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POST-ITHACA: The following was submitted by Ruth Ann Weidner, Nancey Leigh-Preston and Linda Hollis of the Univ. of No. Carolina Planning School and the Radical Planning Alternatives group there: /

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR ORGANIZATION OF REGIONAL MEETINGS.

As Next year's conference is to focus on the nature of and purpose of the proposed nationwide socialist planning organization, we though it appropriate to express our thoughts on the nature of the regional meetings to be held in preparation for this conference. First of all, we feel that the only justification for using next year's conference to define the organization is to establish the ways in which it can act as a **support system** for practitioners. This is because it is through the work of practitioners that the changes in society—which are the foci of discussion of the conferences—can be achieved.

1) The regional meetings should be viewed as an experiment in defining a structure for a national conference; they should seek ways to avoid the traditional hierarchical conference structure (as evidenced in Ithaca), along with its negative consequences (e.g., too many formal panels, minimal discussion by non-academics, little formal participation by women and minorities).

2) The meetings should attempt to attract people knowledgeable in major substantive areas of planning: for example, the environment, energy, housing, economic development, labor, health, land use. We particularly emphasize attracting those specializing in areas not traditionally associated with progressive planning groups—environment, energy, land use.

3) The regional meetings should consider having major interest group divisions in the larger national organization along the lines of (dare we say it?) APA. We feel these could be valuable in bringing together substantive radical theory and practice and translating regional issues into a national perspective.

4) The regional meetings should incorporate a feminist and radical analysis of the current situation as well as the traditional class analysis. The patriarchal nature of present-day capitalism must be addressed.

5) The regional meetings should pay attention to the **process** involved in bringing together planning academics, planning practitioners, and community group leaders, and how various issues are resolved among them. We feel this process would be a valuable topic of discussion at next year's conference.

An article on the Cornell conference, by Bill Goldsmith, David Wilmoth and Marc Weiss appeared in the July 11-17 issue of *In These Times*, the weekly independent socialist newspaper. Send a SASE for a copy—or better still, subscribe to ITT, 1509 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago 60622. \$19 a year, or a 4-month trial sub for \$8.75.

THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE to the Ithaca report, from Leo Lillard (2814 Buena Vista Pl., Nashville 37218)—who would like some response/polling to the questions he raises: “The planning profession seems not to attract many Black planners and amongst the radical planners even less.

“My only interest in associating with the profession is to provide a mechanism to oppressed people that reduces and eliminates their deep seated, short ranged visions of struggle and their ‘non-network’ strategies of relief.

“Being quite honest, however, I think this present Network as presently constituted just will not attract Black planners and it's not that you all are Liberals, Radicals, Communists, etc.—it's just that by the nature of your skin and history you have the luxury to grapple with issues in an optional fashion—fad or non-fad—academic or political, etc. **African American planners have no option. It's either devour or get devoured, a zero sum game.**

“The real hitch in this, is every one of the so-called radical white planners in the Network would raise as much hell as **Bakke** if a Black threatened his or her job. Take a poll and see how many Networkers when they left their last job successfully or not lobbied to get a Black planner to fill their last position prior to their leaving?

“Check how many Networkers live in a racially mixed community?

“How many send their kids to private schools?

“How many have a picture of a Black personality anywhere in their house?

“I could go on but it gets to be a bitchy ‘sho’ nuff.”

“Hey, look, ‘everything is everything’ as we say, so don't get uptight because Blacks don't attend—it's ‘spose’ to be that way—and please don't feel offended ‘cause you know how the Network would fall apart if Black planners ran it—slowly but surely the white radicals would set up another group and that is natural—so why go through all those changes. Your group is important to you all—Just don't try to be ‘Lawrence of Arabia.’ Do what you have to for you all and try not to mess over too many Black people along the way.”

A follow-up meeting of the Ithaca-appointed Steering Comm. was held in Philadelphia June 9-10; still no written report on it, but we hope to have one in the next newsletter.

NEW JERSEY PLANNERS NETWORK: FIRST MEETING—This report (also from Bob Beauregard): The New Jersey Planners Network held its first meeting on June 19th at St. Peter's College in Jersey City. After background information was presented on **The Planners Network**, the conferences at VPI and Cornell, and the Philadelphia meeting which put together the proposal for a Union of Progressive Planners, discussion turned to appropriate activities for a Planners Network in New Jersey. Two issues were considered: the impact of state licensing of planners upon these non-licensed ‘planners’ and upon planning issues, and, the ostensible state urban policy. There was also some discussion of workplace conditions and the problems planners face in achieving concrete results from their work. It was decided that the group should begin by working jointly on a project which has both political salience in New Jersey and the potential for a public, political impact. In order to move the group towards a critical position from which political action could be derived, it was decided to focus on urban policy in the state. The next meeting, tentatively planned for the first Wednesday in August in Newark, will concern itself with a critique of the state urban policy and consider how we might then proceed. “Those interested in participating should contact either John Nettleton at the Jersey City Redevelopment Agency (201-656-0517) or Bob Beauregard at the Department of Urban Planning, Livingston College (201-932-4053).”

