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Hello again, fellow Networkers. This is the second issue produced by WURC (the Western Urban and Regional Collective). If you've been wondering who is at the helm, or at least at the other end of the phone line, the editor is Hilde Jeffers; the address through May 15 will be 2124 Parker St., #207, Berkeley, CA 94704, (415) 548-8482. The May issue will contain the new roster of members, so if you haven't sent in a short bio or statement of interests (or corrections to last year's roster) you should try to do so by the middle of April at the latest.

The main topic for this issue concerns the various efforts around the country to organize progressive planners. This is a continuing follow-up to the idea, launched formally at last year's Ithaca conference, to organize regional meetings this spring as a prelude to another national meeting in the fall. The December issue of the Newsletter (#22) carried a list of regional organizers that interested people are urged to contact.

If this issue seems a little narrowly focused on the organizing question, you have only yourselves to blame, folks. If you haven't done so recently, now would be an excellent moment to take time out from your crowded schedules and write to us about what is keeping you so busy, ideas and problems that you're struggling with and would like to see discussed in the Newsletter, etc. Your mother can wait—write to the Network.

**SUMMARY OF REGIONAL MEETINGS:** Ed Bergman reports on the plans being made by various regional groups to hold meetings concerning post-Blacksburg/Ithaca national gathering (see PN #22 for announcement). "Thus far, I have heard from Boston/New England, N.Y./N.J./Phil., Southeast, Wash./Balt., Midwest and Southwest regional groups. The latter three groups (correspondents J. Friedman, B. Checkoway and Bob Wilson, respectively) report they are in various stages of organizing and haven't yet decided upon final meeting plans. The three groups which have planned or held meetings report as follows:

Fran Price, the meeting coordinator from Boston/New England, reports that 15 people met February 20th in an exploratory meeting. Based on discussions by participants, the prevalent mood expressed was 'I've already overcommitted myself [to a more narrow field of interest], although let me know if anything happens'. Fran wondered how widespread these views may be, but in the absence of a Boston/New England core group, she is willing to continue playing a coordinating role (158 Winthrop Rd., Brookline, 02146).

"Conference coordinators from the combined Phil./N.J./N.Y. group report that meetings will be held May 8 and 9 in Avery Hall at Columbia U. to present and discuss papers germane to progressive planning. Commitments to give papers or run workshops must be received by March 14. For further details, contact J. Beckman (215-EV7-8260), R. Beau-

regard (201-932-4053), J. Forester (607-256-5179) or H. Goldstein (212) 280-4268).

"Southeast Planners Network was formed as the formal sponsoring group for meetings to be held May 17 at New East Building, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The meetings will stress the dilemmas which progressive planners and other public sector practitioners face in trying to support decentralized developments proposed by community groups. A thematic conference was chosen to improve the projects of attracting isolated planners throughout the south. To participate in panels, workshops, etc., contact D. Dyer or B. Knopf at 919-549-0551 by March 21.

**SOUTHEAST PLANNERS NETWORK:** Donna Dyer and Bruce Knopf write: "This is to inform you of the first conference of the Southeast Planners Network: a conference intended to highlight the dilemmas which progressive professionals (planners, administrators, architects, lawyers, and others) working within public sector agencies experience when supporting decentralized, locally-oriented actions that conflict with traditional and entrenched policies and programs. The Southeast chapter of the Network is currently based in the Research Triangle Area of North Carolina. We are a group of planning and community development practitioners, students, and academics who are increasingly concerned about the failures of government policy and see a need for the advocacy of decentralization as a response to this failure. We want to explore our roles in the bureaucracy and our relationships with community organizers, neighborhood groups, and organized labor.

"We see a conference as a means through which people in the field can share their professional experiences and frustrations with one another and with our colleagues in the workplace/community. We would like to explore experiences in a wide range of subject areas: economic development, housing health energy conservation and production, through a wide variety of activities: community development, credit unions, food and marketing cooperatives, municipal equalization of services, provision of housing for season farmworkers.

"Specifically, we need help with three aspects of conference organization:

1. The content of the conference sessions will be case studies or actual experiences of decentralized, community-based development. Would you will be willing to come and share your experiences by leading a workshop, presenting a case study, or otherwise relating an example of decentralized development? Do you know of anyone else who may have a case study to present? (An example might be a workshop on the establishment of a worker's owned cut-and-sew operation in Windsor, N.C.)

2. For the conference to be successful, it needs a wide audience. Could you share your mailing list with us? (If

possible, include a list suitable for copying onto mailing labels.) Would you be willing to publicize the conference in your organization's newsletter? Our audience will be limited to the Southeastern states: Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

3. In order for people to identify themselves as potential participants in the conference, we would like to list supporting organizations on the conference announcement and registration flier. Would your organization be willing to have its name listed among supporters? Does your organization have other resources it could contribute to our effort?

"After reading the attached information, please contact us by mail or by phone if you want more information or if you are willing to offer support for the conference in any of the above ways. If you can share your mailing list or have suggestions for workshop topics, we need to hear from you by March 21, 1980." Contact SOUTHEAST PLANNERS NETWORK, Dept. of City & Regional Planning, New East 033A/UNC-CH, Chapel Hill, NC 27514; phone: Donna Dyer/Bruce Knopf, (919) 549-0551.

**A CALL TO ACTION ON THE WEST COAST:** Chip Downs and David Wilmoth write: "The West Coast Planners Network is sponsoring a meeting at Antioch College West in San Francisco on Saturday, April 12, 1980, between 1 and 5 p.m. The theme will be ORGANIZING PROGRESSIVE PLANNERS: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

"1. Looking to the past, there is a rich history of progressive planners organizing and working together, a history we tend to forget: unions of technical and professional planners, the Regional Plan Association, Planners for Equal Opportunity and other efforts. We will look at that tradition and consider some lessons for the present and the future.

"2. At present, there is a lot of organizing around urban issues in the San Francisco Bay Area. We will review this activity with people from housing coalitions, minority and other community organizations, urban issue research groups, and groups organizing around budget and urban service cut-back issues. We will find out what is going on around the SF Bay Area in urban organizing, and see how these efforts could be helped by, and help, a broad union of progressive planners.

"3. Turning to the future, we will then consider proposals for action and organization. What needs do we have, and how can they be realistically addressed? Should we have a newsletter? Job support groups? Study groups working on position papers? A skills bank for working with community groups? Should we continue to meet regularly, say as a Northern California group? People from other centers may wish to consider arrangements for their own areas: separate meeting space is readily available. We will also discuss the pros and cons of a national organization and what form and functions it could take on: network or closer union? Annual conference? Journal? Steering committee? Regional delegates? Should it take public positions on planning issues such as national urban policy, or should it remain neutral publicly and tolerate a wide range of views within? There are many models we could draw upon, including the Lawyers' Guild, URPE, and professional groups like the socialist caucus within the Public Health Association." For information contact David Wilmoth, 1070 Ardmere Ave., Oakland, CA 94610, (415) 465-7257.

