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With this issue, the Planners Network Newsletter begins its fifth year, something a bit hard to believe (for me, at least). I think I'll pass up the opportunity to "reflect on where we've come," etc., etc. But it would be nice if you sent us a birthday gift. We're down to about \$400 in the bank account (a bit less than the typesetting/printing/postage cost of a single issue.) We also will want to do the annual revised Roster, which costs about \$1,000. So please send us some bucks—especially if you haven't done so for a while.

MORE POST-ITHACA: The steering committee designated at the Cornell conference will be meeting about the time this arrives in your mail (during the Baltimore APA conference—at which the Network will have a table and participate in several sessions). The original idea of having next year's conference (intended to found a national socialist planners organization) in Chapel Hill during the Spring seems unlikely at this point—a combination of objections to holding the meeting in a non-ERA ratified state (N.C.) and the feeling that more time is needed to plan for the organizational meeting. A more likely time is next fall, and there is discussion of holding the meeting in a non-university location, possibly D.C., maybe with some interim regional meetings during the spring. Any comments or suggestions should be sent to me, and I will convey them to the others on the steering committee.

A few comments from members on issues brought up in recent newsletter: From Dick Schoech (Grad. School of Soc. Wk., Univ. Texas, Arlington 76019): "I agree with your concern in the last newsletter about people using the Network to push their books and articles. I suggest you do a listing of books and articles on a separate page and list only those articles and books which seem of interest to Networkers. For books, a donation of 1-3 dollars to the Network would be expected. Articles could be listed free, since few people make money off articles.

"I feel the Network should be a practitioner controlled and focused newsletter, and therefore I offer few suggestions or changes. If membership is not dropping and \$ is available, I suggest letting the Network continue to evolve.

"As far as my personal interests, I'm presently looking into the problems and possibilities of using microcomputers for small agency information systems and would like to hear from anyone who is using a microcomputer to aid in their planning."

From Carola Sullam (2341 Divisadero, Apt. 5, SF 94115): "I would like to see something on energy and environment—those areas are not usually associated with progressive planning. Is anyone else interested?"

From Michael Freedman (U.C., Santa Cruz 95060): "Regarding PN No. 20: I found Bob Beauregard's comments particularly helpful in coming to an understanding of how theory must not be separated from our attempts to create models of behavior for planning praxis. Indeed, the task is to bring actors and reflectors together and as such, we remain accountable to theory even as we engage ourselves in the day-to-day activity of creative interaction in our own communities. Building what Beauregard calls 'theory of planning behavior' can begin with the first-person accounts of experiences in daily practice that he calls for from Network members."

Michael also has sent in a paper he did for Dudley Burton's course, titled "Working Toward a Vision of Community: The Radical Planner in Society."

In general, it surprises (and disappoints) me how little dialogue is generated by issues raised in the Newsletter, such as Bob Beauregard's and Walter Thabit's communications in #20, or the issues discussed about the Cornell conference and its follow-up. The Network clearly generates lots of direct member-to-member contact and lots of brief communications sent in here for dissemination in the Newsletter; but few people seem to want to take the time to produce more thoughtful, longer pieces. I guess it's something I'll periodically bemoan and leave it at that.

JOB:

1) The City of Berkeley, with a new progressive mayor (Gus Newport), is looking for a new City Manager; women and Third World people are especially encouraged to apply. Contact the Director of Personnel at Berkeley City Hall, Berkeley Cal. 94704 immediately; anyone really interested should contact me right away, and I'll pass on the name of a contact for further information.

2) Planning Dir., Indian Planning Consortium of Central Calif. Application deadline Oct. 4 (but they might be flexible). Further info. from IPCCC, 1044 Fulton Mall, Rm. 411, Fresno 93721, (209) 266-9818. Main duties are assisting Central Cal. tribes in reducing unemployment and developing the reservation economy. \$16-18,000.