AN OVERVIEW OF THE NETWORK NEWSLETTER from Bob Beauregard (Dept. of Urban Planning, Livingston College, New Brunswick NJ): "As I mentioned to you in Ithaca, I recently went through all the back issues of PN to determine the extent to which its 'members' write about their praxis and do so by relating it to progressive theory. I found very few instances of this, maybe two or three. This I would like to encourage. It is very important that those engaged in progressive practice articulate the problems and successes they are experiencing and try to reflect upon them in terms of some progressive theory about the nature of a socialist society, the efficacy of various political strategies, and the role of planning behavior in all of this. I disagree with the comment by Jay Jurie in #19 that we already have plenty of theory. Certainly there are many theories about urban and regional development, political strategy, and even some embarrassingly crude theories of planning behavior. None of these, however, are couched in a form which incorporates progressive goals with progressive theory which guides progressive practice, and which is subsequently modified by the results of that practice. This theory requires not just the ruminations of academics but, equally important, the experiences of practitioners who are thinking about their work in progressive ways and acting accordingly. More 'experiences' of this nature being discussed in PN would be of immense value.

There is also a bothersome trend occurring in PN. Notice how the relative amount of space devoted to announcements of the availability of monographs and the publication of books and articles has increased. While knowledge of the availability of these materials is useful, its utility is limited since one has no way to judge their quality on the basis of such scanty information. Moreover, they take up too much space. I think that there is a need to take some position on the inclusion of such announcements. PN should be a forum for debating issues in progressive planning and relating experiences. As a start, I might suggest a refusal to list books produced by major publishers and articles in major journals. Or you might save all such announcements, compile them in a separate newsletter and send them out on request for a small fee."

I thoroughly endorse—have for a while been exhorting people in this direction, with little success—Bob's plea for some thoughtful, introspective first-person accounts of their work by Network members. Also what do people think of his observations that we're printing too many notices of publications, with too little information about them, and his suggestions for limiting that material? [CH]

JOBS:

1) Coordinator, South County Housing Projects, Santa Barbara Community Housing Corp. (703 W. Micheltorena, Santa Barbara 93101). Salary \$1250-1666/mo. Deadline was July 16. Applications to Network member Jennifer Bigelow, who is Director of the corp. (or maybe phone her first at (805) 963-3466 to see if deadline was firm).

2) Exec. Dir., Santa Clara County (Cal.) Non-Profit Housing Corp. Salary \$24-29,000. Deadline was June 20. Again, contact Network member Scott LeFaver, PO Box 820, San Jose, CA 95112 (408) 287-3400, to see if deadline was firm.

3) **Community Jobs** is the monthly National Newsletter of Jobs for Social Change, an in-house project of the Youth Project; a 4-month sub is \$4.95 (1766C Union St., SF 94123). They also list job or internship offerings free.

METROPOLITAN REFORM: An Annotated Bibliography (450 pp.), compiled by Paula Baker, Elinor Ostrom and Robert Goehlert, is available (\$15) from the Workshop in Political Theory and Analysis, 814 E. 3rd St., Indiana U., Bloomington, IN 47405. Other bibliographies they've prepared are: **Community Organization and Neighborhood Government** (55 pp., \$3.75); **Local Organization and Citizen Participation in Urban Planning: A Comparative Bibliography** (39 pp., \$3.25); **Institutional Arrangements and the Delivery of Urban Services: Empirical Studies** (50 pp. \$3.75).

FROM LINCOLN CUSHING (PO Box 33420, San Diego 92103): "Continued praise on PNN—my two bits is to keep it as is and ~~not go more~~ formal/highbrow. Its form is clean and highly usable, and is used, as opposed to scanned and dropped in some 'to be read someday' file. At least I use it, and I'm not even into urban planning, just urban doing."

CITY LIMITS is a monthly magazine put out jointly by the Assn. of Neighborhood Developers, Pratt Inst. Ctr. for Comm. & Env. Development, and Urban Homestead Assistance Board. \$6/yr. for community-based org. & indiv., \$20 for others (115 E. 23 St., NYC 10010).

FACTS ON COUNCIL HOUSE SALES is a new pamphlet Steve Schifferes (69 The Vale, Acton London W3 England) has done for Shelter. "Since the Tory victory in May," he writes, "their policy has been to sell off public assets, including public housing (to sitting tenants and in some cases on the open market)—it must be remembered that one third of the stock here is public housing, much of it single family homes. The pamphlet is an attack on this policy and part of a much wider campaign to defend public housing while at the same time demanding major reforms in management. More copies of the pamphlet and further information from Shelter, 157 Waterloo Rd., London SE1 England. (One important development has been the closer collaboration with the trade union movement in fighting against the cuts in housing.)"

"**THE PRODUCTION OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**" is a 2-week summer session (Sept. 3-14) by the Bartlett School of Arch. & Planning (Univ. College, Wates House, 22 Gordon St., London WC1H 0QB). The course "views the physical form of the city as a product of the different ways building construction has been organized and its changing relationship to the state."

STATE HOUSING IN BRITAIN is a new book by Network member Stephen Merrett (available from Routledge & Kegan Paul, 9 Park St., Boston 02108 for \$22.50—a 10% discount to Network members). It deals with the local authority housing sector in Britain, where more than one-quarter of all households live in a council house or flat. From Merrett's Preface: "The book is divided into three parts. Part I consists of two chapters and provides a historical introduction which reviews the origins and development of the local authority housing sector from the 1840s right through the outbreak of World War II in 1939.

"Part II covers the experience since 1945, in a series of six chapters which in turn deal with access to land, the house-building industry, the balance between rehabilitation and redevelopment, sources and costs of capital finance, determinants of rents and subsidies and, finally, the management of the municipal stock.