**HERE'S THE BOSTON STORY:** Fran Price: "During the past two months she has been testing the Boston waters on the idea of a progressive/socialist planning organization, contacting the formerly active core of Boston's Radical Planners' Network (dormant for the past year and a half), some other

professional planners, community activists, students (MIT and Tufts) and other people. Initial reactions were somewhat discouraging. The most common category of response was 'I've already over-committed myself [to a more narrow field of interest], although let me know if anything happens.' The more encouraging response was 'I'd be willing to discuss the idea, but don't know how much more time I'll have to give'. An exploratory meeting was held on February 20 and attended by 15 of this latter group. We reviewed the experience and conclusions of the Cornell conference, and the idea of a Boston-based organization/conference. We also reviewed the Boston Network experience: how and why it worked; what was good; and what went wrong? In effect, the same malaise that had begun to characterize the Boston Network affected this group: why are we coming together; with how explicit and implicit an ideology; who to organize; and considering the nature of Boston's planning community, who would be interested?

A subgroup felt that even posing these questions might be premature. Their alternative, which they will be exploring together, resembles a revival of the Boston Network in order to provide an informal forum to bring people together to share experiences and ideas. There was a general consensus that such efforts would be appreciated. There was also a shared acknowledgement that in the past, the appreciation of Network activities did not lead to active participation; that organizational efforts tended to fall on too few shoulders; and that the few more active members with strong interest in ideological and goal definition tended to lose interest.

While more analysis is possible of the conditions unique to the Boston planning community, my experience over the past couple of months suggests that there is not yet in Boston a core group of people both convinced of the need for a progressive/socialist planning organization, and willing to commit the time and energy to develop it. That is, while there may be many people who can answer the question of 'why?', these seem to be the very people who are too committed elsewhere to

assume new organizational responsibilities, or perhaps even to become involved in one more organization. Perhaps a revived local Network will help to bring such people together. In any case, I am willing to continue to play a coordinating role, but not an organizational role in the absence of such a core group."

**THE THREAT OF JAWS II:** From Tak Nakamoto (Dept. of City & Regional Planning, Univ. of Calif., Berkeley, 94720): "This June Californians will vote on Proposition 9—an amendment to the State Constitution—which would cut the state income tax rate by 50%. The proposition, sponsored by Howard Jarvis of the infamous Jarvis-Gann partnership, is appropriately known as 'Jaws II'. With one huge bite, it would reduce state revenues by 25%, threatening state services, even as the effects of Proposition 13 start hurting most, now that services are less protected by past state surplus 'bailout' funds. A particularly painful aspect of this threatening new bite is that it would distribute the tax cut primarily among the highest income groups and corporations. It is expected that the highest 4% of income earners would capture some 40% of the tax reduction due to the progressive tax structure. 20% of the tax reduction would shift to the federal government, since state taxes are written off federal income taxes. In dollar terms the reduction is 5 billion dollars over a span of a year and a half. (The initiative is retroactive to January 1980.) This would severely hurt all state government activities and devastate local governments, to whom 80% of the state budget is transferred. Social services and education will be hardest hit.

"The reaction against Jarvis II has been slow. Elected officials still reeling from Proposition 13, appear to be hold-

ing back from taking positions. Top state officials, from Governor Brown on down, have provided no leadership against this initiative. The public employee unions are just now beginning to organize a campaign against the initiative with the assistance of other activist groups. Some of the groups are currently attempting to gather enough signatures to place an alternative initiative on the June ballot: the Tax Simplicity Act. This would offer tax relief to lower income earners while closing many tax loopholes so as to maintain current state revenues.

"The political implications of this counter-strategy are problematic. Large corporations are wavering in their stance on Prop. 9, as their operations depend directly and indirectly on government programs. They may be persuaded to oppose Jarvis II. However the Tax Simplicity Act threatens to dramatically increase their own tax burden. Given an alternative between the two, the corporations would opt for Jarvis II. This means that the political campaign to defeat Jarvis II and enact the Tax Simplicity Act would require a *massive* organizing effort within the state. The possibility also exists, however, that the corporations will oppose both Jarvis II and the alternative, so as to maintain the *status quo*.

"Jaws II must be defeated! If you want to help oppose Jarvis II, contact the STOP JARVIS/NO ON 9 Committee, P.O. Box 1282, Berkeley, CA 94701. If you want to work for the Tax Simplicity Act, one of the sponsoring organizations is the Alameda County Labor Community Coalition, P.O. Box 27163, Oakland, CA 94602, (415) 834-6900. Check for your local equivalent."

**MONTANANS FOR PUBLIC POWER:** From Fred Quivik (210 N. Clark, Butte, Mont. 59701): "A group called 'Montanans for Public Power' is currently collecting signatures to get a constitutional amendment on the ballot for November. As the Attorney-General paraphrases, the proposed amendment 'requires the State to purchase and operate all privately owned utility systems, except cooperatives'. The state system would be operated by an elected five member energy board. Local governments could establish utility districts, operated by elected directors, to control the distribution of electricity and natural gas. Voter approval is needed for building electrical generating plants, coal conversion plants or electrical transmission lines of certain size. Additional requirements are imposed before some utility facilities can be built. One half the net revenue from state-owned facilities would go to develop conservation and renewable energy resources."

"Montanans for Public Power is a coalition of people who worked on the successful anti-nuclear initiative in 1978, energy conservation and renewable energy advocates, the Montana New Socialist Party which proposed a similar amendment in 1976, and low income groups. There is much research to do before the campaign. Anyone who would like to share experiences or advice, or who would be willing to offer research and other skills to this effort should contact Fred Quivik at (406) 792-5464 at home, or (406) 494-4572 at work, or the above address."

**MIDWEST ACTIVITIES:** From Michael Sheehan (Graduate Program in Urb/Reg Pl'ng, U. of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa 52242): "Locally, Peter Fisher, yours truly and a healthy tribe of grad students are working on a variety of environmental, land use, safety and regulatory problems ranging from Ag land preservation, groundwater quality/enforcement of the Safe Drinking Water Act, railroad safety and the transport of hazardous materials, the possibilities of municipal provision of fire insurance, and alternatives to the Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric Co. in this area when their franchise expires in 1984.

Some of this work is already available in the form of reports, grant applications, working papers, etc. We would be glad to supply any of these materials on request and would be more than happy to collaborate on regional projects of mutual interest."

