

#13—April 8, 1978

Dear Network:

Lots of good feedback on #12. I had been worried about it being too long, dense, etc., but people seemed to like it. We're always interested in (and guided by) comments on the Newsletter, how it looks, how readable it is, what's in it and isn't in it, etc.

About three dozen #12's came back without labels. We're not certain whether they fell off or whether we just were careless and sent some out that way. Anyway, if you didn't get #12, let us know and we'll send another.

We get different senses of how people respond to what's in the Newsletters. John Mollenkopf indicated that our notice of the ACTION Urban Policy document he and Michael Lipsky prepared produced a raft of requests to Sam Brown. On the other hand, only one person wrote in regarding what seemed like a useful issue to do something about: AIP's planned conference in the non-ERA state of Louisiana (all the more disgraceful, as someone later pointed out, considering that its president is a woman, Connie Lieder). Maybe the reason is that very few Network members belong to AIP. Not too much response on the AIP-ASPO merger issue either—again, maybe because people in the Network don't care too much about it (which may be a very sound position to take).

REGIONAL REPORTS:

Bay Area: NEW PROJECTS. A group of Networkers have organized to analyze and present alternatives to a \$400 million marina development project in the E. Bay city of Richmond. People have begun researching the project's financing. Three areas the group is attempting to influence are: 1) increased job development, including job training for high unemployment rate Richmond residents, and encouraging labor-intensive industries; 2) a better mix of housing types (no housing subsidies have been promised); and 3) more public open space. More help is needed on this project. Contact Ron Weil, 366 Park Ave. A, S.F. 94110 (work 232-1212 x464, home 647-7856).

The Network prepared a response to the SF City Planning Department's residential rezoning study. Coordinated by Margy Ortiz and Jerry Horovitz, the response was delivered before the Planning Commission at their March 7 public hearing. The essence of the response is that a downzoning such as this limits the number of potential new units and raises the value of existing units, thereby replacing one form of property speculation with another. We suggested several ways in which the City could provide sites for new subsidized low- and moderate-income housing development to minimize the exclusionary effects of the downzoning. These suggestions included converting underutilized and undeveloped commercial and industrial land to residential use; encouraging upper story residential units in neighborhood commercial structures; developing sites of expiring Non Conforming Uses for housing; land banking surplus city-owned residential property for future use as city-sponsored housing sites; and utilizing small vacant residential sites for infill development. We also urged the implementation of such anti-speculation policies as a steep real estate transfer tax on profits made during short-term ownership and controls on rent levels. Our final suggestion was formation of a neighborhood-based Housing Development Corporation to coordinate the development of subsidized housing. The Planning Dept. seems interested in our ideas; if you would like to see these ideas implemented, send a letter of support to Rai Okamoto, Director, Dept. of City Planning, 100 Larkin St., SF 94102.

A group of Network members met with Myron Moskowitz, Chairman of the State Commission on Housing and Community Development, to discuss his concept of a "community home-finders office." Such an office would attempt to reduce housing transfer costs and help hold down the rising cost of homes by providing substantially the same service as a real estate broker for a nominal registration fee instead of a 6% commission. Moskowitz is negotiating with HUD for a grant to try the idea out in several California cities, and the Network plans to work closely with him. Further information on this interesting idea is available from Jerry Horovitz, 1489 Sanchez St., SF 94131.

FORUMS. About 60 people attended the slide show and discussion presented by four members of the women's planners and architects trip to China. The lively and informative presentation focussed around housing, open space, urban development and architecture in China.

Two more forums and a workshop are planned. On April 8, the Network is organizing a forum on "The Future of Oakland," featuring presentations by the Oakland Study Center on their study of the city's port, and by Roger Clay on housing struggles in W. Oakland. On April 29 the Network is co-sponsoring with the Oakland Citizens' Committee on Urban Renewal and Berkeley Citizens Action a day-long discussion of President Carter's Urban Policy. The event will be held at Epic West, 2640 College Avenue, Berkeley. Contact person is David Wilmoth, 555 Dwight Place, Berkeley 94704, 843-5506. Planned for May or June is a one or two day workshop entitled "Organizing to Protect and Defend Your Community." For this workshop we hope to do wide outreach to involve many neighborhood groups. Hopefully, the outline for the workshop will be circulated for other regional Network groupings to utilize. A lot of help will be needed to pull this workshop off. If you can assist in any way, please contact Steve Barton, 3823 Army St., SF 94131, 821-4635. We've been sending notices of the Bay Area Network forums only to people in SF, Oakland, Berkeley and other nearby areas. If you live in other parts of N. Calif. and would like to receive these notices regularly, send a note to Jerry Horovitz, 1489 Sanchez, SF 94131.

Santa Cruz: Rick Hyman (PO Box 1214, Santa Cruz 95061) is planning to convene a meeting of members in that area. Contact him if you're interested in helping to plan the meeting.

Midwest: The Midwest Network is holding a day-long meeting in Milwaukee April 8, about the day this is being mailed out. Report in the next newsletter.