"The third and last part of the book is concerned above all with the formation and implementation of policy. One chapter takes all the themes examined separately in Part II and integrates them in an analysis of the evolution of housing policy since the war within the context of broader political and economic change. A second chapter looks at the entire experience of the last 130 years and highlights its main features, linking them to an explicit view of the role of the state. The final chapter of the book puts forward proposals for the measures I believe to be necessary for the housing problem, as we at present understand it, to be solved."

A NATIONAL SHORT COURSE IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION was held July 9-19 in Washington, sponsored by HEW and the VPI College of Arch. & Urban Studies. Further information from Network member Larry Sheehy (Box 4585, Fresno, CA 93744), who was a panelist there.

NYC/SANTA BARBARA HOUSE SWAP? John Gilderbloom (Dept. Sociology, Univ. Calif., Santa Barbara 93106, 805-685-3771) is going to the Manhattan/Ft. Lee area in late August or Sept. to study rent control. He has a comfortable 1-bedroom apt. 1/2 block from the Pacific and a UC office nearby, plus a VW bug he's willing to share. Anyone who wants to swap should get in touch with him.

THE POLITICS OF "RESEARCH"—Walter Thabit (305 Broadway, NYC 10007) sends in the following mini-essay. Comments/follow-ups from other Networkers are welcome:

"The research that comes out of the halls of academia—the papers printed in professional journals and the books published by university presses—deserves a lot closer scrutiny by people's professionals. Too many of the products of this research are racist and real estate oriented, and are used to directly attack the people as well as help shape establishment policy. I refer the skeptical to **Forbidden Neighbors** by the late Charles Abrams which describes the real estate lobby's grip on urban studies in colleges and universities.

"One of the most vicious racist attacks was made by Morton Grodzins in his 'tipping point' theory, published in several journals and in the **Scientific American** in 1957. The theory holds that as blacks move into an otherwise white neighborhood, a threshold of white tolerance is reached (perhaps 20-30 percent black occupancy), after which the remaining whites move out. He supported his thesis with the findings of Duncan and Duncan's studies of population shift in Chicago from 1940 to 1950, a period of heavy black in-migration.

"This theory gained almost universal currency despite its fatal flaws. Studies by Taueber and Taueber (1972) in cities across the country identified many cities in which whites did not move out or actually increased their percentage in tracts with high percentages of blacks (Memphis is one). Analysis of other studies shows that white tolerance in a neighborhood can range from 1 percent to as much as 96 percent, and that 'tipping' is completed in from 1 to 50 years or more. All of which explodes the validity of the theory. In developing this theory, Grodzins ignored the fact that Chicago's real estate fraternity engineered neighborhood succession from white to black so as to maintain segregation, both reinforcing white exclusivity and suburban sales in the process. FHA's suburban mortgage policy (for whites only) was similarly real estate dictated, and contributed heavily to the result.

"Despite its lack of validity, the theory is alive and well. Schelling at Harvard and others continue research on the 'tipping point,' publishing their results, keeping the racist lie going. It has become a rallying cry for segregationists, also alive and well, in the West Side Urban Renewal Area in Manhattan, for example. There, the Trinity School is seeking to enjoin NYC's Housing Development administration (now the Dept. of Housing Preservation and Development), the NYC Housing Authority and HUD from building a 150-unit public housing project on a renewal site adjacent to the school on the grounds that it would 'tip' the area. At one point, the HUD Area Administrator wrote a letter to the plaintiffs expressing HUD's concern with 'tipping.' The defendants won in a lower court, lost on appeal, and have now taken the case to the Supreme Court.

"Though this court case was a perfect forum in which to expose the 'tipping point' theory, lawyers for the defense failed to do so despite the considerable research they had commissioned or was otherwise available. Defense attorneys said that it might prove difficult to convince the judge in the case; one can also suspect that the lawyers secretly believed in the theory themselves. Briefs being prepared for submission to the Supreme Court are similarly neglecting the issue.

"Would this hesitancy to expose and this pervasive influence of the 'tipping point' theory exist if radical planners and urbanologists had been exposing it whenever it showed up in the journals or in official documents? Not very likely. The HUD Area Administrator would never have dared write his letter. The defense lawyers would have had the courage or at least been forced by public pressure to attack the issue head on. Had radicals acted, the theory would not now be threatening the right of minorities to decent housing in so-called white neighborhoods.

"The tipping point is not the only example of such research. At least one study of the black riots of the 1960's sought to demonstrate that riots were counterproductive, and used the most irrelevant hypotheses and suspect indices in an effort to prove its point. Studies of housing deterioration and abandon-

ment are often similarly flawed, their inadequacies hidden behind standard deviations and other statistical jargon. In such studies, abandonment is often laid at the door of the tenants, especially minority tenants, while the primary role played by landlords, banks, real estate brokers and the city is soft-pedalled or ignored.

"Still another racist research tool is now being sharpened, this time by urban economists. Siegal of Harvard and others are working to develop so-called neighborhood quality models which purport to assess the quality of neighborhoods. No matter how one slices the sophisticated formulations being developed, the basic elements of these models are two: Median family income and percent black. The higher the median family income and the lower the percentage of blacks, the better the neighborhood. These models are being prepared for publication in book form. Some attention to its publication on the part of radical planners (speakouts in universities, reviews, etc.) could offset favorable reviews in real estate oriented media and might even shock urban economists into abandoning such research.

