

# PLANNERS NETWORK

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Sorry for the extra-long time to get this one out. Local politics had me all caught up, most notably our SF renters' property tax rebate initiative (Prop. U), which, sadly, lost 47:53. Berkeley's (somewhat weaker) initiative did win, however, as did Davis'; Palo Alto and Santa Cruz lost (in the latter case, by a very few votes, although theirs was a real live rent control measure; and an anti-speculation ordinance won there.) More about it all in the next newsletter. For the moment, the lesson is that the other side—landlords, developers, realtors—has the capability and incentive to raise huge warchests (in SF alone about \$400,000—almost twice as much proportionately as the tobacco interests raised to defeat the statewide "clean air" initiative), plus the "sophistication" to use it in purely propagandistic ways. They single-mindedly pushed to image that Prop. U was "rent control" and that passage of the measure would turn this city into a West Coast version of the So. Bronx in a matter of weeks. They were able to do five citywide mailings, purchase hundreds of t.v. and radio spots, take out 2-page color newspaper ads, etc. The badmouthing NYC has gotten in recent years and the facile association of NYC's woes with rent control all took their toll out here. Tenants, on the other hand, hadn't the incentive or income to mount an expensive campaign (we raised just \$16,000), they have low registration and voter turn-out rates, and in the end we lost, in a city with a 70% renter population. We're still in the process of trying to decide how to continue, and further reports on the N. Calif. housing initiatives will cover that big question as well.

You'll notice that the promised new Network Roster is not included. We began having some second thoughts about doing it, prompted by Roger Montgomery's observation that "if membership list costs \$1000 per time, obviously issuing updates needs plenty of justification." Lots of money has been coming in triggered by the Red X Campaign (including a bunch of very welcome \$25-50 contributions), so that our bank account now registers a healthy \$2200. While we now can afford to re-do the Roster, the question still remains as to how useful an expenditure of time and money it is, to add the 2-300 new folks since Oct. 77, yank out The Dropped, update biographical information on a couple of hundred of others. An anti-position might be that the newsletters themselves are in a sense a running roster of people's addresses, interests, desires to communicate, etc. Basically, I'd like to put it to you: do you use the Roster, find it a valuable supplement to the newsletter, etc? I don't expect any huge voter turnout on this one either, but I would like to have a postcard or whatever (within the next four weeks or so) from those of you who think an updated Roster would be a good investment of Network \$ and time. If we get any kind of substantial affirmation, we'll do it with the next issue; if not, we'll let it go.

A couple of other housekeeping items: Howard Waitzkin remarks that our format is a bit hard on the eyes and that we might explore a different type or design. He also suggests entries might be grouped by heading. Are there any others of you out there who think we need to make the Newsletter easier on the eyes? The grouping question is something you might also comment on: I tend to make it easy on myself by doing some mild grouping (jobs, comments on directions for the Network, local reports, etc.), but not much beyond that. Let me know if you think the final product should be more highly organized.

Jon Mills-Erickson writes that "if the organization is to increase its effectiveness, it may be necessary to charge some type of fee to cover your costs and to sponsor activities such as meetings, a jour-

nal, or whatever, as a first step toward organizational stability and growth." That issue obviously ties in closely with the question of Our Future (discussed further below), but it would be useful to get some reactions to the dues question. I kind of like the present system of voluntarism, which seems to work (with only occasional panic periods), but it obviously would be insufficient if we move beyond this stage.

Ken Lipner suggests that the Network consider holding alternative sessions in conjunction with APA meetings, similar to URPE holding sessions at AEA meetings. This has come up before, in both concept and reality. Usually, the way it's happened is that someone attending the conference has taken the initiative (with enough advance planning) to reserve a room, get notices placed in the official agenda (and/or posted at the conference), and had a notice printed in the newsletter. Lipner's address is 1241 NE 87 St., Miami 33138, if people want to contact him about the idea.

NETWORK LIBRARY: Beth Hoffman has been putting together the beginnings of a Library.

"We are organizing 3 years' accumulation of articles, pamphlets, papers, journals, and even a few books, into a usable collection. As a first step, the material has been organized by topic: architecture, economics, education, energy & the environment, health, housing, land use, the planning process (budgeting, planning in other countries, planning studies, self definition, theory), social planning (aging/the elderly, employment, research, welfare & human services), transportation, women, student journals, and bibliographies. A card catalog gives access by subject, author and title.

The purpose of organizing information is to make it accessible to the user, you. The more requests we get for references on a particular subject, the better we will know if the material is organized in a way that makes sense. Any suggestions you have on the form the library should take are welcome. Needless to say, we have no money with which to acquire material. We welcome any and all contributions. Here is a way to make available papers you have written which have not been published. We also would like to have more books that you think would be of interest to other members of the Network. With your help, this collection could prove to be a valuable resource for those who are working in areas that lack good planners' libraries. What is this Network about if not sharing information?

We can respond to requests for sources either with a list of references, photocopies of specific items, or loan of the items themselves (the latter two take money, however, and we'd have to work out some way of covering costs.) For the moment, however, keep sending materials in, and make whatever requests you have for information."

We've gotten some additional comments on the Whither the Network? discussion, which for the moment I'll just record here:

Russ Immarigeon (27 Dana St., Cambridge 02138): "I would like to lend my support to the idea of a journal as talked about in #15. A central location for alternative perspectives is both convenient and more appropriate for building a stronger movement."

Morris Zeitlin (183 Crown St., Brooklyn 1122 5): "It seems to me that the time has come to expand *Planners Network* into a journal, for all the good reasons Herb Gans listed in #15."

Howard Landsman (312½ W. Wilson St., Madison 53703): "Re the future of the Network, I don't know, but I *do* find the current newsletter/info sharing function to be quite useful. The idea of a journal is fine by me, as long as it doesn't detract from the newsletter work. Generally, I'm hesitant to support any moves toward more high-powered organization until the local s show some greater strength. Guess I'm wary of top-heaviness, of orgs. not fed by bottom-up energy & desire."

Roger Montgomery (Dept. City & Reg. Plng., U.C. Berkeley): "Herb's suggestion [starting a journal] makes sense to me. If you want to move that way, I'll help. If you want a working committee to help in a move such as Herb suggests, and you think I can help you, say so."

Richard Polton (366 Morris Ave., Providence 02906): "Let me add a few words about the future of the Network; I essentially support the ideas which Herb Gans proposed in the latest issue. It seemed to me a sensible solution. I also believe a reasonably good journal would stand an excellent chance of survival. Now, all we need is to get started; Who's going to bell the cat?"

I think you might also be interested in the progress of the Boston Network. Although the meetings are irregular and somewhat haphazard, the organization refuses to die. At the last meeting I attended, a presentation on planning and architecture in Cuba attracted about a hundred people. My sense is that people don't want the organization (if we can call it that) to form a set of positions or postulate definitively on the current crisis of planning. I think that the Network continues to remain alive because people want to stay in touch with people out there, working, coping with contradictions, dealing with the professional problems we all face. To make much more of it at this point in time would be counterproductive and besides, what it is now is pretty damned important."

Anon. (SF—someone who didn't want the comments for publication, "since they're off the top of my head", but which I thought were useful to print without attribution): "Yet another journal? Yech. This, I doubt, is what's needed—except—if a journal can report on activity, linked to theory. Also, the cleavage between Marxists/non-Marxists is not going to be illuminated by yet another journal—why not concentrate on what's being done...by 'progressives' (we need a new term to cover reformers and revolutionaries.) Another question: International issues—does the Network want to get involved in international efforts? I think it should not only be involved in local community efforts but worldwide community issues—USAID monitoring, for example."

Kirkpatrick Sale (113 W. 11, NYC 10011): "I also favor a newsletter and a journal, if resources—financial and editorial—permit."

Harold Goldstein (1409 21 St. NW, Wash. 20036): "Re Gans' plea for a journal...my inclination is no! Journals are everything the established traditional planners stand for...the Network approach is not scholarly as such...it should be hard hitting...perhaps occasionally putting out special notes in the newsletter on specific topics...redlining, downzoning, tactics in certain situations, etc...but then, I think this would evolve into a 'journal'...but don't call it that, at least not to start...but I do think we need a way to communicate with the real world...to become a real presence that is felt..."

Bill Sugaya (Natl. Trust for Hist. Pres., 681 Market St., SF 94105): "Communication is essential—a newsletter, journal, whatever is needed esp. as an alternative to *JAIP* or its replacement. Academic writings are necessary but so are articles at the more pragmatic level. How to do it?"

Evelyn Frankford (900 West End Ave., NYC 10025): "The Planners Network newsletter remains very interesting. I'm quite satisfied with information about different activities around the country, and don't feel the need for more theoretical material."

Kristin Dawkins (Inst. for the Study of Civic Values, 401 N. Broad St., Phila. 19108): "Your bulletin is always full of valuable resources, although, to be honest, the degrees-of-socialism debate does not interest me."

Suzanne Day (1125 N. Nielsen Ct., Ann Arbor 48105): "My reaction to the journal idea is positive, but I wonder whether there is an adequate bulk of like-interested people who want to spend their time judging entries and publishing issues whose readership might be very small."

Yale Rabin (106 Stewart Circ., Charlottesville VA 22403): I too was encouraged by the Blacksburg Conference, and in general share the views expressed by the group from Penn. I think, however,

that their agenda is overly ambitious, particularly their call for a manifesto. If we focused our attention for the next conference on items 6 and 7 of their issues for discussion, we would be constructively enough occupied to divert us from the debilitating controversy over ideological purity. An attempt to get agreement on a manifesto would initiate that now familiar ritual which signifies that another progressive group is about to self-destruct. This time let's not."

