rate, so please make your reservations early. Send the reservation form directly to the hotel.

Child Care

Free during regular conference hours, but you must register by April 15 and tell us the number and ages of children needing care.

Register Now! Space is limited.

Conference Registration:

**Linking Community Action and Equity Planning:
Planners Network 1995 Conference
May 19-21, 1995
State Community College
East St. Louis, Illinois**

Name _____

Title/Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Phone (days) _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Registration Fee

General: \$75 per person before Apr. 1/\$90 per person after Apr. 1 _____
Student: \$40 per person before Apr. 1/\$50 per person after Apr. 1 _____
Community Leaders: \$30 per person before Apr. 1/ \$40 after Apr. 1 _____
Planners Tours (Sunday): \$15 each _____
TOTAL _____

Full payment must accompany registration. Please make checks payable to Planners Network. Send to Planners Network, Pratt GCPE, 379 DeKalb Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11205.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Planners Network 1995 Conference

SEND DIRECTLY TO HOTEL

**Ramada Inn
6900 N. Illionios (I-64 & Rt. 159)
Fairview Heights, Illinois 62208
800-947-0317**

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

No. of Rooms: _____ Total Persons: _____ Adults _____ Children: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Group: _____

Accommodations Desired: King-sized bed _____ 2 double beds _____ Smoking _____ Non-smoking _____

Want to room with others? Yes _____ No _____ Preferred roommate characteristics:

Maximum number: 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ Gender M _____ F _____ Smoker: Yes _____ No _____

(If you wish, the hotel will match you with other conference registrants.)

Rates: \$54.39, per night for 1-4 persons per room. Reservations must be received by MAY 4, 1995 to guarantee rate and availability. To guarantee room for late arrival (after 4 pm) send one night's deposit or list credit card number below:

Type _____ No. _____ Expiration: _____

NEW YORK CITY PLANNERS NETWORK FORUMS

New York City PNeters have organized a series of forums for this winter and spring. They are cosponsored by the Pratt Institute Graduate Center for Planning and Environment. The sessions will be held on Fridays at 6 PM at Pratt Manhattan, Puck Building, 295 Lafayette St. (at Houston). The first three sessions have been organized, and dates and topics set for subsequent forums.

- Jan. 27 **EZ Money, Hard Choices: Planning for Empowerment Zones.** A discussion of this key Clinton urban policy and its implications for Harlem, the Bronx and New York.
- Feb. 17 **Superstores: Boon or Bane?** A panel discussion of the proposal for superstore development in New York's light manufacturing districts.
- Mar. 17 **The National Immigration Debate and Its Impact on New York City.** A discussion of the impact of anti-immigrant backlash on New York City's communities.
- Apr. 21 **Beyond Health Reform: The Healthy Cities Movement**
- May 12 **The New Urban Policy**
- June 16 **Planners Network Party**

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Poverty

☐ **WELFARE REFORM/PROPOSED AND CURRENT.** A survey of welfare reforms under consideration or being implemented in 48 states is available from the National Governors Association, 444 N. Capitol St., Washington, DC 20001-1512. Price is \$19.50.

☐ **WELFARE REFORM/PROPOSED.** *Contract with Disaster: The Impact on States of the Personal Responsibility Act*, by Mark Greenberg (26 pp., plus tables, Nov. 1994), is available from the Center on Law and Social Policy, 1616 P St. NW #150, Washington, DC 20036; 202/328-5140. No price listed.

☐ **POVERTY/INCOME TRENDS.** *Despite Economic Recovery, Poverty and Income Trends Are Disappointing in 1993* is a 9-page, Oct. 1994 report from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 777 N. Capitol St. NE #705, Washington, DC 20002; 202/408-1080. Inquire about price.

☐ **WELFARE/MIGRATION.** *Do Welfare Magnets Attract?*, by Russell Hanson and John Hartman (1994), uses Current Population Survey data to show that poor people do not move from one state to another to receive more public assistance. Available (\$3.50) from the Institute for Research

on Poverty, 3412 Social Science Bldg., University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706; 608/262-6574.