**ALTERNATIVE JUSTICE:** From Russ Immarigeon (Partnership for Alternatives, 5 Elm Rd., Rm. 306, New Brunswick, N.J. 08901): "Presently I'm the state coordinator for the Partnership for Alternatives (PFA) Project, a joint venture of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency and the New Jersey Association. PFA is a pilot project to test the effectiveness of citizen led efforts to influence public policy on the issue of imprisonment. PFA is guided primarily by three general principles—that 1) alternatives should seek to reconcile the victim, the offender and the community, and to repair the harm done; 2) the least restrictive alternative, requiring the least degree of state intervention into the life of the offender should always be favored; and 3) alternatives must respect the human and civil rights of the victim and offenders. PFA is interested in hearing from people who have worked towards decreasing prison population and/or increasing community-based alternatives to incarceration or from anyone who has done research of any sort that has been applied to these goals. I would also be interested in sharing ideas with anyone who has put thought into the matter of how social research can benefit such efforts."

**RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** From Reggie Greenwood (1 Bluff Trail, Chapel Hill, NC 27514): "I am a graduate student in City and Regional Planning at Chapel Hill working in community economic development in rural areas. I'm particularly interested in small farms and the impact of diversified farms on a regional economy. Is there anyone studying the impact of the loss of small farms on rural and small town culture or the amount of innovation occurring in farming techniques?"

**COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT:** From David Stein (21 W. 88th St., NY, NY 10024): "I'd be anxious to hear from other people who have come across alternatives to boutiques in gentrifying neighborhoods. Some of our thoughts for our strip of vacant commercial storefronts on the Upper West Side of Manhattan include a toy manufacturing and testing center, a fix-it store/tool rental shop, and a fabric store with sewing machines for classes and customer use."

**CO-OPS:** From Cheryl Jensen (People's Community Enterprise, 206 West 4th St., Duluth, MN 55806): "Cooperatives are my new passion and this group I am working with here in Duluth is working on setting up a coop hardware store, solar greenhouse and energy enterprise. Any networking we can do with others experienced in housing related coops would be appreciated."

**CO-OP CONVERSIONS:** A letter has been forwarded on to the newsletter which contains the following comment: "I would appreciate any resources on how to approach the problem of co-op conversions from a community-based perspective. It's becoming clear that if this trend persists unchecked, the rental stock for lower income residents will 'evaporate,' causing severe dislocation." People with ideas on this subject might write to Joe Biber, 843 Carroll St., Brooklyn, NY 11215.

**CONDO CONVERSION:** From Hans Jovishoff (4129 First Ave. #3D, San Diego, CA 92103): "I am associated with the Housing Coalition in San Diego. We are presently engaged in trying to get the city council to strengthen a very weak condo conversion ordinance. I am very much concerned about the

impact further conversions will have upon the availability of affordable housing for those who need it most. If things continue at the present rate, the rental stock will be decimated dangerously. We can use all the help we can get, and are wondering if there are any planning groups in this city, or possibly some individual planners, who might be sympathetic to our cause, and would be willing to work with us."

**INNER-CITY HIGHWAY BATTLE:** Members of Architecture 2001 in Newark are part of a coalition that is trying to stop Route 280 from tearing up the Central Ward and isolating the university area from the Black community. They are proposing an alternative that involves a large parking structure and utilization of existing subway and bus lines. They would like to hear from other Newark members "who have similar highway fight experiences." Write to Troy West, Architecture 2001, 60-64 Union St., Newark, NJ 07105.

## **JOBS**

**NATIONAL EVALUATION IN COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** The National Center for Economic Alternatives has received a grant to conduct a two year program evaluation of the impact of Title VII, one of the first pieces of anti-poverty, community economic development legislation. Positions on this project, include: Deputy Project Director, Executive Assistant, and senior and junior research positions in policy analysis and community economic development. Interested persons may apply by sending two copies of their resume to Mr. Edward Humberger, Project Director, Title VII Evaluation, National Center for Economic Alternatives, 2000 P Street, N.W., Wash., D.C. 20036.

**THE URBAN-PLANNING DIVISION OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY'S** Graduate School of Architecture and Planning anticipates openings for several visiting and/or tenure-track appointments in the Fall of 1980 and solicits applications. Applicants should have a background in one or more of the following subjects: land use policy, physical planning, urban design, urban fiscal policy, economic development, urban research methods, sectoral planning (transportation, energy, housing, social and health services, etc.). Send resumes and the names and addresses of at least three persons to: Elliott D. Sclar, Chair, Division of Urban Planning, Graduate School of Architecture and Planning, Avery Hall, Columbia University, New York, NY 10027.

**SOUTH EAST COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION, INC.,** 10 S. Wolfe St., Baltimore, MD 21231, is seeking a Director of Human Services to supervise the Human Services staff and report directly to the Executive Director. Contact Larry Pencak at SECO, (301) 276-9100. They are also looking for a Lead Organizer to supervise the organizing staff and report directly to the Director of Organizational Development; and a Program Director for their LEAA-funded Anti-Crime Project, who will have major street organizing responsibilities and be responsible to the Lead Organizer. For these positions, contact Rino Aldrighetti at SECO, (301) 327-1626.

**MICHIGAN AVENUE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION** is seeking a Director, a Planner and an Organizer. The Director and Planner are wanted to implement a newly funded community development program. The Program's seven-member staff will market housing, give rehab counseling, and develop and implement housing strategies for multi-ethnic working class neighborhoods. The Director must have strong supervisory skills and expertise in real estate, rehab, rehab financing, budgeting, and development; and must be able to work with community leadership. Salary: \$17,000-19,000. The Planner must have a Master's or two years' experience in urban planning; should be familiar with techniques for analyzing housing markets, strategies for housing market stabilization, promotion and sources of purchase and rehabilitation financing. Salary: \$14,000-16,500. The Organizer job involves organizing a youth committee and one neighborhood in a predominantly black area. Salary ranges from \$9,000-12,000. Further info will be sent upon request. Submit resumes to MACO, 4330 Central, Detroit, MI 48210.

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**THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** in the U.S. Virgin Islands announces the following positions: (1) Associate Planner (4 positions): (a) recreation planning, (b) physical planning/design, (c) urban design, and (d) land use planning; (2) Public Information Specialist; (3) Environmental Education Coordinator; (4) Economist; (5) Draftsperson; (6) Graphics Specialist; (7) Clerk Typist II; (8) Current Planner—Assess Permit Applications. All of these positions require immediate applications; contact Dept. of Conservation and Cultural Affairs, P.O. Box 4340, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, 00801, Attn: Ms. Marsha McLaughlin.

**NATIONAL CONSUMER COOPERATIVE BANK** is seeking resumes of people in such areas as financial management, personnel, procurement, administration, marketing, loan processing, business analysis and technical assistance. Send resumes and salary requirements to Director, Personnel Operations, National Consumer Cooperative Bank, Wash., D.C. 20220.

**CLEVELAND TENANTS UNION** seeks a Project Coordinator for its Cooperative Housing Program. Salary is negotiable up to \$18,000 depending on skills and experience. Background in the establishment and management of consumer cooperatives, preferably in housing; real estate financing experience, legal education and/or management skills desirable. Highly developed oral and writing skills a must, along with commitment to cooperative forms of ownership. Send resumes and references immediately: Cleveland Tenants Organization, Colonial Arcade, Suite 215, 530 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44114, (216) 621-0540.

**GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY** is seeking a director of their graduate city planning program, someone with recognized administrative skills and experience, an ability to work openly with others, and academic and professional experience. Salary commensurate with experience. Submit resume to Prof. Jay M. Stein, Search Committee Chairman, Graduate City Planning Program, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA 30332. Georgia Tech is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer; minorities and women encouraged to apply.

**THE ANN ARBOR COOPERATIVE SOCIETY (AACS)** is looking for a new manager to provide direction, oversight and ideas for operating current services and developing new ones. Salary range: \$10,000-14,000, depending upon experience. Deadline for submission of application was March 15, 1980, but you might still apply. Submission should include a resume and a letter explaining interest and highlighting experience. Submit to: Ann Arbor Co-op Society, Manager Search Committee, P.O. Box 7325, Ann Arbor, MI 48107.

**THE TAMPA COMMUNITY DESIGN CENTER** is seeking a director for its Regional Community Development Center Program. Responsibilities include: Translate neighborhood revitalization concepts into fundable projects. Understand funding requirements of governmental and private resources. Administration of core staff to write grant proposals and ability to manage contracts and understand accounting systems. Experience: Planning, Architecture or Public Administration, management level experience necessary. Salary: \$17,000-18,000/Yr. Write Tampa Community Design Center Inc., 304 Plant Ave., Tampa, FL 33606, (813) 251-6167.

**OKLAHOMA CITY:** Urgently needed, a planner to provide assistance to minority community redevelopment efforts in Oklahoma City. Unpaid to start. Later? Call James Capel, (202) 426-4648.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY PhD PROGRAM, CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK:** Two anticipated faculty openings beginning Sept. 1980. Credentials, experience, interests *must* match at least *one* of the following: Environmental design background, commitment, interest in environmental social science research. Participatory work with use/community groups emphasis on implementation. Social science and formation, implementation of social/environmental policy, knowledge of political systems, alternative ideologies (applicants from economics, geography, political science, planning, etc.). Philosophical, theoretical ideological analysis, critique of environmental social science. Send CV, letter of interest by April 20: M. Wolfe, Environmental Psychology Program, CUNY, 33 W 42 St., NY, NY 10036.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**URBAN WOMEN**—The Planning and Women Division of the APA under a grant from the HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research, is sponsoring a national competition for descriptions of projects providing innovative solutions to the critical needs of urban women. The purpose of the competition is to publicize those projects and proposals which have responded to the changing lives of urban women so that all or a part of a project may be transferred to other areas or a proposal given wider recognition. Applications are available from APA, 1776 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Wash., D.C. 20036, (202) 872-0611.

**"THE WOMENS SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING"** will be held July 23-30 at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland. Applications and information available from WSPA, 2105 Erdman Ave., Baltimore, MD 21218.

**INTERESTED IN REHABILITATING URBAN WATERFRONTS?** Or working for **MASS TRANSIT FUNDING?** The **SIERRA CLUB** plans to lobby for legislative support for these programs. If you want to help them, contact your local chapter or Neil Goldstein, Sierra Club, New York Office, 800 Second Av., NY, NY 10017.

**THE NEW NATIONAL CONSUMER COOPERATIVE BANK** held a series of public participation meetings around the country during January and February. It is still not too late to make comments and collect information on what they propose to do. Write to National Consumer Cooperative Bank, 711 14th Street, NW, Room 400, Washington, DC 20005, attention Public Participation, or call (202) 376-0908.

**ACTION FOR EMPLOYMENT**—The Full Employment Action Council is planning an intensive program of educational and legislative work for 1980. Its activities will include renewed efforts to gain full implementation of the Humphrey-Hawkins Act and support for legislative programs to deal with youth employment, economic dislocation, unemployment compensation, and public service employment. The Council, which publishes a newsletter, *Action News*, is located at 815 15th St., NW, Wash., DC 20005.

**HANDI-TAP** (Handicapped Technical Assistance Project) was conceived by the Office of Independent Living for the Disabled, U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development to focus on the housing and services needs of handicapped individuals via a three-phase program: 1) a Seminar Series, 2) Demonstration Projects (to test comprehensive programs on housing for the handicapped on statewide levels), and 3) a Communications Program. For further information contact The National Training and Development Service, 400 N. Capitol St., Suite 390, Washington, D.C. 20001, (202) 628-0668.

**ICARUS FILMS** is pleased to announce that we are the exclusive American distributor of the award-winning Australian film *WOOLLOOMOOLOO*. The 75-minute documentary spotlights the innovative strategy developed by Australian labor organizations and community groups to unite and pursue joint action against speculative urban "redevelopment" and against city development plans which threatened working class residential neighborhoods. Contact Jonathan Miller, 220 Park Ave. South, Rm. 1319, NYC 10003, (212) 674-3375.

**PROGRESSIVE PLANNING SUMMER SCHOOL AT CORNELL.** Cornell University's Dept. of City & Regional Planning is offering a three week Progressive Planning Summer Program, June 2-20. The program is designed for undergraduate and graduate students as well as practitioners and other interested persons. Activities will be coordinated by Cornell faculty members Pierre Clavel, John Forester and William W. Goldsmith, together with visiting faculty Sander Kelman, Richard Schramm, Timothy Kennedy, and Chester Hartman. Participants are offered an integrative seminar plus a choice of five main subjects: Neighborhood Housing Strategies; Community Economic Development; Video and Film: A Tool for Community Development; Critical Theory and Planning Theory; and The Political Economy of Health Planning. The Program carries four academic credits. The fee is \$495, plus room and board.

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Group housing arrangements are available. Interested persons should contact Prof. Clavel, 201 West Sibley Hall, Cornell Univ., Ithaca, NY 14853, (607) 277-4925.

**ALTERNATIVE PLANNING SCHOOL.** Several Planners Network members are currently teaching in an innovative master's degree program at Antioch University in San Francisco. The program provides practical and theoretical training for students who concurrently work in local planning agencies and community-based organizations. The curriculum combines core courses in community planning, community design and community economic development with individualized study and practice. For more information, contact John Keilch, Director, Urban Studies & Planning Program,

Antioch University, 650 Pine St., San Francisco, CA 94108, (415) 956-1688.

**ITALIAN URBAN POLICY: SUMMER COURSE.** Tom Angotti is organizing a summer course on this topic between June 2 and 20, 1980. It reviews the urban planning process in contemporary Italy, focusing on the impact of the major urban and housing reforms of the last three decades. Lectures on housing preservation and cooperative and public housing will be coupled with field trips within Venice and Rome, and to the internationally acclaimed renewal project in Bologna. Knowledge of Italian not required. Course credit is available. Estimated cost including tuition, travel from New York, and expenses is \$1,000. For more information write: Dr. Thomas Angotti, Graduate School of Architecture & Urban Planning, Rm. 408B Avery Hall, Columbia University, New York, NY 10027, or call (212) 280-3513.