San Diego: Susan Chelone (3703 Alabama St., SD 92104) pulled together a small meeting of people in the area, which was not well attended. Although it was a discouragement, others interested in making another attempt should get in touch with her.

East Bay (Cal.): People there are interested in beginning a separate E. Bay Network group (parallel to the one centered in SF). They've sent out a skills-interests-time questionnaire and have gotten back some good results. The Organizing Comm. consists of Marc Danziger, Tim Gage, Carol Galante and Rob Sanders, and they can be reached c/o Tim at 2511 Prince #8, Berkeley 94705.

Boston Area: At their Feb. meeting Marie Kennedy and Florence Ladd presented slides and talked on their China trip. At the Jan. meeting three Networkers (Emily Achtenberg, Kathy Gannett and Mark Goldowitz) gave a presentation on rent control. "It was pointed out that the struggle for Rent Control is important only in the larger context of building a movement. That housing reform cannot simply be legislated

but that a political transformation has to take place in how we regard housing. Fighting for Rent Control can demonstrate to people the weakness of the system to provide housing people can afford. People are able to understand the system through examining landlord's profits and income and through the political process see the pressure that the Real Estate industry puts on governments to respond to their interests."

The Policy Training Center had its formal opening on March 17. Frances Fox Piven and Rep. Mel King spoke on the topic "Perspectives on Professionals Working for Change." The Center has a newsletter, *Working Issues*, available (for free) from 4 Nutting Rd., Cambridge 02138 (617-547-4473). And it has begun a series of workshops: The Boston Plan—Giving Boston the Business; How To Be An Effective Bureaucrat Within the Bureaucracy; Study Group on Professionals as Workers; Workfare, Welfare and What's Fair; Where the Money Is and How to Get It; Influence and Access on Beacon Hill; Urban Revitalization Work Group. All have already begun, but it may still be possible to plug in.

Network folk in High Places: *Ellen Feingold* is now Director of the Office of Civil Rights for the Dept. of Transportation. *Justin Gray* is Dep. Asst. Sec. in HUD, under Gino Baroni, Asst. Sec. for Neighborhoods and Voluntary Organizations. *David Gurin* is new Dep. Commr. of Transportation for NYC. *Carla Cohen* has just taken a position as Special Asst. to HUD Asst. Sec. Robert Embry. *Erica Pascal* is counsel for the new National Commission on Neighborhoods. Folks in the Network should feel free to contact them about problems, issues, etc.

Marxism and the Metropolis: New Perspectives in Urban Political Economy is a new collection edited by Network members Bill Tabb and Larry Sawers (Oxford U. paperback, 1978). It's for the most part the papers presented at the 1975 Conference on Marx and the Megalopolis (NYC). Contents include: "Capitalist Development and the History of American Cities" (David Gordon); "The Political Economy of Suburban Development" (Patrick Ashton); "Class and Urban Social Expenditure: A Marxist Theory of Metropolitan Government" (Ann Markusen); "The Postwar Politics of Urban Development" (John Mollenkopf); "The Illusion and Reality of Urban Renewal: SF's Yerba Buena Center" (Chester Hartman and Rob Kessler); "Housing, Mortgage Lending, and the Contradictions of Capitalism" (Michael Stone); "Fiscal Collapse and the Political Struggle in Decaying Central Cities in the US" (Richard Hill); "The NYC Fiscal Crisis" (William Tabb); "Racism and Busing in Boston" (Jim Green and Allen Hunter); "Local Action, Not Citizen Participation" (Katherine Coit); "Confronting the Separation of Town and Country in Cuba" (David Barkin); "Cities and Countryside in the Soviet Union and China" (Larry Sawers).

"Displacement in Urban Neighborhoods: Saving the City for Whom?" is the title of a conference to be held in Philadelphia April 28-30. Sponsors are the Natl. Assn. of Neighborhoods (202-332-7766) and the Phila. Council of Neighborhood Govts. (c/o Ms. Sabrina Shaw, 1522 W. Girard Ave., Phila. 19130, 215-235-2575). A similar W. Coast conference is being planned in SF; write the Network for further information.

JOBS with the State of Mass.: Stephen Lewis of the Div. of Personnel Adm. (1 Ashburton Pl., Rm. 205, Boston 02108 617-727-1340) writes: "Any Network members who are seeking full-time employment with the State of Mass. should get in touch with me."

CD BLOCK GRANTS: From Tom McArdle (4930 N. Shoreland, Milwaukee 53217): "I am currently working on an evaluation of the community development block grant process in a large midwestern city. We hope ultimately to see improvements in the citizen participation process, more dollars allocated to programs directly serving the poor, and increased channeling of money through grassroots community organizations. I'd like to hear from Networkers who've been involved in similar projects."

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The Housing Research & Development Ctr. (109 Estabrook Hall, Univ. Tenn., Knoxville 37916) has a newsletter that people might want to write for—seems to be free.

The People's Law School (558 Capp St., SF 94110) has available a short "Survey of Speculation in the 24th St./So. Van Ness Area of the Mission."

