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Well, as is obvious, we've done up the new roster. 800 names on the dot, 350 dropped from our ranks for the crime of Not Staying in Touch (and failing to heed no less than two warnings of the dire consequences.) A fair number of people wrote in, saying they thought the Roster was really useful in making contacts, visiting strange places, generally giving the Network some greater sense of reality and identity. Anthony Bernheim did yeoperson service in getting all our files and records straight for the Roster. Use it well. A few last minute entries didn't make the geographical cross-listing, but that's life. To those of you without biographical entries or whose sketches are hopelessly out of date, you have only yourselves to blame, as you were warned. If there are any serious errors, let us know, and we'll correct, retract, or whatever.

The thing cost an arm and a leg, however. \$300 for typesetting, \$500 for printing, plus the extra postage we'll doubtless have to use to get this out. Which means that from a pretty plush position (helped greatly by a \$500 "overhead" fee the Network received from the group of Bay Area Network people who got together to do a small contract housing discrimination study for the City of Palo Alto) we're back at the worrisome level—less than \$1000 in the bank account after this goes out. So express your appreciation for the new Roster by sending in a few bucks.

We've also revised the basic "What It Is" document that we send to inquirers; let us know if you want a copy.

We'll start off with a few regional reports—California first, since they're short.

BAY AREA: The only recent activity was co-sponsorship of a Dec. 2 forum (with CHAIN — the Calif. Housing Action & Inf. Network) on the five No. Calif. renter campaigns in the Nov. elections: the winning rent rebate ordinances in Berkeley and Davis, the losing rent rebate ordinances in SF and Palo Alto, and the split decision in Santa Cruz (anti-speculation ordinance won handily, rent control lost by less than 100 votes.) It was a good session, with very useful exchange of analyses and ideas/materials. Copies of a short summary of the all-day session are available from us; send SASE and maybe a small reproduction contribution.

LA: From Ben Rosenbloom (3444 Larissa Dr., LA 90026) the following mildly depressing note:

"As you may have heard, the Los Angeles group has not met for some time now—towards the end it was reduced to about six-ten participating members. Interestingly, an L.A. women's planner group is doing quite well. No ideology or political concerns, at least not now. Mostly brunch and talk-opportunity to get to know each other, discuss common professional issues as women planners, and sometimes to present ongoing work. The talk in a recent newsletter of a national organization struck me as an important approach towards generating and sustaining more local energy."

NEW YORK REGION REPORT, in the form of three letters, the first two from co-coordinator Bruce Dale, the third from co-coordinator Tony Schuman (56 W. 22 St., NYC 10010, 212-691-9708):

"During the last academic year we did not manage to accomplish very much and were only partially surprised that nobody called to complain nor to suggest alternatives.

"As I have written before, people are willing to attend events if informative and organized by someone else, but seemingly unwilling to take on work or organizing in the name of the Network. Those of us who have been doing this work began to feel somewhat guilty for allowing a whole year to slip by, yet no one was pushing us and we wondered if any really cared except us.

"During the last few weeks we have been meeting with a friendly group of architects who have been organizing the Forum on Architecture, Planning and Society at the New York Chapter of the AIA for the last two years. Several of these folks are part of the Network and they suggested that we combine forces this year and run a joint Network/Forum discussion series. We have agreed.

"The leaflet enclosed ["The South Bronx Plan: An Evaluation," Robert Wagner, Jr., Chairman, NYC Plng. Commn., speaker, Peter Marcuse, moderator, held Dec. 1] represents the first such lecture/discussion under this new arrangement. If all goes well we will have one a month for the next 6 months. We have been offered the use of a lecture room at the AIA offices and will meet once a month on Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. I will send you a complete list of future talks when available so that folks passing through New York can plan on attending."

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"First I want to wish you and all the other folks a happy new year and second I want to give a long overdue report on activities in the New York Area.

"On Friday, Dec. 1, the NY Area Planner's Network joined forces with the Forum on Architecture, Planning and Society to cosponsor a lecture/discussion with Robert Wagner, Jr., the current Chairperson of the NYC Planning Commission.

"Wagner had been asked to give his evaluation of the current planning for the South Bronx. I assume that most Network people are familiar with the reputation of this section of New York which has become the symbol of capitalist disinvestment in the northeast industrial cities.

"We were pleased by Wagner's frankness in admitting that they, the City officials responsible, really did not have a handle on the problem and by his willingness to encourage more directly organized community based planning.

"We were disappointed by the lack of clarity concerning causes. It is difficult to find a city official willing to admit that the absurdity of throwing away tens of thousands of perfectly adequate housing units is a natural product of the capitalist economy. They are willing to denounce the suffering as wrong, but unwilling to place the blame where it belongs.

"The audience was tough. The Commissioner was questioned for two hours and to his credit he knew his facts and knew he had a weak hand, but felt confident that we knew that he was not responsible for the plan. That responsibility has been removed from the Planning Commission, as have most 'planning' functions of any significance.

"It has been argued that all the discussion about redevelopment in the South Bronx is a fiasco. No official is talking about instituting planning based on social need. We hear constantly that the private sector must be brought back. But when asked if we should actually reward the private sector with incentives, after they abandoned the area in the first place, we are told that there are no other options in a capitalist country. This is an answer that is completely unacceptable.

"The South Bronx needs an alternative methodology based on social concerns and until we, or others like us, offer explicit alternatives the South Bronx will witness more of the same: the giving away of our society's resources at the expense of low-income working class people.

"Peter Marcuse, our moderator for the discussion, concluded that indeed the South Bronx effort was, as had been suggested, symbolic planning, but that its value symbolically was political, for as a planning symbol it is already a failure.

"The audience had been assembled by our joint mailing list, numbering over 400 names. We hope to continue to give this group an excuse to get together by a series of lecture/discussions geared to provoke professional self-evaluation. Who are we, what power or influence do we actually have on our cities and what can we do to maximize that influence?

"The success or failure of the series will depend on the people who come. We can provide the place—the meeting room at the local chapter of the AIA, thanks to the director George Lewis—and, with active support from members willing to share their contacts, we should be able to provide interesting invited guests. But participation is going to have to be the prime mover.

"In addition, we are going to have to get larger contributions from members and friends or we will not be able to continue with the next several Network/Forums (our series title). Just check the postage 15¢, and multiply by the 450 names on the mailing list—result \$67.50 just for stamps.

"We are also hoping that people in the New York area interested in contributing to the eventual Network Journal as a group will get in touch (212-675-3937) with us, so we can put them together. We already have the beginnings of a group.

"As a last note on organization stuff. I personally support the idea of dues, as it moves us one step closer to becoming a real organization and asks people to make at least a monetary commitment. I do, however, wonder if we are willing to deal with the burden that 'paying' members can create."

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"On January 17, 1979, Bruce Dale, Jackie Leavitt and I represented the N.Y. Area Network at a meeting called by URPE and MARHO (radical historians) to establish contact and explore co-operative activity among various academic/professional left organizations. The description on the blackboard said 'Radical/Marxist Social Science Coalition,' and at least 13 different groups were represented, including sociologists, anthropologists, philosophers, feminists, social services workers, health activists, and women working on abortion and sterilization issues. About 30 people attended, and issues raised parallel a number of Network concerns (although none present was upset at the designation 'Marxist').

"It was evident from the start that people were enthusiastic about the coming together, and the continuation of the coalition was almost a foregone conclusion. Immediate concurrence developed around establishing a 'resource network,' a means of staying in touch, alerting other groups about scheduled forums and conferences (both to avoid scheduling conflicts and to encourage cross-attendance from the various disciplines and professions present). Some of the issues raised reflected concerns particularly of the academic community (shared subscription mailings and advertising solicitations by left academic groups, clearinghouse for activities in defense of radical academics).

"The issues which were more immediately relevant to the N.Y. Network were: who is our constituency, other professional/academics or people involved in day-to-day local struggle? should we exploit our academic/professional credentials and attempt to place a left critique before a wider public? which issues should such a critique address: N.Y. City issues such as cut-backs in education and health services, etc.? national issues? single issues such as education? is it enough just to have a conference to present this critique? how could a conference lead to more concrete organizing activity? what will be the structure of this new coalition?

"A second meeting was set for January 31, and two committees were set up to do work in the interim: a resource committee to establish mailing and contact procedures and

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collect descriptive material of the various groups' activities through a questionnaire to be developed by the committee; and a conference committee to continue the discussion of should there be a conference and what should be its focus and what would be the follow through after the conference. The conference committee is charged with presenting the prospects in coherent fashion at the next coalition meeting.

"The meeting proceeded in a lively manner, and accomplished a great deal of both practical and theoretical tasks. As the meeting drew to a close, it was suggested that we needed a more convenient tag than 'Radical/Marxist Social Science Coalition.' Although a new name was not formally adopted, the suggestion of the Red Apple drew an enthusiastic response.