Ian Harris (Milwaukee NAM, PO Box 1315, Milwaukee 53201): "In #15 you include a discussion of building a national movement for progressive planners. I would like to suggest that instead of reinventing the wheel by forming your own organization that you make use of an excellent nationwide organization already in existence, the New American Movement (NAM). NAM now has close to a thousand members organized in forty chapters around the country. The national headquarters are in Chicago, and the country is divided up into regions where people can meet on a more local level. NAM is a decentralized organization which emphasizes local chapter work. Local chapters around the country have done tenant organizing, utility organizing, anti-racist and -sexist work, and are starting to develop good contacts within labor. NAM has a monthly publication, *Moving On*, available for \$5 a year from 3244 N. Clark St., Chicago 60657, the address of the national office. If your readers would like further literature, NAM publishes a Discussion Bulletin four times a year that includes articles on the latest developments internationally and locally. For \$15 a person can become an associate member of NAM and receive both the Discussion Bulletin and *Moving On*. A listing of local chapter contacts is printed in each copy of *Moving On*, or is available by writing to me...Your readership may want to know that NAM is divided into commissions—anti-racist, health, energy, gay, urban crisis, labor, international, and culture. People in local chapters doing work in these areas correspond with other people in the country through the commissions to give their work both national focus and support."

Katharine Coit (chez Emery, 8 rue Raymond Losserand, Paris 75014): "I find the newsletter extremely useful in its present form, so don't get talked into trying to make it a journal or something more ambitious that might easily run out of steam in the long run."

Pam Serendipity Sheen (100 S. Sumrhit, Little Rock 72205): "I like the informal exchange of ideas/actions and hope the newsletter continues. It isn't really necessary to refine them in a journal because who has time to read 'all that's fit to print'? I like the way suggestions are referenced, sort of a planners' yellow pages."

From Rubens de Mattos Pereira (calle Israel 354, Asuncion, Paraguay): "Since I've been engaged in your organization in November, 1977, I've been reading all your bulletins and must confess that I expected to know more about eventual efforts that radical planners in the USA would be developing in order to propose alternatives for national policies on regional and urban development for the federal government of your country. The conjunctural conditions in USA do permit that groups like yours (ours) could propose such kind of alternative policies what can't be done in most Latin American countries under dictatorial regimes."

Planners Network gives us an excellent panoramic view about what radical people is thinking or doing about urban problems, through an intra urban perspective. But it is almost universally recognized by progressive planners that most of the urban problems have its roots in structural conditions which only can be studied at regional and national level.

My suggestion is that Planners Network could promote a kind of group-study or working group which could work on the theme in order to elaborate some recommendation for the formulation of a realistic and progressive regional and urban development policy for the US national government.

Problems like the creation of job opportunities for the national minorities in the country, though a strategy of cooperation for production located in chosen cities and regions for instance, could be a basic study to be included in this kind of policy I'm suggesting."

From Tony Schuman (56 W. 22, NYC 10010): "As a non-Stalinist Marxist I wish fervently to avoid the red purge. Ergo, this letter, a contribution, and red-faced apologies for my long silence."

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I would like to bring you up to date, in brief, on a few events in New York, but will comment first on the current 'state of the Network' discussions.

In its present loosely organized condition, the Network provides at least two concrete benefits: a network (!) of contacts around the country and abroad which has produced a steady trickle of visitors (from England, Denmark and U.S.A.) who contact Bruce Dale or me through our identification as Network reps in New York. We have had interesting, if brief, chats and have provided other names in the local area to address the various concerns of our radical planner friends. The second benefit is, verily, a local network (!) which has demonstrated interest at least in attending Network sponsored presentations such as the Homefront abandonment report last winter. The Network thus admirably serves the purpose of bringing people together to discuss issues of common concern. It is true that efforts to generate more regular, practical work have not succeeded here. An attempt last summer to do collective work produced two committees to work on the CD funds budget and the fiscal crisis: the first of these was still-born, the second died a rapid death of attrition. We did not hold lengthy evaluation discussions to analyze why the level of interest in Network-based activism, except to move on to our other involvements, which, presumably, is what the absent Network members were doing all along.

I continue to feel that if there is a need for a more structured organization, with a more concrete program and more explicit political base, then this organization should have a definite Marxist orientation. I am not convinced that the time is right for such an organization—the failure of this tendency to emerge from within the Network being one good indication. But I feel even more strongly that we do not need another organization which tempers its politics to meet various reformist, libertarian, self-help preferences. These latter groups are already represented by dozens upon dozens of organizations dealing with ecology, environment, local self-reliance, community economic development, red-lining, etc. These groups all have a useful role to play, but I'm interested in establishing a public presence of distinguished professionals who will stand and say together that it is the capitalist mode of production with its attendant values and culture which prevents us from realizing a society capable of expanding rather than restricting human potential.

I hope this does not sound like an attack on all non-Marxist organizing efforts. It is rather a plea for the Network to remain a loose pluralist newsletter rather than become a loose pluralist organization.

A word about the juncture between socialist politics and community action. When the Homefront abandonment report was issued, we were criticized by a number of the self-help groups (sweat equity, community management) for our focus on the short-comings of this approach to urban problems (here, housing) as opposed to the beneficial aspects of this mode of organizing (giving people a sense of collective strength, producing real results as incentive to further progress, encouraging self initiative). The report was intended, in this regard, as a fraternal critique of these programs, pointing out pitfalls experienced historically by other locally-based self-help groups (as in, for example, *The Empty Promise*). We stressed that our programmatic findings (continued public ownership of housing) could serve as a guide to action only with substantial input from local groups. As the problem of In Rem housing came more and more to the fore (as N.Y.C. took over houses for non-payment of real estate taxes) more groups began to address the issue which has been, for the past three years, Homefront's central concern. Rather than issue a call for the City to keep and maintain these properties, Homefront, mindful of the deep skepticism in the communities about City government as landlord, sought instead to establish a broad coalition to raise one demand: Stop the Auctions. (Note: the traditional manner of disposing of City-owned property in N.Y. is to sell buildings at public auction, in theory to put them back on the tax rolls; in practice, they are bought back by the same speculators, who milk them further and do not pay property taxes). To this demand was later added a second: Fix the Buildings (asking the City to use rent revenues, CD funds and other available resources to put the buildings in good re-

pair). Together with Met Council and other local organizations we put together the Ad Hoc Committee to Stop the Auctions. About 30 housing and community action groups endorsed the demands and co-sponsored two demonstrations which we held outside the last two (June and August) City auctions. For the most part, however, the self-help groups have contributed little to the Ad Hoc Committee beyond formal organizational endorsement, being wrapped up in the day to day struggles to make the existing programs work. Our feeling at the Committee is that stopping the auctions and getting the city to make essential repairs is a critical immediate need for any successful housing program, including the self-help programs geared toward community or tenant ownership. An upcoming evaluation meeting of our August demo will help define the future of the Committee. More on this effort later this fall."

From Ann Waterhouse (West Bank CDC, 2000 S. Fifth St., Mpls. MN 55454): "I think a staff and an office for the Planners Network is an important step. It could benefit the entire Network especially if it did not concentrate all its efforts on one community or Network area. Helping the Midwest Planners Network get some momentum and direction, for example, would be a worthwhile venture. Organizations that are funded could pledge a certain amount per year out of their budgets. We wrote the Planners Network in as a line item this time just to see what happens with it! That might help to answer the long range funding problem somewhat. At the Minneapolis session of the New School for Democratic Management, I participated on a panel discussion of where do we go from here. I mentioned the Network as one way to gain a national perspective and direction and give some of our work some political focus. After thinking about it some more and corresponding with other facilitators at the Mpls. session, we see the need very clearly for some basic political education among community and grass roots people. Small food cooperatives, tenants unions, CDCs, etc. are all fine organizations and can serve as a stepping stone to getting people involved politically, but if it is dropped with just the organization and the political work does not follow, then it is only a small stone in the bottom of a very large bucket and there is virtually no ripple effect at all. For me this CDC work has translated into precinct caucus organizing work; work on the district and state platform for the DFL; electoral political work for individual candidates whom I can support; statewide CDC organizing work and translating community economic development strategies into legislation at the state level; work with the newly formed Farmer Labor Association which is trying to revive '30s populist political organization along new issues affecting farmers, laborers, and us city folks, etc. etc. The passage of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank bill has recently gotten many cooperative people in Minnesota taking the next step into a political life and we have formed a Coop Bank Task Force through the All Coop Assembly (an organization of all the coops in the four-state area). We are trying to get regional workshops in Minneapolis to give input into the regulations for the bank. More steps like this need to be outlined and information provided to people on how to get involved in this level of organizing work. I think the Planners Network could do some of that because it is recognized by people as a voice."

From Bethe Hagens (Acorn, Governors St. U., Park Forest S., IL 60466): "There is only one publication that immediately upon arrival, I take into the bathtub and lounge with—Planners Network—Why bureaucratize my favorite publication? It is wonderful and unthreatening to read. It has all the wholism it needs (I think) in your own imaginative wanderings and contacts." (*Acorn*, by the way is a monthly, subtitled "News about Energy Alternatives, Appropriate Technology and People in the Midwest"; subs are \$6/yr.)

Setting all these comments down in one place suggests there is at least some substantial feeling that a journal would be a good idea. It's also clear that people don't think the Newsletter should evolve into a journal, but rather should stay pretty much as it is, with a journal (if that happens) as a second publication of the Network. At the same time, everyone realizes the tremendous amount of work (and money) it will take to begin and sustain a journal. It's

not something that I personally would want to spend a lot of time on, and so if the idea is to be advanced at all, one or more Network members ought to come forth to undertake whatever pre-planning steps are needed (such as getting a more systematic sense of the need and possibilities for such a publication.) Any volunteers??

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#### **JOBS AVAILABLE:**

1) Director, Program in Urban Social & Environmental Policy, Tufts Univ. Two-year masters program, with environment, community development and health options. Nominations and applications, before Jan. 1, to Search Comm., c/o Prof. Frank Colcord, Jr., Chairperson, Pol. Sci. Dept., Tufts Univ., Medford, MA 02155.