"Homeownership for Moderate and Lower Income Families: Some Viable Options" is the title of a one-day seminar, April 14, at Univ. of Calif., Irvine Extension. (Inf. from Rm. 102, Adm. Bldg., UC Irvine, 92717). It costs a stiff \$55 and looks somewhat private sectorish, but . . .

CABLE TV, GAY PLANNERS: From Simon Ruderman (Planning Dept., Metropolitan Dade County, Suite 900, Brickell Plaza, 909 SE 1st Ave., Miami 33131): "I have two areas of personal interest which you might be able to help me with. I'm interested in the use of Cable TV in the planning process (also portabaks). I've read some of the literature & reports on this (Baltimore, Detroit) and would be interested in any current info. Also, since the defeat of Dade County's Gay Rights amendment to the Equal Employment and Accommodations Ordinance, I'd be interested in reports from other areas concerning similar laws. I'm curious also if there is any national organization of gay planners." [If there is, or if there is any interest among Network members in starting one, let us know and we'll put people in touch with one another—CH].

"Play in Human Settlements" is the title of the 7th World Conf. of the International Playground Assn., Carleton U., Ottawa, Aug. 20-26. Further information from Richard Schultz, 2313 8th St., Berkeley, Ca. 94710

Science for Citizens Planning Studies: Natl. Science Foundation is inviting proposals for planning studies "addressed to the problem of providing scientific expertise to the public promptly and where it is needed." The program's purpose is "to increase the knowledgeable participation of scientists and non-scientists in the resolution of public policy issues involving science and technology. This need can be met by the development of stable organizational structures and processes that will be responsive to citizen needs for timely, understandable and objective scientific and technical information and expertise. Proposals may be submitted by any nonprofit organization or group of organizations that is engaged in meeting the needs of citizens for information and other services related to their daily lives as consumers, workers, family members and community residents." The SFC program will make up to 15 awards, averaging \$25,000. Deadline for informal preliminary proposals is April 24, June 15 for the final proposals (former must be submitted for latter to be considered). Address: Science for Citizens, Office of Science and Society, NSF, Washington DC 20550 (202-282-7770). I've found that with a little imagination proposals can easily be fashioned or reshaped to meet such general guidelines.

"The Flashettes" is a film John Atlas of Shelterforce highly recommends. "It's an inspiring documentary about a black girls track team formed in the middle of the battle zone of New York City's Bedford Stuyvesant section. Lynora Williams writing for the *Guardian* stated: "THE FLASHETTES is helpful for anyone—teacher, organizer or just a friend—who wants to show kids that they can do something about the racism and sexism in their housing, school and social situations. It was meant for those who want to form not just track teams, but tenant groups or anti-drug abuse campaigns.' I've shown it at Rutgers and to tenant groups. The message gets across and is received with great enthusiasm. It's available through NEW DAY FILMS, P.O. Box 315, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey 07417. tel. 201-891-8240."

It would be really good if people could send in their recommendations and "reviews" of films and other media products related to radical planning, so we can put together a useful list.

Columbia U's Div. of Urban Planning has inaugurated a Papers in Planning and a Reprint Series, by people at the School. A few items: "Land Policy Within Economic Crises" by Christine Boyer; "Some Policy Implications of Theories of Neighborhood Change" by Bob Kolodny; "The Political Economy of Rent Control: Theory and Strategy" and "The Myth of the Benevolent State: Towards a Theory of Housing" by Peter Marcuse; "Women in Planning: Do the Numbers Really Matter?" by Jackie Leavitt. Full list and ordering information from 410 Avery Hall, Columbia Univ., NYC 10027.

Funding and Assistance Sources for Massachusetts Community Economic Development Organizations is a 67-page directory (of some use outside Mass. as well) available (free) from Rick Austin, Div. of Soc. and Econ. Opportunity, 10 Tremont St., Rm. 64, Boston 02108.

From Lorraine Anderson, a first-year planning student at UC Berkeley (2431 Ellsworth St., #207, Berkeley 94704): "I have worked for a non-profit community development corporation in Baltimore designing a youth employment element. This newly developed corporation needs new ideas for alternative ways to set up a 'human services element' of their employment element in documenting a need for employment for youth. Any ideas as to how this can be done will be greatly appreciated. Also, I am engaged in research to begin to compile data on neighborhood transition. Some information on 'reinvestment' activity currently going on in major cities is being sought after. Would be interested in getting together with Networkers in San Francisco and Oakland areas to discuss and share information about current controversy."

"Fair Share Planning: The Issues Surrounding Housing Allocation Systems" is the title of a one-day course, May 12, given by Univ. of Calif. (Berkeley) Extension. Fee is \$55, but the faculty includes some good Network folk (Dick LeGates, Michael Rancer, Jean Safir). Information from Continuing Education in Environmental Design, Univ. Extension, 2223 Fulton St., Berkeley 94720, (415) 642-4811. A similar conference, titled "Fair Share Allocation of Land Uses," is being held May 8 at USC. It's "invitation only" (and \$45), but I suspect people who want to go could get in. Write Emily Card, Director, Inst. for Planning Education, USC, Univ. Park, LA 90007, (213) 741-2559.