**NEW NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS.** A National Alliance of Community Based Organizations (NACBO) was recently established to advocate appropriate youth employment and other issues of interest to CBOs. Although the specific issue of future youth employment and training provided the catalyst for establishing NACBO, the CBOs currently participating in NACBO have expressed an interest and commitment in advocating appropriate positions in *all* domestic issues of concern to CBOs, i.e., housing, economic development, rural development, senior citizens, etc.

Some regional contacts are: Ted Watkins, Watts Labor Community Action Committee, Los Angeles, CA 90059, (213) 564-5901. Leon Finney, The Woodlawn Organization, Chicago, IL 60637, (312) 288-5840.

Juan Patlan, Mexican-American Unity Council, San Antonio, TX 78207, (512) 225-4142.

Jorge Hernandez, I quilino Boricuas En Accion, Boston, MA 02118, (617) 242-1342.

Betty Terrell, Assoc. of Neighborhood Housing Developers, New York, NY 10010, (212) 674-7610.

Mike Cortez, National Council of La Raza, Wash., D.C. 20006, (202) 293-4688.

Melvin Murrell, Harambee Inc./Westcott Youth Organization, Syracuse, NY 13210, (315) 472-7701.

Steve Abubato, Northward Educational & Cultural Center, Newark, NJ 07104, (201) 481-0415.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH ADVOCATES** has recently been involved in several environmental and occupational health issues in Oakland, California. The group brought attention to the local health hazards of nuclear radiation, which eventually led to passage of a local ordinance regulating transportation of radioactive materials. In response to an industrial accident which exposed workers, school-children and surrounding neighborhoods to poisonous chlorine gas, the group developed a proposal for increased municipal attention to industrial health hazards. The group is currently sponsoring a course on "Advocacy Strategies for Community Health" through a local community college. For more information, contact Community Health Advocates, 3531 East 14th St., Oakland, CA 94601, (415) 533-0757.

**BIRTHWAYS** is a resource center for pregnancy, birth and parenting located in Oakland, Calif. In addition to its regular offerings of classes, workshops, films and support groups, Birthways is currently carrying out an innovative community-based training program for



perinatal (i.e., prenatal plus infancy) counselors. The program, which includes trainees from the Black, Asian, Native American and Spanish-speaking communities, is an effort to develop community resources to counteract the high infant mortality rate in East Oakland. For more information, contact Mara Halpern, project director, Birthways, 3127 Telegraph Ave., Oakland, CA 94609.

**INVITATION TO CITY PLANNERS TO VISIT CHINA.** YOUXIE, the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, is inviting 12 city planners to visit China between Aug. 9 and Sept. 2. The tour is for men and women who advise in the improvement and growth of established communities as well as direct the development of new cities. Professional city planners who

have worked with small communities and large metropolitan areas in such fields as: housing development, industrial areas, recreation centers and utilities are encouraged to apply. Professors with practical experience in city planning and/or who advise government officials would also be qualified. The price of the tour is \$2,125 and the application deadline is May, 1980. For more information and application forms, contact: USCPFA National Tours, 635 S. Westlake, Los Angeles, CA 90057, (213) 483-5810.

**PLANNING TOUR OF SAN FRANCISCO:** From John Gilderloom, Sociology, U of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106): "I'm taking my Sociology of Urban Planning and Design class to San Francisco on the weekend of April 12 or 13 for the A.I.P. convention. I would be interested if some Network members up in the Bay Area could arrange for my class of 20 persons a planning oriented walking tour of San Francisco. I'm sure that other Network members visiting San Francisco for that weekend would also be interested. Also, I'm thinking of going to the New York/New Jersey area this July or August for a month-long stay, if anyone is interested in trading living quarters please write.

**VISITOR.** Bob Williams, an Englishman working on community participation in local government, will be visiting the USA, including the San Francisco Bay Area, and would like to meet Networkers with similar interests. You can contact him at 92 Sickert Court, Marquess Rd., London, N1 2TJ, England.

## CONFERENCES

**THE CHICAGO REHAB NETWORK** is sponsoring a National Conference on "Development without Displacement." It will be held March 30-31 at the Midland Hotel, 172 W. Adams St., Chicago, Ill. For information, contact the CRN at 343 South Dearborn, Suite 1508, Chicago, Ill. 60604/(312) 427-2630.

**THE PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE** plans to hold a National Conference to Develop a Plan of Action at the Democratic National Convention. The planning conference will be held March 15-16, in Youngstown, Ohio, at the headquarters of Steelworkers Union Local 1462. For more information, contact the People's Alliance, P.O.B. 998, Peter Stuyvesant Station, NY, NY 10009/(212) 242-3270.

**HOUSING FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development will conduct seminars in Hartford, Conn., and Newark, NJ, to promote increased housing opportunities for handicapped persons. The first seminar will be held March 3-5 at the Ramada Inn, East Hartford, Conn; the second April 14-16 at the Sheraton Airport Hotel, Newark, NJ. Information can be obtained from the Tri-State Regional Planning Commission, One World Trade Center, 82 Floor, NY, NY 10048.

**THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS,** Community Research and Development Division has issued a call for papers to be delivered at its annual meeting in late August, in New York. There will be panels on: "Community Institutions as a nexus of Rebellion," "Communities, Regions, and Uneven Development," and "Effective Techniques in Community Organization and Resistance." The deadline sent to us for statements of intention was February 15, but, if interested, you might still contact Robert J. Ross, Department of Sociology, Clark U., Worcester, MA 01610.

**THE NATIONAL CONSUMER COOPERATIVE BANK,** described as "the first major commitment of resources by the federal

government to consumer-owned businesses," held a series of public meetings during January and February to obtain comments on the proposed policies for the Bank and the Office of Self-Help Development and Assistance. For copies of the proposed policies and other information, write the National Consumer Cooperative Bank, 711 14th Street, N.W., Room 400, Wash., D.C. 20005.

**NATIONAL PEOPLE'S ACTION** will hold its 9th Annual Conference on April 12-14, 1980 at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, MD. The organization invites people to contact them with their ideas and suggestions for workshops. NPA's address is 1123 W. Washington Blvd, Chicago, Ill. 60807/(312) 243-3036.

**CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING**—The Office of Human Development Services, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, recently announced the availability of Grant Funds for Special Projects for Severely Disabled Individuals (applications due by March 14, 1980). The Office also announced the availability of funds for the Establishment and Operation of Centers for Independent Living Rehabilitation Services.

**"CONFERENCE ON ANTI-DISPLACEMENT**—National Urban Coalition announces a conference on anti-displacement in Denver, for further information please contact the National Urban Coalition: 1201 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Wash., D.C. 20036.