3) Assn. of Bay Area Govts. (Hotel Claremont, Berkeley 94705, 415-841-9730) has just put out a call for applications for Regional Planner I, Reg. Plnr. II and Sr. Plnr./Principal Reg. Plnr. 1 (2 positions). Deadline Oct. 26.

4) Editor, Natl. Health Law Program Newsletter (half-time, \$8-10,000). Applications (deadline Nov. 1) to Geraldine Dallek, Natl. Health Law Program, 2401 Main St., Santa Monica 90405.

COMMON WEALTH is a locally-controlled Community Development Corp. in Madison, Wisc. (write for a copy of their newsletter and brochure). The following report on it from Rich Gross (1148 Williamson St., Madison 53703): "1) We have been recommended for funding of a detailed study on start-up of an appropriate technology industry.

2) We are receiving a grant to start a Business Resource Center for workshops and one-to-one counseling for current and potential small businesspersons. This will hook up with an existing commercial loan and capitalization loan program. The program will be targeted toward women and minorities.

3) The city has recommended us for funding for administration and planning funds for 1980 and funds for a cooperative housing conversion program.

4) We are developing an old gas station for three retail businesses to provide services not presently in the neighborhood. We have received a tentative commitment of \$40,000 to purchase the property and will go after private financing for the rest.

5) We have an accepted offer (with the Madison Development Corp.) for the purchase of four run-down houses in the neighborhood. We plan to rehab them and convert them to cooperatives or condominiums with anti-speculative deed restrictions.

We could use help or info on any or all of these projects from knowledgeable people."

PARTICIPATORY PLANNING AND NEIGHBORHOOD CONTROL (ed. Mark Francis), the Proceedings of the Neighborhood Participation Conf. held last Nov. at CUNY, is available for \$7.25 from the Ctr. for Human Environments, 33 W. 42 St., NYC 10036.

PROTECTING SMALL TOWNS: From Tom Wodetzki (Box 187, Albion, CA 95410): "I'm interested in rural planning, especially of areas threatened by rampant land speculation and development. I need to learn how to protect small towns and the countryside from commercial exploitation. If you could notify your readers of my request for advice and useful sources of information and aid, I would greatly appreciate it."

"The planning situation here in Mendocino County, on the coast of northern California: Last year we broke the pro-development monopoly on the county board of supervisors by electing a slow-growth environmentalist. He in turn established the practice of having communities elect their planning bodies instead of appointing them as was the practice to date. Hence, for the first time, many communities have anti- instead of pro-growth planning committees. So, we have the power: now we need to do the job. And since we are all lay citizens, untrained in planning, we need help: examples of what other communities have done; recommendations of books, bibliographies, organizations; specific suggestions."

A COMMUNITY ENERGY PLANNING NETWORK? Michael Philips (Dept. City & Reg. Plng., Cornell, Ithaca NY 14850 607-273-1825) writes: "Having recently attended conferences on Alternative State and Local Policies, Solar America, and Community Renewable Energy Planning, I became aware of a growing interest in community energy planning and/or energy self-reliance. I spoke to many people at the conferences who felt that some sort of communication network/newsletter should be set up to: 1) Facilitate an ongoing dialogue/workshop among community energy activists, 2) Analyze and report on important, innovative state and local energy policies, who's doing them, and how they can be applied to other states and localities, 3) Supply up-to-date information on new and pending federal energy legislation and its implications for states and localities, 4) Supply information on important publications, conferences, films, events, etc."

"Examples of what the newsletter might cover would be: How the Solar Energy Development Bank will be set up and how to use it; how utilities should be involved in solar energy development (if at all); how community energy coops can get funds from the National Consumer Coop Bank; what innovative energy plans Carbondale, Ill. or Soldier's Grove, Wisc. have, and who to get in touch with there for more information; what the TVA is doing in Memphis and its implications; how the 11th St. project in New York might be replicated elsewhere; etc."