"An Economic Analysis of the Impact of Repair and Deduct Legislation" is the title of a paper by Phillip Weitzman (Natl. Social Science & Law Project, 1990 M St. NW, Suite 610, Washington 20036; the paper is available through Richard Blumberg, Natl. Housing Law Project, 2150 Shattuck, Berkeley 94704). Weitzman writes: "The paper is one aspect of an ongoing interest in the economic effects of rent control and tenant-oriented tools to help maintain the quantity and quality of the housing stock. As you can see, my basic approach is to use traditional economic analysis combined with whatever limited empirical data are available to debunk the standard neoclassical treatment of rental housing markets a la Sternlieb, Samuelson, etc. I would be interested in being put in touch with other members of the Planners Network who are working in related areas."

From Al Heskin: "I ran across an article many Network readers might find interesting. Barbara and John Ehrenreich wrote a piece you might be familiar with on 'The Professional-Manual Class.' (Part I, March-April 1977 *Radical America*, Part II May-June 1977 *Radical America*). The first part makes the argument that the PMC is a third class generated by monopoly capitalism, and the second part is a case study of the new left efforts in the 60's and 70's. I'm not as intrigued by the internal Marxist argument about two or three classes as I am about what the article has to say about the difficulty of acting as a member of this group. Its discussion of the alienation between the working class and the PMC is particularly well stated."

Matt Edel (Queens College, Urban Studies Dept.) is visiting in the Economics Dept. at Univ. Calif., Riverside, through June, where he's giving the graduate seminar in urban and regional economics.

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TV: From Beth Levine (3770 Georgia St. #3, San Diego 92103): "This semester I am looking into urban attitudes presented in prime-time television. I am hoping to design an instrument for content analysis in this area. Past research on the topic seems to be very slim. If anyone has suggestions, comments or references I would appreciate hearing from them."

ANNEXATION: From Howard Glassman (77 Hendricks Isle, Apt. 7, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33301, 305-764-2354): "I am a planner employed by Broward County (Ft. Lauderdale area), Florida which consists of 29 municipalities and a large unincorporated area with a combined population of 1 million. My question to other 'Network Radicals' is how can we develop a successful annexation program which will require these municipalities to annex unincorporated and primarily Black neighborhoods. So far we have tried CDBG's, bond referendums & capital improvements with only nominal success. I'd look forward to the response of a community organizer."

An academic plug from Roger Friedland (Dept. of Sociology, Univ. of Calif., Santa Barbara): "I would like to call attention to the Department of Sociology's emerging program of urban research and graduate education. Given the tendency of urbanists to gravitate to planning departments, sociology may seem an unlikely training location. But here we are. Rich Applebaum is involved in analyzing the internal structure of capital and its impact on urban growth. Harvey Molotch is researching the political determinants of urban growth. Christopher Jencks is studying property taxation, income transfers and educational policy. Richard Berk is working on policy evaluation of a variety of different urban service programs. I am studying the political management of the urban fiscal crisis in Europe and the United States, and William Bielby and myself are engaged in a multi-wave panel analysis of the fiscal structure and economic growth."

Two more papers by David Gil (Florence Heller School, Brandeis Univ., Waltham, MA 02154): "Self Interest and Social Equality" and testimony on hearings on "Research Into Violent Behavior" before a Congressional Subcommittee.

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON NEIGHBORHOODS, from Erica Pascal: "The National Commission on Neighborhoods is charged by Congress with developing recommendations on a wide variety of subjects relating to neighborhoods, including: reinvestment, citizen participation, economic development, promoting homeownership and maintaining rental housing, human services, and modifications of local obstacles to neighborhood revitalization such as taxes, zoning, housing and building codes.

"I am particularly concerned with the fiscal and legal obstacles to neighborhood revitalization and would like information from any Networkers working in this area. Please send any information to: Erica Pascal, National Commission on Neighborhoods, 2000 K Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20006. Information on the other topics listed above should be sent care of the Commission and will be parceled out to the appropriate staff people."

Marxist Perspectives is a new journal edited by Eugene Genovese, "a quarterly of history and cultural criticism, a journal of ideas." \$15 a year, from 420 West End Ave., NYC 10024.

Alan Kravitz has just become Exec. Dir. of the Assn. of Neighborhood Housing Developments in NYC, a coalition of 27 neighborhood-based housing programs involved in rehab, new construction and management. "We have a publication, 'City Limits,' available by writing: Editor, City Limits, ANHD, 29 East 22nd St., New York, NY 10010. An annual subscription (10 issues) is \$4.00 We can always use good people as interns for our projects in technical assistance, program development and research."

Stabilizing Neighborhoods: A Fresh Approach to Housing Dynamics and Perceptions by Rolf Goetze (Boston Redev. Auth.), and Kent Colton and Vincent O'Donnell (both of Public Systems Evaluation, Inc.). Seems to be free, and is available from the Parkman Ctr. for Urban Affairs, 33 Beacon St., Boston 02108.