"Bruce, Jackie and I will pursue this initial contact on behalf of the N.Y. Area Network and explore local Network interest in possible joint ventures with the other groups.

"More on this in February. For the moment we are looking forward to Network/Forum #2 in the series we are co-sponsoring with the Forum on Architecture, Planning, and Society. Bruce Dale has written to you about the evening with Planning Commission Chairman Robert Wagner, Jr. The second forum presents the community viewpoint on 'Community-based Re-development: Progress & Prospects.' Speakers will be Councilwoman Ruth Messinger, Chairperson, Task Force on City-Owned Property; Ramon Rueda, Ex. Dir., People's Dev. Corp., S. Bronx; Douglas Moritz, Dir. of Dev., Los Sures, Southside, Williamsburg. The forum will be held Friday, Feb. 9, 5:30-7:30 pm, at the AIA NY Chapter, 20 W. 40 St., 3rd floor (admission free)."

MIDWEST NOTES: The following is a letter Bill Peterman (Toledo Met. Mission, 2130 Madison Ave., Toledo OH 43604) circulated to those active in previous meetings of the Midwest Network, and a response from Barry Checkoway (Dept. of City Planning, Univ. Ill., Urbana):

"A reminder to write to you has been on my calendar for quite some time and I am fully guilty of putting it off. Since the spring ASPO meeting my thoughts have often turned to the Planners Network, particularly the Midwest group but I have been slow in putting these thoughts together. This letter will serve as an attempt then to assess where I am as well as where you are.

"I tried to keep our school or workshop proposal alive during the summer but without much luck. A proposal for support from the George Wiley Fund brought a quick negative response (May) and a proposal to ASPO no response. Finally after a follow-up letter (July) to ASPO (APA?) I received a call from Linda Corby at ASPO (late August) offering all kinds of moral support but nothing else. Discussion with Network members at the ASPO meeting in Indianapolis resulted in encouragement but little else. Nationwide I have received a couple of requests for the 'proceedings' of the workshop but no offers of help.

"Thus we (or is it I) are about where we were last spring. The idea still sounds good and the rough outline still seems workable. Unless, however, we realistically think we could ever pull it off we probably should drop the idea now. With our limited capabilities it's unlikely that we could do much else than work on the school idea and if it's not going to go then any effort would be counterproductive.

"I sensed from our meeting last spring a measure of frustration, sadness, and certainly an undercurrent that the meeting might well be the Midwest Network's last. I expressed these feelings to the few of us who met at Indianapolis and got a similar reading from others in the overall Network. My letter in Network #14 was an attempt to relay some feelings and propose some possible solutions. Apparently others throughout the country felt likewise and there were several calls for a more formal Network structure. Neither Chester nor many others seem very receptive to formalizing things so that issue will most certainly not again be prominent for some time.

"Meanwhile there still exists, or at least I hope there does, a Midwest. What shall we do with it? It's probably too late to plan a fall meeting but what about one in late winter or early spring (February or March)? Should we swallow our principles and meet in Chicago where we could probably draw a crowd? What about Minneapolis? You would be welcome in Toledo but I do recognize that I'm not very centrally located.

"Perhaps the question of place raises a more fundamental issue as to just what is or should a Midwest Network be? Are we a small group of associates who meet from time to time to share joys and concerns and therefore we must always meet at a time and place convenient to all? Should we more or less wander around the Midwest involving different people each time we meet? If so, how could any organization be maintained? Do we need to formalize a planning or steering group? Even if the National Network wishes to remain loose should we strive for more formality?"

"Let me say that personally I value the relationship I have with the Midwest Network quite highly and would hate to see it disappear. Planning seems bent on professionalizing itself out of existence and anyway the planning that most of us do seems remote from what is done in most city buildings. I have learned from all of you and have benefited from the opportunity to relax and share with people I consider friends. Thus I want the Network to continue and will do whatever I can to see it do so.

"I suppose I have only raised questions and concerns. I do have some ideas but at this moment I feel my questions are enough. If you feel deeply enough about it let's share some paper and see where we can go. A conference in a couple of months is a possibility and I would be glad to help put together a program. Perhaps the school idea is not dead. I can carry on with it if there is desire to do so.

"Anyway I hope to hear from some or perhaps all of you. A lot of ideas will get the ball rolling again."

Barry to Bill:

"I finally found time to read your thoughtful letter about the Planners Network. It is easy to understand your frustration. There surely seem to be few concrete results from those spirited regional meetings which bridged long distances, or from our inconclusive efforts to get ourselves organized, or from your own struggle to start up an alternative school for planners. But I don't share your sadness. After all, we did bridge the distances and could do so again; some of us still give thought to the desirability and possibility of a more formal Network structure; and you have not yet given up on your good idea of an alternative school. Each of us has benefited from our Network interactions and presumably continues to pursue social concerns. I myself am mostly involved in leading a local health consumer organization, in doing neighborhood work in Chicago, and in starting up a social planning program at my university. I always look forward to reading the Network Newsletter and think we should do more to use it as a vehicle for staying in touch. The Network will not disappear as long as one of us has the energy to keep the Newsletter going. The meaning of your letter to me is that the Network lives on.

"What is or should a Midwest Network be? I continue to believe that we should try to meet from time to time and, Illinois' E.R.A. embarrassment notwithstanding, the best place is in Chicago."

BLACKSBURG CONTINUED: The Cornell Dept. of City & Reg. Plng. will be hosting a three-day conference April 26-29 on **PLANNING THEORY AND PRACTICE: ECONOMIC CONTEXT, EMERGING COALITIONS AND PROGRESSIVE PLANNING ROLES.** It will carry forward the work of last May's Blacksborg conference, which we have widely discussed in recent issues of the Newsletter. The three principal themes are: The Shifting Economic Context of Planning Practice; Austerity: State Response and Emerging Coalitions; and Progressive Roles, Practice and Education. Also discussed will be development of a progressive caucus and organized response to the Fall APA meetings in Baltimore. Abstracts of papers and presentations are due Feb. 10. Organizers (all reachable at the Cornell DCRP) are Pierre Clavel, Bill Goldsmith and John Forester.

EIA REVIEW is a new environmental impact assessment journal being published by the MIT Lab. of Arch. & Planning (Cambridge Ma. 02139). Sub. price is unclear.

THIRD ANNUAL URBAN AGRICULTURAL CONFERENCE will be held at USC Feb. 9. It's co-sponsored by the Planning Inst. of the USC School of Urban & Reg. Plng., the Calif. Council for Community Gardening and the LA Neighb. Gardens & Farms Prog. Further information from Emily Card, Dir., Planning Inst., USC, Univ. Pk., LA 90007 (213) 741-2559.

NUCLEAR WASTE MANAGEMENT: The (draft) Report to the President by the Interagency Review Group on Nuclear Waste Management (Oct. 1978) is available from the Natl. Tech. Inf. Service, US Dept. Commerce, 5285 Port Royal Rd., Springfield, Va. 22161 (\$9).

NATIONAL LAND USE CONFERENCE ON GROWTH MANAGEMENT will be held March 14-17 at Golden Gate Univ. School of Law, SF. Faculty include Cong. Thomas Ashley, Fred Bosselman, Herbert Franklin, Robert Freilich, Donald Hagman, Larry Susskind. Inf. from Prof. Daniel O'Connell, Golden Gate Univ., 536 Mission St., SF 94105 (415) 391-7800 x 357.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS TRAINING, NORTHWEST SESSION, will be held Feb. 25-March 2 in Portland, Ore. It's run by the New School for Democratic Management (589 Howard St., SF 94105, 415-543-7973) and will include technical and organizational training for minority and women's enterprises, alternative media groups, food and housing coops, cdc's, appropriate technology producers, worker owned businesses, non-profits, and local government agencies.

CALIFORNIA NEIGHBORHOODS CONFERENCE will be held Feb. 9-10 in San Diego. Further inf. from Calif. Neighborhoods, 3852 Mission Blvd., San Diego 92109 (714) 236-3234.

And now for further commentary on various issues raised in recent Newsletters:

BILL PETERMAN (Toledo Met. Mission, 2130 Madison Ave., Toledo 43624):

"I have no objection to the current format although my eyesight (assisted) is not that bad. I, like I suspect a lot of others do, read the newsletter from front page to last and find most of it interesting and useful. I like its matter of fact style and don't think jazzy titles, drawings, etc. would improve it. The idea seems to be to transmit information and you seem to do that quite well.

"You mentioned the National Science Foundation 'Science for Citizens' program. I was one of the first 18 Public Service Residents chosen by NSF and am just completing my one-year residency. The program has a good concept in that scientists are made available to groups that do not have the resources to support such a person and there is little or no further direction from NSF. NSF is however concerned about any controversy associated with the program and limits what the resident can do to providing input and knowledge into policy decisions. This means if you are involved in something that involves real systems change you have to be careful in how you go about doing it. If you are careful in writing your proposal and fairly discreet during your year you can accomplish a fair amount.

