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The first national conference of the Planners Network was held May 8th through 10th, 1981, in Washington, DC, at the National 4-H Center. Over 150 Network members from around the country and outside the United States, from governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, community groups, colleges and universities attended. By the end of the weekend, the two objectives of the conference had been realized. *First*, Planners Network was further developed and strengthened as an organization of progressive professionals, activists, academics and students involved in urban, rural, regional and national planning activities. *Second*, the process of defining progressive urban planning was begun, and a number of task forces were established to undertake projects consistent with Network principles.

The conference began on Friday night with keynote addresses by Ruth Messinger, Derek Shearer and Chester Hartman. Ruth Messinger, a New York City Councilmember, defined the progressive issues in NYC which currently are under contention. This includes positions on property tax abatement, rent control and mass transit. Shearer discussed both the recent Renters' Rights coalition victory which took control of the Santa Monica City Council and the problems and prospects that progressives face within electoral politics. Hartman commented on the history of the Planners Network and set forth the goals and objectives of the conference.

Saturday began with a plenary session at which the proposal for a Planners Network organization was presented. Discussion focused on the statement of principles and the structure. Suggestions were considered and eventually incorporated into the document for final deliberation Sunday morning.

The remainder of Saturday was taken up with workshops on substantive policy and the proposed projects in which Network members would engage. There were eight workshops: Housing and Neighborhoods; Community-Labor Coalitions and Local Planning; Student Organizing; Affirmative Action; Community Economic Development; Environmental and Growth Policy; Reindustrialization and Urban Policy; and Health and Human Services. Participants had earlier received copies of position papers for each issue, which outlined the general issues, set forth a set of progressive guiding principles, and suggested specific action projects. Workshop participants discussed these principles and offered additions and deletions to both the principles and the projects. At the end of the each workshop, people were asked to join various task forces, which would, with organization's assistance, implement the projects. Project convenors then met to produce a condensed set of principles and projects for final deliberation Sunday morning.

Saturday evening a panel on political strategies for the 1980s was held. Three speakers gave their perspectives on political organizing and activities within and from the Left. Jonell Davis, from the Women's Campaign Fund, spoke on

the backlash surrounding women's issues and the need for Congressional lobbying, which focuses on influencing legislative politics. Bernard Demczech, from the American Federation of Government Employees in Washington, DC, discussed the need for and growth of coalitions, as well as the problems facing union employees during periods of budget-cutting. Lastly, Manning Marable focused on the impacts of Reagan's budget cuts on Blacks and the prospects for Black political organizing. Marable is a founder of the National Black Independent Party and a nationally syndicated columnist who writes on issues facing Blacks.

On Sunday morning, attendees reconvened to discuss and adopt the reworked principles and projects which emanated from the workshops, and to consider the organizational proposal. The Statement of Principles and the proposed Planners Network structure (reprinted in full below) were adopted. A Steering Committee was elected. In addition, a public statement condemning the Reagan budget was adopted. After the official end of the conference, those members of the Steering Committee present held their first meeting, to assign immediate tasks.

PLANNERS NETWORK: ORGANIZATIONAL PRINCIPLES, PURPOSE AND STRUCTURE

As established at the National Conference held May 8-10, 1981, in Washington, DC:

Introduction

The Planners Network has existed for six years as a loose affiliation, primarily for the purpose of internal communication, self-identity, and development of a sense of community. We have now moved toward a more structured organization with greater clarity in our work and politics in order to assume a more activist role.

Our organization seeks to retain the diversity and broad participation which have characterized the Network to date and to encourage greater commitment on the part of members. The formation of a national organization at this time is particularly important to strengthen political opposition to the "new right".

Over the past few months, Networkers have been involved in this process of organization-building through the pages of the Newsletter and a series of regional meetings. General agreement was reached with respect to the focus of our work and basic organizational structure. At the same time, serious concerns were voiced about an over-emphasis on national issues at the expense of local organizing, and a potential domination of the organization by academics or by regions with large numbers of Network members. The organization has been structured to minimize these potential dangers through its confirmation of support for local projects and through its emphasis on a regionally balanced steering committee representative of the diverse nature of our work as planners.

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

The Planners Network is an association of professionals, activists, academics, and students involved in physical, social, economic, and environmental planning in urban and rural areas, who promote fundamental change in our political and economic system.

We believe that planning should be a tool for allocating resources and developing the environment in order to eliminate the great inequalities of wealth and power in our society, rather than to maintain and justify the status quo. We believe that planning should be used to assure adequate food, clothing, shelter, and medical care, jobs, safe working conditions, and a healthful environment. We advocate public responsibility for meeting these needs, because the private market has proven incapable of doing so.

We oppose the economic structure of our society, which values profit and property rights over human rights and needs. This system perpetuates the inequalities of class, race, sex and age which distort human relationships and limit the potential for a decent quality of life. We advocate a shift in current national budgetary priorities to favor human services, social production, and environmental protection over military and other non-productive expenditures.

We seek to be an effective political and social force, working with other progressive organizations to inform public opinion and public policy and to provide assistance to those seeking to understand, control, and change the forces which affect their lives.

Statement of Purpose

Out of the diverse experience and expertise of our membership -- in the public sector, the community, the profession, and the university -- we bring to our work a balanced commitment to practice and theory. Our areas of activity, and our purpose in each, are as follows:

1. **Public Education:** to establish a public presence offering a radical analysis of planning issues.

2. **Public Policy:** to participate in debates over public policy issues; to assist progressive workers and officials in the public and non-profit sectors; to propose and advocate policy and legislative reforms.

3. **Projects and Publications:** to continue the task force work initiated for the national conference; to undertake new projects at the local, regional or national level; to continue publication of the Planners Network Newsletter; to produce other publications as needed to support the work of the organization.

4. **Progressive Struggles:** to support organizing efforts and struggles by neighborhood groups, issue-based groups (housing, health, etc.), labor, minority, and women's groups, and other progressive groups at the local, regional, or national level.

5. **Building the Organizational Base:** to recruit individual members and assist in the development of local and regional chapters of the Planners Network.

6. **Mutual Support:** to continue to build our own community of progressive planners for purpose of morale and communication, and to help each other in our work.

Organizational Structure

The following elements represent a starting point for the organization. They will be elaborated upon and modified through collective discussion as the organization develops.

1. **Steering Committee.** An elected national body, representative of the organization by region, gender, race and workplace, to implement policies set by the national conference and to act as a decision-making body between

conferences. The Steering Committee shall appoint an Executive Committee to facilitate its functioning, one of whose members shall be the National Chairperson elected at the conference. Until a regional election process is developed, the Steering Committee will be elected at the national conference. Under either procedure, provision will be made for members-at-large.

2. **National Office.** Full- or part-time staff responsible for carrying out the day-to-day affairs of the organizations within the limitations of budget and personnel.

3. **Chapters.** Local and regional organizations, geographically self-defined, that are components of the Planners Network. As the structure of the organization develops, local chapters will become the principal basis for representation to conferences and the Steering Committee. The National Office and Steering Committee will be available to provide support for and contact with individuals and small groups interested in forming a local chapter.

4. **National Project Groups.** Work groups to initiate and implement projects based on interests, including theoretical analysis, position papers, and strategies linked to activism.

5. **Local Projects.** Autonomous efforts, within the framework of Network principles, initiated and carried out by local groups or chapters assisted by the national organization.

6. **Statement of Principles.** See above.

7. **Statement of Purpose.** See above.

8. **Funding.** Voluntary financial contributions to help support organizational activities, and to indicate continuing support for the objectives and principles of the Planners Network. All Networkers are requested to make an annual contribution commensurate with their income and commitment to the organization. The Steering Committee recommends a minimum contribution from students and unemployed members of \$10, and from employed members a contribution according to the following formula: \$20, plus \$1 for every \$1,000 of income above \$10,000 (for example, \$30 for an income of \$20,000).

WORKSHOP REPORTS

Below is a slightly edited version of the reports given by the various workshops to the general meeting on Sunday, May 10. These reports are the result of discussions and commitments of the workshop attendees and the body as a whole to the principles and projects described here. Although only a few contact people are listed here, each project has support from a larger task force created at the workshop. For a complete listing of persons involved with each project, contact the project convenor or the workshop convenor.

1. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(Steve Meister, W. Mass. HPC, 59 Interstate Dr., W. Springfield, MA 01089, 413-781-2845, 739-6433.)

Statement of Principles

We see health and human services as a unifying emphasis for a growing, outreaching, and more politically expressive and active Planners Network. We emphasize strong links with other workshops' concerns, including environmental and growth control, housing and neighborhoods, and affirmative action.

Today we are witnessing the most rapid assault on our health and human services by the government in US history. The Reagan Administration's cuts in federal programs threaten the quality of life of most citizens, indeed the survival of some. While this "anti-government" campaign has

been building momentum, during these same years another movement has been building -- what we call a "new public health movement," including workplace and community organizing for protection and survival. It includes health, occupational, environmental, social services, housing, and transportation issues, and focuses on meeting basic human needs and preventing social problems. We believe Planners Network can contribute actively to the building of such a broad-based movement. This includes both the development of long-run, local organizing projects which focus on basic, publicly accountable services, environmental and economic reorganization toward a national movement; and coalitions now against cutbacks, environmental- occupational rollbacks, and proposals for "competitive" proprietary organizational control and "voucher" insurance financing of health and human services.

We are committed to these basic principles:

1. Health and human care are basic human rights.
2. Health is more than a narrow sectoral or disciplinary issue. Progressive health and human services policy or planning measures, from a local to a national level, must be integrated with broader efforts to assure full and socially useful employment, worker control of working conditions, decent housing, and a safe and healthy community environment.
3. The organization of health care and all human services should be democratically structured and publicly controlled. Control should begin at the level of community-based care and protection, such as through the Dellums US National Health Service Bill. Financing should be restructured to eliminate the profit motive. Toward this transition, we must continue to build community and employee financial control to counter large "health capital" investors and controllers.
4. Women, minorities, and the elderly are disproportionately dependent upon basic health and social services and experience striking discrimination in services access. We vigorously support affirmative action for women and minorities in employment, and civil rights equal protection challenges, in universities and health care institutions.
5. We strongly support unions of health and hospital and social service agency employees.
6. Comprehensive health and human services planning should emphasize a community- and client-based process, integrating everyday occupational-industrial and residential-based needs.
7. Planners working in and around most current local health and social planning agencies, including transitional Health Systems Agencies, should recognize the severe limits these agencies face and view them as arenas in which planners and community activists could raise issues and organize support for specific local proposals.

Projects

1. *Documentation Project on Models of Local Public and Community Health.* (Contact: John Forester, Dept. City & Regional Planning, W. Sibley Hall, Cornell U., Ithaca, NY 14853, 607-256-2333; also Robb Burlage, Bobbi Granger, Greg Parston, Nancy Snyder)

This project will collect and disseminate information documenting new models, structures, and programs of local government health services and protection (e.g., Toronto's Community Health Advocacy Unit); and community initiatives, including those that link occupational, environmental and housing issues. The work group will do this by collecting materials from established programs and interviewing local activists. The project will distribute its material

through the newsletters of a range of organizations, including PN, and will also develop a casebook of these efforts.