☐ **WELFARE REFORM/CURRENT.** *Materials and Sources Related to the Family Support Act* (48 pp., Fall 1994) is available from Clemencia Cosentino de Cohen, The Urban Institute, 2100 M St. NW, Washington, DC 20037; 202/857-8643. No price listed.

☐ **POVERTY/ASIANS.** "Poverty and the U.S. Asian Population," by Sharon M. Lee (19 pp.), appeared in the Sept., 1994 *Social Science Quarterly*. Reprints may be available from Prof. Lee, Dept. of Sociology, University of Richmond, Richmond, VA 23173; 804/289-8074.

☐ **WAR ON POVERTY.** The "Community Outreach Initiative" is an outreach/public education effort in 11 communities, built around the broadcast of the Henry Hampton/Blackside series, "America's War on Poverty." A companion volume, *America's New War on Poverty: A Reader for Action*, compiled/edited by Robert Lavelle and the staff of Blackside, (256 pp., Jan. 1995), is available (\$12.95) from KQED Books, 415/553-2859 (Pamela Byers). PN founder Chester Hartman served as a consultant for the volume.

☐ **CHILD POVERTY.** *Two Americas: Comparisons of US Child Poverty in Rural, Inner City and Suburban Areas* has been published by the Center on Hunger, Poverty and Nutrition, Tufts University, Medford, MA 02155; 617/627-3956. No price listed.

☐ **MORE CHILD POVERTY.** *Wasting America's Future: The Children's Defense Fund Report on the Costs of Child Poverty*, (Beacon Press, 192 pp., 1994), is available from CDF Publications, 25 E St. NW, Washington, DC 20001. Price is \$19.

☐ **WELFARE REFORM/THE NEWS.** *Welfare Reform(?) News* is a free monthly, available from the Center on Social Welfare Policy and Law, 275 Seventh Ave., 6th Fl., New York, NY 10001-6708, 212/633-6967. They also have a publications list available.

☐ **FOOD SECURITY/AGRICULTURE.** "A Community Food Security Act" has been drafted by a newly formed coalition of sustainable agriculture, anti-hunger and food policy advocates and academics. It is designed to lay the groundwork for a 1995 Farm Bill. A draft of the bill is being circulated for comments. Contact Robert Gottlieb, UCLA Dept. Urban Planning, Los Angeles, CA 90024-1467; 310/825-1067.

Race/Ethnic

☐ **SUBURBAN CHINATOWN.** Temple University Press just published *The First Suburban Chinatown: The Remaking of Monterey Park, California* by Timothy P. Fong. Order from Temple, Broad and Oxford Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19122; 215/204-8787; Fax 215/204-4719. Cloth price: 44.95; paperback \$19.95.

Call for Technical Assistance: The UE Working Neighborhoods Initiative

The United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE) Working Neighborhoods Initiative (WNI) is a new program to rebuild working-class communities through grassroots action. UE is interested in linking up with progressive planners and designers to support this effort.

WNI is based on three strategies. The first brings the union to the neighborhood by organizing community residents and winning collective bargaining agreements with neighborhood support. Then by mobilizing union members in the neighborhood, UE intends to build a long-lasting union-neighborhood coalition that will bring UE's principles—grassroots participation and control—into the community.

This coalition will produce a resident-designed and ratified Neighborhood Master Plan—a grassroots plan for community improvement. Organizing will take place from the “bottom up” and neighborhood planning committees will be formed. Focusing on what makes the neighborhood a good place to live, the plans will be designed to protect and enhance the neighborhood's assets, encourage economic development and create a framework for progressive change.

With a strong union-neighborhood coalition and Neighborhood Master Plan developed and approved by residents, WNI will support political action on community demands for neighborhood improvements. UE and its rank-and-file structure will help implement the residents' Neighborhood Master Plan. UE believes that a new, grassroots-based political party is the answer to bringing political power to neighborhoods.