"I've seen one issue of Planners Network, and was attracted by its practical, no-frills format. This is the format I think might be best for a Community Energy Planning Network. What do you and other people think about this idea? Do you think this kind of linkage already exists via Planners Network and/or other publications? Is it something you would want to stay in touch with? Do you think there should be more/less covered in it? What are your thoughts, criticisms, suggestions? I have some time and energy (but no money) to work on something like this, and I have several hundred names of people involved in and/or interested in community energy planning. Is there anyone else interested in helping? And where can I get some funding?"

NYC URBAN FELLOWS: From Beth Levine (3455 Adams Ave. Apt. D, San Diego CA 92116): "I have just returned from a year in the Big Apple as a NYC Urban Fellow. While there I worked in the CP Dept., Dept. of General Services, and the Dept. of Investigation's Bureau of Corruption Prevention. It was an incredible experience both professionally and personally and I highly recommend the program to seniors and graduates, in a major, interested in public sector work. A small stipend is provided. I will be glad to furnish more info to any interested Networkers."

"About the newsletter, I prefer the current format and don't see a need for anything different."

CDC's: Debra L. Allen Hartz (2705 1st Ave. S. #1, Minneapolis 55408) writes: "I have taken a job with the Community Design Ctr. in Minneapolis (118 E. 26th St., 55404) and am currently working in two St. Paul neighborhoods. I would be interested in hearing from others working with community design centers or similar groups."

A new Master of Community and Regional Planning degree will be offered by the School of Architecture and Planning, Univ. of New Mexico, Albuquerque beginning in the fall of 1980. The program will have a regional focus on planning in the Southwest, with particular interest in small community and rural planning. Attention will also be given to energy conservation planning. This will be a new degree program, with a small entering class. Contact Bill Siembieda, School of Architecture and Planning, UNM, Albuquerque NM 87131.

"**THE NEIGHBORHOOD MOVEMENT AND CITY PLANNING: NEW DIRECTIONS**" is a paper by Network member Mark Heyman (prepared for the APSA Annual Meeting). Available from Mark at Sangamon St. U., Div. of Academic Affairs, Springfield IL 62708; 50¢ or \$1 (depending on your finances) in 15¢ stamps or check.

"**FARMLANDS PRESERVATION: THE STATE OF THE ART**" is a conference being held Nov. 12-14 at Wash. St. Univ. in Pullman. Further info. from Cooperative Extension, 323 Ag Phase II, Wash. St. U., Pullman 99164.

LIVING ALTERNATIVES: THE HUMAN SIDE OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY is a brand new monthly magazine. \$9/yr from PO Box 189, Newton MA 02195.

"**RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS: A CITIZENS ACTION GUIDE**" has just been published by the Ctr. for Comm. Change (1000 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Wash. 20007); \$1.50.

"**HOMEOWNER EXPLOITATION: DECEPTIVE FORECLOSURE AND LIEN-SALE PRACTICES**" was the title of a consumer forum held Sept. 27 in LA, sponsored by HUD and the Calif. Atty. General's Office. Further info. (including transcripts) from the Consumer Affairs Staff, HUD SF Reg. Office, 450 Golden Gate, SF. (415-556-7125).

"**THE CONVERSION PLANNER**," a bimonthly newsletter of action on economic conversion, is available (non-mandatory \$5 fee) from SANE, 514 C St. NE, Wash. 20002.

WORKSHOPS, TRAINING PROGRAMS, SHORT COURSES IN PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT are being offered by Network member Warren Jones—brochures available from him at 1942 El Dorado Ave., Berkeley 94707.

JOHN PORTMAN: Southern Exposure is doing a special issue on the built environment in the South and would like to find someone to do an article on John Portman: architect-as-developer, tying together his work and the models he's established for American architects and urban structures. If interested, contact (right away) Marc Miller or Tom Schlesinger, So. Exposure, PO Box 230, Chapel Hill NC 27514 (919) 929-2141.

Full Employment Action News is a newsletter put out by the Full Employment Action Council, 815-15 St. NW, Washington 20005.