2. *Budget Cuts Monitoring Project* (Contact: Greg Shupe, 1825 Monroe St. NW, Washington, DC; also Howell Baum, Pam Larson, Jon Pynoos.

This project will collect and disseminate information through PN about persons and organizations who have recently, are currently, or plan in the near future, to research the effects of budget cutting on health and human services. In addition, this project will summarize and/or analyze the findings of such research in a future issues of the PN Newsletter.

3. *Cost-Benefit and Needs Analysis Project* (Contact: Mike Brown, 1610 19th St. NW, Apt. E, Washington, DC 20009, 202-755-1150, 265-6477; also Lisa Garrigan, Andy Jordan, Gary Winkel)

This project will collect and make available information concerning the cost-benefit analysis and "needs" assessment techniques and methods used by the Reagan Administration and its allies. The process will include developing a bibliography, contacting persons currently working on these issues, and then deriving alternative methods and/or critiquing the Administration's approach.

4. *Multi-Organizational Coalition Building Projects* (Contact: Peter Medoff, 420 Riverside Dr., #20, NYC, NY 10025; also Mike Brown, Steve Meister, others working on the Labor Support Project of the Community-Labor Coalitions working group)

This project will use a case-study approach to document how diverse interest groups in Philadelphia built the necessary coalition of organizations to win passage of a city law which protects workers' and communities' "rights-to-know" about toxic substances. In addition, a survey will be conducted of similar efforts of others to build broad-based coalitions to support community and worker "right-to-know" legislation. Finally, a model tactical plan, which identifies key organizations, will be developed and disseminated. This plan will focus on coalition-building and lobbying for the passage of legislation in NY State which protects communities' rights to know of hazardous substances in their environments.

2. COMMUNITY-LABOR COALITIONS AND LOCAL PLANNING (Pierre Clavel, Dept. of City & Reg. Planning, W. Sibley Hall, Cornell U., Ithaca, NY 14853, 607-256-2333)

Statement of Principles

We believe that the present economic conditions in the United States have produced twin crises of production and consumption. Production concerns include the threats to job security, the deterioration of working conditions such as occupational health and safety and anti-union activities. At the same time, the organization of production has produced significant costs outside of the workplace itself. These include community concerns such as the disposal of hazardous wastes, the deterioration of the economic bases of communities, cities, and even states, and the exploitation of women and minorities.

Under these circumstances, it is no longer logical for local planning policies and programs to automatically assume a common interest with the priorities of the private sector. Planners can best attack the crises of production and consumption by working with the community to promote active

and aggressive bargaining relationships with business interests, rather than simply reacting to the needs of the business community.

To this end, local planning should be used as a means of linking community and workplace issues. We believe that the development of coalitions between workplace and community-based groups is crucial in the 1980s. The projects listed below are formulated toward that goal.

Projects

1. *Directory of Groups Involved With Community-Labor Coalitions* (Contact: Nicki Belville, 734 Argonne Ave. NE, Apt. 3, Atlanta, GA 30308, 404-874-7886; also Shari Barenbach, Greg Parston, Jeff Shavelson, David Wilmoth)

The purpose is to collect the addresses and short descriptions of activities of groups representing, supporting, and assisting community-labor coalitions. The working group will contact all such organizations they can identify through personal contacts and through a general call for information in the PN Newsletter. They will sift the information and put it into an accessible format that will be available through the Network.

2. *Community-Labor Case Study and Document Gathering Project* (Contact: Ed Bergman, Dept. of City & Regional Planning, New East 033A, UNC, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, 919-933-3983; also Pierre Clavel, Harvey Goldstein, Bob Kraushaar, Steve Lazin, Sue Richards)

The purpose is to collect and make available case studies and documents describing the technical content and political experience of local planning activities that actually or potentially reached out to or unified community and labor groups. Members of the working group will identify cases, collect written material, and stimulate the production of written work by Network members and others. They will produce criteria for the selection of appropriate material, and the cases and documents developed will be made available through the Network. The group seeks two kinds of material: "models", or examples of successful cooperation of community and labor interests to implement programs, and smaller actions and experiences which, in less progressive work environments, have nevertheless allowed planners to make contact with each other, with community and labor interests, and thereby to improve the quality of their work.

3. *Labor Support Project* (Contact: Kevin Maguire, 39 Locust, Waynesburg, PA 15370, 412-627-8798, or Mike Ryan, English Dept., Univ. Virginia, Charlottesville, VA 22903, 804-924-3884; also Stephanie Foster, Peter Medoff, Fern Dannis, Greg Shupe, Pam Fleetman, Ken Geiser)

The purpose of this project is to target issue around which the Planners Network can work with groups forming community-labor coalitions. The immediate task will be to maintain a regular section in the Newsletter. Questions of environmental-occupational health and safety will be the initial focus of the Network's efforts at community-labor coalition building. In the longer term, the working group will join with other working groups in developing a resource directory of what planners have to offer to such groups and what existing resources support coalition building, and developing systems analyses around important events, such as union busting and plant closings.

4. *Public Sector Budget Crisis Project* (Contact: Mitt Regan, AFSCME, 1615 Que St. NW, #1207, Washington, DC 20009, 202-234-2635; also Greg Gibbs, Jeffrey Hochman, Betty Nogan, Brandon Roberts, Nancy Snyder)

This project will focus on the impact of the public sector, particularly federal, budget cuts on the state and local level, providing documentation of the impacts of the budget crisis on planning and delivering public services and maintaining public infrastructure. It will also develop case studies on progressive responses by community-labor coalitions to state and local budget crises.

We feel that these tasks will be useful in the following ways:

a) Creation of linkages with labor organizations. Public sector unions, for instance, are clearly a constituency sensitive to maintenance of a strong public sector. In addition, the perspective of other unions can be broadened so that the general impact of budget cuts on workers is evident.

b) Construction of electoral coalitions. These coalitions can base their support or opposition on issues revolving around public budgets. This can be a way of linking, for instance, positions on national budget priorities with local political accountability.

The working group will undertake the following projects:

a) Development of a questionnaire to be sent to local Network chapters. This questionnaire will be designed to collect information on the effects of state and local budget cuts and projections of the impact of national budget cuts. It will also survey the extent of local chapter contact with labor organizations.

b) Based on the questionnaire, the group would work toward establishing a network of local chapters which monitor the effects of budget cuts on an ongoing basis and which work to build community-labor coalitions.

c) A longer term project may be the eventual compilation of local information into a PN sponsored report on the effects of national budget cuts on state and local communities and on workers.

3. **COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** (Ed Bergman, Dept. of City & Regional Planning, New East 033A, UNC, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, 919-933-39830)

Statement of Principles

We support Community Economic Development activities that are concerned with expanding the realm of social property and with advancing the socialization of production. The minimal conditions include ownership and control of productive capital by the community, a cohesive group of residents (urban or rural) whose concern for controlling the production of socially useful goods and services establishes among them a "community of interest."

We further suggest that Planners Network members usually participate in CED as advisors and resource brokers, although some will also work directly in CED organizations. Leadership and responsibility for CED projects should at all times remain within the community. Advice and assistance from planners should focus on the suitability of practical strategies in concrete situations, on the choice of preferred sectors, on the design of feasible CED enterprises, and on the effective relation of CED to other parts of the socio-economic system. PN members should work to insure substantial minority and female participation in the control of available public and private resources.

Projects

1. *What Do PN Members Need To Be Effective?* (Contact: Donna Dyer, 154 Celeste Cir., Chapel Hill, NC 27514, 919-544-2626; also Ann Freedman, Jeffrey Hochman, Bob Schall, Brian Kirk, David Camp, Brian Larson, Anne Marie

Regan, Ed Meek, Michel Selva, Pam Fleetman, Nancy Paulson)

This project will first survey the PN membership through the Newsletter to determine what their skill needs are. At the same time, we will try to find out which PN members have the skills or know of resources that may address these needs. A probable outcome of the survey will be a "text-book" for planners explaining "how-to" techniques for CED projects. Another possible outcome is that this task force could develop a training system of sorts, matching those planners and others who need training with people able to provide that training. Our goal is to ensure the success of CED projects by providing the planners involved with the technical information they need to complete essential tasks.

2. *CED Case Study Task Force* (Contact: Charlie Hoch, 3217 West St., Ames, IA 50010, 515-292-2837. 294-8958; also Cory Kahn, Susan Saegert, Betty Nogan, Bob Beauregard, Barry Mullen, Shari Barenbach, Anne Bernstein)

The purpose of the project is to develop a series of case studies that provide an organized account of the experience of CED participants throughout the country that will be used as a resource both for other PN members interested in CED, and to document the effects of CED on different participants in a manner that will be useful in legislative and policy debates. The members of the task force group plan to prepare a format and a method for gathering, organizing, and circulating case studies in the immediate future.

3. *Evaluation Guide of Strategies, Tools, and Enterprise Types in CED* (Contact: Harvey Goldstein, Grad. School Arch./Planning, Avery Hall, Columbia Univ., NYC, NY 10027; also Ed Bergman, Mike Brown, Roz Greenstein, Thierry Noyelle, Mitt Regan, Andree Tremoulet)

The project will aim at producing a set of guides for selecting among alternative strategies, tools and enterprises in promoting community-based economic development. The guidebook's principal audience would consist of CED planners and community leaders who lack familiarity or expertise. Guidelines and recommendations would be issued in the form of "what is likely to work under what conditions" and would be based on ongoing analyses and evaluations of documented case studies and other empirical literature conducted by other PN working groups as well as from other sources. The guidebook would be updated/revised annually, assuming sufficient new material and/or changes in the larger economic and political contexts of CED.

4. **HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOODS** (Emily Achtenberg, 47 Halifax St., Boston, MA 02130)

Statement of Principles

We believe that the housing situation of the majority of people in the United States has taken a major turn for the worse in the last ten years. We believe that there is a crisis in housing today: a crisis in terms of availability, affordability, neighborhood, security, discrimination, and oppressiveness. We believe that governmental policies should deal with these problems at their roots, but are instead today aggravating them.

We believe that the major housing problems of our society today result from the fact that housing -- a necessity of life -- is treated as a commodity in the private market, whose cost, supply, and quality are largely determined by the nature of profit opportunities available to developers, lenders, investors, speculators, and landlords. We also believe that, in a larger sense, the housing crisis is shaped

by the profit-motivated production system -- and by racism and sexism, primarily linked to the organization of production -- which interacts with and is in turn reinforced by the operation of the private housing market. We further believe that government housing and neighborhood policies, including the distribution of subsidies and the use of regulatory powers, have primarily operated to enhance opportunities for private profit and capital accumulation in housing, with benefits to residents and users being of secondary consideration. We believe this situation needs to be fundamentally reversed.

We believe the overall goal of housing policy should be to provide every person with housing that is affordable, adequate in size and of decent quality, secure in tenure, located in a convenient, supportive, and healthy neighborhood environment, with recognition of the special housing needs of oppressed groups (including minorities and women), and so planned, designed, and managed as to contribute to the fullest development of the human potential.

Towards that goal, public policies affecting housing should be governed by the following general principles:

1. Ownership for use. Control speculation in the private ownership of housing and expand the amount of housing under permanent collective or resident ownership or under public ownership with resident control.

2. Social production. Upgrade and expand the housing supply, increase social control of housing production and rehabilitation, and maximize social and neighborhood benefits from the production and rehabilitation process (e.g., through job-creation for lower-income and minority residents.)