Radical History Network is a new Bay Area group. They've published their first newsletter and are planning a spring conference. Among the organizers are Danny Beagle, Harry Chotiner, Bruce Dancis, Doug Dowd, Barbara Easton, Lynn Hunt, Michael Kazin, Derk Richardson, Lisa Rubens. More information from 2931 Piedmont, Berkeley 94705.

Network member Robert Gottlieb has a new book (co-authored with Irene Wolt), called *Thinking Big: The Story of the Los Angeles Times, Its Publishers, and their Influence on Southern California* (GP Putnam, 1977).

The Neighborhood Works is a new bi-weekly information service newsletter published by the Center for Neighborhood Technology (111 N. Wabash, Chicago 60602). \$20 a year.

SUN DAY, a national solar energy celebration, is scheduled for May 3. Further information from Suite 1100, 1028 Conn. Ave., Washington 20036 (202) 466-6880.

Union of Vietnamese Architects: As early Network members may remember, Francois Confino was helping to coordinate a campaign for contributions (books and supplies, as well as money) to the Vietnamese Architects Union. The Network contributed \$100 of its money. We have recently received a letter of thanks from Hoang-nhu-Tiep, President of the Union, from which the following is excerpted: "The Vietnamese architects and builders always keep in the bottom of their hearts memorable instances of the antiwar movement in the U.S.A. Improving this opportunity, once again we call upon you to demand that the U.S. government contributes to healing the wounds of war in Viet Nam—and wish to express to you and to all peace- and justice-loving architects in the U.S.A. our sincere gratitude for their precious sympathy and support to the revolutionary cause of the Vietnamese people." The address of the Union is 23 Boulevard Dinh Tien Hoang, Hanoi.

Network member Peter Pflaum is involved in a serious controversy regarding his work in Long Beach, Ca. Pflaum is part of a research project at Long Beach St. Univ.'s Center for Public Policy, which has uncovered and publicized data about the city's social problems and social service needs which, Pflaum has charged, the city administration is trying to cover up. Pflaum has been fired and maintains that collusion between the Center, the LBSU President's Office and the city's power structure underlies the firing. Pflaum can be contacted at the Center for Public Policy, CSULB, Long Beach 90840, (213) 498-4177.

JARVIS-GANN: For the non-Californians among you, this is the colloquial name for Prop. 13 on California's June ballot, a drastic measure to cut back the property tax in the state's municipalities. It is an extraordinarily reactionary piece of legislation, with disastrous consequences for urban services; yet it may well pass. Carol Williams (361 School St., Cotati, Ca. 94928) asks whether any Network people are working against this initiative, with letters, position papers, etc. People interested should contact us as well; there is an active, community-based group in SF which could use help.

People's Urban History of Tucson is a comic, available in Spanish or English, published by the Tucson Community Development/Design Ctr. (P.O. Box 1870, Tucson, AZ 85702). 35 cents, 3 for \$1. Further information about the Center and its work available from Jody Gibbs.

Tom Logsdon (81 E. Lincoln St., Columbus, OH 43215) has sent in some material on a controversial, privately funded housing rehab project being undertaken by the Battelle Memorial Inst. "BMI has owned the property since the late 50's. From what I understand they pressured many homeowners into selling, and as they obtained more houses their offering prices became lower and lower. Now, they will rehab and sell the houses. And as they sell them the prices that will be offered will increase and increase. So the issue has become one of dislocation vs. rehabilitation. Steps are being taken which will hopefully create a housing opportunity for the low/moderate income folks presently renting in the area as well as the middle, higher income folks that BMI is trying to attract."

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The Women's School of Planning & Architecture is holding its third session, Aug. 13-26 and/or the Aug. 19-20 weekend, in Bristol, on the RI coast. "WSPA-3 differs from previous sessions in two respects: in its schedule, which will allow more women to attend, and in its theme, which will be a far-ranging exploration of a single topic, 'Workplaces and Dwellings: Implications for Women.' The theme will be expanded in four consecutive workshop categories:

Exploring the Past: How have social and economic factors influenced workplaces and dwellings? How has individual history affected our perceptions? Visits to Colonial, Victorian, and 'Gilded Age' buildings in Newport will be included.

Examining Cultural and Political Contexts: How do ethnic, class, urban, suburban and rural settings influence how we live and work? A series of seminars on working places and dwellings in China will be presented by members of the Women's China Study Group on Environmental Issues who have recently returned from touring China at the invitation of the Architectural Society of China.

Assessing the Present: Coordinators and participants will compare their own designs, problems, techniques, and possibilities in the public and private sector. Experiences in community development and/or commercial development—and perceptions of success—will be shared. Special topics will include public housing redevelopment policy and low technology energy conservation. Contemporary workplace and dwelling redevelopment in Newport will be visited.

Planning for the Future: In what ways can we improve the design of living and working environments to support and respond to social change?—for example, housing for new kinds of 'families,' new relationships of workplace to dwelling, homes for battered women, health centers for women and day-care settings.