2) Community organizers needed to work in N. Carolina and Atlanta with multi-issued—neighborhood, housing, insurance, utilities, taxes, seniors, jobs and unemployment—statewide organizations. For more information, contact Jay Hessey, Carolina Action, PO Box 1985, Durham NC 27702, (919)682-6076.

3) Bronx Frontier Dev. Corp's. Open Space Development Program is looking for full- or part-time construction supervisor; street work with community groups and individuals, building parks, playground and greening areas in the S. Bronx. Contact Jason Martinelli, BFDC, 738 Kelly St., Bronx, NY 10455 (212)542-4640.

4) Asst. Prof. Pol. Sci., Univ. of Col., Denver, an urban, non-residential campus. Major specialization in urban and minority politics; an interest in problems of advanced capitalist states is also desirable. Small faculty which emphasizes critical approaches and the exploration of alternative modes of societal organization and policy. Applications, before Jan. 31, to Joel Edelstein, Search Comm. Chair, Univ. of Col. 1100 14th St., Denver 80202.

5) Director of Planning & Dev., Albuquerque NM. Planning Dept. to reorganize to include public works, CD and housing. Will be a new agency with 100 employees. City has major development issues to face. Need background in public and/or private planning. Mgt. experience necessary. Good planning environment. Send vitae to City Personnel Dir., PO Box 1293, Albuquerque 87103. Bill Siembieda, who teaches at the UNM School of Arch. & Plng., is the local Network contact; for more information on the local situation, call him at (505)277-5638, 243-7902. Immediate applic. nec.

6) SW Oregon Comm. Action Comm. has several positions with its Comm. Dev. Project (Director, Proj. Assoc, In-House Coord.) and its Low-Income Utility Consumer Protection Project (Researcher, Attorney, Coordinator). Inquiries/resumes to Jeff Manley, SWOCAC, PO Box 427, N. Bend, OR 97459.

7) Planning Dir., Indian Planning Consortium of Central Calif., which provides econ. dev. planning services to 7 Indian reservations. Resumes (due 11/20/78, but they may accept a late one) to IPCCC, 1044 Fulton Mall, Rm 411, Fresno, CA 93721 (209)266-9818. Gilda Haas of Network, who works for IPCCC, is contact.

8) The Urban Inst. is expanding its work in the neighborhood preservation area and will probably have one or more additional positions for economists/planners in the near future. Work will be on people's decisions to rehabilitate housing, process of displacement, what factors affect neighborhood organizations' success, etc. If you want more information, contact Network member Neil Mayer, Senior Research Assoc., Urban Inst., 2100 M St, NW, Wash. 20037, (202) 223-1950.

9) Appropriate Technology Specialist, Village Dev. Trng. Prog., Sylhet, Bangladesh. Further information from Jodie Nachison, Internatl. Voluntary Services, 1717 Mass. Ave. NW Suite 605, Wash. 20036, (202) 387-5533.

10) Univ. of Tenn. Grad. School of Planning is looking for a new director; they're especially interested in women and minority candidates. Applications, by Dec. 10, to Dr. Kenneth B. Kenney, Chairperson, Search Comm., Grad. School of Planning, Univ. Tenn., Knoxville 37916.

#### **JOBS WANTED:**

1) Steve Schifferes (55 Balboa Grove, London SW4) is looking for radical research/writing jobs in housing or social policy on E. Coast of U.S. for Fall, 1979.

2) Steve Kennedy (435 W. 12 Ave., Eugene OR 97401, (503) 345-7835, 686-3635), who will receive MUP from Univ. Ore. in Dec., is looking for full-time employment. Main interest/experience in housing planning/advocacy and community action. Private and public sector experience in local govt. housing planning (incl. writing housing element for county comp. plan), market analysis, fed. and st. housing asst. progs., coop. housing, tenant/comm. org.

3) Ann Silverman (41 Clairmont St., Longmeadow MA 01106), who just completed her MCP at UNC, is looking for community-related work in housing, neighb. plng., comm. econ. dev. Would prefer Boston but will consider other locations.

4) Katherine Coit (chez Emery, 8 rue Raymond Losserand, Paris 75014) would like to know job possibilities in U.S., esp. teaching urban sociology, history. She has a doctorate, a few publications and ten years' teaching experience.

**OWNER-OPERATED FARMS ON THE URBAN FRINGE:** Catherine Joy (1107 Gilson St., Madison WI 53715) is doing a case-study thesis on this topic at the UW Land Resources Prog. Would like to hear from others involved in alternative development in rural regions.

**HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR TENANTS:** From Anita Addison (497 Cavour St., Oakland, Ca. 94618): "I am working for a community organization which is constructing an elderly housing project. I am interested in developing some type of self-help health program for the project's tenants. I'd like to hear about elderly housing projects, particularly HUD 202's, which offer some type of health care service to their tenants."

From Jeffry Galper (2203 Lombard St., Phila. 19146): "I am in the early phases of developing a research project on the role of the left, both in terms of the impact of Marxism on the analysis and the practice, within the social service sector, in the major capitalist countries. Having completed two studies of the same in relation to the United States (*The Politics of Social Services*, Prentice-Hall, 1975, and *Social Work Practice: A Radical Perspective*, Prentice-Hall, forthcoming, January, 1980), this seemed like a useful next step. Particularly, I am interested in developing contacts with leftists in the social service sector in England, Japan, Italy, W. Germany, France, and Canada. Contacts, suggested readings, names of other persons with like interests in the United States, and so on, would be greatly appreciated."

"Creating Communities" is the title of a special issue of *Cuba Review* (Oct. 1977), available (\$1.25) from Cuba Resource Ctr., P.O. Box 206, Cathedral Sta., NYC 10025. Among the articles is "Old Cities, New Towns" by Network member Jill Hamberg.

John Turner (Associated Housing Advisory Services, 5 Dryden St., London WC2E 9NW) has available the first draft of "Outline for Housing Action." AHAS is also looking for "case studies and materials illustrating applications of the general principles of the alternatives in housing for a wide range of contexts." They have available limited funds for reimbursement of copying and postage costs, as well as funds for special preparation of case studies. Contact John for further details. His U.S. trip finally came off (Oct. 6-Nov. 3)—sorry we didn't come out in time to notify you of it.

**MAILING LISTS:** Resources (Box 134, Harvard Sq., Cambridge, Mass. 02138) has a catalog of mailing lists they can make available: e.g., Alternative America (alternative lifestyle groups in the U.S. by subsets such as coops, food, political, prison, consumer, ecology, women), Appropriate Technology, Environmentalists for Full Employment, Self-Help Groups and Associations, Public Interest Law Ctrs., Public Interest Advocates, Bicycle Activists.

From Michael Maxwell (Rt. 2, Box 252, Charlottesville VA 22901): "My current interest among planners is to pull together a field of people interested in expanding urban design knowledge from a users' or community control point of view. I would greatly appreciate knowing of others in the East who may be similarly directed and would wish to share thoughts and info., as well as create a pilot program." Maxwell is also interested in summer internships.

FACT 79 (Forum Architecture Communication Territoire) is a conference on autonomy in the built environment, with particular emphasis on [solar] energy. It's being held Jan. 26-29 in Lausanne, Switzerland. Director is Network member Francois Confino. Further information from him at 60, Avenue D'Ouchy, Case Postale 248, CH-1000, Lausanne 6. Confino also forwarded a lovely thank-you letter we got from Hoang-nhu-Tiep of the Union des Architectes du Viet Nam, thanking the Network for the financial contribution we made (in 1976, I believe), which was used toward the purchase of a slide projector.

SOLAR ENERGY: Robert Eidus (Pub. Transp. Div., N.C. Dept. of Transp., P.O. Box 25201, Raleigh 27611) has sent in a raft of material he and Gary Gumz have been working on which includes formation of a solar energy network in No. Carolina. They have organized solar fairs, state and regional conferences and demonstration projects. Other materials include "The Citizens' National Solar Platform," adopted by the Natl. Solar Congress, Aug. 4-6 in Washington, "The Henderson County Transportation Development Plan," "The North Carolina Energy Book," and a 5-page document he wrote (with the inspiration of the New Zealand Party's Manifesto).

COLORADO HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY: Mary Vogel (2805 E. 16 Ave. #11, Denver, Colo. 80206) is doing for her MUP thesis a radical political-economic analysis of the CHFA, with its tax exempt bond financing and private, for-profit developer orientation. She is looking for references, especially dealing with tax-exempt bond financing or public finance from a radical perspective or else with state housing policy and production of housing.

CUBA TRIP: Mary also mentions that Joel Edelstein of the U. Col. (Denver) Pol. Sci. Dept. is leading a study tour of Cuba Jan. 2-22. According to Mary, Edelstein is very knowledgeable about Latin America, as are many of the people going; 8 of the participants have been to China as well. He can be contacted at 1100 14th St., Denver 80202, (303) 629-8317, 629-2616.

The West Coast Housing Conference, organized by the Natl. Assn. of Neighborhoods (counterpart to the Philadelphia displacement conference they organized earlier this year) is taking place in S.F. Nov. 18-19, too late to do you any good—sorry about that. If you want any follow-up information, contact Network Associates (nothing to do with us), 1550 Bryant St., S.F. 94103.

SMALL SCALE AGRICULTURE/FARMERS MARKETS: Judith Davis Glick (8893 208 St. RR5, Langley, B.C. V3A 4P8 Canada) is interested in making contact with people who know about these subjects. "They're just catching on here, but I fear they will be a passing fad due to poor organization and our marketing board system. Anyone coming to Vancouver, come down to our stand at the Fisherman's Market 'Fraser Valley Produce—Organic and other Fine Vegetables, Fred & Judie Glick'. A newly planned market on Granville Is. is being developed and is a planner's dream—all integrated and well done. But it's tied up with fed. money and is on hold until who knows." Judith also highly recommends to anyone interested in planning in Canada *City Magazine* (The Charlottetown Group Pub. Co., 35 Britain St., Toronto M5A 1R7, \$15 sub.)—"very well researched articles with radical perspective."