WNI projects are being targeted in working class urban neighborhoods that are home to significant numbers of UE members. The first project in Milwaukee's North Division, a largely African-American community in the city's northwestern section, is linked to the “Campaign for a Sustainable Milwaukee,” a grassroots organizing project for decent jobs, healthy neighborhoods and community involvement in economic decisions. Future projects are planned for Lowell's Portuguese-American “Back Central” neighborhood and in Baltimore.

For more information on the UE Working Neighborhoods Initiative, contact Ed Bruno, WNI, 516-A Dorchester Ave., Boston, MA 02127; 617/268-4982.

Travel

☐ **CUBA BUILDING BRIGADES.** IFCO-Pastors for Peace, the folks who've been sponsoring aid caravans to Cuba, has three work brigades this year. Participants will live and work in a working class neighborhood building and repairing housing. No construction experience is needed. The cost of \$850 for one week or \$1,150 for two weeks includes round trip air fare from Cancun, Mexico; food, lodging, translation and transportation, as well as funds for the purchase of construction materials and tools in Cuba. Dates: Feb. 4-11 (for one week) or Feb. 4-18 (for two weeks); March 11-18 or 11-25; and October 7-14 or 7-21. Contact IFCO-Pastors for Peace, 331 17th Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414; 612/378-0062; Fax 612/378-0134.

Transportation

☐ **TRAFFIC.** Ron Wiedenhoft has put together *Traffic Taming*, a set of 50 color slides illustrating measures to reduce the impact of cars on cities and to enhance the quality of urban spaces for people. The set comes with a sheet of commentary on the slides plus a sheet of arguments for and against downscaling arterial streets, with design measures and criteria. The slide set (\$125) is available from Saskia, Ltd. 2721 NW Cannon Way, Portland, OR 97229; 503/520-8855; Fax 503/626-1162; E-mail: orders@saskia.com.

Women and Families

☐ **WOMEN OF COLOR/WORK/FAMILY.** *Defining Work and Family Issues: Listening to the Voices of Women of*

Color, by Jennifer Tucker and Leslie Wolfe, is available from the Center for Women Policy Studies, 2000 P St. NW #508, Washington, DC 20036; 202/872-1770. Price is \$10.

☐ **WOMEN/LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT.** *Leadership Development for Women in a Community Context* is the 20-page Executive Summary of the evaluation report of the Chicago Foundation for Women's four model projects under its Women's Leadership Development Initiative. Likely free, from Joyce Love at the Foundation, 230 W. Superior, 4th Fl., Chicago, IL 60610-3536; 312/266-1176.

☐ **CHILDREN/DEMOGRAPHICS.** *Shattering Stereotypes: A Demographic Look at Children in the US*, by Janice Hamilton Outtz (37 pp., plus appendices), is available from the Institute for Educational Leadership, 1001 Conn. Ave. NW #310, Washington, DC 20036; 202/872-4050. Price is \$12. They also have a publications list available.

Jobs

☐ **HOMELESS MENTALLY ILL/ATLANTA.** Project Interconnections seeks an executive director to oversee all management, planning, fundraising, and public relations activities of the nonprofit agency that develops supportive housing for homeless mentally ill adults in Atlanta. Qualifications: minimum six years experience in management, low-income housing development, layering of public and private funds, and a commitment to persons with mental illness. Salary: \$40-\$50,000. Send cover letter and resume by Feb. 1 to Ray Kumiansky, Chair, Personnel Committee, c/o

Suggested PN Contributions Revised

Planners Network has always survived thanks to the voluntary contributions of the people who receive the newsletter. The Steering Committee recommends a sliding scale based on income. In this issue, we have simplified and slightly changed the recommendation. Of course, the financial contribution remains voluntary and we will continue to keep people on the list who communicate with the Network and contribute in other ways annually. Many thanks to the generous Networkers who send in amounts ranging up to a couple hundred dollars!

New suggested contributions:

| Income | Minimum Contribution |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Under \$25,000, students, unemployed | \$15 |
| \$25,000-\$50,000 | \$25 |
| Over \$50,000 | \$45 |

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.

Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership, 57 Forsyth St., NW, Suite 1250, Atlanta, GA 30303.

☐ **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR PRRAC/WASHINGTON.** The Poverty and Race Research Action Council (PRRAC) is hiring a new Assistant Director. Send letter of interest, resume, salary expectations and names of three references right away to PNER Chester Hartman, PRRAC, 1711 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20009. February or March starting date.

☐ **JUNIOR POLICY ASSOCIATE/WASHINGTON.** Robert Rapoza Associates (601 Penn. Ave. NW #850, Washington, DC 20004; 202/393-5225), a small consulting firm which represents local, regional and national housing, community development and rural issues, is seeking a Junior Policy Associate, an entry level position.

☐ **VICTIM ADVOCATE/CHINESE SPEAKING/NYC.** The Committee Against Anti-Asian Violence is seeking a Community Organizer/Victim Advocate. Proficiency in Chinese needed. Contact CAAA, 191 E. 3 St., New York, NY 10009; 212/473-6485.

☐ **ARCHITECT/ATLANTA.** The Community Design Center of Atlanta seeks an Architect to work on its housing, homeless, handicapped access and economic development projects. Apply to them, 1083 Austin Ave. NE #5, Atlanta, GA 30307; 404/523-6966; Fax 404/523-0741.

☐ **FAIR EMPLOYMENT/WASHINGTON.** The Fair Employment Council of Greater Washington is looking to hire a Project Coordinator. Send cover letter, resume, writing sample to Lauren Brown at the Council, 1300 19th St. NW #320, Washington, DC 20036; 202/463-7088.

☐ **FAIR HOUSING/RALEIGH.** The North Carolina Client and Community Development Center has four positions available: a Fair Housing Project Director; a Chief Investigator for housing discrimination complaints; a Test Coordinator for housing discrimination complaints; and a Community Educator. For all, send resume, writing sample, three references to the Center, PO Box 28958, Raleigh, NC 27611; 919/856-2178.

☐ **LABOR RESEARCH/CHICAGO.** The Midwest Center for Labor Research is hiring an Associate Director of Policy Development to develop and coordinate its "New Chicago Campaign." Send resume, writing sample, letter to Jacqui Johnson, MCLR, 3411 W. Diversey Ave. #10, Chicago, IL 60647; 312/278-5418. Jan. 15 closing date (call to see if it's been extended).

☐ **CHILD ADVOCACY/WASHINGTON.** The National Association of Child Advocates is seeking a Director of Child Health Advocacy. Send resume, letter, salary requirements to Eve Brooks, NACA, 1625 K St. NW #510, Washington, DC 20006.

☐ **ANTI-NIMBY/WASHINGTON.** The Campaign for New Community, a new project sponsored by the Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington and The Council of Churches of Greater Washington, seeks a Project Director. The Campaign is a three-year research, public information/education, community outreach and legal/regulatory project designed to overcome neighborhood oppositional barriers to services and housing for poor and homeless persons. High \$30s. Send resume and letter to the Campaign, c/o Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington, 1419 V St. NW, Washington, DC 20009.

☐ **HOUSING RESEARCH.** The National Housing Institute is looking for a researcher (faculty member, graduate student, independent researcher) to complete work on their PRRAC-funded project dealing with the racial impacts of the homeowner deduction. They want to measure the distribution of current benefits by race and project the distribution by race of benefits under NHI's reform proposal. Modest stipend available. Contact Pat Morrissy, NHI, 439 Main St., Orange, NJ 07050; 201/678-3110.

☐ **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/DELAWARE.** People's Place, a large human service nonprofit organization serving rural downstate Delaware, is seeking a replacement for its retiring executive. Start date May 1. Must have Masters, PhD preferred. Send salary requirements and a request for application to: People's Place, 219 So. Walnut St., Milford, DE 19963; 302/422-8011; Fax 302/422-8027.