"WSPA's underlying purpose remains: 'to create a personally supportive atmosphere for the free exchange of ideas and knowledge, and to encourage both professional and personal growth through a fuller integration of our values and identities as women with our values and identities as designers. We seek to provide a sharing and noncompetitive atmosphere, and a learning experience where the participants' varied ages and experiences are a major educational resource.' WSPA is open to women of any age, at any stage in their education or continuing education; the only requirement is that participants work, study or have a committed interest in the environmental design fields. Enrollment will be limited to permit small workshops as well as school-wide interaction."

Applications for WSPA, Box 311, Shaftsbury, Vt. 05262 (enclose 24 cent stamped, self-addressed envelope); questions answered by Sue Aitcheson, (617) 482-7610.

The bimonthly Newsletter of the Natl. Conf. on Alternative State and Local Public Policies regularly has some excellent material Network members will be interested in. \$5 a year from 1901 Que St. NW, Washington 20009. The Natl. Conference and Cleveland Women Working are sponsoring a conference, "Women in the Economy: Policies and Strategies for Change," May 12-13 in Cleveland. Information from Ann Baudry at the above address.

"Metropolitan Agricultural Systems" was the title of a conference held at Mich. St. Univ. Feb. 24-26. Jac Smit, who gave a major address at the conference, has further information (1435 Lexington Ave. (PH), NYC 10028).

Coalition for Economic Survival is a tenant and neighborhood group in LA; they publish a bimonthly newsletter (5520 W. Pico Bl., LA 90019).

Against the Grain is a bimonthly newsletter put out by a NYC collective of the same name—stressing people running their own lives. "Our vision is anti-authoritarian and libertarian—a community of free people, without bosses of any kind. And our vision is anti-capitalist and socialist—a community of equals, without the rich living off the rest of us." It has a nice feel to it. \$2 a year (PO Box 692, Old Chelsea Sta., NYC 10011).

A report on the long-standing controversy over the Cedar-Riverside "new town in town" development in Minneapolis, and other Minnesota doings from Ann Waterhouse of the West Bank CDC (2000 S. 5th St., Mpls. 55454): "In Cedar-Riverside we have found out that the New Communities Administration is planning to force the whole project into receivership, through the courts (what we have been waiting for), and to appoint an administrator—momentarily. They have also filed a lawsuit against Cedar-Riverside Associates [the developer] for \$30,000,000, one of the claims being lack of maintenance to the older neighborhood. The only problem with all of this is that NCA refuses to discuss options such as a local interim manager with any local parties such as the mayor, or the director of the Housing & Redevelopment Agency. The absurdity of such a con tempt on the part of HUD has us all amazed. Meanwhile 160 units are out on rent strike as well as the Riverside Cafe which just lost the first round in court because the judge refused to admit enough evidence for us to build the trial on. The Cafe is taking a 'We're not going anywhere' position, have taped up the windows and boarded up the stained glass. Ugh. CRA continues court cases against strikers—taking them to court on eviction summonses rather than for non-payment of rent.

"Statewide, Gov. Perpich is refusing to consider a moratorium on the power line through the N. part of the State and so the people have declared a moratorium in the fields. There are 2-300 demonstrators out there every day with 200 troopers protecting the surveyors, allegedly. Instead, they seem to be initiating violence by knocking around protestors, especially leaders, and arresting them. Farmers are not going to stand still for it. Lots of city-wide support going up.

"Yesterday there was an annual farm forum held by the Mpls Chamber of Commerce with notables such as the President of Texaco telling people they need more money. Brian Coyle and others from here organized an alternative farm forum featuring striking farmers, power line protestors, and energy alternatives people. It was well attended and most informational. I found it an emotionally draining day although a spirit heightener. We are getting support for more such forums to be held around the State. I find it invaluable organizationally, if not draining on the resources for our particular organization."

The first issue of *Catalyst: A Socialist Journal of the Social Services* (a quarterly), is now out. Among the articles: "Social Welfare in Capitalist Society: A Socialist Analysis" (Jeffrey Galper), "Social Workers, Class, and Professionalism" (David Wagner and Marcia Cohen), "Black Organizing: The Need for a Conceptual Model of the Ghetto" (Madison Foster). Subs are \$10, \$6 for unemployed people, from Inst. of Social Services Alternatives, Box 1144, Cathedral Sta., NYC 10025.

The Workbook, put out by the Southwest Research & Inf. Ctr. (PO Box 4524, Albuquerque, NM 87106) is one of the better information catalogues around. It's published 9 times a year. \$7 a year for students, \$10 for others.

AGRIBUSINESS: NACLA West (464 19th St., Oakland 94612) has a series of well-researched reports on the subject. The two most recent are "Agribusiness Targets Latin America" and "Caribbean Migration: Contract Labor in US Agriculture." \$2 each, plus \$.40 postage.