"The final item involves the future of the Network. I like the Network's no-nonsense style and would oppose anything that would tend to move us away from the practical. An occasional discussion, hopefully brief, on philosophies is both interesting and worthwhile but this should not be the point of the Network. Until the revolution is at hand I can work quite well with most anybody who agrees with the general overall premise of the Network. The last thing I want to see is the Network to be the battle ground for conflicting ideologies all of which are claiming to be more left than the other.

"I guess I feel that a journal would move us away from what we have been about in the past. As an academic I read too much academic drivel already and left wing drivel is not all that much better than right-wing drivel. Maybe we should have a more formal type of publication but the articles should be short, to the point and there should be a balance between the applied and the theoretical.

"Pulling off a formal structure for Planners Network would be a big step and one that would be hard to pull off. I think that we

should just hang loose on this one and see if any individuals or groups begin to coalesce. This would be better than having the Network try to do it. The bottom up approach to getting it all together seems to make more sense than the top down. Perhaps the April meeting at Cornell might provide something to organize around."

MORRIS ZEITLIN (183 Crown St., Brooklyn 11225):

"About the format: I think it is adequate for a newsletter. If it saves you time and effort, I'd let it stand. No point in gilding a lilly."

BARB CLINT (6124 Glass Ave., #3, Cleveland 44103):

"Regarding the 'to journalize or not to journalize/to change the Network or not to change the Network' discussion. My thought is that, by the time the cries for change are heard, the change has already begun. What's important to understand, though, is that change/the need for change is a purely personal thing and one carrying purely personal charges. For those wanting a more formalized vehicle of communication, the responsibility to make that happen is, ultimately, their own. I really don't think that the Network should feel a weight to do anything markedly different than it's doing. (And what I, a new reader, see it doing is facilitating connections which, in turn, has the net effect of encouraging each and every participant, supporting their efforts & sharing their enthusiasm.) I was most impressed last issue when I saw such connections beginning in response to the journal suggestion. Next issue, I wouldn't be surprised to read of the formation of a journal steering committee."

ALAN LEIDNER (225 Park Pl., Brooklyn 11238):

"I and a group of fellow planners for the city are very interested in the idea of a journal. There is no strong professional voice that analyzes planning and economic issues from a socialist viewpoint that I know of. It is of crucial importance that there be one - especially for we beleaguered civil servants."

JAN REINER (1000 - 52 St. N., St. Petersburg, Fla. 33710):

"I have a feeling that the expense of starting and continuing a journal would be beyond your present budget and office assistance and if you ask for \$15-25 membership dues you would lose a substantial number of your people. I suggest continuing the present format but adding one or more articles like those written by Mary Vogel or Corky Poster. A bit larger print would make reading easier."

JILLIENE BOLKER (PO Box BC, Ventura CA 93001):

"I don't agree with Jon Mills Erickson about charging some type of fee. My preference is to give when I can to the Network and I share Beth Hagens' feelings: Why bureaucratize my favorite publication?

"Don't agree with Howard Waitzkin regarding format. Like format, typeset, etc. just the way it is.

"Mary did not mention that WSPA will be publishing its own newsletter. It can be obtained from Sophia Hauserman; 2819 Hampshire Rd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118."

WARREN JONES (Contin. Educ. in Env. Design, UC, 2223 Fulton, Berkeley 94720):

"I write to agree that the Planners Network news format is a bit hard on the eyes and that perhaps some headings could help out. Otherwise it is a splendid and useful piece of work, and I thank you for it.

"As to a journal, I do not come to the same conclusion as you do. Of the messages printed in #16, there seem to be six clear yeas, six clear neas, and a couple of ambiguous votes. This is not overwhelming support for producing a journal.

"I don't think I need another journal. What worries me is that a journal will be taken over by a few enthusiasts who may force us to settle for still more about the degrees-of-truth debates and about the sins of the capitalist mode of production etc., etc. I doubt that more than a handful need it.

"What enthuses me is the present newsworthy publication. I could also look forward to and support something we might call occasional papers. These could be reprints of good in-depth articles as well as a few original contributions, with no editorializing. Each issue could have a theme: health care, self-help housing, economic development. All contributions ought to be descriptive. Our colleagues can draw their own conclusions, do

their own analysis, construct their own theory, relate what they read to their own political philosophies, and apply what they read to their own situations."

PAM EMERSON: "I note that people who write journal type articles (professional journal authors) want you to turn into a journal. I prefer short notes from many more people, *below* journal quality that give a sense of their practical work and/or exercise their early Marxist jargon. I'm too busy to write articles but I like to hear about the numbers of people dealing with upgrading and how. A staff expediter to exchange reports and lists and materials (a reference service) alright. A journal, no."

DALE ADLER (Greenwood, Va. 22943):

Newsletter organization: grouping might help, but might also make it less likely that folks would read anything. Do it easiest way. Or by Beth Hoffman's topic index.

Journal: enlarged newsletter as compromise? Watch out for time lag.

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Once again, lots of good, interesting comments, no clear consensus on direction. But keep the dialogue going on all these issues.

RADICAL PLANNING ALTERNATIVES: From Joe Biber, Chris Cotant, Donna Dyer and Linda Hollis, Dept. of City & Reg. Plng., UNC, Chapel Hill 27514):

"As students at the UNC-CH planning department, we have become increasingly dissatisfied with conventional approaches to planning education which stress professionally-oriented training. We have recently formed an organization, Radical Planning Alternatives (R.P.A.), to examine alternatives to traditional roles and to complement our planning education.

"We suspect that we are not alone in our desire for changes in planning education. As a first attempt at finding out what other planning programs are engaged in, we are surveying educators in various planning programs who have expressed an interest in radical or progressive approaches through Planners Network and/or attendance at the Blacksburg Conference held last spring at VPI. We hope to summarize the results in a presentation at this spring's conference in Ithaca, 'Planning Theory and Practice: Economic Context, Emerging Coalitions, and Progressive Planning Roles.'

"Enclosed is the questionnaire we will be sending out. Please include the questions in the next Planners' Network newsletter so that any individuals we haven't contacted can respond as well."

Questionnaire

1) We are interested in finding out whether progressive or radical planning ideas have been introduced into your program through the formal curriculum: courses, lectures, panel discussions, etc.

Please send specific information including reading lists, syllabi, and course assignments. At this time we are most interested in gathering a fairly exhaustive list of activities, rather than in-depth discussion of particular topics.

2) Also, have progressive or radical issues been dealt with outside the formal curriculum? Please provide descriptions of any student or faculty projects, dissertations or other research, speakers, and symposia.

3) Have students or faculty formally identified themselves as progressive or radical; i.e., have they initiated contact with other radical or progressive organizations within or outside of the university community? Please send any notices, minutes, agendas, or other information which describe these activities.

4) Have students or faculty been able to assist local citizens or community groups? If so, in what capacity and around what issues were they able to provide assistance? Again, any descriptive information and supporting documents would be very useful.

HEALTH PAC: From Robb Burlage (Avery 408A, Columbia GSAP, NYC 10027, 212-280-3289 or 3513):

"The *Health-PAC Bulletin* is resuming its publication now with Human Sciences Press; Health-PAC board and staff maintain full editorial control. Health-PAC is observing its 10th anniversary March 15 with a forum on the project report: 'The New Urban Agenda for Health: Preventive and Primary Service Alternatives to Fiscal Cutbacks and Illnesses of the Economic Environment.' There's to be a rededication reception that evening to support the ongoing Health-PAC program. Health-PAC's address is 17 Murray Street, New York 10007, phone 212-267-8890.

"Of perhaps most direct interest, a *health planners network* is being convened at Health-PAC in New York for mutual support and reporting among practitioners, teachers, and analysts. We are holding monthly Health Planners Roundtables at Health-PAC to discuss issues, case studies, organizing and teaching approaches. Case study reports and policy briefs on health planning are solicited for future *Health-PAC Bulletins*. We'd like to be in touch with health and social planning-interested people in Planners Network. We also will be contacting people at upcoming national meetings such as Coalition for a National Health Service in Pittsburgh, January 26-28, and the American Public Health Association in New York, November 4-8. We seek to be allies as planners through cooperation with the national Consumer Coalition for Health (1511 K Street NW, Suite 220, Washington DC 20005) and its CHAN (Consumer Health Action Network) Newsletter."

CENTER FOR HUMAN ECOLOGY STUDIES (PO Box 242, Freeport ME 04032, 207-865-4338): Tym Nason writes in:

"The Center is an independent, non-profit educational organization offering academic and field work programs in human ecology. Our special projects include environmental assessment of the Harraseeket River Basin for the town of Freeport, Maine; a community design and participatory planning project in the City of Gardiner, Maine; a study of food and farmland; as well as a project in alternative economics. We would very much like to have the opportunity to share our experiences in our particular approach to community service and education. The program is designed for college students, providing a very crucial link between academics and career possibilities."