"**CO-OP TRAINING FOR THE 80's**" is the 3rd Annual Cooperative Education and Training Inst. sponsored by NASCO. Oct. 19-21 in Ann Arbor. Ralph Nader and Maggie Kuhn, guest speakers, all kinds of how-to-do-it workshops. Information from NASCO, Box 7293, Ann Arbor 48107.

"**Residential Property Turnover Study**" is a 52 pp. report done for the City of Madison by Coact Research (1121 University Ave., Madison WI 53715).

"**CHURCH AND LAND: RESOURCE AND RESPONSIBILITY**" is a one-day conference (Oct. 20), sponsored by the Trust for Public Land, at Lone Mt. College in SF. Information from TPL, 82 2nd St., SF 94105 (415) 495-4014.

"**NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON URBAN POLICY**" (Parren Mitchell, Chair) will be Oct. 25-27 at the Capitol Hilton in Washington. Sponsored by the Ctr. for Urban Environmental Studies (1012 14th St. NW, Suite 706, Wash. 20005, 202-347-6020).

"**MAKING C.E.T.A. WORK: FOR WORKERS, FOR NEIGHBORHOODS**," by Scott Bernstein and James Pitts, has just been published by the Ctr. for Neighborhood Technology (570 W. Randolph, Chicago 60606). \$4.

RENT CONTROL: SANTA MONICA: The following report/request is from Bill Allen (PO Box 5865, Santa Monica 90405): "This is a note concerning an upcoming election in Santa Monica on November 6 which should be of particular interest and concern to those of you who are following the current struggles for comprehensive rent control laws.

"As some of you might know, a rent control law passed here in Santa Monica on April 10, 1979, which contains provisions for individual and general rent adjustments set by an elected rent control board (of which I am a member), just cause eviction provisions, and control of the removal of rental units from the market by demolition or conversion.

"Since its passage in April the law has withstood successfully all legal challenges and the administration of the law has progressed in the face of strong reaction from property owners, both at board meetings and through their non-compliance. Now, there has been a measure placed on the November ballot which would significantly weaken the law by establishing vacancy decontrol upon **eviction**, would mandate a once a year rent increase by the amount of the CPI, and would exempt rented single family homes.

"This attempt at changing the law is significant because it is a testing ground to overturn a progressive and comprehensive law and replace it with one which is a model now being supported by real estate and banking interests, both locally and next June for the entire state.

"This will be the **fourth** election in a little over one year to win this law and carry it out.

"The coalition which is working for the election is Santa Monicans for Renters Rights, and is composed of elderly organizations, some labor unions (Retail Clerks, United Auto Workers, and United Farm Workers), young people, and the Campaign for Economic Democracy.

"I am writing this letter to you for two purposes: the first is to update you on the events and make myself available for any further information you might want concerning the law and its implementation. The second reason is to ask for your support in the form of a contribution to help finance this campaign (contributions should be to "Santa Monicans for Renters Rights"); it is expected to require approximately \$20,000 to run an effective campaign against the estimated \$250,000 raised by those supporting the change. I believe this is a crucial test of an important step to set control by people over their housing."

Let me put in a strong pitch for the notion of Network members financially supporting local struggles of this type. The rationale is obvious: just as we have to support each other with information and ideas, our Network also should be a way of calling on each other for material contributions to important local struggles. Needless to say, the other side is well aware of this imperative to class solidarity, as a look at the contributions list to the Santa Monica (or any other landlords') campaign will dramatically reveal—thousands upon thousands of bucks coming in from all over the U.S. and the rest of capitalism-land to defeat these assaults on profit rights. About a month ago, I sent out a mailing to about 200 Network members asking for contributions to San Franciscans for Affordable Housing, the labor-community coalition I co-chair which has placed an all-purpose housing reform initiative on the November ballot; the response was really disappointing (to those of you who did give, many thanks). Here the landlords will spend about \$750,000, and we'll be lucky to raise \$50,000. If these words make you feel sufficiently class-conscious, guilty, or whatever, make out a check to "San Franciscans for Affordable Housing" and send it to 12 Valencia St., SF 94103, at the same time you send the Santa Monica folks your check.