☐ **DEPARTMENT CHAIR/VERMONT.** The University of Vermont's Dept. of Community Development and Applied Economics is seeking a department chairperson. Anticipated

Planners Network Steering Committee Nominations

Responding to concerns about the process of electing the PN Steering Committee, the co-chairs have looked into various mechanisms for a more inclusive process. At last year's PN conference a new Steering Committee was elected, but many were concerned that the people nominated and participating in the vote were limited to those who happened to be at the conference, and there had been no previous discussion of elections. Mail ballots were considered, but this could be cumbersome and costly for such a small organization, and we suspect we would get a small return.

We came up with the following: an open nomination process via the newsletter, and elections at the East St. Louis Conference. This is not the best solution, because, again, not everyone will attend the conference. But given the other options, we believe this makes the most sense, at least until the next election.

Planners Network can only undertake new initiatives if people are willing to give their time to organizing and making them happen. Nominate yourself or someone else (check with them first) by sending us a note with a brief biographical statement (one paragraph). Nominees do not have to be present at the conference to be elected. **Nominations must be received no later than MAY 1.** There will be another note in the March PN.

The Planners Network Steering Committee should reflect the diversity in our communities, and include people from our three main constituencies—professional planners, academics and community activists. We tentatively propose a 12-person Steering Committee, including at least one student representative. The term is four years. The steering committee will try to meet physically or by conference call twice a year.

Nominations are also open for the two co-chairs.

position will be filled by July 1, 1995. Complete applications should be submitted by Feb. 1, 1995, but the Search Committee will continue to receive applications until a suitable candidate is selected. Send a letter of application, current vita and three letters of recommendation to Dr. A. H. Gilbert, Chair CDAE Search Committee, Aiken Building, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT 05405-0088.

□ **PROFESSOR/INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT/MASS.** The Policy and Planning Dept., part of the College of Management at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell is building an interdisciplinary focus in industrial revitalization and technology and innovation, and labor markets and training. They seek a colleague—junior or senior—from any discipline to add to this focus. Applicants should have a doctorate or be near completion. Send resume and sample paper to Philip Moss, Dept. Chair, Dept. of Policy and Planning, University of Massachusetts at Lowell, Lowell, MA 01854; 508/934-2787; Fax 508/934-3035; E-mail: moss@woods.ulowell.edu. Deadline Feb. 1, 1995.

□ **HEALTH OUTREACH/NYC.** The Commission on the Public's Health System in New York City is seeking an Outreach/Education Coordinator. Salary \$30,000-\$35,000. Send resume and cover letter (writing samples also helpful) by Jan. 28 to Commission on the Public's Health System, c/o Patient's Rights Hotline, 215 West 125th St., Room 400, New York, NY 10027-4426; 212/316-9393.

Funding and Fellowships

□ **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES.** *Funding Sustainable Communities*, by David Hahn-Baker, with Jeff Barber and Catherine Lerza (19 pp., Oct. 1994), is available from the National Network of Grantmakers, 1717 Kettner Blvd., San Diego, CA 92101; 619/231-1348. Price is \$5.

□ **HUNGER FELLOWSHIP.** The Mickey Leland Hunger

Fellows Program, sponsored by the Congressional Hunger Center and partnered with VISTA, will be selecting 20 participants for a year-long program beginning in Washington at the end of August for two weeks of orientation and training. Fellows then will be placed in pairs for six months with direct service hunger organizations across the country, after which they will return to DC for policy placements with relevant executive offices such as USDA and national non-profits. Stipend, plus health insurance, plus \$4,725 scholarship. Applications due Feb. 15 to Max Fineberg, Congressional Hunger Center, 525 A St. NE, Washington, DC 20002; 202/547-7586.

□ **ROCKEFELLER FELLOWSHIPS.** The Rockefeller Foundation's Warren Weaver Fellows program is accepting applications before March 1. Six fellowships are awarded annually to work full-time for a year in the Foundation's NYC offices on one of the Foundation's programs. Applications from the Foundation, 420 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10018-2702, 212/869-8500.

□ **GRANT GUIDE.** *Directory of Building and Equipment Grants* is available from Research Grant Guides, 12798 W. Forest Hill Blvd. #304, W. Palm Beach, FL 33414. Price is \$61.50.