MUTUAL AID PROJECT FOR OLDER PEOPLE (17 Murray St., NYC 10007, 212-349-8155): Rick Surpin has available a summary of their accomplishments to date and their recently developed training work (based in part on applying the work of Paolo Freire to community development activities).

"URBAN AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN SOCIALIST CUBA" and "A Woman Architect and her Palace" (on the work of a woman architect in Kiev), both by Morris Zeitlin, are in the May-June and Nov.-Dec. issues of *New World Review* (156 5th Ave., NYC 10010), \$1 each.

"NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION" will be a special supplement to the *APA* (nee *AIP*) *Journal*, under the guest editorship of Michael Stegman, Dept. of City & Reg. Plng., UNC, New East Bldg. 033A, Chapel Hill 27514. He's especially interested in receiving submissions by neighborhood-based planning practitioners. Articles (max. 20 pp.) should be submitted by March 1; it's for the Oct. issue.

SEATTLE/WASHINGTON REPORT: From Vivian Kahn (ex-Brown), 5627 Third Ave. NW, Seattle 98107:

"I'm writing to make sure I remain on the Network's active list and in hopes of identifying some like-minded planners up here in the Northwest. Last June I left the Office of Planning and Research after close to two interesting, but often frustrating, years and, soon after, moved to Seattle. The objective is to get more directly involved in housing through the renovation of units for low-cost housing. A decade ago, in New York City, I was involved in this kind of work, as well as tenant organizing and consulting to housing non-profits. Since then I've been immersed in

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the ephemeral world of policy planning at the regional and state levels. From time to time there were opportunities to propose legislative changes or policy approaches representing a point of view different from the usual approach. Over time, the frustrations exceeded accomplishments.

"While waiting for the proceeds from the sale of my house in Sacramento I have returned, but only temporarily, to the never-never land of state planning. I'm staffing a task force set up by Governor Ray to develop a growth management process for the State of Washington. As the primary writer of the report I've got the opportunity to try to make it responsive to some of the concerns not shared by growing suburban communities—the need for a state housing finance agency, the effect of some growth management programs on housing cost, the need to make better use of human resources through employment development and job training and economic development in the older cities. An archaic State Constitution imposes limits on government's ability to lend credit in ways that makes it difficult to provide many of the programs taken for granted in other states.

"There's a great concern about growth and the potential Californication of Washington, although recent data show that the State's growth has actually slowed. The gentrification of many Seattle neighborhoods coupled with efforts to preserve the City's single-family character has created a major displacement problem. A lot of well-meaning people who understand little about housing economics oppose any demolition of single-family housing. Fact is that there's a large increase in small households. Failure to provide multi-family rental and condo units to meet this need means displacement of lower-income tenants who can't pay high enough rents to compete in the housing market. Unable to find smaller units, many singles, couples and empty-nesters remain in large houses that would be suitable for larger families. If you can't build multiples on vacant lots and can't demolish single family structures in areas zoned for multiples nothing much happens to increase housing supply. The City has placed a priority on the use of Sec. 312 rehab money for lower cost units and imposes rent limits on renovated investor-owned units. This has helped. But the supply of housing suitable for renovation for lower-cost rentals is being rapidly depleted by the higher-income people moving into older Seattle neighborhoods. Capitol Hill and Queen Anne Hill are already gentrified. Prices in the predominantly black Central Area have doubled and tripled in the past year and the remaining units are going fast. I hope to be moving soon to the Southeast part of the City where the bulk of the subsidized units are concentrated. It remains one of the last ethnic neighborhoods with an active coalition of community groups that has pointed out some of the pit-falls of the City's single-family oriented policies.

"A final item of interest is the King County ballot proposition that would have authorized \$35 million in bonds to purchase development rights to agricultural lands. The measure missed passage by only a fraction of the 60 percent required vote. (Dan Carlson, the only Network person I've located so far, staffed the Committee for the proposition.) I've got negative feelings about this approach. It assumes the right to development at a profit. The courts have not been requiring compensation for diminished value. I would prefer that the money be used instead to provide incentives for certain types of development—particularly low cost housing—in already built-up areas with declining populations and underutilized infrastructure.

"I'd like to get in touch with other Network people and will try to identify new contacts."

A.P.A. WOMEN'S ISSUES TASK FORCE: a group at the AIP New Orleans 1978 conference proposed establishment of such a task force, which has been approved by the Board of Governors of the new Amer. Planning Assn. (the merged AIP-ASPO). Those interested should contact Gail Mancarti, APA Women's Issues Task Force, c/o The Planning Inst., USC, LA 90007.

"HOUSING AND SOCIETY" is the renamed *Housing Educators Journal*, which seemingly reflects an attempt to broaden the journal's scope and audience. Available as part of membership in the Amer. Assn. of Housing Educators (\$15/yr.), Dept. of Family Economics, Justin Hall, Ks. St. Univ., Manhattan KS 66505.

CITY CARE is the title of a national conference on the urban environment, April 8-11 in Detroit. It's co-sponsored by the Natl. Urban League and the Sierra Club. According to Paul Daniels of Toward a Coalition for the Urban Environment, "it is on the cutting edge of both the environmental and urban revitalization movements in its attempt to spread the word about successful mutually beneficial local approaches and develop a network."

The 16 Workshops include: "Enhancing the Neighborhood Environment: Revitalization Without Displacement", "Greening of Vacant Community Land: Recreation, Urban Gardening and Trees", "Creating Neighborhood Environmental Enterprises and Jobs", "Preventing Environmental Disease in the Home and Neighborhood", "Neighborhoods and New Development", "Citizen Action to Control Environmental Health Hazards", "Urban Pollution Control: Enhancing Health, Recreation and Economic Development", "The Waste Crisis: Health, Jobs and Energy", "Energy for Cities: Conservation, Pricing, Supply and Impacts", "Sustaining Cities and Controlling Sprawl: Rebuilding Urban Infrastructures", "Innovative Land Use Controls to Prevent Sprawl and Exclusionary Zoning", "Recreation for City People: Land, Facilities, Access and Transportation", "Urban Reinvestment and Bringing People Downtown", "Innovative Zoning Techniques to Improve Urban Environments", "Environmentally Sound Jobs Through Economic Conversion".

Sounds like a really important conference. Further information from Paul at Natl. Urban League, 500 E. 62 St., NYC 10021 (212)644-6555.

He adds: "I'd like to hear from minority Networkistas interested in urban environmental problems. At some point, we'd like to establish an urban environment/energy advisory committee here at the Natl. Urban League, and we'd like to get that network going."

"MEASURING NEIGHBORHOOD CONFIDENCE" by Rob Hollister is a 147 pp. report recently completed for the City of Boston's Project on Public Information and Promotional Strategies in Support of Neighborhood Preservation. It describes a survey of residents' perceptions and attitudes in 11 Boston neighborhoods. Available (seemingly gratis) from Rob at the Dept. of Urban Studies & Plng., MIT, Cambridge Ma. 02139.

"NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION" is the title of the 68 pp. proceedings of a national conference held in NYC last June 13-16, sponsored by the Natl. Center for Urban Ethnic Affairs and Citibank. Available for \$3.50 from the NCUEA Resource Ctr., 1521 16th St. NW, Wash. 20036.

"ALTERNATIVE FUTURES" is the (quarterly) Journal of Utopian Studies. Subs. are \$8.50, from Merritt Abrash, Co-Editor, *Alternative Futures*, Human Dimensions Ctr., RPI, Troy NY 12181. Advisory Board includes Network member Dolores Hayden.

"FAIR MORTGAGE LENDING: A HANDBOOK FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS", produced by the Center for National Policy Review (21 pp.) is available free (in Spanish as well as English versions, and in quantities) from the Center, Catholic Univ. School of Law, Wash. 20064. They also have a related flyer.

"VAMOS A DEMOLER...para construir algo mejor" is a 31 pp. Demolition Handbook, in Spanish and English, prepared for the Urban Homesteading Assistance Board. It's a practical guide for home-steading groups that will be doing internal demolition of their buildings, and the first in a series of self-help handbooks being prepared for sweat equity homesteaders; included in the series will be "Installing Ceramic and Vinyl Tile", "Installing Oak Flooring", "Sheet Rock and Taping", "Basic Carpentry". According to Charles Laven, while the booklet is NY-oriented, it's useful for those living elsewhere as well. Write UHAB, Cathedral House, 1047 Amsterdam Ave., NYC 10025 (212)749-0602; no price given.

"RESIDENTS' PARTICIPATION IN REVITALIZATION OF HOUSING AREAS" is a 91 pp. comparative study of selected cases in ECE countries. Authors are Annegret Basel, Rainer Greiff and Eberhard Muhlich, and it's available from the Institut Wohnen und Umwelt, Annastr. 15, 6100 Darmstadt, W. Germany; no price listed.