OTHER RENT CONTROL NEWS: Baltimore too has rent control on its November ballot. The California landlords are putting on the 1980 ballot their own statewide initiative which essentially will make meaningful local rent control impossible, and if you want to see a campaign war chest, wait till you see the \$5-10 million they collect from their bretnren all over this country, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and other international real estate investment sources. And finally, a meeting to establish a national rent control network/organization is set for Newark, N.J. the week of Nov. 9-11; further info. from the Natl. Comm. for Rent Controls, 115 E. 23 St. (8th flr.), NYC 10010, (212) 533-5650.

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THE POLICY TRAINING CENTER (4 Nutting Rd., Cambridge MA 02138, 617-547-4473) is holding a new set of fall workshops: Strategies and Resources for Community Economic Development, Alternatives in the Aging Network; An Overview of Financial Management; Public Spending in Human Services: The Real Cost of Cutbacks; Public Employment and Community Service: Dilemmas of Working Within the System; Giving the Media Your Message. Some will have just started by the time you receive this. Contact PTC to get on their mailing list for future brochures.

SHELTERFORCE is having a subscription drive, and Network people interested in housing would do well to read this quarterly national housing newspaper regularly, which has been and will continue playing an important role in building a national housing movement. It's \$5 a year, with a complete set of back issues (13) available for \$12. Address: 380 Main St., E. Orange NJ 07018.

"**MANUAL ON THE ROLE OF THE FORESTER IN LAND-USE PLANNING**" is a new publication by Lew Lubka (Grad. Prog. in Comm. & Reg. Plng., N. Dakota St. U., Fargo 58102). Lew also just completed, for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, a game and fish conservation code—the issues are aboriginal and treaty rights to hunt and fish, sovereignty, etc.

"**ORGANIZING NEIGHBORHOODS**" is the special Sept./Oct. issue of **Social Policy**. Available for \$2 from them at Rm. 1212, 33 W. 42 St., NYC 10036.

SOLAR TECHNOLOGY: Mary Vogel (380 S. 39 St., Boulder CO 80303) has just started working with the Developing Countries Branch of the Solar Energy Research Inst. and is writing a handbook on solar technology applications in agriculture for developing countries. She'd like suggestions on appropriate sources (articles, books, conference proceedings, etc.) or contacts. She's especially looking for state-of-the-art reviews of low technology, low-cost solar applications such as crop-drying, greenhouses, passive solar homes, low-head hydro, biomass, solar cookers, solar hot water heaters and industrial process heat.

ANNOTATED HOUSING BIBLIOGRAPHY: Also from Mary Vogel (380 S. 39 St., Boulder CO 80303) is the bibliography she prepared for the Women's School of Planning & Arch., covering books (historical and current), articles and pamphlets, and publications. Available for a 28¢ SASE and 25¢ for copying.

LAND TRUSTS: From Larry Sheehy (PO Box 4585, Fresno CA 93744 209-266-6765): "I'm now acting as a Field Representative for Northern Calif. Land Trust, and Land Trust information and materials (including the monthly **NCLT Newsletter**) are available to Fresno area people at my office (1412 Broadway 209-233-2221). Out of area inquiries should be made by writing to main office at 1505 Milvia (rear), Berkeley, CA 94709. Bay Area residents can call (415) 527-7566, and ask for Dale Becknell. Libraries and small collections of community organizations may wish to obtain a complimentary copy of **The Community Land Trust Guidebook** from the Erick Hansch Memorial Fund, 2708 Sunset Ave., Oakland, CA 94601, Attention: Steve Bridge. Networkers wishing to subscribe to **NCLT Newsletter** may send \$12 (regular) or \$6 (low-income) to Berkeley address. Also any Networkers who plan on being in the Fresno area, and would like to visit me, you're welcome—just call first."