**"WORKING TOGETHER FOR FAIR HOUSING,"** a conference that brought together HUD officials and non-governmental organizations working on fair housing, was held at AFSCME, 140 Park Place, NY, NY. It was sponsored by Sterling Tucker, Assistant Secretary, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, HUD and the Coalition for an Equitable Region.

**"FIRST NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY CONFERENCE** of US Possessions, Territories, and Trusteeships" will be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico from April 26 to May 2. For information, write: Mr. David Rivera Perez, Conference Coordinator, First International Sovereignty Conference, P.O. Box 4661, San Diego, CA 92104.

## PUBLICATIONS

**COMMUNITY JOBS,** a new tabloid journal for those interested in community change, is being published by the Youth Project, 1704 R St., NW, Wash., DC 20009. Subscription rates are \$8.88/yr.

**A NATIONAL DIRECTORY OF NEIGHBORHOOD DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAMS**—35 in all—has been published in the Fall 1979 issue of the *Mooter*, Quarterly Journal of the Grassroots Citizen Dispute Resolution Clearinghouse. For subscriptions, (\$5/yr.) write: Paul Wahrhaftig, 4401 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

**REACHING UP, REACHING OUT: A GUIDE TO ORGANIZING LOCAL SOLAR EVENTS** has been published by the Solar Energy Research Institute, Golden, Co. The guide is available from the Government Printing Office for \$6.00.

**THE HOUSING CRISIS AND TENANTS' REVOLT**—The Jan/Feb issue of *Social Policy* contains an article by John Atlas and Peter Dreier called "The Housing Crisis and the Tenants' Revolt."

**HOME MORTGAGE DISCLOSURE ACT.** HUD has produced a guidebook on the *Home Mortgage Disclosure Act and Reinvestment Strategies*. This guidebook, which came out last year, "explains in detail how to collect the data available from the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act and other sources, and how to use them." It claims to contain "much of what you need to know to make a neighborhood come alive again." (HUD, Office of Policy Development and Research, Jan. 1979.)

**COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT**—Persons interested in the issue of displacement might find information in Conrad Weiler et al., *Testimony on the implementation of the community reinvestment act of 1977 with particular reference to prevention of displacement in the achievement of optimal urban investment* (Washington, D.C., Federal Reserve Board, March 1978).

**CO-OP BANK MONITOR**—The first issue (Vol. 1, No. 1) of the *CO-OP BANK MONITOR*, a national newsletter of the Co-op Bank Monitoring and Assistance Project, has just been published. It will appear quarterly, and provide up-to-date information on the new National Consumer Cooperative Bank. Subscriptions (\$2.00/yr.) can be obtained by writing *CO-OP BANK MONITOR*, Conference on Alternative State and Local Policies, 2000 Florida Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

**GARDENING**—The Cooperative Extension Service at Penn State University informs us that it has produced a book on *Home Vegetable Gardening*, available from them at Box 5000, University Park, Pa. 16802 for \$4.00 plus \$.25 postage.

**RESOURCES FOR NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS:** *Neighborhood Oriented Programs of the Federal Government: A Compendium of Funding and Technical Assistance Resources for Neighborhood Organizations* has been published by the Office of Neighborhoods, Voluntary Associations, and Consumer Protection, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**"A CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO THE ENERGY CRISIS":** A fantastic collection of information, about energy, issues, abuses and alternatives to our present consumption patterns has been published by the Institute for the Study of Civic Values (in the November 1979 issue of *Neighborhoods*, Vol. 5, No. 3): 401 North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19108.

**RECYCLING VACANT PROPERTY**—HUD's got a new manual entitled "Citizen's Action Manual: A guide to recycling vacant property in your neighborhood." The short pamphlet presents several schemes which can be implemented on the local level to get control of vacant lots or abandoned buildings and convert them into useful resources. Modelled after Trust for Public Lands programs, the manual offers short but descriptive insights into re-use schemes for urban lands. The manual can be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Govt Printing Office, Wash., D.C.

**WHAT MAKES U.S. CITIES LIVABLE**—The Institute for Environmental Action has launched a series *Learning From the USA: What Makes Cities Livable*. The books published so far include *Learning from Baltimore* and *Learning from Seattle*. For information or book orders (at \$6.95 per copy plus postage), contact the Institute for Environmental Action, 81 Leonard St., New York, NY 10013.

**URBAN ISSUES**—An article on "Urban Crisis, Urban Renaissance, and Urban Struggle" appears in *Radical America*, Vol. 13, No. 5.

**SOCIALIST VIEW OF THE AMERICAN CITY**—NAM (New American Movement) announced the publication of its first working papers focusing on urban problems and issues in the U.S.: *Socialist Views of the American City* is a collection of articles on urban planning, community planning, displacement, suburbia and other topics. 1-5 copies \$1.25; more than 5 \$1.00. Order through NAM Urban and Community Commission, 802 Ferndale Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45406. Randy Cunningham, Chair, NAM Urban and Community Commission.

**HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN AMERICA**—The most recent, and final book to be published by the Carnegie Council on Children just appeared: *The Unexpected Minority: Handicapped Children in America*. It can be obtained from the CCC, 437 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10022.

**THE INDIAN PLANNING CONSORTIUM OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA** is a tribal chartered corporation established to provide economic development planning and technical assistance to tribes in Central California. They publish a useful short newsletter *Indian Planning*. Send announcements, enquiries or requests to be on the mailing list to: IPCCC, 1044 Fulton Mall, Room 411, Fresno, CA 93721, or phone (209) 266-9818.

**BEYOND THE JUNGLE**—David Gil informs us that his book *Beyond the Jungle*, which was mentioned in the last newsletter, is available in paperback for \$4.95 from Schenkman Publishing Co.—a price much more reasonable than the hardback's \$14 (which David adds he wouldn't pay himself).

**APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY**—"An experimental program in appropriate technology and a notice of NSF support of research equipment in small colleges are announced in this issue of the *NSF Bulletin*. NSF meetings, programs, positions open at NSF, and sources for more detailed information are also presented. Publications listed in the *Bulletin* may be obtained on the Publications Order Form on the back page. Telephone numbers are given in parentheses; all numbers are area code 202, unless otherwise indicated. The address of the National Science Foundation is 1800 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20550."

**FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN THE U.S.:** The Office of Community Planning and Development of HUD last year published *The impact of foreign direct investment on U.S. cities and regions*.

**URBAN POLICY PAMPHLETS:** Beth Shapiro, Michigan State University Librarian and Network member, puts out a monthly listing of urban policy and planning pamphlets, a useful publication organized by topic and by region. She can be reached at the Urban Policy and Planning Library, MSU, (517) 353-9304.

**BIG STEEL:** *Black Politics and Corporate Power in Gary, Indiana* by Network member Edward Greer is available from Monthly Review Press, \$16.50.