"To sum up: Much of the research underway in universities and research centers is directed against the people in general, and the minorities and the poor in particular. Radical and progressive planning forces should become more involved in this arena. The front line—the grass roots level—certainly needs our support. But let's not forget the strategic and intellectual battlefields."

"ANTI-INFLATION FOR PROGRESSIVES" is an article Bertram Gross (Hunter College NYC) published in the June 23 *Nation* (which is getting better and better.) It has references to housing and rent control; if you can't get hold of it, send Bert a SASE.

VISITOR FROM PLANNING AID UNIT IN LONDON: Susan Lobbenberg of the Planning Aid Unit, run by the Town & Country Planning Assn., will be visiting the West Coast for a month beginning mid-August. Her work involves helping community groups with planning advice and information. She would like while here to do some research on citizen advocacy schemes and self-help housing, and meet people to exchange information/ideas, etc. Since she'll be contacting me when she arrives, anyone who would like to get in touch with her should phone or write here, and I'll pass on names to her. (If anyone has any offers/ideas for a place for Susan to stay, let me know as well.)

COMMUNITY BUSINESS TRAINING-W. COAST SESSION is being held Aug. 5-10 in SF by the New School for Democratic Management. Nine courses available. Inf. from NSDM, 589 Howard St., SF 94105, (415) 543-7973.

LOCAL HOUSING IMPROVEMENT/COMM. ECON. DEV. PUBLICATIONS: The United South End Settlements has completed four volumes, under a HEW demonstration grant, which Network member Joanne Yawitz thinks folks should know about. They are:

Vol. I-Housing Improvement Planning Project: Final Demonstration Plan for the South End/Lower Roxbury, Boston, Ma. (Residential Improvement Project) (159 pages) \$12.

Vol. II-Rehabilitation/Repair Handbook: Selection Criteria, Survey Plans and Costs for Residential Units and Structures in the South End/Lower Roxbury Residential Improvement Project (80 pages) \$8.

Vol. III-Innovative Housing Improvement Strategies: The State of the Art (47 pages) \$6.

Vol. IV-Innovative Housing Improvement Strategies: An Inventory of Funding Sources (24 pages) \$5.

The four volume set can be ordered for \$25. Checks made out to "United South End/Lower Roxbury Development Corp."

"POLITICAL ENERGY, RENEWABLE AND OTHERWISE"
—Another short essay on Montreal politics, by Andy Melamed (Urban Studies, Concordia Univ., 1455 de Maisonneuve Blvd., Montreal H3G 1M8):

"The last report from Montreal to the Network was in February '78 when the prospects for radical change on the urban scene seemed bright. Since then there has been a steady move to the right at all three levels of government. In the city elections the Old Guard wiped out the opposition despite the revelations of graft and incompetence from the Olympics of '76, despite massive increases in the debt service and tax rate.

At the Provincial level, the Social Democratic Parti Quebecois (seeking a mandate for national independence by referendum by next spring) has been making the usual compromises designed to please everyone—with limited success. At the Federal level the Liberals were voted out of power after 16 years in favor of the Progressive-Conservatives (what a dialectically fascinating name!) who promise to de-nationalize everything they can, and help private enterprise to 'get the economy moving again.' No change from the policy of the Liberals, only more so.

"The slowing down of the economy has had some strangely beneficial effects on the urban scene. The shortage of funds has forced the City to seek low-cost high-visibility projects such as cross-country ski trails in the large parks, bike paths along the waterways, and selected street closings 'to promote business.' To forestall any criticism from the merchants generally the 'No Parking' signs have also been removed from the downtown streets during the summer, for the same reasons as the creation of pedestrian streets.

"However, these cosmetic solutions hide a general deterioration of urban services, cut-backs in recreation and health programs. The public housing program has slowed to a halt; the rehabilitation of housing has fallen off (both programs Federally funded were caught in the pre-election maneuverings). On the other hand subway construction continues at a reduced pace and expressway construction has totally stopped in the City.

"The Provincial government has announced that it will fund the completion of the mast and roof of the Olympic Stadium as well as the Convention Center, projects which they had criticized when they were the Opposition. There have been compensatory cut-backs in scholarship allocations for students, and very hard-nosed wage settlements for government employees. Again it seems that the government in power tends to turn against its principal supporters, the youth and the unions in this case. Now the major issue is the referendum on independence, to be voted on in Quebec sometime between now and spring 1980. It is expected that a majority will vote in favor of authorizing the Provincial government to negotiate on a one-to-one basis with the Canadian government the terms of 'sovereignty-association,' (political sovereignty-economic association) between Quebec and Canada. Polls have also indicated that only 25% of the electorate is now willing to support a unilateral declaration of independence by Quebec.

"At the municipal level we are back to square one except that there are now a number of locally-based technical resource groups consisting mainly of young professionals who want to do meaningful work or who couldn't find a job inside the establishment. There has been an increase in interest in all of the environmentally hot issues: anti-nuclear protests, soft and renewable technologies, housing rehab and anti-demolition by-laws, historical preservation, re-cycling of waste products, bicycle facilities, pedestrian malls, and the overriding concern for citizen participation in all of the above.

"The public transit vs. expressway battle has been won, for all intents and purposes. Metro construction is going ahead and no one is proposing any super-highways or street widenings. Thus, although the political arm of all of these movements was badly mauled during the last city elections (only one city councillor left out of 18 who had been elected in 1974), the program for which it fought has been doing very well in almost every field. We lost the war but are starting to win the battles.