3. Public financing. Reduce the dependence of housing production, ownership, and improvement on private mortgage credit, and increase public control of housing finance.

4. Public control of land. Control private speculation in land purchases and preserve and expand the supply of publicly-owned land.

5. Resident control of neighborhoods. Control the impact of profit-motivated decisions on neighborhoods and maximize the social benefits of neighborhood decisions. Increase resident control over land use, development, and the provision of housing, public facilities, and services, particularly for lower-income and minority neighborhoods (within the framework of appropriate social objectives.)

6. Affirmative action. Eliminate the discriminatory, exclusionary, and oppressive uses of housing, particularly in relation to racial minorities and women. Upgrade existing minority communities for current residents, while also providing an increasing range of housing choice. Develop housing and community facilities appropriate to the particular needs of women.

7. Equitable resource allocation. Provide adequate resources for housing and neighborhoods, and allocate such resources based on need. Funds should be raised through progressive means, and tax policy should be consistent with these objectives.

We believe the Planners Network role, in pursuing this goal, can be to provide support for and an affirmative complement to defensive, local housing struggles, and to help alter the terms of existing public debate by demonstrating how people's legitimate housing needs can be met through alternative approaches.

Projects

1. *National Tenants Union: Political Education and Support Work* (Contact: Peter Marcuse, Columbia Univ., Avery Hall, NYC, NY 10027; Bill Allen, PO Box 5865, Santa Monica, CA 90405; Emily Achtenberg, 47 Halifax St., Boston, MA 02130; also Amy Lempert, Barry Mullen, Marc Beyeler, Joel Friedman, Frank DeGiovanni, Vic Bach)

This project group will work with the National Tenants Union to provide support for legislative and organizing work, particularly around rent control, and to develop specific applications of the Network housing principles to these efforts. Possible projects include: (1) publication of research papers, background memos, etc. of practical use to rent control proponents which also seek to promote a longer-range political perspective (e.g., on rent control and housing abandonment); (2) development and presentation of a reasoned response to the D'Amato bill limiting federal funds to cities without strong, effective rent control; (3) writing a regular column for *Shelterforce* to present the Network point of view on issues of concern to NTU; (4) sponsoring workshops at NTU meetings to discuss specific policy, legislative, and/or organizing applications of the Network housing program. Specific projects to be developed in conjunction with NTU.

2. *Progressive Housing Reader* (Contact: Chester Hartman, 360 Elizabeth St., SF, CA 94114; Rachel Batt, Tufts Univ. Dept. of Urban Studies, Medford, MA 02155; Ann Meyerson, 50 W. 96 St., NYC; also Emily Achtenberg, Peter Marcuse, George Mansfield)

This project group will compile and publish an anthology of writings by progressive planners and activists on housing issues, for possible use in teaching and organizing situations.

3. *Alternative Development and Financing Mechanisms for Lower Income Housing* (Contact: Marilyn Duker, 606 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC; Judy Kossy, 1864 Wyoming Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20009; Joel Friedman, 1864 Wyoming Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20009; also Anne Bernstein, Simon Kiefer, Lois Athey)

This project group will develop background papers and materials on alternative methods of developing and financing lower income housing. Possible areas of research include: use of pension funds; use of downtown development bonus system; tapping of corporate funding sources; use of direct grants and loans; expansion of state financing programs; and examination of issues related to the future of public housing after bond retirement.

4. *Research on Women and Housing* (Contact: Jackie Leavitt, Avery Hall, Columbia Univ., NYC, NY 10027)

This is a research/action project to examine specific housing and related service needs of women, by class and race, and to identify groups interested in the development of housing programs and design from a progressive feminist perspective.

5. *Political Education and Support Work*

a. *National Low Income Housing Coalition* (Contact: Amy Cohen, 126 Pacific St., Brooklyn, NY 11201; Victor Bach, New School, 66 Fifth Ave., NYC, NY 10011; also Ben Kleinberg, Duane Wetmore, Judy Kossy, Amy Lempert)

This group will work with the National Low Income Housing Coalition to develop a progressive response to the Reagan cutbacks and possibly to draft new progressive legislation for 1984.

b. *Popularization of Network Position Paper* (Contact: Fran Price, 158 Winthrop St., Brookline, MA 02146; Rachel Bratt, Tufts Univ. Dept. of Urban Studies, Medford, MA 02155)

Redraft the Network housing position paper to educate a broader audience and plan a strategy for dissemination of this popular version.

c. *Competitions* (Contact: Jackie Leavitt, Columbia Univ., Avery Hall, NYC, NY 10027)

Sponsorship of competitions and exhibits to promote the development of innovative approaches to housing design, development, financing, etc., to provide a forum for a more detailed discussion and analysis of progressive ideas with a broader constituency. The competition format could be similar to the California and NY affordable housing competitions (calling for design and financing innovations in lower income housing) and could be co-sponsored with progressive constituency groups. Efforts can be made to link housing with workplace and service issues (e.g., through housing competitions also involving the design of alternative workplaces and nonsexist service facilities.)

5. **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION** (Ellen Feingold, 113 10th St. NE, Washington, DC 20002, 202-547-1019)

Statement of Principles

The Affirmative Action working group considered the issues of affirmative action with respect to Network membership, in the Network program, in employment in the planning professions, and in planning education. From the discussion, the following recommendations were adopted by the Planners Network.

1. Planners Network should establish a permanent Affirmative Action Committee for the purpose of increasing the numbers of Planners Network members from groups that have historically been discriminated against. Just as we recognize that our ability to attract new members will in part depend on the program and activities of the Planners Network, we also recognize that the Network's program will grow and change in response to the new composition of the organization.

The permanent committee should focus on the following objectives:

a. Examine the substance and content of the organization in order to determine its effects on membership composition and report those findings to the Network.

b. Develop affirmative outreach strategies for Planners Network.

c. Interact with and support affirmative action efforts of educational institutions.

d. Build coalitions with other organizations whose struggles for equal rights are supported by Planners Network's objectives.

2. The Network should demand that universities make up any deficit caused by the cutting of funds to support the education of minority students. We should coordinate this demand with other organizations which are working toward the same end, and should oppose any reductions in these funds by Congress. A letter (text below) will be sent by this working group to individuals in universities with planning programs.

The Network should make contact with minority organizations in planning to strengthen our efforts to achieve mutual goals, such as the Planning in the Black Community

Division and the Planning and Women Division of the APA.

4. The Network's working group on Planning Education should focus on the need to teach issues of discrimination and the laws against discrimination -- particularly Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act -- to planning students to ensure that they become professionals aware of their responsibilities in this area. This issue should be brought to the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning.

5. The Network should bring issues of affirmative action in both substance of planning and employment in planning to APA for inclusion in their code of ethics.

As their project, the working group will see that the above recommendations are carried out.

Contacts: Jackie Pope, 580 Main St., NYC, NY 10044; also Paul Davidoff, Yale Rabin, Stephanie Foster, Tim Wilson, Amy Cohen, Jackie Leavitt, Dana Hughes, Bill Goldsmith, David Wilmoth, Ellen Feingold, Patricia Douglas, Lynne Mosley, Marie Kennedy, Elizabeth Chase, Stanley Moses, Fern Dannis, Chuck Laven, Judith Kossy, Nicki Belville, Dana Gumb, Greg Parston, Sabam Simandjuntak, Jeff Shavelson, Pierre Clavel)

LETTER TO UNIVERSITIES WITH PLANNING PROGRAMS

Among the budget propoosals now before Congress is the Administration's request that funding for the HUD Work Study Program be discontinued. The limited financial assistance provided under this program to date has enabled several hundred minority students to attend planning schools and enter the planning profession.

Full compliance with the Administration's request would not only deny similar opportunities to future minority applicants, but would abruptly terminate aid in mid-education to those students presently enrolled in the program. We sincerely hope that this discriminatory request will be rejected.

Should the President's regressive request be approved, the responsibility must shift to the educational institutions. It is essential that the universities affirm and accept this responsibility to assure continuing opportunities for minority planning education. We strongly urge that you provide and maintain at least the level of support which has been provided to your institution by HUD.

6. REINDUSTRIALIZATION AND URBAN POLICY (Derek Shearer, 655 Ashland Ave., Santa Monica, CA 90405, 213- 399-59240)

The discussion of principles in this working group was centered around specific issues (urban enterprise zones, plant closings, capital mobility, tax incentives) and specific projects.

The group decided, with the approval of the general body, that the Planners Network should respond to Congressman Dellums' request for help in formulating a new National Economic Planning Act by doing two projects:

1. *Information Collecting* (Contact: David Wilmoth, 3091 Wheeler St., Berkeley, CA 94705, 415- 540-5362)

This project consists of collecting information and papers on reindustrialization, reproducing them for Network people (for a fee) and forwarding them to Network member Dan Lindheim (on Dellums' staff and a key figure in the Progressive Caucus in the House.)

2. *Legislation Drafting*

This group will draft new National Economic Planning legislation through four subgroups:

a. New Economic Planning Program (Contact: Derek Shearer, address above)

b. Anti Kemp-Garcia Program (Contact: Mitt Regan, 1820 Florida Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20009, 202-234-2635)

c. Capital Mobility and Tax Incentives (Contact: Bob Kraushaar, SUNY-Buffalo, Buffalo, NY)

d. Public Enterprise (Contact: Ken Geiser, 44 Foskett St., Somerville, MA 02144, 617- 628-5000)

From the work cited above will emerge the group's Statement of Principles regarding Reindustrialization and Urban Policy, and that statement will be circulated to the Network through the Newsletter.

7. STUDENT COMMITTEE (John Simonds, 160 Commonwealth Ave., #508, Boston, MA 02166)

The purpose of the Planners Network Student Committee is to attack and provide an alternative to what we see as the two basic problems affecting students in planning. The first is the frequent separation of progressive theory and practice. Effective training for progressive planners must integrate academic studies with practical perspectives. Social change requires an in depth analysis of our economic and political system, as well as the skills needed to apply this analysis. The second stems from the attack on human services and the public sector. Greatly diminished employment opportunities have affected student attitudes in a negative way. Narrow technical skills are sought at the expense of an overall critical view of society. Diminished opportunities for social change seem to translate into a more conservative student body. The Planners Network Student Committee recognizes this as a real problem. Planning curricula must integrate a critical perspective of society with technical training, and in general, prepare planning students for the job market as it exists without sacrificing political ideals.

As planning students, we endorse the establishment of a student committee to develop the role of students within the national organization and to explore issues related to our planning education. We propose the following statements as guiding principles around which the activities of the committee will revolve:

1. The committee will undertake and support projects that build upon a progressive theoretical position and practice.

2. The committee will pursue opportunities which link planners and community organizations with members of our academic communities.

3. The committee will work to provide direction to students preparing to enter a potentially hostile professional environment.

a. In planning schools, the committee will encourage efforts to develop a strong conceptual basis for undertaking progressive planning.

b. The committee will support efforts to provide information about relevant jobs, internships, and work-study options.

4. The committee will provide support to progressive planning students attempting to organize on a university-by-university basis for changing and enriching their planning education and for providing opportunities for other planning students to learn about progressive planning practice. Peer education is an essential part of this process. We recognize the need of assistance in situations in which students receive

little support.