Larry also would like to bring to Calif. Networkers' attention the coming winter visit by Bernard Sanders, director-producer of the videofilm "Debs," "a strong defense of radical socialism," and Director of the Amer. People's Historical Society. Those wanting more information about the film or Sanders' Calif. trip should contact him at APHS, 295½ Maple St., Burlington VT 05401 (802) 864-7061.

"**CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL PLANNERS NEWSLETTER**" (England) may interest Network members. Issue #7, just sent to us, contains a lengthy article "Planning to Fight Industrial Closure," "Urban Movements in Barcelona," "Housing in High Value Inner City Locations," and other articles. CSP also held a national conference in June. For further information, write the CSP London Workshop, c/o The Planning Unit, Polytechnic of Central London, 35 Marylebone Rd., London NW1.

C.H.A.I.N. LETTER is the good newsletter Mike Jacob edits for the Calif. Housing Action and Information Network, a statewide organization of local housing groups. \$10/yr. (sample issue free with SASE) from CHAIN, 4228 Telegraph Ave., Oakland 94609. Mike also did a good memo on why use of Consumer Price Index as the rate of permissible rent increases under a rent control ordinance screws tenants; available from CHAIN with a SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope—someone wrote in asking what a SASE was).

HSA's: From Leonard Fontana, (Dept. Soc., SUNY, Plattsburgh NY 12901): "Right now I am involved in a research project to study health planning in the Health Systems Agencies. The rationale for the HSAs is that they provide a 'balance,' and a setting where negotiations between various interest groups can occur. My interest is in studying the conflict resolution process—who wins and who loses? I'd be interested in information on articles, activities and research that focus on this question."

NATIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD RE-INVESTMENT CORP. Mike Townsend (Sangamon St. U. J-135, Springfield IL 62708) would like to hear from Networkers who have had experience with them, as they've just descended on Springfield.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSPAPERS: Mike Townsend (address above) helps to put out a good one titled **People's Press** and would like to receive samples of other neighborhood papers from others in the Network.

D.O.T.-TITLE VI. From Ellen Feingold (Director of Civil Rights for the US Dept. of Transp.): "I've been building a Title VI program here at DOT—non-discrimination in the use of DOT funds. We have stopped one highway in Alabama and are holding up another; have required substantial relocation and community development investment in Oklahoma City's poorest Black community as a condition to allowing its Central Expressway (I-235) to be built; will probably reject a highway in a historic Black community in Durham, N.C.; held up construction of the Grove Shafter Freeway in Oakland, Calif., pending the successful conclusion of efforts by the Oakland minority community to ensure adequate participation by minority contractors; and required the transit authority in Hartford, Conn., to enable the city's minority residents to reach suburban jobs by providing service comparable to the commuter express service bringing mostly White suburbanites into the city and also required that new and old equipment be assigned equally on routes serving minority and majority neighborhoods. These actions were in response to complaints. We are also supporting a major investigation by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration Civil Rights Office of the Chicago Transit Authority's withdrawal of train service to minority neighborhoods in the city in favor of suburban service during last winter's severe snowstorm.

"Overall, our program is intended to require that all DOT grants be scrutinized **before award** for the proposed project's service to or impact on minority communities."

From Daniel Frankel (2721 N. Pierce St., Milwaukee 53212): "I am currently working on the staff of a neighborhood organization the Sherman Park Community Association, as the Assistant Director of Housing. If you could provide us with any information regarding neighborhood plans—in the areas of housing, architecture, economic development, safety, or whatever—it would be greatly appreciated."