□ **EPA GRANTS.** Enviro-justice grants totaling \$5 million will be awarded by EPA to community groups and others involved in pollution prevention. Contact Chen Wen, 202/260-4109.

□ **RESPONSIVE PHILANTHROPY.** The National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (NCRP) has issued (or is about to issue) several new reports: *The New Age of Nonprofit Accountability* (\$25), and the seven-part series *Corporate Giving to Racial and Ethnic Populations Study* (\$200 for all seven reports). Contact NCRP, 2001 S St. NW #620, Washington, DC 20009; 202/387-9177; Fax 202/332-5084.

□ **FUND-RAISING/ENERGY.** *They Might Say "Yes": How to Fund Raise for Energy Assistance Dollars* is the new video/handbook package from the National Fuel Funds Network. The video includes advice from experts in the field of fund-raising along with two energy assistance case studies. The handbook features chapters on fund-raising readiness, finding funding sources, methods of asking, preparing written materials, asking for money in person and more. Video (1 hour) and handbook (87 pp.) package \$75. To order, contact NFFN, P.O. Box 7171, Silver Spring, MD 20907-7171 or 301/718-0030.

□ **RURAL DEVELOPMENT.** The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) has launched a rural development program aimed at assisting community development corporations in rural communities. This \$101 million, four-year effort will deliver grants, pre-development and development loans, bridge financing, equity and secondary market resources, technical assistance, training and public policy support. A Request for Qualifications and additional information are available from LISC, 1825 K St. NW #909, Washington, DC 20006; 202/785-8030.

Conferences

□ **SOCIAL SECURITY.** The National Academy of Social Insurance is sponsoring its 7th Annual Conference and Membership Meeting Jan. 25-26, 1995 under the title "Social Security: What Role for the Future?" Contact the Academy at 1776 Massachusetts Ave., NW #615, Washington, DC 20036-1904.

□ **HOUSING/ELDERLY.** "Expanding Housing Choices for Older People," an AARP White House Conference on Aging Mini-Conference, will be held Jan. 26-27 in Washington, DC. Information from Jennifer Leslie, Consumer Affairs, AARP, 601 E St. NW, Washington, DC 20049; 202/434-6062.

□ **CHILDREN/HUNGER.** "Campaign to End Childhood Hunger: Building Strength through Diversity and Partnerships" is the 1995 annual conference of the Food Research and Action Center Feb. 22-25 in Washington, DC. Information from FRAC, 1875 Connecticut Ave. NW #540, Washington, DC 20009; 202/986-2200.

□ **HOUSING JUSTICE.** The National Low Income Housing Coalition's 1995 Annual Conference, "Take Action for Housing Justice," will take place Feb. 25-27 in Washington, DC. Contact NLIHC, 1012 Fourteenth St. NW, Suite 1200, Washington, DC 20005; 202/662-1530.

□ **CHILD WELFARE.** "Children '95: The Future of Child Welfare" is the national conference and 75th anniversary celebration of the Child Welfare League of America, March 1-3 in Washington, DC. Information from CWLA, 440 First St. NW #310, Washington, DC 20001-2085; 202/942-0303.

□ **ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN.** The 26th Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association will

be held March 1-5, 1995 in Boston, Mass. Themes include "Housing, neighborhood, community, public facilities," "Ecological and sustainable development," and "Public policy." Contact Jack L. Nasar, Peg Grannis, Kazunori Hanyu, Dept. of City and Regional Planning, Ohio State University, 289 Brown Hall, 190 W. Seventeenth Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43210.

□ **HOMELESS HOUSING.** "Service-Enriched Permanent Housing" and "Homeless Families Program," sponsored by Beyond Shelter, will be held March 6-8 in Anaheim. Information from Natalie Profant, Beyond Shelter, 4032 Wilshire Blvd. #501, LA, CA 90010; 213/252-0793.