**PLANNERS, POLITICS, AND HEALTH SERVICES,** a new book by Network member Gregory Parston, has been published by Croom Helm, London.

**URBAN SELF-MANAGEMENT:** *Planning for a New Society* by Network member Simona Ganassi Agger has been published by M.E. Sharpe, \$18.50.

**NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION:** For those interested, *Conserve Neighborhoods*, a bi-monthly newsletter is available. It is designed to provide basic practical advice to neighborhood organizations. It costs \$2.50/6 issues (or free to non-profit neighborhood groups), and can be obtained from Conserve Neighborhoods, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Wash., D.C. 20036.

**"WORKING FOR YOUR LIFE"** is an hour-long film on the hazards faced by today's 43 million working women. It is the only documentary film about the health and safety of women on the job. It is available for rental (\$65) or sale (\$425 until Jan. 15 and \$472 after). Contact: LOHP Films, Transit Media, 779 Susquehanna Ave., Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417.

**TENANTS RIGHTS FOR BETTER HOUSING** is a free publication of the New York State Dept. of State, Division of Economic Opportunity, 162 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12231. An organization that has been closely following these issues is the United Tenants Association in Albany. For more information, contact Rodger or Marie Markovics, United Tenants Association, 77 Columbia St., Albany, NY 12206.

**"ALTERNATIVES FOR A SAFER SOCIETY:** New Responses to Crimes and Victims" is a new 25-minute slide show or film strip with cassette sound produced by the Prison Research Education Action Project (PREAP). For more information, contact Safer Society Press, 3049 E. Genesee St., Syracuse, NY 13224.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION** is a new bi-monthly publication by the Lincoln Filene Center for Citizenship and Public Affairs, Tufts University, Medford, MA 02155.

**WOMEN AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION** for a bibliography on this subject, send \$2 to Prof. Charles Ellison, Urban Studies Program, Univ. of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH 45221.

**URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING IN AN AGE OF AUSTERITY** is the title of a book edited by Pierre Clavel, John Forester, and William Goldsmith of Cornell University, to be published by Pergamon Press in spring 1980. This book is a compilation of papers presented at last April's Conference on Radical Planning Theory and Practice at Cornell. Copies can be ordered from Pergamon Press, Maxwell House, Fairview Park, Elmsford, NY 10523.

NEW HUD PUBLICATIONS include *A Guidebook on Citizen Participation in the Community Development Block Grant Program* (put out by HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development) and a *Compendium of Funding and Technical Assistance Resources for Neighborhood Organizations* by HUD's Office of Neighborhoods, Voluntary Associations, and Consumer Protection. Copies can be obtained by writing the appropriate offices, U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, Wash., D.C. 20410.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT is the focus of the *C.D. Citizen*, a newsletter published by the Working Group for Community Development reform for the National Citizens Monitoring Project on CDBG. They can be contacted by 1000 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Wash., D.C. 20007.

PRUT (The Progressive Utilization Theory) publishes a bulletin which develops its "comprehensive socioeconomic philosophy based on a spiritual-humanist worldview which synthesizes physical, mental, and spiritual aspects of human nature." Its address: 413 Malden Ave., East, Seattle, WA 98112.

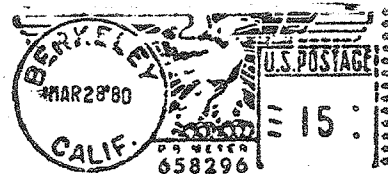
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THE FAIR HOUSING FOR CHILDREN PROJECT puts out a newsletter. The group can be contacted at 1801 South La Cienega Blvd., Suite 208, Los Angeles, CA 90035.

NATIONAL NETWORK OF YOUTH ADVISORY BOARDS is publishing a new resources newsletter. It can be obtained free from P.O. Box 402036, Ocean View Branch, Miami Beach, FL 33140.

#22 RETURNS: (Let us know if you know where they are: Karla Sykes (Brooklyn), Thomas Mah (Oakland), Valerie Menonger (Berkeley), Nancy Burns (San Francisco), David Burger (Boston), Tom Edminster (Pacifica, CA), Ginger McNally (Santa Cruz), Rebecca Coleman (Mill Valley, CA), Carol DeLoy (Santa Monica), Bruce Astrein (Watertown, MA), Nony Deutsch (Madison), Carla Okique (Seattle), Lew Lubka (Fargo, ND), Villa Reyes (La Jolla, CA), Judy Malunda (Manila, Philippines).

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## ADDENDUM

Somehow these articles got lost in the Newsletter production process. Since we think they are important we have produced an addendum page.

**THEORY AND PRACTICE:** From Susan Fainstein (Dept. of Urban Planning, Livingston College, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903): "The side of the debate which constantly counterposes theory to practice perpetuates long-standing and unproductive divisions on the left. Good theory is always informed by practice as it seeks to generalize from a multiplicity of experiences. Often, and not always avoidably, the language of theory is cumbersome but not necessarily to be disregarded for that reason. Practitioners dismiss theorists for failing to provide a guide for action, but such a handbook may not be possible. Successful tactics are usually opportunistic and specific to context. Rather, the use of theory is primarily the developing of consciousness—the means by which practitioners and scholars transcend their immediate circumstances and understand the general causes and consequences of their situation. The U.S. demonstrates far too little—rather than, as the pro-practice people assume, too much—of such transcending analysis. The failure of American intellectuals to promulgate ideas, or even to make having ideas respectable, in part accounts for the instability of the left here. Anti-intellectualism, even when it is propounded by well-meaning radicals, undermines the communal basis in shared ideas (for after all we cannot all share the same experiences) which provides a common perspective for left thinkers and activists."

**EUROPEAN HOUSING POLICY:** From Arlene Stein (PO Box 1710, Amherst College, Amherst, MA 01002): "I have been nominated for a travel/study fellowship enabling me to spend next year in Europe studying housing. I would like to contact PN readers who have any information to share on housing policy/community activism in Bologna, Milan, London and Stockholm. I am particularly interested in a socialist/ feminist perspective and would appreciate receiving names and addresses of relevant organizations, other contacts, recommended readings, etc. that PN readers might be able to provide."

**EUROPEAN VIEW OF U.S. URBAN DEVELOPMENT:** From Eyvind Lindboe and Henrik Lyng Jensen (Kunstakademiets Arkitektsskole, Inst. 3B/Afd. M., Peder Skramsgade 2, opg. A, 1. sal., 1054 Kbhvn. K., Denmark): "We're a group of students working at the School of Architecture in Copenhagen engaged in an analysis of the changing patterns characterizing the post-war development of the urbanization process in the States—based on the assumption that the main underlying tendencies are: the growing centralization and concentration of capital; the internationalization of capital under US hegemony; the increasing state intervention in the reproduction of both capital and labor power."