5. The committee will provide a conduit for voicing student concerns within the organization.

6. The committee endorses the active recruitment of minorities and people from other underrepresented groups into planning schools, and supports efforts to provide financial and other assistance to them. As part of our support for affirmative needs, instructions in Civil Rights law to which planners must adhere should be emphasized in planning curricula.

Projects

1. *Who We Are* (Contact: Priscilla Cobb, Dept. City & Regional Planning, UNC, Chapel Hill, NC 27514)

This project will identify progressive student planning organizations/student contact persons within planning schools. This will be done through contacts established at the Planners Network conference and through a request for identification of student members of Planners Network through the Newsletter. A roster of progressive planning student organizations and planning students will be published in the Newsletter and updated annually.

2. *Speakers Bureau* (Contact: Vincent LeVeque, c/o Santa Monica Rent Control, 1685 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401)

This project would facilitate speaking engagements by progressive planners, academics, and community activists at university planning departments. This would enhance student education while informing a larger public of recent developments in planning theory and practice. Such forums would strengthen connections between community organizations and planners. Planners Network could serve as an intermediary between potential speakers and their audiences. While the details of such a service need to be worked out, at least two possibilities suggest themselves. One, Planners Network members or sympathizers who find themselves in an area for other reasons could speak at local planning departments. The second is that speaking engagements could be arranged in advance.

3. *Resource Sharing* (Contact: Nan Fink, Dept. of City & Regional Planning, W. Sibley Hall, Cornell Univ., Ithaca, NY 148530)

This project would use the Network to make student papers and bibliographies available at cost. Two reasons exist for such a student information network. First, there is not an established method for students to share their work with each other, particularly since university or other publication services may be less receptive to student works. Second, often the purpose of a student paper is to explore and articulate new ideas and is not necessarily intended to be published. For these reasons, it would be useful to create an exchange of student papers, rather than relying on the existing structure of the Newsletter. We would like to utilize the resources of the national office to help coordinate this effort.

4. *Brochure* (Contact: John Simonds, 160 Commonwealth Ave., #508, Boston, MA 02116, 617-451-2766, 353-0002)

The Student Committee will also prepare a brochure for distribution to incoming planning school students, describing Planners Network and giving them contact for further information.

7A. PLANNING EDUCATORS

On Saturday, May 9, about ten planning academics met at lunch to discuss possible activities relating to their role in Planners Network. The activities discussed were: development of a "Guide to Progressive Planning" for applicants to planning schools; collection and distribution of course materials; and the convening of workshops at ACSP conferences.

Yale Rabin is beginning to collect course-related materials to share among the planning schools, and he would welcome suggestions from other Network members. (Yale Rabin, Div. of Urban and Env. Planning, Univ. of VA., Charlottesville, VA 22903.)

8. **ENVIRONMENTAL AND GROWTH CONTROL** (Contact: Mike Brown, 1610 19th St. NW, Apt. E, Washington, DC 20009, 202-755-1150, 265-6477)

About 20 people attended the workshop on the environment and growth control. The discussion reflected people's diverse backgrounds and interests. Participants expressed interest in control of toxic substances, environmental and occupational health, growth management, Western energy development, urban environment, alternative energy, and resource conservation. This diversity combined with lack of previous discussion among Networkers contributed to a lack of focus within the group. The group spent a great deal of time discussing principles without coming to common agreement on the entire document. The group broke into smaller groups in an attempt to develop projects. Consensus did not develop for any projects under the auspices of the environmental/growth control work group.

Several key issues were raised in the session and in subsequent discussions. First, there was a lack of historical perspective within the working document and PN. The documents did a good job of explaining current events and a reasonable short-term outlook, but failed to describe previous efforts upon which to build a long-term vision. We need to define where we are going over the long haul and how this relates concretely to environmental and growth control issues.

In addition, the relationship between economic growth, jobs, and environmental values needs to be clarified. Neither the work group nor the larger conference had a clear idea of the impact of economic growth on jobs and on the environment. Consequently, we must address several questions: 1) under the present economic structure, how is economic growth related to jobs and to the environment; 2) what conflicts exist and what is a progressive position towards these conflicts, if any; 3) what is the role for a progressive planner -- different from currently active environmental groups -- in forwarding this position; and 4) what position should the Network take on a long-term approach to economic growth, jobs, and the environment?

The lack of group projects continues the trend in the Network to not deal with environmental and growth control issues. The conference body at the Sunday session declined to support the statement of principles from the work group. They directed the work group to revise the draft document (it was unclear as to how it is to be revised), and, using the Newsletter, present issues raised by the document and in the sessions for debate within the Network.

The group will begin this project by circulating the original position paper written for the conference to PN members who request it, and revising that longer paper as a statement of the issues. Network members should all commit themselves to giving these ideas careful thought and response,

and continuing to discuss this issue in the Newsletter.

Other attendees at the workshop were: John Forester, Rick Rybeck, Andy Jordan, Larry Keating, Gary Winkel, Frank Popper, Susan Wilson, Kevin Maguire, Pam Parson, Greg Shupe, John Young, Marjorie Hoog, Marc Beyeler, Robb Burlage, Greg Gibbs, Carol Freedman, Holly Daly, Peter Medoff, Michael Ryan, Rob Addelson, Diane Bailey, and Ann Bernstein.

(A special thanks to Donna Dyer for putting together and editing these materials on Workshop Reports and Projects.)

Note that anyone who would like to receive a full set of the position papers prepared for the conference should write Bob Beauregard, Dept. of Urban Planning, Livingston College, Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, NJ 08903, enclosing \$10. Anyone who ordered the papers for the conference and did not receive a full set should write Bob as well.

It's hard to imagine that, among the nearly 30 projects approved at the conference, you won't find at least one that whets your appetite and in which you probably ought to get involved. (Members are also encouraged to submit new project ideas to the Steering Committee for action.) Contact people are listed for each project, so getting in touch is real easy. The next step is up to you. Our idea is that the convenors and others who signed up for each project at the conference will be joined by many more Networkers from among those who did not attend the conference. The system is highly decentralized, with each tub standing on its own bottom, and the Newsletter acting as a reporting vehicle from the task forces to the entire membership, and the central office providing whatever help is needed and possible. We hope lots of you will make contact directly with the project convenors to see how you can plug in.

THE STEERING COMMITTEE

A 7-person Nominating Committee, of persons recommended by the Conference Co-Chairs (Bob Beauregard, Chester Hartman, Judy Kossy) and volunteers from the floor, met for several hours during the weekend to put together a recommended "slate", designed to reflect the geographical, workplace, gender and racial diversity of the current Network. Eighteen people were proposed and approved by the body, with provision for adding new members, particularly to bring in more labor, rural, Third World, and Northwest representation and to deal with two additional names suggested from the floor. While the elected Steering Committee in fact is quite nicely representative of the current Network, at the same time it reveals some of the gaps (cited above) in the present membership. The aim is to bring in additional kinds of representation as part of a process of expanding Network membership in those directions. Below are listed the 18 Steering Committee members, with a short biographical statement each has provided:

Emily Achtenberg - Urban planner/housing consultant; has worked with tenant and community groups in Boston for 12 years. Author of *Less Rent, More Control* and other community-oriented housing publications. Currently directing a technical assistance/evaluation project involving the management and disposition of HUD-foreclosed multifamily housing. Member of the Boston Urban Analysis Group, which is exploring the relationship between housing and Boston's political economy. *Address:* 47 Halifax St., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

Eve Bach: For the past 8 or 9 years, I have been working on development of local government as a vehicle for economic issues: housing, economic development, and capital allocation especially. These interests have led me into the area of public finance, and presently I am employed as a Special Assistant to the City Manager of the City of Berkeley. *Address:* 1301 Virginia, Berkeley, CA 94702.

Bob Beauregard: I teach in the Dept. of Urban Planning and Policy Development at Rutgers University. For the last six years I have lived in New Brunswick, New Jersey, and have been active in various issues surrounding the 'revitalization' of the city, local politics, and tenant concerns in the building where I rent. At this time, my research and writing focus is on urban redevelopment, planning theory, economic development and labor issues. *Address:* Dept. of Urban Planning, Rutgers Univ., Livingston College, New Brunswick, NJ 08903.

Nicki Belville - A student at Georgia Tech (Atlanta) in the Masters Program. New to the Network and planning. Background is the arts -- theatre -- which I supported with various working-class jobs. Working to make a linkage between the arts and planning, working for alternatives to the way things are done. Hail from W. VA with wanderings in Lexington, KY, Baltimore and Florida. *Address:* 734 Argonne Ave., NE #3, Atlanta, GA 30308.

Donna Dyer, a Pisces, is a North Carolina native and a planner interested in community economic development. Although employed by an agency primarily concerned with traditional economic development, Donna and four other members of PN have formed Triangle Planners Network, Inc., a nonprofit corporation whose purpose is to provide planning skills and capabilities to neighborhood residents through training and technical assistance. She has been involved in Planners Network since entering graduate school at UNC in 1978. She loves reggae music and is an avid Durham Bulls fan. *Address:* 154 Celeste Cir., Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

William Goldsmith teaches in the Cornell planning department, on political economy and urbanization, and in "underdeveloped" areas of rich countries. *Address:* Dept. of City & Regional Planning, 106 W. Sibley Hall, Cornell Univ., Ithaca, NY 14853.

Chester Hartman (elected Network Chairperson at the conference) has been doing community-based planning, consulting, teaching and writing for lots of years. He founded Planners Network in 1975. Among his books are: *Yerba Buena: Land Grab and Community Resistance in San Francisco* (Glide, 1974), *Housing and Social Policy* (Prentice-Hall, 1975), and *Housing Urban America* (Aldine, 1980). He is just completing work on a study of displacement and a handbook on anti-displacement strategies for the Legal Services Corporation. He co-chaired the San Franciscans for Affordable Housing coalition, which placed a comprehensive housing reform initiative on the November, 1979 ballot. *Address:* 360 Elizabeth St., San Francisco, CA 94114.

Charles Hoch was an environmental planner for the California Coastal Commission and a small city in California in the early 1970s. Active in the Santa Monica rent control movement. A recent graduate of the UCLA planning program. Teaches housing and social planning at Iowa St. in Ames. Will be teaching, beginning this fall, at the Univ. of Illinois-Chicago Circle campus. *Address:* 3217 West St., Ames, IA

50010.

Marie Kennedy has long been an activist in housing, community and women's struggles. Her formal academic training is in Political Science & Architecture. In the late '60s she worked with students and a variety of community groups as the Assistant Director of Chester Hartman's Urban Field Service at the Harvard Graduate School of Design. She went on to public and private tenant and anti-urban renewal organizing with Urban Planning Aid; was a co-founder of and teacher at the Women's School of Planning & Architecture; and a member of the first (1977) delegation of women architects and planners to visit China. Currently, she is working on the development of an activist-oriented socialist housing program with the Boston Urban Analysis Group; works with a number of Boston community organizations, particularly around housing issues (e.g., the Chinatown Housing & Land Development Task Force and the Housing Task Force on Women in Crisis); is teaching at the Center for Community Planning, College of Public & Community Service, U. Mass./Boston (an adult and primarily working-class college); and founded and directs the Community Service Program at the College. (Through this program, teams of students structure their college credit around working with community organizations.) Marie will be on leave from the College next year; will be living in the SF area and hopes to be (along with earning her "bread and butter") studying, reflecting and formulating in the general area of how housing struggles fit into the broader struggle for major structural change in our political/economic system. Marie is the unmarried mother of a 9-year old political activist who will be living on and off with her in SF. Address: 71 Weld Hill St., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

Judith Kossy is currently working at the Dept. of Housing & Urban Development in Washington in housing, where she is doing work in financing rehabilitation of rental property and solutions to housing abandonment. She has also worked in local housing issues, taught at the Univ. of Maryland, and has researched housing and community development in China. Address: 1864 Wyoming NW, Washington, DC 20009.