From Leslie McFadden (219 S. Lafayette Pk. Pl. Apt 208, LA 90057):

"My work entails formulating policy for the Mayor (Tom Bradley) on environmental issues. Increasingly I am becoming aware of perceived contradictions between environmental and social concerns. I would very much appreciate hearing from anyone who is attempting to prove this contradiction false, either through community projects, teaching, writing, or organizing. I appreciated mention in a recent newsletter of the Women's Building here in LA. Starting the weekend of April 28, the Women's Building will host an exhibit entitled 'Women in American Architecture.' Come on down!"

CDG Newsletter is available (apparently for free) from Henry Sanoff, Director, Community Development Group, School of Design, NC State Univ., Raleigh 27607.

Tenant is the monthly newspaper of the Met. Council on Housing (24 W. 30 St., NYC 10001.) \$2.50 is the sub. price, keeps you up on what's going on with the Big Apple's tenant groups.

From Paul Buckwalter, community planner with the Penobscot Indian Nation (Dept. of Health and Social Services, Box 561, Old Town, Me. 04468):

"Just a note and not much cash for the 'people's communication', Planner's Network, which does something no other planning publication does—it keeps people, especially those on the edge of systemic doubt in our society—in touch.

I believe I especially feel this having just left a decade of community organizing in urban Cincinnati, to enter the world of rural community development. A good change, but rural work is a highly isolated one. I have also found the norms, beliefs, and rules for rural development enough different from urban work to ask is there the possibility of the development somewhere of a 'radical' urban-rural Coalition planners and organizers?

The Penobscot Indians, as well as re-claiming 60% of the State of Maine, through a law suit, are in their third year of 'classical' community development. Ironically, they are making the surrounding white communities look badly in comparison.

The Penobscot presently live on an island in the middle of the Penobscot River, near Old Town. They also own 146 other islands north of Old Town. This is prior, mind you, to any settlement of their land case which appears both air-tight and water-tight. As the Indian's lawyer, Tom Tureen, noted last year, the Penobscots and Passamaquoddy tribes have the State of Maine looking down the end of a barrel. It appears at this date not whether the Penobscots will win, but how much, and when.

After living through the hectic 60's in the inner city, and seeing how the political-economic system reacts to threats to the myths and beliefs of our society, and again watching the State of Maine political leadership and paper companies react to the Indian Land Case—the behavior seems rather similar.

No hypothesis here, and with due apologies to Kubler-Ross, the threat of death to myths brings at least the following reactions: (in order)—1. Disbelief, 2. Patronizing humor, 3. Rejection, 4. Isolation, 5. Attempted Division, 6. Anger—scare tactics, 7. Open hostility—predictions of violence, 8. Oppression—overt violence.

A common denominator of urban-rural America. Although this is not the place for in-depth political analysis, Maine has appeared to me a good place to study colonizing—if not imperialism. Maine is a state both pre-industrial, and post-industrial. 60% approximately of the state is undeveloped lands—over 75% of the undeveloped lands are owned by five major paper companies with their national headquarters outside of the State of Maine.

No wonder everyone is upset with the Indians!"

MORE JOBS: Columbia Univ.'s Div. of Urban Planning has several full-time faculty openings starting next fall. "Professional involvement in . . . social and psychological aspects of planning and design, or political and fiscal background of city planning" are the main areas they're interested in. Send application materials to Peter Marcuse, Chairman, Div. of Urban Planning, 410-C Avery Hall, Columbia U., NYC 10027 by April 21.

"The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974: Promise and Practice" is an hour-long videotape documentary produced by the Southern Resource Ctr. (PO Box 5593, Dallas 75222); they also have an accompanying handbook. I caught part of it recently, and it looked very good.

From Maria Kallai (1010 Villa Ave., Apt. 60, San Jose Ca 95126):

"Passing along information: the former planner at E.O.C. in San Luis Obispo just incorporated a three person board of a non-profit organization, Habitat International. The address: Russell D. Rosene—executive vice-president, Avila Rd., Box 156, San Luis Obispo, Ca. 93401; phone—805/595-2561. Their aim is to use low cost construction materials to build low cost housing; these materials are just as adequate as current construction materials. They have recently come upon a cement additive (originated by a German and a German trade secret) which has never before been used in N. and S. America. This cement additive is flexible in its uses: thermal impenetration, earthquake resistant, and waterproof. At present they are supporting a demonstration project in Guatemala, soon Russell Rosene plans to go to Peru to look at another housing project using this additive, and he plans to build a demonstration project in Avila, Ca. The Avila project is going to be a 600 sq. ft. residence; upon its success, he would like to use that as a model possibility for similar low cost housing and work with local housing interest groups to further his ideas.

Since Habitat International is new, they do not have pamphlets to distribute for information. However, my impression is that Russ Rosene would be amenable to hearing from people who are interested in what he is doing."

Robert Kraushaar (Centre for Env. Studies, 62 Chandos Pl, London WC2N 4HH) has sent along a summary of the publications of the Community Development Projects, an action-research experiment established in 1969 and subsequently closed down.