"City planning and housing at the agency levels are suffering from the cut-backs in staff and funding that have hit all branches of government in Canada, a function of the lagging and the sagging dollar. The Province enacted laws on agricultural zoning and on local planning, but has so far not moved on setting them into motion. The only area which seems to be well financed at this point in time is environmental impact studies for various resource development projects, e.g. the McKenzie Valley pipeline which will cost billions. The consultants are doing rather well in the western provinces.

"In general, the initiatives that are described in the Network Newsletter are ahead of those in Canada. This permits us to learn from both your successes and failures. Organizationally there is nothing outside of the professional corporations, but even these are so ineffectual as to have generated little angry response. The high-water mark was probably the Habitat conference in 1976, with the great 'happening' of the counter-conference that year. We're still waiting for something to re-inspire us on a more permanent basis, to spread the word and the deed."

THE DETERMINANTS OF RENT: John Gilderbloom and Rich Applebaum (Dept. of Sociology, Univ. Calif., Santa Barbara 93106) are putting together a research proposal on the determinants of rent. Of specific interest is the role of scarcity in affecting rent increases. The proposed study would examine approximately 140 urban areas in the United States. They are interested in receiving from Network people any references, both conventional and radical, which might pertain to the above topic.

SAN FRANCISCANS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING has gathered the signatures to put on the Nov. ballot your basic super-duper all-purpose housing reform initiative (rent control, condo conversion controls, tenants' rights, speculation controls, new housing, etc.) For a copy of the ordinance, send a SASE.

HUD STUDY OF SHRINKING RENTAL HOUSING SUPPLY: Network member Carla Cohen, special asst. to Asst. Sec. Robert Embry, is doing a policy paper on the effects of the shrinking supply of rental housing on the poor. She wants data and information on specific cities. Anyone who can help out should contact Carla at HUD Rm. 7206, 451 7th St. SW, Wash. 20410, (202) 755-6082.

THREE HOUSING STUDIES BY RONALD LAWSON (further information from him at the Queens College Dept. of Urban Studies, Flushing, NY 11367): "I have completed/am working on three studies that should interest Network members. The first of these was a huge study of tenant activism in NYC, beginning with the reforms of the nineteenth century and the first major rent strikes in 1904 and tracing the evolution of the movement through until today, with detailed concern for the events and responses of the 1970s. While the major thrust is NYC, I also did brief interviewing, in order to put events in NYC in context, in 35 other US cities, 7 Western European countries, and Canada and Australia. The book manuscript should be completed within the next few months.

The second study is of the political face of the real estate industry in NYC, and of the interaction between tenant and real estate interests during the 1977 legislative session. This data is being incorporated in part in the above mentioned book, and also being used separately in a couple of articles.

In the last few months I have launched a new study of the social process of building abandonment and the impact of tenant strategies upon this process. I have chosen 33 blocks in six key, varied neighborhoods undergoing different levels of decay, and will follow what happens to each building over a five year period. Base-line data was collected from neighborhood and building tenant leaders, superintendents, a sample of tenants, landlords, managers of In Rem Buildings, past-owners of In Rem Buildings, banks and other mortgage holders, and a variety of city officials, including those from the local police, fire, planning boards and housing departments."

FAMILY HOMES COOPERATIVES is a new newsletter available from the organization of the same name, Box 1017, Crab Orchard, WV 25827

THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLATFORM CAMPAIGN is a project of the Natl. Assn. of Neighborhoods, aimed at developing specific platform proposals for electoral campaigns in 1980 and beyond. They will be holding a Natl. Neighborhoods Platform Convention in Louisville Nov. 9-11. Further information from NAN, 1612 20th St. NW, Washington 20009.

MUSICIANS UNITED FOR SAFE ENERGY (MUSE) FOUNDATION is a new public charity organized by musicians and energy activists to provide funding for qualified groups to stop nuclear power; they will be distributing the proceeds from a series of NO NUKES concerts at Madison Sq. Garden in late September. For further information write them at 72 Fifth Ave., NYC 10011 (212) 691-5422.

"CASINO BASED REDEVELOPMENT AND THE POOR AND MINORITIES IN ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.: IMPACTS AND PROSPECTS" is a 32 pp. paper by Nathan Landau on the realities of growth and community organizing prospects. Available from him for reproduction and mailing cost (\$2.50-3, depending on how it's mailed), at 106 W. 96th St., #1C, NYC 10025.

ACTION ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS is a series of four publications by the Citizens Housing & Planning Assn., 7 Marshall St., Boston 02108:

1) **Community Development Block Grants and Neighborhood Revitalization** 1978. \$2. A guide to planning strategies for neighborhood revitalization. Includes descriptions of different types of programs which can be funded by CDBG money as well as summaries of several existing successful programs around the state.

2) **Targetting Community Development Block Grants to Older Neighborhoods: Who Benefits?** 1979. \$2. An in depth study of nine Massachusetts entitlement cities, examining how much of their Block Grant money actually benefits low and moderate income people.

3) **A Guide To Citizen Action: Community Development Block Grants** 1979. \$2. Citizen's guide, highlighting issues of concern to community groups. Outlines strategies for researching problems and effectively getting into the citizen participation process.

4) **Organize: CDBG Strategies in Your Community.** 1979. FREE. A step by step guide to coalition building and community organizing around the CDBG program.