SELF-HELP, LOW-INCOME HOUSING: From Prentice Bowsher (1522 Conn. Ave. NW, Wash. 20036): "After three years with a self-help, low-income housing group in Washington, D.C., called Jubilee Housing, I have formed a new consulting firm to nurture and support similar efforts elsewhere. One of my first clients happens to be Jubilee; and for it I am trying to identify other self-help, low-income housing groups in major cities around the country. The housing can be single- or multi-family; the keys are that the residents be poor, and assume some real control of their housing, through ownership, rehabilitation, management, etc. A name, address, phone, contact person, and brief description would be sufficient. I would follow up as appropriate."

RESIDENT SELECTION POLICIES, DOWN PAYMENTS, EQUITY COOPS: From Howard Landsman (c/o Design Coalition, 2134 Atwood, Madison WI 53704): "In my role as staff to a neighborhood-based development corporation here in Madison, I'm helping to chart a resident selection policy and process for a low- to moderate-income housing project. The project involves the purchase and rehab of four rather dilapidated small apartment buildings, and their conversion from absentee-landlord to owner-occupancy.

"We are having to contend with a multiplicity of interests here, e.g. making sure the buyers are truly of limited means, minimizing rapid turnover/resale of the units (e.g. if condo), making sure the buyers are up for assuming ownership responsibilities and that they're capable of meeting their monthly payments.

"I would appreciate any guidance that I can get from Network members who've gone through projects such as this one, or who know of others who would be willing to share their experiences with me.

"I'd also be interested in hearing ideas about how to overcome the barrier that even modest down payments pose for low-income folks who want to become home-owners. And in experiences that Networkers have had with both equity and non-equity co-ops as a way to open access to home-ownership by low-income folks. E.g. just how attractive are non-equity co-ops likely to be in a period of rampant inflation, when folks are looking for a hedge against it?"

"**WOMEN AND TECHNOLOGY: TOOLS FOR CHANGE**" is a 30 pp. handbook for organizing a women's study group which explores technology in women's lives. "Based on the experience of a group conducted by the Santa Clara County Office of Appropriate Technology, the booklet gives detailed summaries of discussions, activities and conclusions. Includes bibliography, resource list and instructions for organizing a group." \$1.50 OAT, PO Box 5651, San Jose, CA 95150.

"**PENSION INVESTMENTS: A SOCIAL AUDIT**" is a new 125 pp. study of pension fund investments, by Corporate Data Exchange and the People's Business Commission (the latter did the book, **The North Will Rise Again: Pensions, Politics and Power in the 1980s**.) It is a survey (almost all in chart form) of 142 of the largest public and private pension funds for holdings in 99 "target" companies which are predominantly non-unionized, OSHA violators, EEO violators, and major investors or lenders to S. Africa. It's (unfortunately) \$25, available from CDE, 198 Broadway, Rm. 707, NYC 10038. They sent us a complimentary review copy, which we can lend to anyone who wants to have the study but can't come up with the \$25.

ANTI-GENTRIFICATION STRATEGIES: From Roy Robbins, Fern Dannis and Mitt Regan (815 King St., Alexandria VA 22314): "The Alexandria (VA) Economic Opportunities Commission, with the help of the Community Development Block Grant Office, is developing a set of strategies to prevent gentrification in a low- and moderate-income neighborhood in the City. This area is facing increasing real estate pressures because of the completion of a flood control project, the accessibility of the area to Washington, D.C., and the availability of affordable single-family housing. By anticipating the dynamics of the urban land market, we hope to use our efforts to determine the possibilities and limits of progressive public control over the development process. Critical to this strategy is the encouragement of local self-help programs which will be maintained beyond the length of the formal grant for this project. Other strategies which have been considered include:

1. A demographic survey to assess characteristics and needs of neighborhood residents.
2. Formal incorporation of the current neighborhood residents' association into a local development corporation.
3. Expansion of existing programs which provide for rehabilitation loan and grants, and for public acquisition of vacant deteriorated structures.
4. Exploration of City purchase of apartment projects for conversion to tenant-owned cooperatives.
5. Organization of civic and tenant groups.