RICHARD RATCLIFF (Dept. Sociology, Wash. U., St. Louis) has available two papers that might interest Networkers: "Banks and the Command of Capital Flows: An Analysis of Capitalist Class Structure and Mortgage Disinvestment in a Metropolitan Area," to be published in the forthcoming *Classes, Class Conflict and the State* which Maurice Zeitlin is editing; and (with Mary Elizabeth Gallagher and Kathryn Strother Ratcliff) "The Civic Involvement of Business Leaders: An Analysis of the Influence of Economic Power and Social Prominence in the Command of Civic Policy Positions", to be published in *Social Problems*.

"LANDLORD SELF-REGULATION: NYC'S RENT STABILIZATION SYSTEM, 1968-1978" is the title of Dennis Keating's recently completed Phd dissertation. Copies of the 447 page tome are available to Network members for (bare) cost of \$10 from Dennis at 432 Hudson St., Oakland Ca 94618.

EARTHWORK (3410 19 St. SF 94110, 415-626-1266) has available a catalogue of books about food and land.

THE WESTERN SOCIALIST SOCIAL SCIENCE CONFERENCE will be held May 25-27 (Mem. Day weekend) near Nevada City, Cal. They are inviting proposals for workshops, in five categories: 1) basic education—primarily pedagogical in purpose (e.g., fundamentals of Marxism); 2) current issues and events—reports on and discussion of world, national and regional affairs (e.g., South Africa, the tax revolt); 3) work in progress—presentation of and feedback on research and theoretical work; 4) programmatic and theoretical discussion and debate (e.g., positions on the Soviet question, development of a labor party); and 5) practical political work—nuts and bolts of organizing and other activities (e.g., how to organize an opposition caucus in a local union, how to put out a periodical). Proposals (and requests for information) should be submitted by March 1 to Union of Marxist Soc. Scientists, PO Box 5358, Berkeley CA 94705.

"THE EFFECTS OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS ON HOUSING AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE: THE MILWAUKEE CASE" by Robert Beckley is available from him at the Univ. Wisc. - Milwaukee School of Arch. & Plng., Milwaukee 53201.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES/PARATECHNICIANS: From Tonia Papke (160 Claremont, #3C, NYC 100027, 212-662-8625):

"I am now working for a consulting firm called Rural Development Services. Working primarily in Latin America, we are involved in developing and implementing information systems, financial and management control systems; developing training systems for local personnel; and developing evaluation systems.

"At the present time, I am collecting information on development projects worldwide that utilize paratechnicians (extension agents, promoters, community organizers, primary health workers, etc.) as the final bureaucratic link between rural poor and the agency providing the services. This information will provide a base for further study in more detail which should result in a textbook on the effective use of paratechnicians, aimed at practitioners. If anyone is working on something similar to this or has information relevant to this, they should drop me a line or give me a call. At a later date, if people are interested in receiving this information, it should be available and they should contact me as well."

JOB AVAILABLE: 1) Dept. of City & Regional Planning, UC Berkeley is trying to fill a tenured faculty position; they're especially interested in minority applicants. Don Appleyard chairs the Search Comm., and people who want to apply or suggest candidates should contact him by Jan. 31; 2) Univ. Ill./Urbana is looking to fill 1-3 tenure track faculty positions; they're expected to be joint appointments between Housing Research & Dev. and other academic units. Applications by Feb. 1 to James R. Anderson, Housing Research & Dev., UI, 1204 W. Nevada, Urbana 61801 (217)333-7330; 3) the Directorship of the Tufts Urban Studies Program (mentioned in #16) is still open.

JOB WANTED: Donald Loggins (723 E. 10 Street, Brooklyn, NY 11230) is looking for work in the areas of environmental planning. Background includes masters in the field, consulting, urban open space development, urban toxic materials studies, and various publications.

FROM BOB ROSS (Sociology Dept., Clark U., Worcester, MA 01610):

"A small item in the latest (#16), in which you expressed appreciation for feedback about response to an item, moves me to write on a variety of topics. Herein, *News and Notes*. (with advice)

Advice

"1. It would be convenient (and relatively costless) to *number* items in the publication. This would make reference, e.g. to the blurb I just mentioned, easier when corresponding, chatting, etc. (Any response from others to this idea? C.H.)

"2. I agree: whatever decision on a journal, don't drop the newsletter. As others testify, this is the only thing I read immediately and with relative attention (and I'm merely a marginal sociologist).

"3. I have a bias against new publications. This is not a dogma, but consider: *ITT*; *Catalyst*; *SR*; *Politics and Society*; the new *Marxist Perspectives*; etc., etc. Not to mention *Social Policy*. They all have flaws; none are exactly right for the Network. *Antipode*, a radical journal of Geography; the newsletter of the Union of Socialist Geographers; *Review of Radical Political Economy*. etc., etc. A new journal would have to be justified by a *clear* mission and a practically established readership. If that clarity could be developed without overly narrow readership; if it could be produced at less than the exorbitant rates now charged by most pubs just to keep going, then maybe. The maybe has to do with whether or not a stable, professional editorial operation could be sustained. Basically this implies revenue or other funding source that would provide for full-time staff, business managers particularly. A hard set of standards to meet.

"Alternative: Reprint service. People send in papers; you publicize as currently; people write in for copies at a given per page cost. Another frill: periodically publish abstracts of such papers (perhaps others too) that folks could get from you or elsewhere.

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"4. A long while ago you had a sentence about a paper on Political Economy and Social Policy which I had written. More requests to me from that than I usually get from professional presentations.

"5. Here at Clark we have an emerging Regional Development Unit. Sociology and Economics staff members join a larger group of Geography staff and graduate students. Our focus is on regional decline in advanced industrial areas of capitalist countries. Eg: Northeastern USA and Northeast England. Using a political economy paradigm, our characteristic emphasis is on the international context of capital flows, and the multinational corporations as the agency for transferring capital out of highly organized and unionized areas to those in the US and elsewhere where exploitation is more intense.

"We are linking the model of the development of underdevelopment with a concern for our immediate region (New England) and the broader question of capitalist crisis and devalorization. In touch with UMass and Boston colleagues, we are interested in learning of other groups with similar theoretical or action interests. Enclosed is an informal briefing paper of mine which has been influenced by this group. Originally it was a backgrounder for a failed Senatorial candidate here in Mass. ("Background Paper on Urban Policy", prepared for Paul Guzzi, Aug. 1, 1978)

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"6. I am embroiled in a tenure fight here. Supported by my Dept., I was turned down last Spring. We are all convinced that politics (if not personal prejudice) was decisive in the higher level decision, since my publication record was superior to other successful candidates, and in fact superior to all but one of the dozen other candidates successful in the social sciences since 1972. If any Networkers have ever footnoted or had a good idea from anything I've written, documentation of that would be useful in building the case.

"7. While earnestly hoping to obtain justice, I must consequently look for work too. I am a sociologist who has been an organizer (at all levels, neighborhood to national) with diverse classes (poor folk to academics). I've written on social policy and am now working on the political economy of urban decline. Will relocate for teaching, writing, organizing or planning jobs.

"Require salary sufficient to support twelve feet: two adults, two kids, one dog.

"8. Despite gloom widespread about the Governor's race, a victory should be noted in the Commonwealth. A referendum legalizing lower property taxation for residences than for businesses won resoundingly at the polls. This actually legalizes the assessment practices widespread here and elsewhere. But a court decision mandating 100% valuation for everyone would have devastated stable income, lower income and big city homeowners and renters; business spent much money to defeat this Proposition #1, but a very broad coalition was successful. We'll take the victories we can get. NB: Mass. Fair Share, a neighborhood organizing chain of populist style, was instrumental in the victory."

FROM STEVE BARTON (605 Hillborough #3, Oakland, CA 94606):

"I find Tony Schuman's attack on cooperative and self-help organizing (#16) offensive, despite his attempt to portray it all as comradely criticism. The belief that he has the one true way, an unfortunate characteristic of even many non-Stalinist Marxists, pervades his discussion. Schuman implies that the failure of the self-help groups to support Homefront's demonstrations is proof that such groups drain energy away from the key tasks of the movement. As I recall, those same groups have broken up an auction or two to try to stop sales, but of course the real question is how to develop the political influence to stop them entirely. Whether demonstrations will accomplish much is an open question, especially when they are accompanied only by demands that the city take on the responsibilities. This would work if the administration was elected by a class-conscious working class movement, but is unrealistic given the current circumstances. We had that kind of demand at the International Hotel, where the Leninists and Maoists consistently opposed a plan for tenant ownership on the grounds that the Capitalist State must be held to its responsibilities. If more enthusiasm had been shown for tenant ownership, instead of constantly undercutting the plan that was put forward, the tenants might be living there today. Revolutionary purism may be fun, but it's disheartening for its real victims, and for the rank and file people who are told that all is illusion short of socialism. When a group of activist intellectuals such as those in Homefront return to activism after a few years of study, they should not spring forth armed with the results of scientific socialism and start telling everyone else what they are doing wrong. I hope that attitude does not reflect on the N.Y. Network group for which Schuman is a contact person; it is likely to discourage people with other views from becoming members.