DOWNTOWN VS. NEIGHBORHOOD SHOPPING CENTERS: From Paul Levy (Inst. for the Study of Civic Values, 401 N. Broad St., Philadelphia 19108: "I am presently working on a study of the effects of a downtown Rouse shopping mall on smaller shopping districts in Philadelphia's neighborhoods. I would be interested in hearing from anyone doing similar work. I'm working on the hypothesis that the fantastic sales revenues being recorded in the downtown may be pirated away primarily from surrounding neighborhoods."

"THE CULTURAL WORKERS DIRECTORY" (June 1979) is a listing of progressive arts and culture in San Diego. Available (50¢) from Lincoln Cushing, PO Box 33420, San Diego 92103.

"NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT" is a new curriculum option in the Hunter College Grad. Prog. in Urban Affairs. Additional information from Hans Spiegel, Director (790 Madison Ave., NYC 10021).

"NEIGHBORHOOD CHANGE AND DISPLACEMENT" was a conference held June 22 in SF, sponsored by the Assn. of Bay Area Govts. Further information from them at Hotel Claremont, Berkeley 94705.

MAHRO: THE RADICAL HISTORIANS' ORGANIZATION is reachable at the Dept. of History, John Jay College, 445 W. 59 St., NYC 10019. They publish the **Radical History Review**, their **Newsletter**, run conferences, forums, etc.

TENANT CONSCIOUSNESS: Allan Heskin (UCLA School of Arch. & Planning) has received an NIMH grant to do a major study of tenant consciousness, and would like to correspond with other people who have done survey work on tenants around the country and get other people's definition of tenant consciousness. He summarizes the study as follows: "The study will involve telephone interviews with 2,000 tenants in the Los Angeles area including a special sample of 500 from Santa Monica. I will be examining tenants' level of tenant consciousness much as we talk about levels of working class consciousness and correlating the levels of consciousness with variables like sense of upward mobility, attachment to place, experience with tenant-landlord disputes and a number of demographics. The consciousness scale will be constructed with the help of a substantial number of California tenant activists and organizers. It will be made up of answers to questions about such things as people's explanations of why rents are going up, what activity they would engage in on behalf of tenants, how they vote, and attitudes toward private property."

THE SLOW DEATH OF FRESNO STATE: A California Campus Under Reagan and Brown is a new book by Kenneth A. Seib (Ramparts Press, Box 50128, Palo Alto, Ca. 94303, \$12.67).

A GUIDE TO COOPERATIVE ALTERNATIVES: Community Participation, Social Change, Well-Being, Appropriate Technology, Networking and almost anything else hopeful in America is a new 184 pp. guide edited by *Communities, Journal of Cooperative Living* (Paul Freudlich, Chris Collins, Mikki Wenig). It includes sections on: Community Organizing, Health & Well-Being, Economics & Work, Food, Housing, Communications & Networking, Family Life & Relationships, Energy & Environment, Politics, Education, Decision-Making, Culture, Self & Spirit, Intentional Communities (including a 18 pp. Directory on such communities). Each section has an overview essay, a detailed description of one or two model projects within that category, and a listing of resources accompanied by a mini-description of each. \$6 postpaid from *Communities*, PO Box 426, Louisa, Va., 23093.

UNDERSTANDING NEIGHBORHOOD CHANGE: The Role of Confidence in Urban Revitalization by Rolf Goetze is available from Ballinger Books, \$14.50.

COURSE ON PLANNERS' ROLES: William Jones (c/o Urban & Reg. Plng. Dept., 212 Lawrence Hall, Univ. Oregon, Eugene 97403) writes: "In the summer I am teaching a course on urban planning and have been shocked by the paucity of literature in our library on progressive or alternative planning roles for professionals. Although it is a bit late to alter the lectures for the summer session, I intend to propose a new course or to change the existing course, allowing the addition of more radical analysis. For the class at hand I relied on such authors as Harvey, Castells, O'Connor, Tabb & Sawers and various other readings, but I am aware of how inadequate it is. Thus, I need some help from other Network members on relevant materials, either theoretical, applied, historical or biographical, or class syllabi. The class is a general picture of planning and planners' roles—and includes such issues as housing, economics, transportation, community activism, etc. Primarily the issues should be addressed from a radical or Marxist point of view—we at present have all the traditional literature we need. Any help would be much appreciated."

30 DAY NOTICE is the monthly Newsletter of the San Diego Coalition for Fair Rent (3119 Fifth Ave., SD 92130).

URBAN SOILS: From D. Loggins (723 E. 10 St., Brooklyn, NY 11230): "I am doing research on the levels of lead and cadmium in urban soils and crops and am interested in exchanging data with anyone doing research in this area. I also have prepared a handbook on the subject (50 pages) and am looking for a group to publish it."

THE COIN CAMPAIGN (Consumers Opposed to Inflation in Necessities) is something Network folk might want to check out (2000 P St. NW, #413, Washington 20036). They held a national teach-in on inflation June 27 in Washington (Ralph Nader, William Wimpisinger, Gar Alperovitz, Heather Booth, etc.) to launch a grassroots teach-in movement for progressive economic change.

OUTLOOK (formerly **Acorn**) is the monthly publication of Human Environment Planning (formerly the Acorn Appropriate Technology Group) at Governors St. U., Forest Parks S., IL 60466. \$6/yr.