LATIN AMERICA AND TUCSON: From Corky Poster (Tucson Comm. Dev./Design Ctr., P.O. Box 1870, Tucson AZ 85701): "I just returned to Tucson and Network #15 from a year of travel and study in Latin America. Specifically I was investigating 'Low Rise-High Density Housing in Latin America' and more generally the issues of human scale urban residential space. During the course of my travel I visited virtually all countries except the Northeast Coast of the continent. The range of my study was fairly wide, encompassing everything from Pre-Columbian urban development up through contemporary work.

I am now in the process of organizing my incredible quantity of material into eight specific topics which I will initially organize into lectures and perhaps eventually into the chapters of a book. The topics are in order: 1. An Analytic Urban History of Latin America; 2. Urban Development as a Function of Socio-Economic Conditions—A Marxist Analysis; 3. Public Spaces;

4. Patterns of Residential Urban Block Development; 5. Dimension, Scale and Proportion; 6. Patio Houses—Concepts, Prototypes and Examples; 7. Contemporary Approaches to Housing in Latin America; and 8. *Sombra, Patios y Macetas*—An Urban Alternative.

I will be putting this material together over the next 3 months at the same time as I continue devoting the bulk of my time to our work at the Tucson Design Center. Anyone with an interest, questions, or information on the 8 topics—communication would certainly be welcome.

As far as general impressions of my year in Latin America—I learned a tremendous amount. Perhaps *architecturally* the most valuable aspect (aside from specific ideas, projects, contacts, etc.) was a newly developed sense of a very different urban conception than is available to us in the states. I'm referring to an urban fabric, scale and proportion that I was able to absorb and clarify for myself during this past year. That is speaking from an Urban Design perspective.

In terms of housing policy, there seems a wide range—from a fairly progressive approach in Panama, Columbia and Peru to a downright fascist housing policy (modeled after the U.S. FHA/Mortgage) in Guatemala, Chile, Argentina and Brazil. In Chile the Junta is systematically dismantling a progressive state housing policy that spanned thirty years and replacing it with private enterprise reactionary nonsense.

Finally, politically my understanding of North American Neo-Colonial Imperialism and its enormous and pervasive effects on all aspects of Latin American life was multiplied a thousand fold by the things I saw and people I spoke to.

As far as Tucson goes I was a little surprised to see how much had changed in the year I was away. I am slowly coming to understand that Tucson has passed from a fairly small-time city, controlled by a local oligarchy to a big-time city, more and more controlled by a west coast and national oligarchy. Formerly active neighborhood groups have been decimated by inflation, failure and despair and are now being victimized by the steam-roller tactics of National Corporations (IBM and others that will follow) in league with bought-and-sold public officials. It seems important that radical organizations need to very carefully analyze the class struggle in its changing forms and develop strategies and tactics to more effectively deal with it. In short, we at the Design Center will be evolving to find a more effective role in combatting growing gains of the reactionary right, and would welcome ideas from other organizations that find themselves in a similar struggle."

Michael Townsend, who teaches in the Child, Family & Comm. Services Prog. at Sangamon St. Univ. (Springfield IL 62708), has sent in some materials on the organizing sequence he teaches: his syllabus on "Streetwork with Adolescents: An Introduction to Community Outreach Work," a syllabus on "Community Outreach Work: Discovering the Strengths of Low Income Neighborhoods," and readings for his course "Advocacy and Community Services." Classes (evening) are held in the low-income area where the organization he has helped build (the Streetside Boosters) is active, and are open to neighborhood people. They also produce a quarterly newspaper, *People's Press*, which chronicles their activities, history and philosophy. He's interested in newsletters, program descriptions, brochures, bibliographies on organizing, etc. that Network members can send him.

Townsend also did something very considerate (which a few others on occasions have done): let us know what kind of response he got to an earlier blurb in Newsletter #14. It's very helpful for us to know how effective (or ineffective) the Network function is, and occasional reports would be really useful.

ASCUD CITY—STUDENT LOBBY: From Teresa Bishow, Housing Director of the Assoc. Students, Univ. Calif. Davis, City-Student Lobby: "Our main function as a Lobby is to articulate student concerns to the Davis city council, the local landlord association and to the community. By doing research, placing students on city commissions and in elected offices, and by lobbying we have been quite effective. Because of the great number of housing related issues which arise and the need for tenant advocacy work, we have a housing branch of the Lobby which deals specifically with housing actions. A few of our on-going projects include monitoring and revising the Davis Model Lease, advising



students of their rights as tenants, ensuring that council members are elected who are responsive to student needs, and taking stands on appropriate city issues (like an ordinance which limits the number of unrelated adults that may live in a rented house).

We welcome ideas from other lobby groups, particularly those working for students or renters. If you want more information about us contact us at—City-Student Lobby, 364 Memorial Union, Davis CA 95616. We will be sponsoring a seminar in February for other Universities or colleges interested in forming their own lobby groups."

**COMMUNITY BASED SELF-HELP CONDO CONVERSIONS, ETC.:** From Marc Danziger (Calif. Dept. Housing & Comm. Dev., 921 10th St., Sacramento 95816): "There is a lot of interest in the Dept. in community-based self-help efforts, and we may be in a position to make grants for same next year. Those interested should get in touch with me. There's some thought going on here about the structural crisis in the real estate market here in Calif., and any materials, comments, etc. would be appreciated. In addition, I'm involved in potential condo/coop legislation and am having a tough time getting the bad guys without leaving the good guys alone. Again, anyone who knows anything about this should get in touch."

**MINI-REPORT FROM AN ENVIRONMENTAL LOBBYIST IN SACRAMENTO:** From Michael Storper (2581 Virginia St., Berkeley 94709): "I have spent the last year as a part-time lobbyist in Sacramento for an environmental organization, and the rest of my time in the Geography Dept. at UC Berkeley.

Sacramento is interesting politically. For one thing, there is a concerted effort to chip away, if not eliminate, all statutes which have anything to do with limitations on suburban expansion or central area redevelopment. One of our biggest battles this year was in fighting an exemption of urban areas from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. This was promoted by the Brown Administration as part of their Urban Development Strategy. Our efforts were partially successful, in that we removed the most heinous parts of the bill. However, it was a clear signal that the redevelopment forces are gaining in their political power, and very few people were there from the cities to cry out against this discriminatory bill. There have also been the usual spate of attempts by the building industry to do away with what minimal environmental and planning controls do exist. The issue of vested rights for developers will be a big one in the coming year: the entire building industry is mobilized for this one.

We have unfortunately had little success in building political alliances. Given the (in many cases deserved) poor reputation of environmentalists, and the in many cases misguided leadership of the labor movement, this is not surprising either.

A further interesting development was the enactment of an industrial development bond act in California. This bill, which we opposed, gives unlimited revenue bonding authority for industrial development to local government. It was justified on the grounds that 'other states do it, so why not us?'

A hopeful event on the horizon: a major gathering of individuals and organizations interested in problems of the urban environment, to be held early next year. It is sponsored by the Urban Environment Conference of Washington, D.C.

We are also hoping to stave off industrial siting legislation, which seems to be high on industry's list this year as well. They didn't get very far this time, but they are going to try again. The idea is to eliminate the permit process for industrial developments, particularly large facilities."

**CONTACT** is a new network of community-based transportation action groups. According to Howard Landsman (312½ W. Wilson St., Madison WI 53703), its main functions at this point are info-sharing and mobilizing lobbying pressure on Congress to shift transportation priorities away from auto/highway domination. You can get on their mailing list by writing PO Box 50065, Wash. 20004.

**COMBATTING HOUSING SPECULATION:** Also from Howard Landsman (312½ W. Wilson St., Madison WI 53703): "I'm working with a tenant union-neighborhood association volunteer task force that's researching housing speculation patterns here (esp. how they've varied over time, by neighborhood, by building size and tenure). We're also hoping to identify who the

speculators are (e.g. do they live outside the neighborhood where they own property? outside the city? are they individuals? corporations?). And we're hoping to identify the impacts of speculation on measurable factors such as housing prices, property taxes, building conditions/deterioration, and residential transience. For the moment, we'll be looking at owner-occupied as well as purely rental housing.

Since nobody really collects info on speculation, we're using 'short-term holdings' as our prime proxy measure. ('short-term' = 3 years or less holding period) We're also hoping to identify the various potential anti-speculative measures, esp. those that have been tried in other cities. We hope to do a comparative review of their pros and cons including, where possible, an indication of their effect on resale rate/frequency.

So far we've received info from folks in Santa Cruz, Washington, D.C. and San Francisco. We also know of work happening in Davis, Calif. and statewide in Vermont . . . which brings me to the help I'd like from Network folks-in-the-know.

1. Can you tell us of experiences that your community (or communities that you know of) has had with specific anti-speculation measures? Especially impact on turnover rates, but also legal/political obstacles to implementation, etc.

2. Can you forward to us the most recent data you have on housing resale frequency in your city (esp. rental housing)? i.e. measures such as (a) % of housing sales that involve short-term holding periods (i.e. 3 years or less), (b) average holding periods for all sales, and/or (c) % of housing stock that's turned over in a year.

3. Any suggestions re: pitfalls to avoid in doing our research? Things to be sure to do (both methodologically and politically/strategically)?

Copies of our latest draft study design are available to interested Networkers.

**THE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** (639 Mass. Ave., Cambridge 02139) does research and policy development on that subject. They also have a library (1600 volumes, 17,000 documents, 198 periodicals) open to the public.

From Carol Galante (512 Bath St. #3, Santa Barbara CA 93101): "I am working in the Community Development Department of the City of Santa Barbara and would like to exchange information and ideas on Rental Rehabilitation that minimizes displacement and encourages cooperative acquisition and ownership.