"For an attempt to integrate both Marxist and cooperative approaches I would like to refer network members to my article 'The Urban Housing Problem: Marxist Theory and Community Organizing' in the Winter 1977 issue of the *Review of Radical Political Economy*, on which I would like very much to get comments."

"CONDOMINIUM CONVERSIONS IN SAN FRANCISCO" is the title of a joint study just put out by the SF Dept. of City Planning and Members of the Real Estate Industry (Nov. 1978). Available from the Dept. at 100 Larkin St., SF 94102.

"THE IMPACT OF MODERATE RENT CONTROL IN THE U.S.: A REVIEW AND CRITIQUE OF EXISTING LITERATURE" by John Gilderbloom (March, 1978) is available from the Calif. Dept. of Housing & Comm. Dev., 921 10th St., Sacramento 95814.

SOLAR ENERGY AND JOBS: Meg Schachter (consultant, Dept. of Energy, Advanced Energy Systems Policy Div. Forrestal Bldg. Rm 6E 068 1000 Independence Ave. S.W. Washington D.C. 20585) is interested in making contact with people who are thinking, writing, or working in the area of energy and jobs. She has written a paper outlining a conceptual framework for comparing the quantitative and qualitative aspects of job creation among energy alternatives and evaluating the "state of the art" of employment impact analyses. Her analysis will provide solar proponents and public policy decisionmakers with a better understanding of the issues and trade-offs involved in making energy choices. Paper is available, free, from Meg at the above address.

"HOMES OR HOSPITALS? CONTRADICTIONS OF THE URBAN CRISIS" is a paper Howard Waitzkin has co-authored with Jacqueline Wallen and John Sharratt. Available from him at La Clinica de la Raza, 1501 Fruitvale Ave., Oakland Ca 94601. He also has available "A Marxist View of Medical Care", *Annals of Internal Medicine*, 1978, for which he'd appreciate \$2, if possible, to cover costs; it's been published in condensed form in *Science for the People*, Nov.-Dec. 1978.

MONTREAL CITIZENS MOVEMENT: From Bob Irwin, Phila Macro-Analysis Coll., 4722 Baltimore Ave., Phila 19143:

"I've been surprised not to find more discussion and signs of awareness in the newsletter of the significant model of urban politics created by the Montreal Citizens Movement. Beginning with Vol. 10 No. 3 (Fall 1974) of *Our Generation* (a quarterly journal published from 3934 rue St. Urbain, Montreal H2W 1T7), most issues have contained articles I've found extremely enlightening and valuable. Montreal and Quebec occupy a kind of intermediate position between the U.S. and the conditions in Europe, and I think the libertarian socialist politics represented by much of the MCM is just what we need to be developing in the U.S. There's a lot we can learn from their successes and failures, the programs they've developed, and so forth. The latest issue of *Our Generation* (Vol. 12 No. 4) has a good summary article on 'The Future of Montreal and the MCM,' reviewing the struggles, both internal and external, which the MCM has gone through since its founding in 1974, and the listing of back issues includes articles on M. Castells's urbanism (11:2) and stimulating discussions by Henry Milner (10:4), Dimitri Roussopoulos (10:3, 11:2), Schechter (11:1), Limonehuh (12:2), and others. Note also these items just announced by Black Rose Books (same address as *Our Gen.*): Stephen Schechter, *The Politics of Urban Liberation* (\$5.95) and D. Roussopoulos, *The City and Radical Social Change* (\$5.95). I hope others find these items as helpful as I have."

THOUGHTS ON SELF-HELP: From Linda Robinson Cox (mailing address: c/o Office of Zool. Res., Natil. Zool. Pk., Smithsonian Inst., Wash. 20008):

"I am still in Venezuela and will be until June 1979. I've been working for the International Rural Housing Association, a non-profit, non-governmental organization (NGO) affiliated with the UN which has its headquarters in Caracas; it's one of the rare 'NGO's' with headquarters in a Third World country. Unfortunately, I don't find much cause to bring it to the attention of Networkers."

"Venezuela is one of the relatively few Latin American countries with an active rural housing program. But my fondest Turner-type dreams of self-help, cooperative building efforts, heavy on indigenous materials and design, have gone unrealized here. Perhaps a major reason is the wealth of Venezuela's government. They build houses, they want durable, long-lasting materials, potable water, electricity—the works. The further removed they are from indigenous designs, materials and skills, the less practical a self-help approach is. And since their program is relatively ambitious—about 10,000 rural homes a year in a country with only 13 million people altogether—the slowness of self-help efforts and the pile-up of materials waiting to be used can be expensive and an administrative hassle."

"It does bring to mind the United States, where housing policy also favors construction of expensive, permanent structures of high quality, through building codes, federal requirements, etc., and thus makes self-help rehab or construction very difficult. It makes sense that some of the most interesting efforts of that kind in the U.S. happen in cities with the most desperate housing scenes, such as New York's reclamation of abandoned apartment buildings. And similarly, it's in Latin America's poorer countries that governments may be most willing to support self-help, community-based rural housing efforts, simply because they have no alternative except no activity at all."

"Felt largely in agreement with Herbet Gans's letter in issue #15. As a member in the far hinterlands and no better than a not-ready-for-prime-time socialist, I favor actions that would keep the Network inclusive rather than exclusive."

NATL. HOUSING JUSTICE AND FIELD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: This new Amer. Bar Assn. activity (with HUD funding) is focusing on housing dispute resolution, via housing courts and alternative systems. They have a quarterly information bulletin (issue #1 is Dec., 1978), available free, which has useful information, although don't expect much from them politically. Address: ABA-2nd floor S., 1800 M. St. NW, Wash. 20036.

FROM HOWELL BAUM (Asst. Prof., School of Soc. Wk. & Comm. Plng., Univ. Md., 525 W. Redwood St., Baltimore 21201):

"I have recently finished a series of in-depth interviews with a sample of planners in Maryland. One impression that I have gotten is that many planners are not sensitive to the political implications of their work, are politically sensitive but bewildered about how to act more effectively in the political and organizational settings where they work, or are politically sensitive but feel bound in place by the structures of the organizations in which they work. Some proportion of these planners would like to understand the political implications of their work and, at the same time, develop some organizational and political skills which could enable them to make some changes in their work settings and the outcomes of their work. I would like to hear from people who have been involved in 'training' or 'educational' efforts with planning practitioners in relation to these issues. I would like to know what types of education or training they attempted and what effects they believe they had. Thanks for the help."

INST. FOR LOCAL SELF-RELIANCE (1717 18 St. NW, Wash. 20009) has available (free) its new Publications List. They've also just completed two major publications on recycling: *Economic Feasibility of Recycling* (\$4), which describes recycling within the overall national economy and outlines recycling nationwide from 1970 to the present; and *Garbage to Energy* (\$3), a collection of articles and letters on high technology garbage-to-energy projects. Both are by Neil Seldman.

"CLEARINGHOUSE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS RESEARCH" is a quarterly publication of the Center for Natl. Policy Review (Catholic Univ. Law School, Wash. 20064), featuring treatments of issues related to minorities and education. The Autumn-Winter 1978 double issue focusses on Testing and Citizenship, the next issue will be titled "Desegregation, Resegregation, House and School," and future issues will address strategies for viable interracial cities, cultural pluralism and employment. Subs \$8/yr.

"BARRIERS TO SCHOOL BREAKFAST" is a new report available from the Children's Foundation/Natl. School Breakfast Coalition, 1028 Conn. Ave. NW, #1112, Wash. 20036; \$3.

T.A. FOR SELF-HELP REHABILITATION AND CONSTRUCTION: The Calif. Dept. of Housing & Comm. Dev. is offering these technical assistance grants in the \$3,000-\$50,000 range. Proposal due date is Jan. 31; further inf. and RFP from the HCD, 921 10th St., Sacramento 95814. Their monthly newsletter *California Communities* is pretty good, and free.

"THE NEIGHBORHOOD WORKS" is a twice-monthly publication from the Center for Neighborhood Technology (570 W. Randolph, Chicago 60606, 312-454-0126); it "scans over 100 periodicals . . . , sends out its reporters to cover the practical applications of neighborhood technology, covers the conferences and meetings surrounding the alternatives to high technology from an urban neighborhood point of view and provides regular features on new publications, resources and programs and an idea exchange." \$20/yr.