"Over half of the 12 local projects rejected the central government definition of poverty and concluded that it was a consequence of fundamental inequalities in the present political and economic system. They discounted the value of attempting to influence policy and promote technical strategies for change in isolation from the development of working class action. They worked with trade union committees, residents' and tenants' groups in an effort to generate a political awareness of the effects of the economic system on working class communities, and to help them work together to formulate demands and press directly for change.

Their industrial activities at the local level included detailing land and company ownership patterns, investigating the past and current operations of industrial and finance capital, developing relationships with the labor force, and providing a range of information to it initially on localized industrial issues, by establishing local working parties and industrial monitoring units. Their housing activities have included an analysis of the way land value determines land use and the consequences of this. At a national level, they produced inter-project reports relating local issues to the national situation."

Write Kraushaar (or us) for the summary and order sheet; he is at work examining the experiences of the CDP's. He also sends along two publications that appear very good: *The Politics of Community Action: A Decade of Struggle in Notting Hill* a 180 page book by Jan O'Malley, and *Profits Against Houses: An Alternative Guide to Housing Finance* (56 pp.). The former is 2 pounds, 50 p., the latter 50p. If you want to order them through Kraushaar, be sure to include postage.

A Citizens Handbook on the California Real Estate Lobby: Dennis Keating and CALPIRG are putting together a project to study the powerful real estate lobby in Calif., which has played a key role in defeating local rent control initiatives. The study will focus on their lobbying methods, use of money, connections with state and local power structures. The handbook will be distributed statewide to tenant, student, elderly, consumer, minority, labor and housing/neighborhood groups. It also would be a model for similar projects in other states. If interested in helping or finding out more, contact Dennis at 432 Hudson St., Oakland 94618, (415)428-2169.

From Elise Chayet (2356 N. 58 St., Seattle 98103): "I'd like to know if you have information on the following:

1) The responsibility of a local government body to address problems highlighted by an EIS. In Everett, Wash., there is a planned expansion by the Boeing Corp. to import 8000 new workers to the area. The EIS has identified the impact on the low-income housing in the area but has not provided any solution. We feel we have some handle on the city of Everett because it has to approve a building permit for expansion, and we have some handle on the Housing Assistance Plans for both city and county, but we are not sure if we have an action based solely on the EIS. Do you have any information on this subject, or any ideas on who might?

2) The other concerns the introduction of a housing code in a predominately rural county. I am working with the Snohomish County Tenants Union on trying to propose a county-wide Minimum Standards Housing Code. Most of my experience has been in the Northeast and the codes I have access to are not applicable to the Snohomish County housing market. Do you know of any cities in California (or elsewhere) that are primarily rural (in Snohomish County Everett is the largest city, with a population of about 50,000) and that have housing codes?"

The Fallen: Once again, we list those whose #12 was returned by the post office in the hope that some of you may know where they are now reachable: Parris Kidd (SF), Tim Campbell (Berkeley), Leland Jones (Santa Clara), Doug Matthews (Ft. Collins, Col.), Carola Sullan (Berkeley), Holly Wallace (Madison), John Allison (Petaluma), Larry Goldblatt (KC), Michael Haran (Camb.), Michael Thomas (Mpls.), Jaime Horwitz (Camb.), Lynne Cunningham (Chi.), Michael Greenhalgh (Rhonert Pk., Ca.), Laura Riggs (Buffalo), Alvin Schorr (NYC).

We end with a touch of humor, courtesy of the Feb. 19 *New York Times*, on Our President's Urban Policy.

Our thanks to the following for helping with the mailing of Newsletter #12: Jane Armbruster, Mike Davis, Steve Barton, Mike Harney, Alison Brennan and Charlotte Prozan.

Til June,

 Chester Hartman

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To: Pat. Harris
Stu Eizenstat

Proceed on urban policy as indicated on memo, but

- a) include all cities
- b) analyze existing programs first.
- c) encompass federal state, local govt, & private & neighborhood groups & volunteers.

I would like to place a major emphasis on c) & try to do it in an inspirational & exciting way if possible.

My whole family will help.

Jimmy

A copy of President Carter's memorandum to Patricia Harris

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18—President Carter has pledged his "whole family" to the implementation of his forthcoming national urban policy.

He has also expressed the hope that local governments and private groups could be involved "in an inspirational and exciting way."

His thoughts on urban tactics were contained in a handwritten note to Patricia Roberts Harris, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Stuart E. Eizenstat, his chief domestic adviser. The note, a copy of which has been obtained by The New York Times, contained his approval of a general policy statement prepared by the two officials.

Mr. Carter told his aides to proceed

on the urban policy in accordance with the statement but to include all cities, to analyze existing programs first and to "encompass Federal, state, local govts & private & neighborhood groups & volunteers."

He urged that "major emphasis" be placed on the last idea and "try to do it in an inspirational & exciting way if possible."

To this he added: "My whole family will help."

White House officials could not immediately explain what tasks the Carter family would be available for. The President's wife, Rosalynn, has frequently expressed an interest in fostering neighborhood and volunteer activities.