I have recently completed a professional paper as a requirement for my Masters in Planning. *The Economic Effects of New Development in Richmond, CA.* was designed as a chapter of the City's Master Environmental Impact Report. The aspect Networkers may be interested in is the treatment of Employment Impacts, not just traditional fiscal concerns. The paper gives an employment profile of the city; identifies how new developments may affect this situation (i.e. kinds of jobs generated—primary, secondary, effect on existing business, effect on potential for community control, etc.); and outlines measures which could be taken to minimize the negative effects. Cities proposing use of CDBG money for economic development activities will have to provide economic information in their 5th Year Application to HUD. Whether working for a city or for a community group, getting a handle on employment impacts may be useful."

Janice Perlman (Dept. City/Reg. Plng., U.C., Berkeley) has "just returned from a year's leave in Washington, where I spent the first 6 months at HUD as the coordinator of the Neighborhood Task Force, one of 6 interdepartmental task forces working towards formulating initiatives for Carter's urban policy. It was a great education into the workings of our government and the difficulties of policy-making within our present system. I'd be happy to talk with Networkers about it.

I spent the last 7 months with the Urban Projects at the World Bank, working mostly on the community participation aspects of their projects and participating in two of their 'missions'—to Brazil and Indonesia. They are pushing ahead with sites and services, squatter upgrading schemes (include land tenure legalization) and employment generation through support of small enterprise and services—the informal sector. Yet they operate—of course—under all the constraints of both a Bank and an international agency, so it's fascinating to observe."

Steve Deutsch (1784 Skyline Blvd., Eugene OR 97403), while clearing out an office, came across several items he thought would be of interest to Network members: 1) "Land and the Pursuit of Happiness," a 32-minute color sound film shot in Hawaii, NM and Wash., "while not avowedly radical, is a good discussion stimulator. It juxtaposes the conflict in values—developers (Anglo) vs. natives; small timber cutters vs. multinatl. corps, etc., and establishes the debate between local control, planners, advocates, etc. While not an outstanding film, it is especially useful with typical citizens (or students) challenged by the film to think about what constitutes the common good, rights, etc., and it compels coming down on the side of citizens vs. profit-maximizers, exploiters, developers, etc. It can be purchased or rented from UCLA Extension, Dept. of Society & Culture, 10996 LeConte Ave., LA 90024. 2) "Searching for Community: A Sociologist's View" (excerpts from George Lakey, Barry Commoner, Chief Sealth, etc.); 3) "The Future as History" (excerpts from Robert Heilbroner, Alvin Toffler, Deutsch, etc.); 4) *Land and the Pursuit of Happiness*, ed. Elinor Lenz and Alice LeBel (Western Humanities Ctr., UCLA Extension, 1975).

"Participatory Planning and Neighborhood Control" was a conference held Nov. 2-3 in NYC, sponsored by the Center for Human Environments, Working Group on Participation, and Trust for Public Land. A set of proceedings is being prepared. Information from the Center for Human Environments, CUNY Grad. Ctr., 33 W. 42 St., NYC 10036.

THE COMMUNITY MEDIA WORKSHOP (contact: Ellen Scheider, CMW, 215 Superior Ave., Dayton OH 45406) "is preparing a three-part series entitled, 'The Price of Progress: Technology and its Social Impact.' One of these slide/tapes will deal with the urban crisis; more specifically, the problems of neighborhood transition and displacement. By examining the historic development of three major cities, we will show how social and economic forces have led to our present urban situation, and what steps are being taken to 'give cities back to citizens.'

Anyone having ideas, resources, or contacts regarding urban history, unusual grassroots organizing, or research on the above would be greatly appreciated (especially information about Baltimore and Seattle)."

THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH NETWORK is another organization that may be of interest to some of our members: 1302 18th St. NW, Suite 203, Wash. 20036.

*The Alternative Free-Neighborhood-Universities Catalogue* is a "transnational network of mutual aid by learning from each other." It is a listing of offers and requests for expertise, knowledge, skills and contacts throughout W. Europe. Contact is Dr. Bernhard Suin de Boutemard, Wilhelm-Baur-Strasse 14, 6145 Lindenfels/Odw. 1, Germany. The 1978 edition (148 pp.) costs DM 7.50.

"The Cemetery: An Outdoor Educational Resource" by Donald Loggins is available (50 cents) from the Council on the Environment of NYC, 51 Chambers St., Rm. 228, NYC 10007. Loggins (723 E. 10 St., Brooklyn 11230) also sends in some materials on the Green Guerillas, a NYC group we mentioned in an earlier newsletter.

"Hospital Attachments: Your Money or Your Home" is a report by Low Income Planning Aid (2 Park Sq., Boston 02116), on hospitals attaching the homes of people unable to pay their medical bills. Appears to be free.

Suzanne Day (1125 Nilsen Ct., Ann Arbor MI 48105) makes mention of the Society for the Study of Social Problems as "a particularly relevant organization for activist social scientists, which last year founded a Div. on Health, Health Policy and Health Services. Next year (meeting in Boston) the focus will be on grass-roots efforts toward health improvement."

Bill Sugaya (W. Reg. Office, Natl. Trust for Historic Preservation, 681 Market St., SF 94105) sends in several items that may interest Network members: 1) *Conserve Neighborhoods*, a new newsletter published by the NTHP; more information from Henry McCartney, Neighb. Conserv. Coord., Natl. Trust, 740-48 Jackson Pl. NW, Wash. 20006; 2) *Natl. Assn. of Neighborhoods Handbook on Reinvestment Displacement: HUD's Role in a New*

*Housing Issue*, available from the author, Conrad Weiler, NAN, 1612 20 St. NW, Wash. 20009; 3) *The Urban Homesteading Catalogue* (3 vol.), HUD Office of Policy Dev. & Research; 4) *Rehab. Right—How to Rehabilitate Your Oakland House Without Sacrificing Architectural Assets*, 140 pp. (City of Oakland Planning Dept., City Hall, Oakland, CA.)

Check out two publications from Popular Economics Press (P.O. Box 221, Somerville MA 02143): *What's Happening to Our Jobs?* (new 2nd ed.) and *Why Do We Spend So Much Money?* (new 3rd ed.) Both are magazine style, very readable radical presentations. Price of former is \$2.30, price of latter not given; quantity discounts.

CIRCUIT PLANNERS: From Robert Jacobi (Five Cities Circuit Planners, 5 Park St., Fortuna, CA 95540): "I have just been hired as a Circuit Planner for five small incorporated cities in the Eureka area of Northwestern California. The job is like the old 'Circuit Judge' concept; I provide whatever planning assistance the communities need. The work is challenging and extremely varied covering everything from lot splits to regional transportation studies. I average over 700 miles a month traveling my route—the real essence of rural planning. I'd enjoy hearing from anyone with similar work, insights, or interests."

From Jake Gomilny (96 Gerrard St. E. Rm. 18F2, Neill-Wycik College, Toronto): "I'm a fourth-year planning student, writing a thesis on community planning: decentralization, participation, advocacy planning, adult environmental education, etc. I'd appreciate hints on bibliographies and books, whereabouts of people working in the same area."

NEW SCHOOL: From Steve Coe (38 Tompkins Pl., Brooklyn 11231): "I have just entered the Graduate School of Management and Urban Professions at the New School for Social Research. The opportunities for making contacts with leaders and activists in community, government, and business circles appears to be unlimited and should add an exciting dimension to this program. The program itself is known as 'Urban Affairs and Policy Analysis.' Any prospective grad students interested in the formation of public policy and getting a better grasp on how our cities operate as political-economic entities might check this program out."

From Pam Serendipity Sheen (100 S. Summit, Little Rock 72205): "Since human needs are really basic, I would suggest those who are interested in combatting high cost of survival—i.e., food—to look at Cathy Lerza's *A Strategy to Reduce the Cost of Food for Hartford Residents*. It's a wonderfully integrated approach of linking everyone from the farmer to consumer in a local system. Copies from Connpirg, 248 Farmington Ave., Hartford, CT 06105.

From Elizabeth Lebas (Centre for Env. Studies, 62 Chandos Pl., London WC2N 4HH): "I am currently preparing a trend report and selected annotated bibliography on urban and regional sociology in 'advanced industrial' societies during the past decade. This is funded by the Social Sciences Research Council and supported by the International Sociological Association Research Committee on Sociology of Regional and Urban Development. I am therefore on the look-out for recent materials in the field which are reflective, and I think that Planners Network would certainly help keep me 'in the know'."

SELF-HELP HOUSING REHAB: From Katherine Coit (chez Emery, 8 rue Raymond Losserand, Paris 75014): "This spring if all goes well I will be working on a report on 'Self Help Housing Rehab in the U.S.' with some French planners. The idea is to inform the French administration in order to encourage them to write legislation that will allow similar activities here. Networkers who are involved or know of good examples of local neighborhood groups or tenant or housing cooperatives actually building or controlling rehab projects are asked to contact me. Beyond this report, I am particularly interested in the debate between Turner and Burgess (see #15, p. 3). What is needed is local control within socialism rather than pitting one against the other (to put it succinctly)."

The *Shelterforce* folks asked that we make special mention of their Summer, 1978 issue on Carter's Urban Policy. We'd like once again to urge Network members to subscribe to this important publication, the only national housing newspaper in the U.S., and an important building block towards a national housing movement. \$5/yr., 380 Main St., E. Orange, NJ 07018.

Bill Behn (Center for Economic Studies, P.O. Box 3736, Stanford, CA 94305) has available a list of resources (groups, people, films, publications) on Employee and Community Ownership: U.S., Canada and Great Britain. Send 75 cents to cover duplicating/ mailing costs.