"We would like to share our experience in Alexandria with other planners that face similar situations, as well as to solicit suggestions and insights regarding additional strategies that may be effective."

"WHAT TO DO ABOUT HOUSING—ITS PART IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT" is a paper John Turner has just produced for the IFDA Dossier. It is available from him at AHAS, 5 Dryden St., London WC2E 9NW, and an abstract of it follows: "Properly understood as an activity involving everyone's time and effort, a large part of the economy and most urban land, housing is in a dialectic relation with society. It is an instrument of change as well as a consequence—a fact that is obscured if housing is misunderstood through being seen as a commodity or product alone. The usually hideous conventional mass-housing schemes generally fail socially as well as economically; this is largely because they are used as instruments of commercial or political interests disguised by the myths of dependency on ever-larger pyramidal organizations and centralizing technologies. These have obscured the real nature of economy and convivial society or community; these are consequences of resourcefulness and responsibility, both of which are difficult for centrally administered systems to achieve. Only through networks of autonomous agents, free to negotiate on equal terms, can most plentiful and renewable resources be well used. The vital reassertion of community and the achievement of a new balance with the market and the state will only happen as people regain confidence in themselves while losing it in the alienating capitalist and statist systems. Housing provides many fields of action for Another Development; it is a rallying-point for local communities and grass-roots organizations; responsive elements in industry and government can support direct local action by substituting the tightly packaged goods and services of categorical housing programmes with 'loose parts' which people and local organizations can assemble for themselves, in their own ways. Legislators and administrators can help initiate as well as consolidate the task of changing the rules from those that lay down lines that all must follow to those which set the limits within which everyone is free to do as they will."

Ed Cunliff (Ambulatory Health Care Consortium, 745 SE 26 St., Oklahoma City 73129) would like to be directed to any free-standing, non-profit clinics they might be able to use as a model.

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I've just returned from a month in Switzerland and France looking at various forms of citizen participation in the provision of public transit (use of the voter initiative in Switzerland, organizations of transit users in Paris); a few others in the Network (Janice Perlman and Don Appleyard) are part of the same study (being sponsored by the MIT-Harvard Joint Center for Urban Studies). As soon as we've written up our results, I'll let people know where the publications can be obtained.

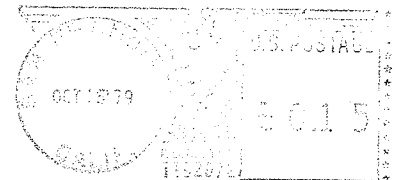
DISPLACEMENT: As I mentioned in a previous mailing, Network members Dick LeGates, Dennis Keating and I (along with Ellsworth Morgan of Newark and the Wash. law firm of Roisman, Schapiro and Reno) have been hired as Fellows by the Legal Services Corp. to produce a report and action guide on the subject of displacement/gentrification. In addition to producing materials usable by community groups and their attorneys fighting displacement, we want to make an irrefutable case (to counter HUD's current stance) that market-instigated housing displacement is a major problem all over the US. We'll be doing a fair amount of travelling to talk with knowledgeable people and activist neighborhood groups. But we need leads and contacts. If you have any information that can be of assistance to us—groups involved in anti-displacement work, public or private studies or surveys, neighborhoods affected by displacement—please contact me right away.

Next issue—just about Christmas-time—we'll have a sum-up of the Prop. R (Affordable Housing) initiative in SF, a report on the Baltimore APA conference—or at least the Network activities there, and a report on last summer's Women's School of Arch. & Planning.

#20 RETURNS: Tom Huth (Allston, Ma.); Shirley Simpson (Mattapan, Ma.); John Page (Urbana); Sara Wermiel (Boston); Adriana Staadecker (Newton, Ma.); Maggie Luke (Grand Rapids); Paul Mones (Carrboro, NC); Robert Bender (Plainfield, NJ); Linda Richardson (NYC); Lief Grina (Mpls.). Let us know if you know their whereabouts.

Til December,


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