Jackie Leavitt is a planner-academic who has been teaching at the Columbia Univ. Div. of Urban Planning for the past five years. Her work has focussed on housing and social policy and planning practice. A major component of her research work is on women's issues and she is currently teaching and writing on women and community development. Her research also includes work on city-owned housing in NYC. Address: Div. of Urban Planning, Avery Hall, Columbia U., NYC NY 10027.

Jackie Pope is an urban planning doctoral candidate at Columbia U. She participated extensively in the 1960s political activities. She left the streets in the early 1970s to work on the inside with social advocacy groups. This provided her with a new arena in which to promote political change for the economically and politically disadvantaged. Her most recent position, prior to enrolling as a full-time student, was that of a program monitor with a national manpower research firm. A strong proponent of advocacy planning, Pope's primary interest is social planning as it relates to the needs and concerns of employed women. Address: 580 Main St., NYC, NY 10044.

Alan Rabinowitz - Professor of Urban Planning at the Univ. of Washington. PhD, MIT (1969), MBA, Harvard (1950).

Worked for the Amer. Council to Improve Our Neighborhoods, (NY) Regional Planning Assn. and large-scale real estate development firms in NY in the 1950s; Arthur D. Little and the Survey Corp., and the Boston Redevelopment Auth. in the 1960s. Author of *Municipal Bonds* (1969), *Real Estate Gamble* (1980), and lots of articles. Member of AICP and PEO. Address: Dept. of Urban Planning, Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195.

Mitt Regan - Currently working with the Amer. Fed. of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) main office on urban and regional economic development, state and local fiscal policy, and national urban and industrial policy. Prior to that, worked two years as a housing and neighborhood planner for Alexandria, Virginia. Interested particularly in developing a better relationship between the Network and the labor movement, especially on issues of employment and economic reconstruction. Address: 1820 Florida Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20009.

Pat Wilson Salinas - Teaches in the Dept. of Community & Regional Planning at the Univ. of Texas. (Pat left for a summer research project in Mexico right after the conference took place and was not able to submit a biosketch. We'll include one in the next issue.)

Tony Schuman - Architect; Special Lecturer at NJ Inst. of Technology, Newark. I teach courses on housing issues and suburban development in addition to running a design studio. My interest in housing is focused on political economy and the relationship between built form and consciousness. I have been co-coordinator of the NY Area Planners Network since its inception, running the Network/Forum series of public meetings. I play softball and write lyrics. Address: 56 W. 22 St., NYC, NY 10010.

Derek Shearer is Director of Urban Studies, Occidental College, LA. Recently Campaign Manager for Santa Monica's for Renters Rights. Planning Commissioner, City of Santa Monica. Board Member, Natl. Consumer Cooperative Bank. Co-author, *Economic Democracy* (Pantheon, ME Sharpe, 1980). Address: 655 Ashland Ave., Santa Monica, CA 90405.

Andree Tremoulet - As a student (1979-81) worked to open up creative outlets for progressive planning students at UNC through organizations (Radical Planning Alternatives), events (conference on Worker Ownership in North Carolina, panel on local organizing activities), and projects. Background in community-based economic development, community education, and employment planning. Research in local planning responses to capital mobility issues in North Carolina (plant closings). Will be working in High Point, NC, on a neighborhood commercial revitalization pilot project sponsored by the City this summer. And job-hunting. Address: 1211F N. Main St., High Point, NC 27262.

It is anticipated that the Steering Committee will have to do most of its "meeting" by mail and phone. At its first (May 10) meeting, right after the conference officially ended, it set several immediate tasks for itself (beyond preparation of the conference report contained in this newsletter and outreach/publicity regarding the results of our conference):

1) A task force is drafting a proposal on how the Steering Committee and Executive Committee (whose membership will be chosen by the Steering Committee) will function, for approval by the entire Steering Committee.

2) Regional meetings will be set up, over the next few months, to report back to the membership in greater detail and discuss the conference and its results; to elicit participation in the various task forces; and to work toward development of on-going local chapters.

3) Coordination/furthering of projects approved at the conference: what resources and assistance are needed to begin work as soon as possible.

4) Developing a sound financial base for the Network, including support from members themselves and grant proposals relating to the projects (more on this below.)

5) Participation at the Fall Assoc. of Collegiate Schools of Planning conference.

The Steering Committee will report regularly on its activities in each Newsletter.

NETWORK FINANCES: Our decision to move the Network to this new phase of its existence obviously necessitates far more material support than we have required to date. Up to now, our only expenses have been for typesetting, printing and mailing the newsletter and annual roster. This amounted to roughly \$4-5,000 a year, which we have raised via voluntary contributions from those in the Network.

We will continue to have this expense, which likely will be larger for four reasons: 1) postage cost increases; 2) possibly greater frequency of the newsletter (8-12 times a year, maybe, rather than bimonthly); 3) additional content (i.e., bigger issues), reflecting the increased level of activity of the Network; 4) a larger Network, which we hope to have as a result of increased outreach and recruitment.

It is quite likely that we will need 2-3 times the current level of funding just to do the newsletter. (Don't forget that newsletter labor has all been voluntary, a tradition we expect to keep.)

Beyond that, we have to fund our additional work. While we intend to keep our "barebones", "simple living" character, it is inevitable that we will need funds for some of our project work, and for minimal staffing and office maintenance that are necessary if we are to move beyond the internal/community-building/communications stage.

We presently are looking into an arrangement that may make it possible for us to get by, for our first year at least, with a very minimal "housekeeping" and staff budget. Chester Hartman likely will be moving to Washington in the fall as a Visiting Fellow of the Institute for Policy Studies. He has agreed to spend about two days a week as in effect part-time executive director of the Network, assisted by the Washington-area Network group and possibly by some student interns. This arrangement will likely also involve IPS "housing" the Network -- providing us with office space and telephone, and various back-up services. This of course will be a tremendous "leg up". It means we will not have to concentrate our limited energies on start-up arrangements and organizational maintenance, and we can have a year or so to get ourselves on sound financial and organizational footing, putting our central focus on the action projects that will be heart of the Planners Network in its new incarnation.

But -- valuable as this all is -- it does not preclude the need for serious internal fund-raising: to pay for a better and more frequent newsletter, to cover "housekeeping expenses" beyond what we will receive from our "host" organization, and to carry out our project work. We do not as yet have budgets for what the projects will cost to carry out, and, as

noted above, we hope to go to private foundations for project support. But we cannot expect the progressive foundation world -- which is being besieged with demands for funds from groups like ours -- to cover all our needs. And -- a very important point -- several foundation folk with whom we have had preliminary conversations stressed that the more internal fund-generation an organization can do, the better the signal to foundations that that organization is strong and committed and worth supporting with outside money. Money breeds money, in short.

What the conference decided was to raise the level of expectations from Network members a lot higher -- more money from a higher proportion of Networkers -- while continuing the voluntary nature of Network membership. In other words, people should treat their association with Planners Network as a serious financial as well as political commitment, but no financial contribution requirement will be enforced. The Statement of Principles passed by the conference, as fleshed out by the Steering Committee, asks Network members to contribute at least \$20 annually (\$10 if they are unemployed or students), with higher contributions from people earning more (we are a *progressive* planners' group, you see) -- using a guidance formula of \$1 over the basic \$20 for every \$1,000 of income over \$10,000. (Do some quick mental arithmetic to see what that means for you... That's not really so bad is it?) With these guidelines, we figure we ought to be able to raise about \$20-25,000 the first year. That's okay for starters and is an impressive figure to take to foundations. A serious national organization can't expect to function at a budget level much below that. We'd like to hear people's reactions to this new request for voluntary financial commitment from Networkers, either via letter or check.

ONE RESPONSE ALREADY to the May 8-10 weekend from Steering Comm. member Donna Dyer (154 Celeste Cir., Chapel Hill, NC 27514): "In reading through the summaries of workshop sessions at the Planners Network conference, I realized there were few projects and ideas proposed that addressed my needs as a planner in a public agency. Most planners don't work in activist organizations or teach in a university; many progressive planners must integrate their community work into their lives at night and on weekends, while working in the public agency of their choice during the day. I need an organization that will help me find ways to include progressive community activities in my job, and ways to avoid being a negative impact on communities through my job. The organization as it presents itself in the wake of the National Conference does not offer many strategies to meet my needs, although historically the Newsletter has been a tremendous help in finding other people with similar interests and good ideas.

I think it is very important for Planners Network to include community activists, researchers, academics and planners in order to be an effective and representative organization. However, currently the balance of membership is skewed away from public sector planners. I think planners have in many cases become discouraged at the direction the Network has taken. In other cases, planners have not been able to find the support and ideas they need in the Network's activities, and have not joined the list.

Over the next few months, I hope we will consider forming a working group on Personal and Workplace Development for Progressive Public Sector Planners. Such a group could consider questions related to the substance of plan-

To sum up what we now have as a result of the May 8-10 conference:

- * We have for the first time a statement of principles that begins to define our politics. While it is not a "signed in blood" oath, it should be assumed that those in the Planners Network feel reasonably comfortable being part of a formation that puts forth this political stance.

- * We have for the first time an elected, representative Steering Committee responsible for the Network's basic policy and program decisions.

- * We have for the first time an array of official Network projects.

- * We have a commitment to aggressively build up the Network through outreach and formation of local chapters.

- * We shortly will have for the first time a staff capability and office presence to do more than put out the Newsletter.

- * We are for the first time asking that Network members make a serious financial commitment to the organization.

From the 1250 of you who were not in Washington May 8-10, we need several things:

- 1) Your response to this new development of the Network, in the form of comments for Newsletter publication.

- 2) Your involvement, to whatever extent you wish and are able, in Network projects. Contact the "responsibles" listed for specific projects, in order to find out details of further participation.

- 3) Your attendance at the upcoming local-regional meetings we hope to set up this Fall all around the country.

- 4) Your checks -- reflecting a vote of confidence in the decisions made at the national conference.

We took a big step May 8-10, but a careful one, reflecting lots of thought and time over the past few years by many people on where/how to move the Network, and what was possible/desirable, given the heterogeneous nature of the 1400 of us and our six-year history. [Whether that set of decisions was correct or not will be revealed in the response you all make over the next few months.]

ning:

- How to continue to accomplish things after the federal grant is gone.

- How to turn capital flight into examples of worker ownership, or

- How to make the voices of public housing tenants heard at the authority; as well as issues related to the politics of planning:

- How to identify allies and identify yourself as an ally,

- How to work with community activists without jeopardizing your job or credibility, or

- How to raise progressive issues amid the politics of a public agency. A working group won't be enough to encourage more planners to join the Planners Network; we will all have to think about ways to make this organization meet the needs of planners in the field.