*The Consumer Guide to Local Health Care Planning*, production of which was supervised by Network member Barry Checkoway, is available (\$2.50) from the Assn. of Health Care Consumers, 109 N. Dearborn St., Chicago 60602. "The *Guide* explains how ordinary citizens can have an impact on health decision-making in local communities. It focuses on community organizing around Health Systems Agencies and explains how to form a health consumer organization in your community."

"The National Conference on Citizen Participation" was held Sept. 28-Oct. 1 in Washington. Principal sponsor was the Lincoln Filene Ctr. at Tufts Univ., and the contact is Stuart Langton, a professor at that institution.

"The San Juan Project: A Power Structure Overview" by Steve Goldin and John Liebendorfer is a new publication of the Southwest Research and Information Ctr., PO Box 4524, Albuquerque 87106. No price given.

**POLICE FOOT PATROLS:** From Hilary Greenberg (City Planning Dept., Grand Rapids, MI 49502): "The City of Grand Rapids Police, with Planning Department support, is initiating a one year pilot foot patrol project to try to improve public attitudes regarding safety in the downtown business district. I have had extreme difficulty finding support for this type of project from within the planning literature or in the department. The police don't feel that crime prevention or public relations is a high priority job. I'd appreciate hearing from anyone who had any information or advice on the subject."

*Public Interest Report* is published bi-monthly by the Ohio Public Interest Campaign. Information from Paul Ryder, their co-director, 340 Chester-12 Bldg., Cleveland 44114.

*Insurance Redlining: Profit\$ vs. Policyholders* by Gerald Keenan is an 85 pp. publication by the Natl. Training & Inf. Ctr., 1123 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago 60607; no price listed.

**GROWTH MANAGEMENT:** From Andrew Schiffirin (127 Gharkey St., Santa Cruz, Ca. 95060): "I'm still working for one of the County Supervisors in Santa Cruz. He wrote a growth management ordinance which was placed on the June ballot and passed by a 56% majority vote. The ordinance requires the Board of Supervisors to adopt a growth management system within six months and to establish, annually, a population growth limit. It includes policies to protect environmental resources and also a policy 'that at least 15 percent of those housing units newly constructed for sale or rental each year shall be capable of purchase or rental by persons with average or below average incomes.' As far as I know, this is the first time anywhere in the country that such a policy has been adopted by a vote of the people. Given the current housing market and the sad state of the federal subsidy programs, it will take quite an effort to achieve even the 15% goal, however.

Unfortunately, two out of the three liberal Supervisors who put the ordinance on the ballot were ousted in a recall election; in my view, victims of Proposition 13. A new pro-development Board, therefore, has responsibility for implementing the ordinance.

People can contact me for copies of the ordinance."

David Gil has sent in an article of his, "Work Place Collectives: Strategy Toward Decentralized Democratic Socialism." Available from him at Florence Heller School, Brandeis U., Waltham, MA.

Alan Richman (6640 Akers Mill Rd., Apt. 8-T-9, Atlanta 30339) has a paper he will make available to interested Networkers, titled "Planning Residential Environments: The Social Performance Standard," which he presented at the AIP New Orleans conference.

From Norman Glickman: "I am currently on leave from Penn's DCRP at the Office of Policy Development and Research of HUD. My major task for the coming year is to understand and measure the *urban impacts* of federal policies. As part of the Carter urban policy, all federal agencies are required (by a recent Executive Order) to write *urban impact statements* on 'new initiatives.' I want HUD to take this process further by having us 1) extend the analysis to base programs (95% of the ballgame) and 2) focus on interpersonal and interregional inequality as well. I will keep PN posted."

**TENANTS RIGHTS SLIDESHOW:** From Rick Steinberg (35 Congress, Apt. 8, Buffalo 14213): "The Housing Resource Ctr. has recently completed a slideshow on tenant rights. There are approx. 100 slides and a 13-minute tape synchronized with the slides. The show is both general and specific (to Buffalo). We encourage everyone to use it and welcome letters of inquiry."

From Martin Krieger (Natl. Humanities Ctr., P.O. Box 12256, Research Triangle Pk., NC 27709): "I wrote an article on 'Six Propositions on Poverty and Pollution' that appeared in *Policy Sciences* in 1970. Given markets, the poor will always get bad air. If it gets better they'll be priced out."

From John Best (302 N. Edgewood St., Phila. 19139): "Currently involved in Small Area Health Planning. Appreciate communication with others with interest in health care planning, especially the development of strategies for increasing citizen participation."

From Pierre Clavel (Dept. of City & Reg. Plng., Cornell, Ithaca NY 14853): "The department is locked in a continuing and sometimes pleasant conflict trying to decide whether it is more interested in doing traditional, modernist, or what I call progressive planning. Many of us here have become interested in the things reported by the Conference on Alternative State and Local Public Policies which someone mentioned in one of the recent Network newsletters: locally controlled economic development, tax reform, worker management, and other non-corporate programs. We are interested in seeing how we can develop our curriculum in a direction useful for these concerns and are testing the market in these institutions for our graduates. We have a couple of position papers and other documents if anybody is interested.

In addition to this, I have been largely absorbed in writing a book on what I'm calling oppositional planning which compares regional planning by Welsh separatists with some parallel ideas that are developing in the United States, particularly in Appalachia. I am interested in alternatives to the kind of regional planning done by the Appalachian Regional Commission and generally done by the central governments of Western countries. I'd be interested in hearing from anyone who has some ideas along these lines."

From John Forester: "I'd like to be in touch with Networkers and others who think about and do 'planning and organizing.' I know a number of people who use their planning (evaluation, review, etc.) roles as opportunities for progressive organizing, and I'm working on collecting some instructive stories, case experiences, notes about strategies people have used, ideas about 'how it might be done' — which I'd be happy to pass along to anyone interested, as I compile word from others. At the same time, I'm working on 'critical theory' as a foundation for social planning and policy analysis: 1. as it provides sources of criticism and new approaches for reviewing and doing planning analyses, and 2. as it generates ideas and strategies for new forms of planning practice. In a capsule, Freire's *Pedagogy of the Oppressed* is one application of Habermas's (however poor written) work on ideology, legitimation, and distorted communications. I'm also at a new address: Department of City and Regional Planning, Sibley Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York 14853 — a department which is doing interesting things with a social policy planning program concerned with autonomous, participatory, politically sensitive organizational forms (and planning practices more generally). Interested people should write to me about (and with) specifics."



**LOCAL ECONOMIC CHANGE AND UTILIZATION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES:** Elliott Sclar, who has just joined the urban planning faculty at Columbia, is involved in a research project on this topic. "The attempt of the work is to go beyond the unemployment-stress-insanity type of hypothesis and examine the ways in which changes in investment patterns change local labor markets which in turn change age and sex specific workforce patterns. The results of these changes are disruptions in family and social networks which in turn lead individuals to seek support from public agencies such as community mental health centers. I hope to have some working papers ready in the next few months which I will be happy to share among Networkers. They should write me at the Div. of Urban Planning, School of Arch., Planning, Columbia Univ., NY 10027."

**CDBG:** From Susan Fainstein (Livingston College, Dept. of Urban Plng. & Policy Dev., Rutgers, New Brunswick NJ 08903): "Norman and I are part of the Univ. of Penn. team evaluating the impact of CDBG. Our responsibility is citizen participation—both the effect of the program on neighborhood groups and the political context of program outputs. We would be very interested in hearing from Network people with knowledge of CD operations in particular locales. We want to find out how the program really works and also to find ways in which neighborhood groups can use it as leverage. There is some possibility that we can pay observers, possibly salaries and minimally expenses."

*Democracy at Work: A Guide to Workplace Ownership, Participation and Self-Management in the United States and Europe*, by Daniel Zwerdling, 204 pp., is available (\$5.66, \$8.66 for orgs. and insts.), 1414 Spring Rd., NW, Wash. 20010.

The 1978 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND COOPERATIVE HOUSING EXPOSITION is being held Nov. 30-Dec. 3 in NYC (Statler Hilton), by the Natl. Assn. of Housing Cooperatives. Further information from them at 1828 L St. NW, Suite 1100, Washington 20036.

**CDBG's/CDC's:** From William Cahill (Dept. of Urban & Reg. Plng., 1003 W. Nevada, Urbana IL 61801: "I am interested in doing some research on the interface between Community Development Corporations and the Community Development Block Grant program. This 'interface' may well be imaginary: as I'm sure you know, CDBGs are usually used for public works provision and not for any type of real development. I'd like to get in touch with anyone who may be working in this area. What I'm most interested in are the extent and nature of CDBG funding for CDCs, as well as the use of the funds and political factors affecting this interface."

*Saving Neighborhoods: Programs and Housing Rehabilitation & Neighborhood Revitalization* by Cary Lowe is available (\$2.50 for indivs. and comm. orgs., \$4.50 for insts., govt. agencies, other orgs.) from the Calif. Public Policy Ctr., 304 S. Bwy., Rm. 224, LA 90013.

**LOW-INCOME WEATHERIZATION:** From Peter McLaughlin (Urban Coalition of Mpls., Suite 303, 1009 Nicollet Mall, Mpls. 55403): "I'm now working on a low income weatherization and training program in Minneapolis. As in many other places, this program receives funding from the federal Department of Energy, Community Services Administration and CETA. It also receives a small grant from the Minnesota Energy Agency. A significant portion of the units done in this project are rental units, some of which are market rate, for-profit units. A two-year rent control contract is used to pass along benefits to the low income tenants. A complete description of the program is available.

A solar installation and training project is also in the works. DOE should be sending word in the next week or so. The problem of passing benefits to tenants in this and other energy-related projects in cities without rent control continues to be sticky. Suggestions would be appreciated."

"Posters, Books, Postcards—by Women" is an exhibit to be held by the Women's Graphic Center, at the Women's Bldg., 1727 N. Spring St., LA 90012, Dec. 16-Jan. 16. Deadline for submissions was Nov. 1, but it's conceivable the deadline is not absolute.