"NEIGHBORHOOD IDEAS" published 10 times a year, seems to be a similar endeavor, published by Howard Hallman, Center for Governmental Studies, PO Box 34481, Wash. 20034, (202)659-0280. \$25/yr. Hallman also has just published a 158 pp. book *The Organization and Operation of Neighborhood Councils: A Practical Guide*, based on 30 cities and counties which grant official recognition to neighborhood organizations. \$5.

"CONSUMER GUIDE TO LOCAL HEALTH CARE PLANNING" is available (\$2.50) from Assn. of Health Care Consumers, 109 N. Dearborn, Chicago 60602.

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT: HUD has put out a 10 pp. guide to the CRA; available from Joseph McNeely, Dir., Office of Neighb. Dev., HUD 20410. It's free.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR RESPONSIVE PHILANTHROPY is a group many Networkers might want to know more about. Like its name says, it exists to put pressure on private foundations and United Way to become more "social-change" oriented, more accountable, etc. Local affiliates exist in Colorado, Chicago, Phila., Seattle and the Bay Area. (I've been very active in our local group as Chair of the Research Comm.; we're about to come out with a dynamite report on the Bay Area foundation community, tied to an action program.) More inf. about the NCRP and its local affiliates from 1028 Conn. Ave., NW Suite 822, Wash. 20036.

PUBLIC SERVICE SCIENCE RESIDENCIES: This is an NSF program to make scientific and technical assistance available to citizen organizations, increase participation of scientists and citizens in resolving public policy issues, etc. Like the related NSF program described in the last Newsletter, it seems susceptible to imaginative use. Applications are due Feb. 15, and both organizations and individuals from the social as well as other sciences might do well to write for the program description (NSF, Science for Citizens, Office of Science & Society, Wash. 20550.) The list of 1978 residents shows such groups at the Inst. for the Study of Civic Values (a Network member) and Natl. Assn. of Neighborhoods as host organizations, and Network member: David Bartelt (Soc. Dept., Glassboro St. Teachers College, Glassboro NJ) and Bill Peterman (see his comments earlier) were recipients.

FROM WALTER JAMIESON (Asst. Prof. of Urbanism, Univ. of Calgary, 2920 24 Ave. NW, Calgary T2N 1N4):

"I am currently involved in a number of community related activities in addition to my teaching and research at the University. I am Chairman of the Building Committee and a member of the Board of the Calgary Indian Friendship Centre which functions as a means of helping native people integrate into the urban environment. We have just been through a large scale fund raising campaign and are just about to begin construction of a building for the Centre. This has presented all kinds of problems, especially as they relate to participation in the design process. I would be interested in sharing this experience with others involved in designing facilities for native people and would also be interested in hearing of other's experiences. I am President of a heritage group which is primarily concerned with the conservation of architectural resources called The Society for the Preservation of Architectural Resources in Calgary (SPARC) and would also be interested in finding out the experiences of people working in heritage conservation in rapidly growing cities. Calgary is presently experiencing a significant boom and represents a very different situation than many of the inner cities in North America. In addition to this, I am interested in the role of professionals in the implementation of government policies and would be interested in receiving any work that Network members are involved in in this particular aspect."

FROM RICH APPLEBAUM (Dept. of Sociology, Univ. Calif., Santa Barbara 805-961-3630):

"How can left-leaning urban planners, sociologists, and economists make their skills available to community groups or governmental agencies with progressive orientations? I am interested in developing an alternative to the traditional consulting firm, a framework for the provision of technical assistance in such areas as land use planning and design, housing, growth-management, neighborhood preservation, coastal zone management, etc. If you know of any organizations that have done such work in the past (for example, Urban Planning Aid; Santa Barbara Planning Task Force; COOP; California Public Policy Center), please drop me a note; or simply, let me know if you share a similar interest. I can be reached at the Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara CA 93106 (telephone 805-961-3630)."

[This is something I too have personal interest in; perhaps those who respond to Rich could send me a copy of their letter—C.H.]

NATIONAL ASSN. OF HOUSING COOPS (new address: 1828 L St. NW #1100, Wash. 20036) "has been given the green light by HUD to develop a model cooperative housing counseling program under a \$100,000 contract. The counseling program will address three target audiences: 1. tenants and organizers interested in co-op conversion, including tenants in HUD-owned multi-family developments 2. intervenors, that is housing counseling agencies, community groups, sponsors, and other organizations interested in establishing local housing co-ops, and 3. member-owners and board members of housing co-ops that are experiencing difficulties which may lead to default or foreclosure if not checked. The NAHC project will include a survey of existing co-op housing training programs, the development of a workshop trainers' manual to be used in the workshops with the three target audiences, and the publication of handbooks. Anyone involved in co-op organizing should contact Ernie Eden at NAHC."

DIALOG, THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION THEORY NETWORK, has been initiated by Guy Adams, Evergreen St. College Olympia WA 98505. Themes are: 1) Future of Theory in Pub. Adm. Education; 2) Decline, Death and Dying, and Public Organizations; 3) Critical Papers on the Origin of Modern Amer. Pub. Adm.; 4) Language and Pub. Adm. Theory. They've put out two newsletters to date.

"PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS OF REDLINING IN TOLEDO, OHIO" (32 pp.) by William Brown, Melissa Hoops and William Peterman is available from Peterman, Toledo Metropolitan Mission, 2130 Madison Ave., Toledo 43624.

"WHO OWNS THE MIDWEST? WHO CARES?" by Frank Popper appeared in the Dec.-Jan. issue of *Acorn*, and deals with the overwhelming absence of interest in land ownership issues. *Acorn*, subtitled News About Energy Alternatives, Appropriate Technology and People in the Midwest, is a monthly, \$6/yr.

PROP. 13 IMPACT ON MINORITIES is a workshop, March 2, at UC Berkeley, co-sponsored by Bay Area Urban League, MALDF, OCCUR, and the Inst. of Govt. Affairs. It appears to be an "invitation" type meeting, so if you're interested in being invited contact Prop. 13-Impact on Minorities, IGS, 115 Moses Hall, UC, Berkeley 94720.

"APPLICATION OF TRANSFER OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS TO INNER CITY COMMUNITIES: A PROPOSED MUNICIPAL LAND USE RIGHTS ACT" is the title of an article co-authored by Paul Daniels (Natl. Urban League, 500 E. 62, NYC 10021) and Lenore Magida; it's scheduled for publication in the Winter 1979 Urban Lawyer.

WORKER OWNERSHIP: Ed Bergman of the Univ. No. Carolina City & Reg. Plng. Dept. is studying the feasibility of community and worker ownership of enterprises as one strategy available to local economic planners. He and a group of graduate planning students have recently completed a study funded by the Student Originated Studies Program of NSF which examined the reasons why employees in Roxboro, NC were unsuccessful in converting to worker ownership. (Carlisle, et. al. *Community Involvement in Selecting Worker Ownership as a Local Development Strategy*, 134 pp., mimeo) Based on the findings of this study and on the work performed in two related course projects, Bergman and an interdisciplinary team have formed the Worker Ownership Technical Assistance Group to help a plant in eastern N.C. convert to a worker-owned and self-managed enterprise. The WOTAG has recently completed two technical assistance reports (*Enterprise Feasibility*, 84 pp mimeo; *Worker Ownership Feasibility*, 66 pp, mimeo). If interest warrants, these reports will be made available through the Occasional Paper Series, Dept. of City & Reg. Planning, UNC, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

NATIONAL LOW-INCOME HOUSING COALITION (215 8 St. NE, Wash. 20002, 202-544-2544). People/groups should check out membership in this group, which Network member Cushing Dolbeare has put together.

"GROUNDSWELL" is a new resource journal for energy activists. Published by the Nuclear Inf. & Resource Service, 1536 16 St. NW, Wash. 20036. \$12/yr.

SAVING FARMLANDS: From Dan Carlson (2807 32nd S., Seattle 98144, 206-725-0437):

"During the summer I advised the county on a program to purchase the development rights to the farmland surrounding the Seattle metropolitan area and produced a brochure (available from me). Then from Sept to Nov I got heavily involved in running the campaign to try and pass a \$35 million bond issue to carry out the farmlands protection program. The election results were a remarkable 59.77% in favor of increasing their property taxes and pass the bonds; as you probably guessed, 60% voter approval is required. The issue will probably go to the voters again next year. A little background:

"King County, as other urban counties nationally, has experienced severe losses of agricultural land and the close-in truck farming that serves the urban dweller. The property tax system, the period of boom growth in the Northwest and the absence of any controls to continued urban expansion or incentives for farming have led to the current situation. Three years ago the County council passed a moratorium on any subdivision of agricultural lands identified as soil classes I-IV capable of food production. Then alternative actions to retain farmland were reviewed and the purchase of development options was chosen as the preferred option. One other county nationally implemented such a program, Suffolk County, L.I., where voters were not asked to approve bonds. In public hearings moderate civic leaders favored the idea of compensation for farmland retention over zoning, as did realtors and Chamber of Commerce types. Realtors and the Chamber proved to be the biggest opposition to the program up until a month before the election when the Chamber officially endorsed Prop 1. Their argument: the program was not truly voluntary and endangered the free enterprise system and free trade of land. Ironically the most vocal opposition claimed that zoning and current use taxation was a preferable method of saving farmland and fairer to the low income residents. Those favoring zoning tended also to be academicians and more 'progressives'.