Do other Planners Network members feel this is a gap not being filled by the organization? Have others of you thought about what we could do to meet your needs? I have talked with several people who are concerned and unhappy with the organization as it exists. Please write to me or to the Network with worries, ideas, or other thoughts

on the new organization and its relationship to planners in planning agencies in the public sector."

PROGRESSIVE CAUCUS FOR HEALTH PLANNING

The Progressive Caucus for Health Planning is a coalition of planners, consumers and providers of health services who believe that health planning can be an active forum for progressive change in the health care system. The Caucus represents interests which historically have fought for progressive change and social justice and which share the common human interests expressed in the following 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 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.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: The Caucus meets as a whole at annual conferences of the American Health Planning Association (AHPA) and of the American Public Health Association (APHA). In addition, members who are able to meet more frequently, usually in or around New York City, get together to propose agenda and actions for future meetings. At the last meeting of AHPA, the Caucus adopted the following goals and objectives to guide its activities over the next year or so:

Goal 1: To provide support for those individuals actively involved in progressive health planning efforts consistent with the Caucus' Statement of Principles. The following objectives are proposed as initial means for implementing this goal: to provide one or more workshops at annual meetings; to conduct one or more business meetings where Caucus members can discuss activities, direction and orientation of the Caucus; to develop a newsletter relevant to issues and concerns of progressive health planning; and to develop a network of individuals who can provide support to those engaged in issues relevant to progressive health planning.

Goal 2: To advocate policies and procedures within AHPA, APHA, and the American Planning Association (APA) that are consistent with the Caucus' Statement of Principles and the participatory orientation of PL93-641 (Health Resources Planning and Development Act). The following objectives are proposed as initial means for imple-

menting this goal: to have Caucus members appointed to AHPA, APHA, and APA committees; to submit proposed policies for adoption by AHPA, APHA and APA and to monitor all their meetings and decisions and to provide Caucus input where appropriate.

In order to help meet these goals and objectives, the Caucus established an informal committee structure to manage general finances and to make sure that everything is getting done, to undertake educational programs such as workshops at AHPA and APHA, and to establish a regular means of communication among Caucus members and others interested in progressive health planning issues.

After several months of throwing around the idea of developing a newsletter, the Caucus approached Planners Network in hopes of gaining space devoted specifically to health planning issues. There were two reasons for this: First, there is much to be gained practically by the Caucus in building on the already well-established strengths of Planners Network as a means of communication among progressive planners. Second, and particularly because many Caucus members are also Networkers, there is a lot to be gained politically by all types of progressive planners -- not only those working in health planning or in urban planning -- in opening up discussion to the dialogue, support and insights of those facing similar issues and struggles in other areas of planning.

The Caucus' letter to Planners Network, which was printed in #25, was received favorably for the most part and this is the first attempt to communicate with Caucus membership and with those in the Network in this format.

HOW IT WORKS: For those already in the Caucus, this may be one of the first times you are receiving the Planners Network Newsletter. It is our intention to print, as regularly as we can, communications related to health planning issues in this space. In order to do this, we need your help in two ways:

First, we need material, suggestions and ideas to share with other Caucus and Network members. We'd like to get word out about our various experiences, what we're learning is most important, what materials or techniques we're finding most useful, what case experiences or innovative planning elements other Caucus members and planners should know about, and who they can contact for more information. We need your thoughts about successes and failures. Would you please get back to us soon with your opinions about these items? We'd like to include your thoughts, or your requests for information from others, in one of the next several issues of Planners Network. Please send any materials or letters to Gregory Parston, Communications Comm., 46 W. 90 St., NYC, NY 10024.

Second, none of this is free, and in order to maintain our end of the cost of printing and distributing Planners Network Newsletter, Caucus members are asked to make a voluntary financial contribution directly to Planners Network. [NB: The material in this Newsletter about the new level of financial commitment being asked from Network members supersedes this request.] All members of the Caucus are now *temporarily* on the Planners Network mailing list. Because the Caucus' mailing list is a little outdated, though, we need to know *now* whether you wish to maintain contact with the Caucus. If you are a Caucus member and are not already independently in Planners Network, you will not receive another issue of this Newsletter *unless* you send back the form.

Many Caucus members were actively involved in the national conference of Planners Network which is reported in this issue. The health planning workshop is a strong component of Planners Network and there has been a suggestion that the Progressive Caucus for Health Planning cease its independent activities and organize around health issues as part of Planners Network. The reply form asks your opinion on that suggestion, as well.

If you have the time or interest to help on any of the Caucus' or Network's activities, contact Steve Meister, Chairperson of the Steering Comm., Progressive Caucus for Health Planning, 18 Poplar Ave., W. Springfield, MA 01089, or Dan Feshbach, Education Comm., 142 Anderson St., SF, CA 94110.

REPLY FORM

MEMBERS OF THE PROGRESSIVE CAUCUS FOR HEALTH PLANNING ONLY

Please return this form if you wish to continue receiving Planners Network.

Please indicate your preference for one of the following suggestions regarding the continued operation of the Progressive Caucus:

The Progressive Caucus should continue as an independent group but maintain communications with the Planners Network

The Progressive Caucus should cease its independent activities and its members should work on health issues within Planners Network

The Progressive Caucus should continue as an independent group and should not continue involvement with Planners Network

Name

Address.....

Return to Steve Meister, 18 Poplar Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089. Please return by 15 July 1981.

On to more traditional Newsletter fare:

JOBS

Coordinator of the Housing Agenda, a loose collection of community-based and other organizations working together on low and moderate income housing issues in the Chicago Area. Salary open. Send applications to Nick Barnes, The Housing Agenda, 109 N. Dearborn - Suite 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312)346-7871.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZER openings available for people committed to social change. Training provided. Hard work, low pay, enduring rewards. Contact ACORN, the largest community organization in the country, at: 117 Spring St., Syracuse, NY 13208. Tel: (315)476-0162.

INTERNSHIPS are available with the Summer Project of the Institute for Social Justice and ACORN. Running from June 15 through August 22, the interns will receive a three-day orientation in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Oregon Appropriate Technology is looking for a Vice-President/

Business Manager. (Network member Mary Vogel works for them as a Program Management Associate and says of OAT: "It's a great group of people to work with and a very supportive environment in which to work. I've never been happier." OAT's address is PO Box 1525, Eugene, OR 97440 (503)343-HEAT

SANTA MONICA CITY MANAGER: This So. Calif. seaside city of 90,000 with strong rent control, \$90 million budget and liberal City Council majority seeks innovative non-elective principal administrator. Position requires solid experience in city government, proven managerial abilities and familiarity with city-run enterprises such as transit, water utilities, housing, redevelopment and human services. Salary \$50,000 range with ample benefits including possible housing assistance. Send resume and 3 letters of reference by July 15 to: Mayor's Office, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401. An Equal Opportunity Employer. (213)393-9975. (As most of you probably know, a very progressive City Council was elected to office in Santa Monica last April. Lots of Network people -- Derek Shearer (spouse of the new Mayor), Dennis Zane (newly elected City Council member), Bill Allen (elected member of Rent Control Board) -- are all at the center of things there.)

From John Wilbur: "The Cleveland Dept. of Community Development is looking for an environmental design planner and a planner with market analysis skills in order to start a commercial revitalization effort. A number of local candidates have been interviewed, but none have indicated a willingness to conduct revitalization efforts in a manner which primarily benefits poor and working people. If any Networkers are interested, I would appreciate hearing at (216) 664-2869, or at the CD Dept., 777 Rockwell Ave., Cleveland, OH 44114."

Mitt Regan, who works for AFSCME, advises us that the Carpenters Union head office in DC is looking for a couple of people to start up an "economic pressure" program similar to the one used by the Textile Workers against JP Stevens. The project would basically involve finding and using against anti-union firms and contractors points of economic leverage, such as stockholder suits, interests in institutions providing financing, pension investment, etc. "I think it's an exciting expansion of labor activity", writes Mitt. "The Carpenters hope to get started very soon. Depending on when the newsletter will next be published, a notice in it may be too late. However, I thought I'd mention it so at least the informal word could get around. The contact person is Bob Pleasure, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, 101 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington 20001, (202)546-6206."

CONFERENCES AND INSTITUTES:

Because of our production schedule, many interesting conferences and institutes have already occurred by the time we get to listing them. We do so nonetheless, in the event people want to get retrospective information, copies of papers, etc. We also encourage people who have been to conferences that are of interest to Networkers to write them up.

A POSSIBLE WESTERN REGIONAL NETWORK CONFERENCE: From Joochul Kim (Dept. of Planning, Arizona St. U., Tempe, AZ 85281): "A small number of concerned networking people here in Tempe have been discussing a possible regional conference. At this time it appears that the conference, which will include most the Western states, will be held sometime in March. The major theme of the proposed conference will be on New Perspectives on Planning in the West and will have a number of panel discussions and workshops on such issues as The Political Economy of Resource Development in the West, Social Justice in the West: People and Politics, The Political Economy of Population Movement in the West, and The Economic Development. As we develop more con-

crete ideas about the conference, we will provide more information to you. I am also organizing a local group here in Arizona so that we will be able to deal with progressive planning issues."

Emily Achtenberg (Citizens Housing & Planning Assn., 7 Marshall St., Boston 02108 reports on two recent conferences she attended:

APA Conference: The APA National Planning Conference held in Boston, April 25-29, featured two major Network events: 1) An "official" session on Reindustrialization and Local Planning, with Bill Goldsmith (Cornell), Peter Marcuse (Columbia), Pat Salinas (UT-Austin), and Ed Bergman (UNC) drew about 75 and sparked some lively discussion. 2) An "unofficial" session on "The New Boston: An Alternative View of Housing and Planning" included a videotape on displacement produced by Urban Planning Aid, presentations on local housing issues and struggles by Emily Achtenberg (Citizens Housing & Planning Assn.), Rachel Bratt (Tufts), and Michael Kane (Boston housing activist), and a discussion of the upcoming PN conference. We promoted this session through a 4-page flyer on the Boston housing crisis, written by Network members and distributed through the APA literature tables. [Copy available from us on request.] The event itself, which was scheduled near the end of the conference, drew about 35 people but the literature reached lots more. In the future, we should plan and schedule Network presences at such events much earlier; they provide a good and necessary opportunity for local chapters to counter official host-city propaganda, as well as for general PN outreach. [The 30-minute UPA videotape, "It's Not a House... It's My Home", is available from them at 120 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02116.]

"New Perspectives on the Urban Political Economy", a conference held at American Univ. in DC May 22-24, was attended by approximately 150 people, including many PN members as both presenters and participants. General workshop topics included: "The Class Structure and Recent Changes in the Housing Market," "Decline of the Frostbelt: Race and Sex," "Class Relations and Spatial Development," "Community Organizing and Resistance to Cutbacks," "Urban Housing in an Age of Austerity," "Urban Social Control," "Rent Theory and Urban Restructuring," "Third World Cities," "Strategies for the Housing Movement," "Base Studies and Urban Development," "Local Ruling Classes and the Structure of the City," "State Intervention and Regional Shifts," "Conceptualizing Urban Growth and Form; Consumption vs. Production," "Neighborhood Struggles and the Role of the State," and "The Economic Restructuring of the US and the Fate of the City." A list of papers and presenters is available from Larry Sawers at the Economics Dept., American U., Washington, DC, for ordering from the authors.