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A 10-week "Community Business Training Program" will be offered in S.F. Jan. 15-March 23 by the New School for Democratic Management. 21 courses will be offered, each meeting two (evening) hours per week; cost is \$90/course. Brochure available from NSDM, 256 Sutter St., SF 94108.

From the Columbus (Ohio) Tenants Union (Andrea Friedman, 82 E. 16 Ave., Columbus 43201): "The C.T.U. has been actively organizing low-income tenants for the past eight years. We are currently working to form a city-wide organization of public housing tenants. As this is our first intensive effort in public housing we would appreciate any help or advice that tenant organizers with experiences in this area could give us. Specifically: What experiences have you had in organizing public housing tenants? What kind of strategies have you found effective in dealing with resident councils, PHAs and HUD? If you have organized around security, modernization monies, annual contributions contracts, work programs or tenant participation, what strategies have been effective? What problems have you run into? In addition, any other info that you feel might be helpful to us would be welcomed."

**TRAVELLING PLANNING CLASS:** From Charlotte Strem (210 Escalona Dr., Santa Cruz, CA 95060, (408) 423-8428, 425-2191): "I'd like to organize a travelling planning class. I've learned a lot from my various trips around the country, but still have a list a mile long of cities I'd like to see and experience. Most planners (consultants especially) visit cities around the country as a matter of course by going to various AIP (APA now) conferences. Well first of all, most of those conferences are boring, and secondly, it would take forever to see all the places I want to see if I only went to one each year. Now of course money is a big stumbling block (and time for some), but I figure we could save \$ by staying with other planning students at other planning schools (and exchanging the hospitality when they come and see us), and maybe using drive-away cars, or buses, or vans for transport. I've got a long list of cities I'd like to see: Chicago, Detroit, Atlanta, Madison, New Orleans (after they ratify ERA), Seattle, Miami, Minneapolis, Portland, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Kansas City, etc. I'm sure everyone will have their own list, and we could do regional trips—Southwest, Northeast, etc.

Well, that's the germ of the idea. I'd like to hear from anyone who's interested in doing something like this, especially from the association of planning schools—perhaps they could provide funding for administration of such a course. Even if you're not interested in travelling, but know your city well, and could give a tour, or explain the politics of the area, or put up a traveller for the night—I'd like to hear from you. I'd like to see an assortment of people on these trips—planners, planning students, architects, and just plain interested folks."

From Rob Cowan (Planning Aid Unit, Town and Country Planning Association, 17 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AS): "The Planning Aid Unit is now recruiting more volunteer planning aid helpers to work with community groups involved with planning issues, and is doing what it can to support the various local planning aid groups that are being set up. Several of these groups are pioneering exciting developments in community education, with the aim of making planning and its potential for positive action accessible for the first time to people who are not professional planners. The Unit is also preparing a series of leaflets for non-planners on aspects of planning practice and procedure. We would be interested to hear from anyone doing similar work in the USA."

**PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT:** From Mike McElroy, head of the Hawaii Housing Authority's Planning, Program, Development and Evaluation Branch (P.O. Box 22551, Honolulu 96822): "I'd be particularly interested in the experiences, research, etc. of planners working in public housing development agencies. I'm especially interested in work on building standards and technology, spatial allocation of assisted housing, and ways of working through the resistance of middle-class neighborhoods to assisted housing. Experiences with industry regulation (sales practices, speculation, oligopolistic land ownership, etc.) would be useful, but my #1 concern is with developing a constituency for greater public assistance in housing, to build a coalition broader than the one we have now."

From Kirkpatrick Sale (113 W. 11, NYC 10011): "Networkers might be interested in a book which E.P. Dutton is bringing out in paper this fall, the first American printing of a long-neglected work of genius, *The Breakdown of Nations*, by Leopold Kohr. Originally published in Britain 20 years ago, it gained little hearing because its message about the dangers of overgrowth and national expansion ran counter to the tenor of the times; now, however, it seems clear that its time, as they say, has come. I have done an introduction for the new edition, and Kohr has added an afterword. I believe it to be an important work for anyone interested in planning and alternative futures."

*The North Will Rise Again: Pensions, Politics and Power in the 1980s* by Jeremy Rifkin and Randy Barber of the People's Business Commn. is recommended by Bill Behn of the Network. It's a Beacon paperback, \$4.95.

"Urban Change and Conflict", a conference to discuss the contribution of social research to current problems in urban and regional development, will be held Jan. 5-8, at Nottingham Univ. Inf. from Melanie Metcalfe, CES, 62 Chandos Pl., London WC2N 4HH.

**CITY PERSONNEL SYSTEMS:** From Margaret Levi, Dept. Pol. Sci., Univ. Wash., Seattle: "Last spring I chaired the Mayor's Citizens Committee on the City of Seattle Personnel Ordinance. In November '77, the voters passed a charter amendment requiring a merit system to cover city employees. The amendment also required a stiffer affirmative action program, etc. Actually, it was something of an anti-employee amendment, and the fun was in making the most of it. I've included a copy of my committee's majority report (30 pp.—the report itself was five times as long, including summaries of the four public hearings we held, federal documents, etc.) The city council is now considering the ordinance that was drafted, partially out of the report and our hearings. And we should have a new ordinance by sometime in late November. I'll let you know whether it was worth the trouble."

*Starting Your Own Energy Business* is a 50-page "how-to" book for community organizations, small entrepreneurs and planners, put out by the Inst. for Local Self-Reliance (1717 18th St. NW, Washington 20009). A run-down of the Institute's current projects is available from Leslie Tolf, their publications coordinator.

**HOUSING RE-SALE RESTRICTIONS:** From Scott Van Dellen (Calif. Dept. of Housing & Comm. Dev., Div. of Comm. Affairs, 1 Manchester Blvd., Suite #1, Inglewood, Ca. 90301): "I am seeking information anyone might have regarding housing resale restrictions to maintain housing in the low and moderate cost categories. Specifically, I would like to know of specific examples of methods used or proposed to implement housing resales that limit the equity accruing to the seller (e.g. limited equity coops, deed restrictions, tenancy in common, etc.), legal constraints surrounding such restrictions, and financing constraints when using FHA, CHFA or conventional financing. I hope to compile a report which examines this issue in order that cities and states (especially California) may have some basic research from which to fashion resale restrictions to maintain housing in the low to moderate cost category."

From Pat Ashton (3101 Beau Jardin #306, Lansing MI 48910): "I am trying to finish my dissertation, an analysis of corporate urban policy for dealing with the current urban crisis, a critique, and examination of possible alternative (radical) strategies and policies. I would be interested in hearing from others working on alternative policy research."

**AFRICA:** From Diana Lee-Smith (P.O. Box 21687, Nairobi, Kenya): "I would be glad to hear from, or about, planners known to Networkers who are in other African countries, and whose interests approximate those of the Network."

Nat. Science Foundation's Science for Citizens Program: SFC "enables individuals and organizations to undertake activities which make scientific and technical assistance available to citizens and citizen groups so that they may deal effectively with public policy issues that have direct impact on their lives." Proposals for forums, conferences, workshops and planning studies are due (in preliminary form) Jan. 15. Guidelines (SE 79-63) are available from Science for Citizens, Office of Science & Society, NSF, Wash. 20550. They seem to have a pretty broad definition of eligibility; Network people who have had experience getting or trying to get these grants should keep us informed, so we can advise others.

**1st NATIONAL SHORT COURSE IN URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION** will be held July 9-19 in Washington, directed by Jeanne Howard of VPI. "We will attempt to find a common meeting ground between planners, educators, architects, communications specialists and others working toward the development of those urban constituencies which have been excluded from a role in shaping the urban environment." Those interested should write Prof. Howard, College of Arch. & Urban Studies, VPI, Blacksburg, VA 24061.

"**HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND THE MINORITY COMMUNITY**," a conference originally scheduled for Oct. 3-6 in Pittsburgh, has been re-scheduled for April 5-7. Information from Stanley Lowe, United Manchester Redev. Comm., 1120 Penn. Ave., Pittsburgh 15233.

*Legal Tactics*, the handbook for Massachusetts tenants, according to Katherine Galvin of Brockton Legal Services, is presently being updated by a task force of the Mass. [Natl. Lawyers] Guild Housing Comm. Further information from her at 47 W. Elm St., 3rd fl., Brockton MA 02401.

*Groundswell* is a new "resource journal for energy activists." Published by the Nuclear Inf. & Resource Service, 1536 16th St. NW, Wash. 20036. Appears to be free.

From Woody Widrow (31 Chestnut St., E. Orange, NJ 07018): "Over the past 1½ years I've travelled around the U.S. visiting tenant groups for Shelterforce. Next summer I'm seriously considering going to Europe to visit tenant and housing groups. Besides England (where I have good contacts) could your readers send me names and addresses of possible contacts for me to write to."

**AFFORDABLE HOUSES:** Troy West (NJ School of Arch., 323 High St., Newark 07102) is involved in a project to design and build a prototypical affordable housing and would like to hear from others in the Network concerned with the affordable house and urban self-help housing. Also "a group of architecture students in Newark have designed, built and lived in a formerly abandoned typical frame house. They have incorporated as a non-profit foundation to continue renovations and pilot projects. An article on their work appears in the July/Aug./Sept. 1977 issue of *Architecture New Jersey*. We have developed a complete slide carousel story on the project and would like to hear from other groups with similar interests-experiences. Please write to The Ferry St. Foundation, Inc., 332 Ferry St., Newark 07105."

**SMALL SCALE TECHNOLOGY:** Susan Appel (1908 N. 36, Seattle 98103) writes "I'm interested in finding out about others involved in small scale technology and decentralized approaches to meeting basic urban needs of housing, food, energy, waste disposal, recycling, water, employment. I am presently working for the City of Seattle's Dept. of Comm. Dev. developing programs in urban agriculture and neighborhood-scale technologies. I will be managing a block grant-funded project, beginning in Jan., which will give small grants (up to \$30,000) to demonstrate these technologies and their capacity to meet neighborhood needs."