□ **MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH.** "Systems Reforms for Family-Centered Services" is the 1995 Annual Meeting of the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs, March 11-15 in Washington, DC. Invited or confirmed speakers include Mary Jo Bane, Philip Lee, Carol Rasco and Janet Reno. Information from AMCHP, 1350 Connecticut Ave. #803, Washington, DC 20036; 202/775-0436.

□ **COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT.** The National Community Reinvestment Coalition is holding its national conference March 25-28 in Washington, DC. Information from the Coalition, 1875 Connecticut Ave. NW #1010, Washington, DC 20009; 202/986-7898.

□ **WOMEN/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.** The Ms. Foundation for Women's 7th Annual Institute on Women and Economic Development will be held Apr. 6-9, 1995 at the Chaminade Conference Center in Santa Cruz, Calif. This training event, for grassroots women experienced and new to the field of economic development, fosters learning and empowerment through classes, workshops, speakers, and celebrations. For brochure, contact Brenda Bushy, Ms. Foundation for Women, 120 Wall St., 33rd Fl., New York, N.Y. 10005; 212/742-2300; Fax 212/742-1653.

□ **SOCIOLOGY OF HOUSING.** The 10th annual conference on the sociology of housing will be held May 5-6, 1995 in Minneapolis at the Radisson Metrodome on the campus of the University of Minnesota. The conference is sponsored by the University's Housing Program of the Dept. of Design, Housing and Apparel in the College of Human Ecology. Mail or fax abstracts by Feb. 1 to Yust/Morris, 240 McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford Ave., University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN 55108; Fax 612/624-2750.

□ **MULTICULTURALISM.** "Creating an Inclusive Society: Challenging Personal and Institutional Barriers" is the 10th annual national conference of the National Multicultural Institute June 1-4 in Washington, DC. Dr. Alvin Poussaint is the keynote speaker. Information from NMCI, 3000 Connecticut Ave. NW #438, Washington, DC 20008; 202/483-0700.

□ **LAND TENURE.** A conference on *Who Owns America? Land and Resource Tenure Issues in a Changing Environment* will meet in Madison, Wisc., June 21-24, 1995, sponsored by the University of Wisconsin Land Tenure Center's North

American Program. The conference will focus on historical and contemporary tenure systems and their relation to a wide range of issues, including tenure systems and resource productivity and sustainability, political equality, environmental justice, wealth and income distributions, minority and gender inequalities, land use regulation, and more. Proposals for papers, posters, and videos/films or for organizing a session should be submitted by March 1, 1995 to the Program Chair, Gene Summers, North American Program, Land Tenure Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1357 University Ave., Madison, WI 53715; 608/262-3658; Fax 608/262-2141; E-mail: summers@soc.ssc.wisc.edu.

☐ **CLINTON AT MIDTERM.** "Clinton's Midterm Report Card: Voices from the Trenches," a gathering of scholar activists and grassroots activists, will be held **June 22-23** at the University of TN-Knoxville. Information from Project South, 250 Georgia Ave. #344, Atlanta, GA 30312; 404/584-7141.

☐ **HUMAN SERVICES/RURAL.** The National Institute of Social Work and Human Services in the Rural Environment is holding its 20th Annual Meeting **July 23-26** at the University Tennessee-Knoxville. Presentation proposals due Jan. 16 to Paul Campbell, UT College of Social Work, 319 Henson Hall, 1618 Cumberland Ave., Knoxville, TN 37996-3334;

615/974-6015.

☐ **HOUSING/EXPIRING USE.** "Partners in Preservation" is a series of five 3-day, free, HUD-sponsored workshops on the Title VI program for protection of "expiring use" projects, in Washington, DC (Feb. 11-13), Dallas (March 4-6), Portland, OR (March 11-13), Milwaukee (March 18-20), and Seattle (March 25-27). Future sites, dates still to be arranged, include Boston, Minneapolis, San Francisco, Chicago, Los Angeles, Jacksonville, Denver, Philadelphia, Kansas City, New York City, San Antonio and Indianapolis. Information from ICF, 9300 Lee Hwy. #1109, Fairfax, VA 22031; 703/934-3392.

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