"PLANNING AND DESIGNING A NON-SEXIST SOCIETY" was a conference held April 21 at the UCLA School of Arch. & Urban Planning. More information from Network member Dolores Hayden there.

NATL. TRAINING & INF. CTR. (1123 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago 60607) has available a publications list: materials on organizing, redlining, etc.

"UTOPIA: LIMITED OR UNLIMITED?" is a 3-day conference on "opportunities and constraints for the religious decision-makers planning for the stewardship of housing and community development in the 1980s." Nov. 14-16 in NYC. It's sponsored by the Interreligious Coalition for Housing; information available from them at 475 Riverside Dr., Rm. 1700A, NYC 10027.

"HEALTH EFFECTS OF LOW LEVEL RADIATION" is a conference sponsored by the Coalition for the Medical Rights of Women, Sept. 7-8 at Fort Mason Ctr., SF. Speakers on history/physics and politics of nuclear energy/weaponry, health effects and medical uses/abuses of radiation; workshops on hospital/industrial workers and radiation exposure, mental health and the nuclear threat, microwaves, and patient advocacy. Further inf. from CMRW, The Women's Bldg., 3543 18th St., SF 94110; (415) 621-8030.

PLANNING FILMS: "Bill Siembieda is asking for Networkers to recommend decent planning issue films. They will be used for in-class teaching and community education. Please send title, one line description, and where to get the film. You can also include a rating, if you can. Send to: Bill Siembieda, School of Arch. and Planning, Univ. of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131. If there is enough response, Bill will compile a list for general distribution."

A FORUM ON URBAN HOMESTEADING was held July 12-13 in Washington by HUD's Office of Neighborhoods, Voluntary Associations and Consumer Protection. Information from Sherry Shields or Portia James there (202) 755-6996.

THE CALA (COMMUNITY ACTION IN LATIN AMERICA) NEWSLETTER is available (\$3/yr.) from 731 State St., Madison, WI 53703. CALA is "an independent research/action collective of students, clergy and Latins working to promote the cause of liberation in Latin America and of Hispanic peoples in the U.S." According to Al Gedilio there, it will be of interest to planners dealing with energy/mineral colonization schemes.

A NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CUBA is being held Nov. 2-3 at the Riverside Church, NYC, sponsored by the Center for Cuban Studies (220 E. 23 St., NYC 10010).

"TOWARDS A NATIONAL URBAN POLICY—CRITICAL REVIEWS," a set of 5 articles from the *Journal of Regional Science* (vol. 19, no. 1, 1979) is recommended by Bill Goldsmith. Network member Tom Reiner introduces the collection; Goldsmith particularly commends to Networkers the articles by Peter Bearse, Larry Hirschhorn, and William Goldsmith/Micheal Derian. The articles have been done up in a reprint, which might be available from Tom Reiner (City Planning Dept., Univ. of Penn., Philadelphia).

"PARTNERSHIPS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION: A CITIZENS' HANDBOOK," (200 pp.) prepared for the Penn. Dept. of Comm. Affairs by Network member Rick Cohen is available from him at 904 Hudson St., Hoboken NJ 07030.

COMMUNITY PLANNING: From Judy Malunda (Philippine Ports Auth., 5th Fl., B.F. Condominium, Intramuros, Manila): "I'd like to inform the Network readers that planning in the Philippines is still highly centralized. Planners seldom get to community planning, which I think is more meaningful than the regional, provincial and municipal planning which we are currently doing.

Although citizens' participation is always made part of the planning process, it is rarely carried out as the community at large simply do not show interest or appreciation in planning per se.

I would be very glad to receive suggestions or studies, reports and proceedings of conferences on successful community planning endeavors from the network members."

SOCIETY FOR EDUCATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION (607 Windsor Dr. N., Framingham, MA 01701) is a radical education group committed to democratic socialism, cooperative power, global order and self-transformation. They hold conferences, publish a quarterly journal (*Cutting Edge*), prepare and share curriculum resources and bibliographies, etc. They're holding a seminar Aug. 4-5 in New Hampshire with the theme "Education as Struggle: The Political, Economic and Social Context", and a conference Oct. 13 at Boston Univ. with Herb Gintis as featured speaker.

PERIODICALS OF PUBLIC INTEREST ORGANIZATIONS is a new citizens' guide, published by the Comm. for the Advancement of Public Interest Organizations (1875 Conn. Ave. NW #1013, Washington 20009). \$4 for public int. gps., \$5 individuals, public agencies.

CONVERSION, JOB LOSS, NON-VIOLENT ACTION AND SOCIAL CHANGE: From Paula Raymon, Dept. of Sociology, Brandeis U., Waltham MA 02154: "I would like to share the following with Network members:

1. BAY STATE CONVERSION GROUP—The newly formed BSCG, bringing together academics and activists interested in educating and organizing on the impact of military spending on the Massachusetts political economy. Our pamphlet *The Case for Conversion in Massachusetts* will be available this fall. At that time we hope to begin organizing with the aid of local unions towards alternative use planning in industrial plants dominated by military contracts.

2. I will be co-directing a NIMH grant with Barry Bluestone of Boston College titled, 'The Private and Social Costs of Job Loss: A Metrostudy'. The 14-month study will focus on an evaluation of the private and social costs accompanying job loss in a major defense related industry (aerospace) in a single metropolitan community (Hartford, Conn.). The central objective will be to discover how individual workers and their families are economically, socially, physically and psychologically affected by job loss and how local urban services are impacted by continual disruptions in military-defense industries. This project has special import for those concerned with issues of economic conversion, plant shutdowns and alternative planning to present economic structure.