"The project is organized under the following headings:  
"I. Relationships between changes in capital accumulation and urbanization.

- a) national and international accumulation/patterns of US-capital since world war 2.
- b) regional movements of capital and labor power—and their consequences for the changing hierarchy of cities in the US.
- c) the economic, social and political structuring of the central cities: suburbanization, segregation, political fragmentation and financial crisis.

"II. Some characteristic examples: starting with a brief outline of N.Y. City's role and problems as a national and international centre, the tendencies and patterns found under I. will be illustrated through a more detailed analysis of Detroit: an 'old' city in crisis and decay.

Houston: a 'new' prospering city in the 'Sunbelt'.

"III. Perspectives and planning: after a summary of traits in the urbanization process common for USA and Denmark, some of the tendencies indicating possible changes in existing city-hierarchies and -structures are discussed:

- a) the more technocratic plans and strategies for renewal.
- b) the utopian planning-proposals.
- c) the grassroots-struggles, -plans and their perspectives.

"We should like very much to make any connections with planners, sociologists, urbanists or any groups in the US that are engaged in similar projects—but it's especially important for us to establish contact with somebody in the vicinity of Houston, who can provide us with statistics, maps or even more elaborate studies of the development in that area."

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX RIGHTS:** From John Keilch, East Bay Asian Local Dev. Corp., (165-10th St., Oakland, CA 94607): "The East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation is renovating an historic structure in Oakland, CA's Chinatown to serve as a multi-service center for Asian Community service agencies. As an incentive for historic preservation, developers of National Register historic sites are eligible for federal tax write-offs. However, community organizations which operate as non-profit developers cannot realize these tax benefits unless they sell the tax rights to a private party. Has anyone in the Planners Network had experience with sale of tax rights by a non-profit for community economic development purposes? If so, get in touch with me at the above address or call (415) 763-2970.

**HEALTH PLANNING:** From Marjorie Feinson (50 Richard Rd., Edison, NJ 08817): "This is to inform PN readers of the formation of the Progressive Caucus for Health Planning. A decision has been made to establish a health planning support group for those who agree with the 'Statement of Principles' adopted in June 1979 and who are attempting to initiate social change rather than to maintain the status quo in the health system. This decision grew out of the feeling of isolation often felt by professional health planners, sympathetic providers and consumers. The purpose of the group will be to share information and experience, give technical and political advice, help initiate state health planning support groups and alert sympathetic, resourceful advocacy organizations to the plight of struggling professionals, volunteers and agencies. We are currently developing a newsletter and we also expect to develop some workshops for the June 1980 annual convention of AHPA. Anyone interested in more information or in joining the Caucus can contact us: Progressive Caucus for Health Planning, c/o Consumer Coalition for Health, 1751 N Street NW, Wash., D.C. 20036.

"Statement of Principles: 1) A physical and social environment which is conducive to good health and well-being is a basic human right; 2) there should be equitable and appropriate access to health care for all individuals regardless of age, sex, race, geography, ethnic background or ability to pay for care; 3) all health and medical care policy and decision-making affecting the general public should be accomplished through a publicly accountable and open process, in which the health care consumer assumes the dominant role; 4) patient rights, including respect for and acceptance of cultural

diversity, should be recognized as important and be responded to by providers of health care. The concept of patient rights should include the right to know about the course, probable outcome, and cost of treatment; 5) the public's right to know is superior to, and in general should supersede, all claims to institutional privacy or secrecy. This right to know is particularly important for people of childbearing age who work in hazardous or potentially hazardous work environments; 6) health planning should be in the forefront of actions to gain better access to critically needed health and medical care information, particularly cost, morbidity and quality of care data; 7) all health and medical care employees have a right to engage in collective bargaining and have the right to expect fair, decent wages and working conditions."

**NETWORK ORGANIZING:** From Bob Beauregard (Dept. of Urban Planning, Livingston College, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903): "The Planners Network here in the NYC area are on their way to running a regional conference entitled "Towards a Union of Progressive Planners" which will be held May 9-10 at Columbia University. We are currently soliciting position papers from groups. Any topic is acceptable so long as it deals with some facet of progressive planning. The position papers must, however, be generated through group discussion and be produced by a group formed for that purpose. The goal is not only to generate new thinking on progressive planning but also to bring together practitioners and academics to consider these issues. There will be another organizational meeting for the conference after the next NYC meeting on March 14 at the City University Graduate Center (33 West 42nd) in the 3rd floor studio. The conference is being sponsored by the NYC, NJ, Upstate NY and Philadelphia networks." The group has established a deadline of March 14th for submission of *ideas* for position papers. Other contact persons: John Forester, Dept. of City & Regional Planning, Cornell U., Ithaca, NY 14853; Harvey Goldstein, Div. of Urban Planning, Columbia U., NY, NY 10027; John Beckman, 3614 Hamilton St., Philadelphia, PA 19104.

In previous correspondence, Bob wrote concerning "the still unformed New Jersey Network: The constraint of time and the failure to discover some factor which will motivate people to participate in the formation of an organization of this type have slowed down its emergence. Our goal to have a large (relatively) statewide network may be too lofty. My thinking of late is that we may have to settle for a small group of individuals who take leadership rather than waiting for it to emerge from the network. And, that this group will remain small for some time and have to take responsibility for all meetings is another one of my thoughts. A highly participatory network, in which participation includes taking responsibility for meetings and activities, may not be possible initially. A small group, on the other hand, may be able to do enough things and attract people to meetings such that the organization becomes desirable and people see some payoff in contributing their efforts. I do not want to proceed to a regional meeting until we here in NJ can get the network started. The more I think about the creation of a network in NJ, the more I think any regional, much less national, meeting is premature. We are so few, and so loosely connected. More thought has to be given to strategy. For example, why aren't we organizing at the workplaces of planning? A convention is not an organization, unless we view the national meeting as an opportunity for potential leadership to interact and devise strategy for organizing locally."

Excerpts from a preliminary NJ Network statement: "Our interest is in establishing an on-going organization which will serve a number of functions: to provide a forum at which people involved in various progressive activities and thought can come together to discuss common concerns, to organize talks and discussion groups on substantive issues, to set up working groups which might analyze various public issues and take advocacy positions, and to consider the possibility of a national organization of progressive community activists, planners, and other professionals. Given the obvious constraints of time and resources, such an organization has to emerge gradually, and with a great deal of participation. Decisions and tasks must be shared, and the organization must remain flexible, allowing people to be more or less active depending upon personal constraints and desires. . . . Our initial discussion identified four salient and important topics which will allow people of many interests to participate in the meetings. Energy, housing and neighborhood development, urban revitalization, and workplace issues might serve as starting points."

**CRITICAL STUDIES: A BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY**, prepared by Nathan Gardels, a graduate student in planning at UCLA, is available for \$1.75 from Diane Baldwin, Dean's Office, School of Architecture and Urban Planning, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90024.