#15 was returned for the following (anyone with information as to their whereabouts should snitch at once to Network Central): Lawrence Adams (SF); Steven Andrews (Lincoln); Roderick Bush (KC); Steve Carlson (Berkeley); Mike Davidson (Nocgdoches, TX); Linda Donnelly (Cinn.); Jan Dekema (Tonawanda, NY); Donna Ducharme (Carlton College); Rikki Filaseta (SF); Marjorie Gellerman (Staten Is.); James Hooker (SF); Jim Hannon (Madison); Marilee Hanson (Berk.); Mike Jacobs (Camb.); Robert Johnson (SF); Angela Kucherenko (Albany, Ca.); Allen Kraus (Camb.); Maggie Lake (Grand Rapids); TP McDonald (Madison); Michael Mariotte (SF); Alan Mills (SF); Michael Przybylski (Chi.); Rob Sanders (Oakland); Michael Sherman (Boston); Elen Sandick (Alexandria); T. Sasaki (Berk.); Jim Terkeerst (Grand Rapids); Mavis Toscano (SF); John Wilhm, Jr. (Lawrence, Ks).

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Well, that about does it for #16, quite a bit longer than usual, due probably to the longer than average gap between issues. I'll do my best (he says once again) to get out #17 within the advertised two-month limit.

Thanks to Bill Burke and his household for the mechanics of getting out #15.

Later,

  
Chester Hartman

## WOMEN'S SCHOOL OF PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURE [August 13-26, 1978; Bristol, RI] Summary and Impressions — Mary Vogel

How do I begin to summarize one of the most self-affirming, energy-charging, idea-generating, sanity-confirming, warm, loving, positive two weeks in my whole life?

WSPA '78 brought together a dynamic group of women from all over the U.S. and Canada to discuss our working and living environments and our ideas for changing them. It combined feminist analysis, process and long-range visions with discussion of short-range practical solutions to the social, physical and metaphysical environmental problems of our day.

We began the two weeks with a glimpse of how the rich capitalist founders of the present economic order lived their lives. As we tramped through two Newport mansions used as "summer homes" by the Vanderbilts and the Whetmores, our questions about the lives and quarters of the servants and of the women who occupied these gilded cages seemed to leave our guides perplexed.

In a discussion on the historical/political dimensions of planning and architecture in women's lives, we looked at changes in women's status (and the greater class distinctions) caused by the Industrial Revolution. We also explored the notion of women's place in the home with a view towards women in planning and architecture designing environments that contribute to the autonomy of all women. Another part of the discussion focused on the lack of "consciousness" of many women in planning and architecture schools who would prefer to identify with the power of the male establishment than to identify with the powerless (i.e. their own sex).

In an exercise on the "ecology of sex roles," we first discussed our environmental autobiographies to establish some criteria for evaluating the quality of an environment as it affects women before interviewing women residing in Newport. Our goal was to work with Newport residents on criteria for improving the environment for women.

We discussed the tension between the public and private spheres of life with the relegation of the personal to the home and the dehumanized organization of many workplaces with no place for the personal. Various metaphors for the home were presented to illustrate the dominant culture's perception of women: (1) home as symbol of self, (2) home as a museum (for capitalist accumulation), (3) home as theater, (4) home as boudoir (the domain of the whore, "The Total Woman").

Amongst the special treats was a slide show on birth centers which not only try to restore economic balance and control to consumers by providing pregnancy and birth care for lower cost than hospitals, but also create a humanized rather than sterilized environment for birth. And we were subjected to the saga of Brown Hill—the story of a woman living in suburbia in Australia. The moral of this rather distressing story is that planning discriminates against women because women are not seen as separate users of the environment with needs to be met—nor are children.

Weekend workshops brought in additional participants who were faced with the decision of choosing one of five workshops: (1) Low Technology Energy Conservation—discussion of design decisions based on energy conservation as a means for affecting lifestyles, choices and changes with implications for employment, inflation, and international economics; (2) Feminist Environmental Curricula—re-examining the roles of students, teachers and teaching methods and creating strategies for working in the establishment of separatist alternatives; (3) Neighborhood Revitalization—an exploration of the political and social conflicts and contradictions inherent in the revitalization process; class differences, racism, unemployment, regionalism, federal dollars, social commitment, and the distribution of wealth; (4) Working—if we don't embrace "the system," how can we avoid becoming volunteers and/or marginal—taking leftover jobs, having no financial security, being isolated, having little impact on the environment?; (5) Women Built Environment—the dreams, problems, and realities of women creating environments by and for women.

We spent an afternoon discussing the psychological bases of women's strength in their ability to recognize feelings of weakness and helplessness and avoid the false flights from vulnerability that shut men off from avenues of growth; in their being in touch with emotions—which doesn't mean lack of analytical ability—rather ability to synthesize and be in touch with the totality; in their participation in the development of other people and enhancement of others' sense of identity. We discussed the fact that women still have very little economic or political power, yet there was concern that women not try to gain power by emulating the dominant class, rather by grounding their thinking in what all women want and need.

Women from HUD's Office of Women's Policy and Program were there to explain the functions of their office and how HUD's various programs can be utilized to help women. Recent legislation was highlighted.

A tour and discussion of a nearby solar home and a Design for Non-Traditional Living Studio were amongst the activities of the second week. For me the ultimate high point of the two weeks was the opportunity to relive my own trip to China through seeing the slides and hearing the discussion of four of the 19 women who went to China as the Women's China Study Group on Environmental Issues. In China, decent housing is a right, not a luxury and rents are fixed at about 3% of income. (Rents have been going down fourfold since 1949 and there is no inflation in China.)

Attitudes and myths about money were discussed in an impromptu money workshop that gave me many personal insights into my own attitudes towards money and the contradictions it causes in my life as I strive to live an ecologically sound, anti-materialist, anti-status seeking, socialist, feminist lifestyle within the present culture.

Regrettably, the experience that WSPA was for each of the participants loses much in the brief summary above. Difficult to explain is the process we developed of building trust, respect and an atmosphere for sharing both the positive and negative, the joys and sorrows, the oppression and triumphs in our lives. The emphasis of the WSPA process was that we were all students and we were all teachers—regardless of our educational level, class background or achievements. Evaluation and feedback sessions were built into the schedule. Another emphasis was that discussion of feelings and emotions was just as valid a part of the educational process as intellectual debate.

I suppose the best way I can attempt to summarize the total experience is to tell you what it did for me. After going through a very alienated introspective period where I didn't know which end was up or where I could or wanted to fit in to the world as it's been defined, I had begun a somewhat frenetic search for a solution to my personal pain—mainly through participation in leftist groups. My choices of what to do with my life were limited by two things: (1) what I felt I was capable of doing (which at my low point a few months prior to WSPA, was not much); and (2) what I could get paid for doing, taking into consideration the 2½ years of debt I'd built up in graduate school.

I came back from WSPA truly re-energized and re-committed to the long difficult struggle ahead. My direction and focus have never been clearer and my own self-concept has never been better. In fact, the experience was so energizing that for my Master's Thesis, I decided to tackle an area in which I've had little experience, knowledge, or even interest before—i.e. housing finance and production. I made this choice because I see very few women involved in this field in Colorado—and none with a socialist feminist analysis. It was a difficult choice because it means for me long hours sitting at my desk or buried in the library rather than the gratification of more immediate activism, but it's something I now know I want to do.

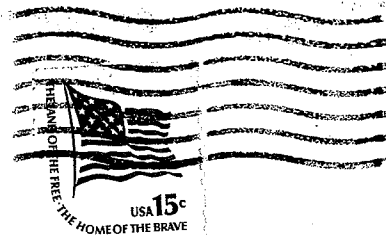
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Planning for next year's WSPA is already beginning. We're looking for a spot, perhaps in Colorado. Jill Bolker (633 Por la Mar Cl. #313D, Santa Barbara, CA. 93103) is identifying possible topics and resource people for '79; Jane Gianvito (P.O. Box 150, Solomon Rd., Whitesburg, Ky. 41858) is identifying a possible location for '79 and Penny Cozad (1200 Pico Blvd. #C, Santa Monica, Ca. 90405) is collecting slides for a packet slide show on WSPA which will be available at cost.

Regional contacts have been set up to (1) bring more women into WSPA and (2) to identify community groups and/or projects which we might focus on during WSPA '79. The contacts are: Massachusetts—Marie Kennedy, 71 Weld Hill St., Jamaica Plain, Ma. 02130 and Susan Aitcheson, 1536 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Ma. 02135; New York—Marjorie Hoog, Urban Deadline Architects, 2248 Broadway, N.Y., N.Y. 10024 and Lyn Gernert, 211 W. 106th St., #7D, N.Y., N.Y. 10025; California—Charlotte Strem, 210 Escalona Dr., Santa Cruz, Ca. 95060 and Jill Bolker (address above); Canada—Denise Piche, Ecole D'Architecture, U. Laval, Quebec 61K7P4, Canada; South—Pat Smalley, 4007 Sutherland Ave., Knoxville, Tn. 37919, Jane Gianvito (address above) and Dore Rotundo, P.O. Box 596, Melrose, Fla. 32666; Rocky Mtn. States—Mary Vogel, 2805 E. 16th Ave., #11, Denver, Co. 80206; Midwest—Merrilee Barnett, 3930 Harrison, Kansas City, Mo. 64110. Write us with your ideas!

[Charlotte Strem requests that any Network people who have suggestions for the 1979 WSPA location—"a place that can accommodate 40-50 women for 2 weeks in August that has a room we can all meet together in, is in an ERA ratified state, preferably in the West...say Colorado"—should contact Jan Gianvito, c/o Bill Richardson, P.O. Box 150, Whitesburg KY 41858.]

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