"The possibility of retaining farmlands close to major cities holds a future of non-dependence on the American tradition of monoculture and segregation of land uses...it recognizes the fitness of fertile land and the immense public costs of reclaiming desert land. (John Sanger did a very useful study for the County on the Economic Impacts of the Ag. Land program.)

"The campaign over, I'm returning to planning consulting and am developing some strategies for the operation of the Bulk Commodities Exchange—a direct farmer to buying club clearinghouse—with its director, Network member Frankie Whitman. And in the future, well, I'm looking at the idea of starting a small raspberry farm.

"Networkers interested in more information on our effort to keep farmlands can drop me a note and I'll try and respond with information or pass their request along to the Save Our Local Farmlands committee if it starts up again."

FROM HUGH GARDNER (246 Adams, Denver, 80206, 303-355-9926):

"Since I wrote last I've continued my occasional forays into muckracking journalism, though of late, since receiving my Big Degree, things have turned more in the direction of my professional identity as a sociologist. One recent personal milepost which may interest some of your readers was the publication this year of my first book, *The Children of Prosperity: Thirteen Modern American Communes* (St. Martin's, 1978). Originally my dissertation, *Children* follows the development of the modern back-to-the-land commune movement from the early days of 1965 to about 1975 as embodied by thirteen representative groups over that period of time. Given the new wave of interest in 'voluntary simplicity,' 'self-reliance,' 'stable-state economics' and suchlike, I feel better about having so much time of my life and time studying where all this stuff came from in the Sixties. If anyone's interested, copies can be had postpaid at \$6.95 paper, \$14.95 cloth either from yrs truly or St. Martin's (175 Fifth Ave., NY NY 10010).

"Another recent project of plausible interest was my participation in a study this past summer of DOE's public hearings on solar energy policy, commissioned by SERI in Golden. This produced a report called *The People Speak Solar: Social Research on*

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the 1978 Solar Domestic Policy Review. Among the conclusions: the people want renewable energy sources to break the chains of the utility company lock-ins and they want them now, the majority preferring low-tech, bioregionalized, participatory and decentralized approaches to high-tech, centralized power towers and solarsats. Pending SERI clearance (expected by Newsletter #17), copies will be available at \$12.50 from Social Change Systems, 1459 Ogden, Denver 80218. A larger and more comprehensive report, incorporating the above, should also soon be available from SERI itself (Publications Division, 1536 Cole Blvd, Golden 80401, price unknown).

"Another project I've been meaning to write in about for some time is the creation of a Clinical Sociology Network (now accomplished) and editing a book with John Glass to be called *Clinical Sociology: roadmaps to a new profession*, basically a compendium of personal statements and approaches by sociological practitioners who apply their knowledge in non-academic settings. According to a statement composed by the CS network's steering committee, Clinical Sociology brings a sociological perspective to intervention and action for change. The Clinical Sociologist is essentially a change agent rather than a researcher or evaluator. Clients may be individuals, groups, or organizations. The clinical task involves a redefinition of the self, role, and/or situation. Clinical Sociology uses a variety of techniques or methods for facilitating change. The field's value orientation is humanistic, holistic, existential, and multidisciplinary. The CS network now numbers some 300 souls and is growing fast. Planners' Network folks can get on the CSN newsletter mailing list by writing to Dr. Charles Cleveland, Dept. Sociology, Drake U, Des Moines 50311. Those interested in a bit more background might want to check out my soapbox piece called "Some 'Real' Doctoring for Sick Societies" in the Sept. 78 issue of *Human Behavior*. PN people who are sociologists or operate with a sociological approach and might like to contribute to the book project are invited to drop a line either to me or to John Glass (4242 Wilkinson Ave, Studio City, CA 91604, 213/984-2150). I am especially interested in hearing from practitioners who work at the organizational, community or institutional level, since the preponderance of the clinicians we've located thus far work at the individual or family level, an imbalance I wish to see evened out.

"Finally, I'd like to mention my major current project, a book for St. Martin's and partially supported by Rockefeller called *The Real Revolution: The Emerging Decentralization of America*. Its purpose is to document and forecast what I see as a major paradigm shift in American history toward greater personal power, local control, ecological and populist values, participatory democracy in the workplace and political system, population dispersal, etc., fueled by emergent changes in communications, energy, education, and so on. I would be anxious to see any reprints, clips, papers, book references, etc. that PN members might think appropriate. I'd be only too happy to reimburse materials/idea donors for xeroxing and/or postage costs.

"Finally (I said that already), one of the recent pieces of work in which I take most pride was 'Faculty in Jeopardy' in this year's annual edition of *Nutshell: The Magazine for the College Community*. Planners with an interest in the future of post-graduate education and trained incapacity may wish to explore it, for if my reading is correct the future of academe is a dreary one indeed without a serious redirection toward non-academic employment opportunities for the unneeded scholars we are turning out in frightening numbers. Copies available free from the Dept. of Sociology, Univ. of Denver, Denver 80210."

THE ROLE OF MUTUAL AID AND SELF-HELP IN A CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY is the title of an international conference being planned for Sept., 1979 in Dubrovnik. Len Duhal (Dept. City & Regional Plng., U.C., Berkeley 94720) is one of the organizers and is looking for names of people, especially those under 35, women and minorities, who might be interested, as well as program ideas.

"APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNITY SELF-RELIANCE" is a new MA program cluster being offered by Antioch West (1729 17 Ave., Seattle 98122, 206-323-2270); it may have just started (begins with Winter Quarter '79).

MANAGEMENT AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION and HISTORY OF COMMUNITY SERVICES: Charles Ellison (Urban Affairs Prog., 302 French Hall, U. Cinn., Cinn. 45221) wants assistance in organizing courses in the two areas, esp. bibliographic references.

THE ARCHITECTURAL ASSN. (36 Bedford Sq., London WC1) has available a packet of materials on its planning studies program, including course outlines for "Planning in Socialist Countries", "Political Economy of Urbanism", and "National and Regional Economic Planning".

"TAX INCENTIVES FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION" is the title of six full-day seminars being sponsored by the APA and the Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, US Dept. of the Interior. Schedule is: Alexandria, Va., Jan 19 (was, in that instance); Denver, Feb. 5; Charleston, SC, Feb. 19; Monterey, Ca., March 23; Boston, April 2; Cinn., April 16. Further inf. from Richard Jaffeson, Amer. Planning Assn., Preservation Seminar, 1776 Mass. Ave. NW, Wash. 20036, (202)872-0611).

TWO COMMUNITY PRESERVATION WORKSHOPS are being put on by the Natl. Trust for Historic Preservation: in Eureka, Ca. March 17-24 and Lancaster, Pa. April 28-May 5. Application deadlines are Feb. 16 and March 23, respectively, to Trng. Progs. Asst., Educ. Services Div., Natl. Trust, 740-48 Jackson Pl. NW, Wash. 20006. Each workshop will be limited to 30 persons, with everyone getting a full tuition scholarship but responsible for their own expenses.

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One smallish item that pops up occasionally is inquiries from Network members about posting our materials (the basic informational piece, newsletter) on bulletin boards in university planning departments and other places. I discourage this, and prefer that people be told about the Network on a more selective basis — getting the word about it to specific people you think will be interested. That tends to keep us more cohesive, less likely to take on those who merely are interested in what the left is thinking and doing but who do not regard themselves as part of the left. Those same considerations lead me to reject requests for "subscriptions" to the Newsletter from libraries (except small in-house libraries of friendly groups.) Any comments on that policy?

Looking back over the content of this Newsletter, compared with previous ones, it seems like there are scads of conferences going on (and a few jobs.)

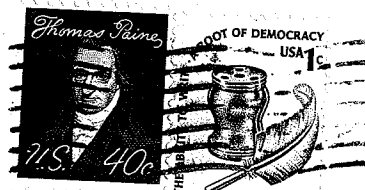
#16 RETURNS: S. Lowenthal (Camb.), Sara Wermiel (Boston), Steve Babel (Madison), Claudia Engel (Winnepeg), Robert Scott (SF), Gloria Root (SF), Leslie Lambert (Sacramento). The usual request for information as to whereabouts from anyone who knows.

Thanks to Amy Fine and Nancy Burns for help in getting out #16. We can always use help in that mailing task, so Bay Area people who can volunteer a few hours should drop us a note or call. It's a drag to have to go around rounding people up.

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