Networkers organized an informal informational meeting at the Conference to discuss PN events of the two weeks previous and proposed future PN projects (about 30 people in attendance). Some seem to feel the need for a stronger PN presence and analysis on the Reagan budget cutbacks, above and beyond the brief statement that has already been issued. A good suggestion was made, though not followed up on, that a working group should be formed to deal with this and make contact with the various progressive coalitions that have emerged on this issue. Anyone interested in it?? [If so, write the Network immediately, and we'll put people in touch with one another.]

A National Conference on Occupational Health and Safety Issues Affecting Minority Workers will be held July 6-8 in Cincinnati. Further information from Marshall Lanier, Robert A. Taft Labs, 4676 Columbia Pkwy., Cinn., OH 45226.

Tufts is running a summer institute on Urban and Environmental Policy. "Planning for Neighborhood Change" (Rolfe Goetze) was held June 8-10; "Banks and Community Reinvestment" (Rachel

Bratt, James Carras, Jack McCaffrey) was held June 15-17. And the following are being held on dates that may come after arrival of this newsletter: "Using the Media in Urban and Environmental Policy" (Stan Franzen, William Harris), June 22-24; "Community Energy Planning" (Ken Geiser), July 13-15; "Management Skills for Planners and Public Administrators" (Michael Appleby, July 15-17, 19-21; "Hazardous Wastes: Issues, Problems, and Career Opportunities in the 80s" (Evelyn Murphy, James Gutensohn), July 27-29; "Public, Private Partnership: New Opportunities and Techniques for Urban Development" (Frank Keefe), August 3-5; and "Genetic Technology, Public Health, and the Community" (Sheldon Krinsky), August 10-12. Information from the Dept. of Urban & Env. Policy, Tufts U., Medford, MA 02155, (617)628-3630.

The Community Development Coalition, an alliance of grassroots organizations in Duluth, is sponsoring a three-part workshop on the CDBG process, July 22, July 29, and August 19, at 206 W 4th St. Further information from Cheryl Jenson at that address and (218)727-6690.

"Institute '81", sponsored by the Consumer Cooperative Alliance will be held July 21-25 at Carleton College, Northfield, MN. The institute will provide training in management, food, energy, health, housing and financial cooperatives. Speakers and resource people will be coop activists from the entire US and Canada. Registration information from the CCA Conf., Box 14440, Mpls. MN 55414 (612)376-2478. For more information on the housing portion of the conference, contact Pat Mehigan, Common Space, 19 E. 26 St., Mpls. MS 55404, (612)872-0550.

The Citizen Participation Institute, a training program for government officials and citizen leaders, was held June 15-19 at Tufts Univ. Information is available from the Lincoln Filene Center, Tufts, Medford, MA 02155.

"Planned Economy: Selected Examples from Socialist Countries and Capitalist Economies of Industrial and Third World Countries" was the title of a conference held April 10 at Columbia. Further information from Network member Tom Angotti at Columbia's Div. of Urban Planning, NYC, NY 10027.

The Sixth Annual Conference on Neighborhood Concerns was held May 20-23 in Albuquerque, sponsored by Neighborhoods USA and the Civic Action Inst. (which publishes Neighborhood Ideas.) Further information from Roberta Miller, 3128 La Mancha NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104.

"Can Neighborhoods Survive in the 1980s?" was the title of the 12th annual conference of National Neighbors, held June 11-14 at Catholic Univ. in Washington. Information from them at 815 15 St. NW, #322, Wash., DC 20005.

The Seventh Annual Labor Studies Conference was held May 1-2 at the Univ. of New Mexico. Further information from Robert Kern, History Dept., UNM, Albuquerque, NM 87131.

The Chicago Citywide Tenant Conference was held May 2. Information from The Housing Agenda, 109 N. Dearborn, #1300, Chicago 60602.

A National Symposium: Community Based Alternatives and Women in the 80s was held May 17-20 at American Univ. Further information from the Women's School of Planning and Architecture, 1000 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20007.

"University Consortium for Neighborhood Research and Development" was the title of an organizing conference for such a consortium, held April 28-29 at Northwestern U. Chester Hartman attended as a Planners Network representative. The purposes of the meeting were: to establish a network of researchers based in univer-

sities and non-profit organizations with a major interest in neighborhood research and development and its connection to national policy; to identify priority areas for neighborhood research and policy analysis over the next several years; and to establish a continuing structure to link the work of our research community to national policy deliberation.

On the Planning Comm. were many Network members (Rob Hollister of Tufts, Marcia Kaptur of the Coop Bank, Janice Perlman of UC-Berkeley, Ron Shiffman of Pratt, and Katharine Warner of Univ. Mich.)

Several useful papers were prepared, including a preliminary directory of researchers focusing on issues of neighborhood development, and a structure for continuing the function of the conference was developed. Further information through John McKnight, Center for Urban Affairs and Policy Research, 2040 Sheridan Rd., Evanston, IL 60201.

"Residential Hotels: A Vanishing Housing Resource" was the title of a conference, held June 11-12, in SF, sponsored by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and the Calif. Dept. of Housing & Comm. Dev. Copies of the papers presented there and the conference proceedings are available through the Governor's Office of Planning & Research, 1400 Tenth St., Sacramento, CA 95814.

NETWORKING

THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY SOLAR COALITION has recently initiated "Project Girasol", an effort to involve the Hispanic community in conservation efforts and local based alternative energy jobs. They need help and referral to resources. Contact Vivian Olmos at the Coalition, One W. Campbell Ave., Campbell, CA 95008, (408)379-3585.

Working Together: Self-Reliance in California's Communities is a new 110-page publication of the Community Assistance Group (with which Network member Gil Friend works) of the Calif. Office of Appropriate Technology. It contains some useful case-studies of housing coops, municipal solar utilities, farmers markets, food coops, credit unions, domestic workers unions, and other self-reliance efforts. Available free within California, \$5 out-of-state (but they seem flexible on that), from OAT, 1600 9th St., Sacramento, CA 95814.

Helping Ourselves: Local Solutions to Global Problems is a new book by Bruce Stokes of the Worldwatch Inst., an outfit that is doing some very interesting work. Contact them at 1776 Mass. Ave. NW, Wash., DC 20036.

Exchange Networks is the newsletter for Neighborhood Resources Exchange Networks, published by the National Center for Citizen Involvement. Seems to be free. Contact the editor, David Tobin, 1214 16 St. NW, Wash. DC 20036.

A Citizen's Guide to CRA is a new 39-page publication of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council. Available free from them at 490 L'Enfant Plaza E., SW, Wash. DC 20219.

Bob Kolodny (Div. of Urban Planning, Columbia U., NYC 10027) writes: "I am working on the problem that neighborhood organizations face in combining both advocacy/mobilization and development/service delivery roles. I am interested in articles, testimonials, correspondence with organizers, planners and others who have struggled with the issue."

LABOR SUPPORT PROJECT: From Michael Ryan: "The Network Labor Support Project urges all Network members to participate in helping to raise money to support the campaign of Tony Mazzochi for the OCAW presidency and to assist the striking mine workers. Try to raise \$10 between yourself and your friends (more if possi-

ble). Send all contributions to Michael Ryan, 313 13 St. NW, Charlottesville, VA 22903. The money raised will be divided evenly between the campaign and strike support. There are over 1,000 of us. We could raise over \$10,000!"

THE CONSUMER EDUCATION RESOURCE NETWORK is a new group, funded by the Office of Consumers' Education, US Dept. of Education, as a national resource center for the consumer education field. Their address is 1555 Wilson Blvd., #600, Rosslyn, VA 22209, (703)522-4616.

THE CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURAL SOLAR DESIGN COMPETITION has a deadline of July 31, with winners (some big bucks) announced at the Calif. State Fair and Exposition Aug. 29. Information from the Calif. Energy Commn., 1111 Howe Ave. MS 7000, Sacramento, CA 95825, toll-free # (800)952-5670.

The Mining Organizer is a new quarterly publication of the Center for Alternative Mining Development Policy, 1121 Univ. Ave., Madison, WI 53715. \$6/yr.

Banks, Neighborhoods and the Community Reinvestment Act, by Nathan Weber, Conference Board, Public Affairs Research Dept., 845 3rd Ave., NYC 10022. A pamphlet summarizing lending and community outreach programs administered by CRA officers of 12 banks and S&L's. The officers provide capsule descriptions of how their programs work -- low-interest loans, low downpayments, new real estate assessment techniques, combination mortgage and rehab loans, technical assistance, credit needs analysis, neighborhood education, etc. If you write to Nathan Weber directly, he'll try to send you a copy gratis, as long as his own small supply lasts. Otherwise, the price is \$5.

CONDO CONVERSIONS: Randy Stauss (311 W. Sibley Hall, Cornell, Ithaca, NY 14853) is writing/completing a masters thesis on the subject and has/wants lots of information. Also wants a job. (607)277-2147 (h), 256-4331 (wk).

From Nancy Munshaw (2354 S. Compton, St. Louis 63104, (314)664-9438): "I am interested in purchasing a building or adjacent buildings to form a female single parents' housing coop. Each woman would own her own unit, but tools, laundry facilities, and maintenance headaches could be shared. I would like to hear from anyone with experience or ideas relevant to this project.

A further need is for proven techniques for reducing racial mistrust and misinformation between black and white parts of a city. Much energy is being wasted by both races complaining that the other race is receiving public resources disproportionately. I have moderate sophistication in group techniques and can deal with either psychological or informational approaches.

Lastly, I would like to share my experience with growth mentalities and growth management in a resort area and a small Sun Belt city with anyone who can benefit."

REINER RESPONDS TO BARTON: In #28, Steve Barton posed six questions to Jan Reiner, regarding his report (in #27) on a tour through the Soviet Union. Reiner's open response to Barton is as follows: "To answer the six questions you posed ... concerning my report on Housing & Urbanism in the USSR would require more space than a Newsletter might want to allot me. Consequently, I will reduce my response to three suggestions only.

1- Try to read *The Great Conspiracy* by Michael Sayers and Albert Kahn. This book (also in ppb) written by two US newspapermen describes and documents the 28 years of US/USSR relations between WWI and the end of WWII. I consider it 'must reading' for concerned people.

2- Read *Soviet New Towns* by Jack Underhill, a HUD employee who visited the USSR on several occasions. This soft-cover, 97-page volume was prepared by HUD for the US State Dept. and was

published by HUD in 1976.

3- I am enclosing a prospectus for a 3-week USSR tour for August, 1981. The tour is sponsored by 'Promoting Enduring Peace, Inc.' of Woodmont, CT; it is the same tour I joined last August. I suggest that you consider joining the tour. A visit to the USSR would answer your six questions (and many more) in a much better way than I ever could."

TWO EXCELLENT NEW FILMS ON THE URBAN CRISIS ARE:

1) *Tighten Your Belts, Bite the Bullet*, produced by the City Crisis Film Group, focusing on Cleveland and NYC, 48 min., color, available in film and video forms. 2) *Taking Back Detroit*, produced by Stephen Lighthill, which focuses on Justin Ravitz (the only self-proclaimed Marxist judge in the country), City Councillor Ken Cockrel, and Sheila Murphy, campaign manager and leader of the Detroit Alliance for a Rational Economy, their political organization. 55 min, color, available in film and video.