3. *Nonviolent Action and Social Change* is the title of a new anthology I co-edited with Severyn Bruyn published by Irvington Press, division of Halstead Press, N.Y.C. Among the chapters in the book are those dealing with the United Farm Workers, the anti-nuke movement, feminism and nonviolence, and general theory building for social change strategy.

For more information on any of the above I welcome contacts and would like to invite Network members to my sessions on the kibbutz and another on job loss at the August ASA meeting in Boston."

HEALTH LAW NEWSLETTER is available from the Natl. Health Law Prog., 2401 Main St., Santa Monica CA 90405.

NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTSMANSHIP: *An Approach for Grassroots Self-Reliance in the 1980s* is a 60 pp. paper available from Ken Corey, Grad. Dept. of Comm. Plng., U. of Cincinnati, Cincinnati 45221.

INTRO. TO PLANNING: Pat Wilson Salinas is putting together a new "Intro. to Planning" course for first year graduate students at the Univ. of Texas. Students are interested primarily in finding out about the different role models for planners. Pat would appreciate any syllabi or suggestions for the course, particularly on presenting non-traditional roles for planners. Write her at Community and Regional Planning, University of Texas, Austin, Texas 78712.

UNDEREMPLOYMENT: "Have you ever tried to quantify O'Connor's concept of the competitive sector? If so, I would like to hear from you. I am using the dual labor market concept as a more testable surrogate for O'Connor's categories in order to look at underemployment in growing and declining metropolitan areas of the U.S. I'll be looking mainly at the South/Southwest, asking what is the effect of the changing productive structure on the underemployed (also called low-income workers, lumpenproletariat, secondary sector, competitive sector, or informal sector). I'll do a comparison with the Northeast, and maybe later a comparison with regional development and underemployment ('subempleo') in Latin America. My major data source for the U.S. is the Social Security Continuous Worker History Sample (1957-1975). I'll be working with this over the coming year and would like to exchange notes with anyone interested. Pat Wilson Salinas. Community and Regional Planning, Univ. of Texas, Austin, TX 78712."

ROCKEFELLER MEDICINE MEN: MEDICINE AND CAPITALISM IN AMERICA is a new book by E. Richard Brown (UC Press).

"PUTTING THE ARTS TO WORK" is a two-day participatory workshop/conference on arts, employability and human resources. It's intended for people involved with CETA, state and local arts councils, neighborhood arts groups, etc. It's one of those roving sessions: July 25-26 in NYC (Roosevelt Hotel); July 30-31 in Chicago (Radisson Hotel); Aug. 2-3 in Atlanta (Peachtree Plaza Hotel); Aug. 6-7 in Dallas (Dallas Hilton); Aug. 9-10 in Denver (Plaza Cosmopolitan Hotel); Aug. 13-14 in the Bay Area (Dunfey Hotel in San Mateo). It's Dept. of Labor sponsored. Further inf. from A.L. Nellums & Assoc., 161 Forbes Rd., Braintree MA 02184 (617) 848-2588.

ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZING: From Mike Zamm (60 E. 9th St. #502, NYC 10003): "I'm currently still working at the Council on the Environment of NY City where I'm developing a new program to train high school and college students in environmental organizing-citizen participation techniques. Several projects and a curriculum on environmental project organizing are being worked on at the present time. Our walking tours and school-citizen energy programs will still be available in printed form to interested groups."

Returns: #19 came back for the following people (let us know if you know where they have gone): Linda Richardson (NYC), Greg Sprowls (Arlington, Va.), Jason Jacobson (Brookline, Ma.), Andrew Herman (DC), David Harris (Madison), Karen Liebert (Seattle), Linda Byers (Denver), Sylvalia Hyman (Boston), Paul Kaufman (Topanga, Ca.), Ellen Kastel (LA).

Thanks to Erika Weisbroth and friends for helping to get out #19. The mechanics of getting out the Newsletter (about 6-8 person-hours of labelling and stamping) continues to be a hassle. Anyone interested in volunteering, or doing it for pay, please contact us at once.

I had a note in #19 about a trip I'm taking to Switzerland and France, but because of a layout error it was unclear whom the note was from. So to repeat: I will be in both those countries for two weeks each in Sept. studying various aspects of the role of citizen participation in the provision of transportation services: a federation/union of transit users in Paris, the role of the referendum in influencing transportation policy in Switzerland. If any of you have contacts in either country who might be of help in my work, I'd appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible.

A reminder to send some money if you haven't lately. Bank account is getting thin.

In closing, we note with sadness the death from cancer at age 37 of Ronnie Atlas, a founder and mainstay of the Shelterforce Collective and co-founder of the New Jersey Tenants' Organization. A Ronald B. Atlas Memorial Fund for the betterment of the lives of tenants has been set up at Shelterforce, 31 Chestnut St., E. Orange NJ 07018. We're making a contribution in the name of Planners Network and hope you will do the same, to honor the work and memory of a truly fine person.

Chester Hartman

SPECIAL LAST-MINUTE NOTICE FOR PHILADELPHIA FOLK

The Philadelphia Area Union of
Progressive Planning

will meet on Saturday, Sept. 22
Call Jeff Hochman
215-664-0223