Rental and purchase information on both from Icarus Films, 200 Park Ave. S, #1319, NYC 10003, (212)674-3375.

THE DATA CENTER (464 19th St., Oakland, CA 94612, (415)835-4692) is a public access research and information center focusing on the US and its role in the world. It invites Network members and community groups they work with to use its facilities and other services. They regularly receive 400 periodicals from throughout the world; have a library of government documents, directories, manuscripts and pamphlets; maintain a graphics file; and have an organized collection of alternative publications from the 60s and 70s. They have a Search Service for specific topics and specialize in the following: corporations (in their Corporate Profile Project), labor, government organizations, industries, and specific countries. Their most recent press packet is "Reagan and El Salvador -- The Roots of War". Write/phone them for more information.

LABOR INTENSIVE WOOD DEVELOPMENT: From James Grott (Miner Center, Chazy, NY 12921): "In conjunction with a research semester at St. Univ. of NY at Plattsburgh, I am exploring the feasibility of expanding labor-intensive wood products industry for the Adirondack Region of NY. Of special interest to me is alternative forms of economic development. In particular, the possibilities of locally controlled economic development organizations and corporations. I would greatly appreciate any information you can send me regarding alternative forms of economic development, job creation, and implementation and funding procedures for these types of development."

Barbara Phillips and Dick LeGates write: "Our new inter-disciplinary text for undergraduates, *City Lights: An Introduction to Urban Studies*, is organized around the idea that 'what you see depends on how you look at it.' Taking a number of issues, such as urban poverty, we contrast political visions (Marxist, liberal, conservative, centralist and decentralist), showing that the definition of an urban 'problem' helps to determine its proposed 'solution.' The book covers the standard topics -- from the origin and growth of cities, spatial and social structure of US metropolitan areas, and community power to tax structure -- and also discusses issues of special interest to planners: architecture as symbolic politics, neighborhoods as communities, alternative urban futures, gentrification, impacts of computer technology on city form, personal and social space, and planning as a political process. We have included a great deal of theory from the Marxist perspective (e.g., Baran and Sweezy, O'Connor) in a way which we hope is lively and accessible to beginning students. Copies are available from Customer Services, Oxford U. Press, 1600 Politt Rd., Fairlawn, NJ 07410 for \$14.95.

Coop Housing Documents is a collection of coop housing management documents published by Common Space, Inc., a non-profit coop housing developer. Common Space has developed large and small

coops, those using professional property management services and those doing their own. Set of documents includes: articles of incorporation, by-laws, charter, contract for deed, subscription and occupancy agreements, and coop policies and procedures. Complete set \$10, or can be ordered separately. Contact: Common Space, 19 E. 26 St., Minneapolis, MN 55404.

Rent Control and the Tax Structure: A Study in Bergen County has just been released by the Bergen County Housing Coalition. The commissioned study disproves landlord claims of a tax shift from apartments to homeowners as a result of rent control. Based on studies of tax data from five rent-controlled and five non-rent-controlled Bergen County towns, "the facts reveal no clear pattern of tax base erosion or apartment property value reduction, nor any clear pattern of shifts in the property tax burden." Available for \$2.50 from the BCHC, PO Box 391, Hackensack, NJ 07601, (201)488-6767.

Values and Politics: The American Democratic Tradition, by Edward Schwartz et al. is a 101-page collection of essays on community and political life, published by the Inst. for the Study of Civic Values. Available from them for \$5, 401 N. Broad St., Philadelphia 19108.

Sourcebook, a Compilation of Grant Programs and Information Sources for Improving America's Neighborhoods, produced by Gray Smith's Office, is available for \$30 (price includes a year's quarterly supplements) from 1505 Sylvania House, Juniper & Locust Sts., Philadelphia 19107. A special extra section for the Philadelphia/Camden area is available for \$5 more.

Other Networks is a new "newsletter about networks" (it had to happen, folks.) Concentrates mainly on the Philadelphia area. Quarterly, \$15 (\$5 "for those living lightly"), from Public Interest Media Project, PO Box 14066, Philadelphia 19123.

Process, a networking forum for those active in citizen participation, is a new publication, available for \$5 (for the next three issues), through Chris Bradshaw, PO Box 3405, Sta. D, Ottawa, Canada K1P 6H8.

TWO NEW STUDIES ON DISPLACEMENT are available from the Legal Services Anti-Displacement Project.

Displacement, by Richard LeGates and Chester Hartman, is a nationwide review of the magnitude, causes and impacts of the displacement problem. It will be republished in the July issue of *Clearinghouse Review*. A limited number of copies of the version currently in print are available for \$5, and reprints of the *Clearinghouse* version (they are virtually identical in content) will be available sometime in August, at a lower cost.

2) *Displacement: How To Fight It*, by Chester Hartman, Dennis Keating and Richard LeGates, is a 200-page handbook, for community groups and their advocates, on what strategies have successfully been used, around the country, to resist various forms of displacement. Its 18 chapters cover: research techniques; speculation; threats to the rental housing stock from demolition, arson and conversions; SRO's; abandonment and undermaintenance; loss of municipal services; rent and eviction controls; HUD and FmHA housing; displacement threats to homeowners; CDBG and UDAG-funded displacement; rehab; Uniform Relocation Act; coops and land trusts; and many other topics. The guidebook, which has excellent graphics, will be available sometime in August, and although its price has not yet been set, every effort will be made to keep it low for community groups.

Ordering information for both publications is available from the Legal Services Anti-Displacement Project, 2150 Shattuck Ave., #300, Berkeley, CA 94704, (415)548-2600.

HOW EDUCATION CAN ASSIST IN PROGRESSIVE SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION: From Jeff Unsicker (99-F Escondido Village, Stanford, CA 94305), who for several years was coordinator for the

College for Community Learning in San Diego, and has just begun doctoral work at Stanford's Internatl. Development Education Program: "As an initial point of departure, I am studying the political economy and educational system in Tanzania (particularly the higher and adult education systems, and even more particularly the Univ. of Dar es Saalam and Kivukoni College.) I plan to subsequently study several other 'case countries' in the Third World which have committed themselves (to one degree or another) to making the transition from dependent capitalism to self-reliant socialism. Specifically I am interested in the former Portuguese colonies (Angola, Mozambique and Guinea-Bissau) in Africa, and Cuba and Nicaragua (and, hopefully soon, El Salvador and the rest of Central America!) in Latin America. Eventually I hope to assist in the transfer of appropriate theories and practices from the Third World to the 'colonies' within the US and vice versa. I would therefore be interested in corresponding with any other Network members with common interests."

SOME COMMENTARY ON THE CURRENT POLITICAL SCENE from Robert Murphy (242 Arborway, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130): "Some good news for planners concerned about recent national events: On May 10, the *Boston Globe* reported that the size of the national Sierra Club had increased from 180,000 to 210,000 members since last September. The Friends of the Earth have also noted a significant increase in membership within the past few months. Reportedly, the increase in citizen support for both organizations is due, in large part, to citizen opposition to the present anti-environmental protection mood in Congress and in the White House. Apparently, the environmental movement is far from finished as a political force in the US.

How does the resurgence of the citizens environmental movement relate to our activities as professional planners?

As planners, we're fortunate that the citizens environmental movement continues to flourish. There are still people out there -- housewives, blue-collar workers, professionals, retired people, and others -- who want a say in the country's future. They're not prepared to accept decisions concerned their world made by industrial interests alone. As planners, we can recognize the citizen environmentalists as our natural allies, and we can teach them about the importance of public-supported planning. We can work with citizens groups -- learning from their experience, sharing information, encouraging participation in planning efforts, building mutual trust -- or we can approach community planning as it has often been approached in the past.

An article in the April 25 *NY Times* underscored the point quite well. "The demise of the (national) health planning network (will) be a quiet one and the mourners few. "Why?", asks an Urban League worker who has been a volunteer in the Pittsburgh area Health Systems Agency since 1975. She answers her own question in part: "... most people have never really understood what the agencies are all about." Unfortunately, communication has never been a top priority in the agencies and they have never really told their story -- to the public and to legislators."

We now have a President who understands the importance of maintaining a continuing campaign to explain his economic views to the public. Sophisticated right-wing mail-order firms are capable of mobilizing citizen support and directing voices against public-supported regulatory and planning programs. In the past, candidates ran for reelection and sought public consensus at two-, four-, and six-year intervals. We're beginning to understand that the process of building and maintaining a base of support for planning and regulation is a continuous process. No public policy victory is ever complete and final unless it is based in continuing community understanding, involvement and endorsement. As planners, we should be constantly working with citizens groups. When we make a habit of ignoring the consumers and the voters and the taxpayers --and their

mass media and their elected representatives -- we flounder. We can become easy targets for the anti-planning forces in our society.

We know our opponents. How well do we know our friends? And how well do our friends -- and potential friends -- know us?"

Re Chester Hartman's passing comment in #28 on the need for a non-sexist phrase to replace the otherwise good word "fraternal", two suggestions came in:

From Linda Hollis (1301 S. Monroe St., #1, Arlington, VA 22204): "How about 'sororal' and fraternal? I just found sororal in Mary Daly's *Beyond God the Father* Since we humans have not yet evolved to the point where we have words for concepts which are not necessarily 'either/or', it appears we are stuck with the awkward 's/he' combinations for now."

And from Vivian Mills (Rt. 1, Box 711-M, Accokeek, MD 20607): "Try: shared-interest, affinitive, allied, consanguine, sibling. Another problem with the word 'fraternal' when used in connection with organizations is that it makes one think of the Moose, Elks, Eagles, and all those other men's organizations or clubs."

REVSON FELLOWS (and good ideas on how to make that term less gender-specific?): Network member Deborah Bell, a research economist for District Council 37 of AFSCME, has gotten one of the Revson Fellowships at Columbia Univ. to study the union's role in restructuring the delivery of municipal services that will be necessitated by changing economic conditions. Deborah will be writing more about the Fellowship program (which she thinks other Networkers ought to be applying for) and her work as it all progresses, but those who want to contact her can do so at 25 Indian Rd., #52, NYC 10034.

THE ANN ARBOR MANIFESTO ON INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY POLICY has been drawn up in connection with the forthcoming UN Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy. Its purpose is to raise consciousness about alternative, radical possibilities in renewable energy and to mobilize public opinion. While too long to publish here, copies of and further information about this Manifesto are available through R.S. Ganapathy, Urban & Regional Planning Dept., Art & Arch. Bldg., U. Michigan, Ann Arbor 48109.

THE CENTRE FOR COMMUNITY SELF-SUFFICIENCY (PO Box 797, Bolinas, CA 94924): From Jesse Schwartz, its Director: "The Centre for Community Self-Sufficiency seeks modest, direct ways of living more harmoniously through imaginatively devised space. We offer guidance in devising both structures and landscapes that work with rather than against the forces of nature. In addition to a wide variety of food, edible landscapes yield timber, firewood, weaving materials, dyestuffs, medicines, livestock forage and numerous other products.

We also offer guidance in biodynamic, intensive gardening. This seems well suited to housing coops, food coops, senior citizens and other urban groups who wish to provide for some part of their needs for food. Our instructional team is prepared to do workshops from a weekend to several weeks. For further details, write us."

RESEARCH ON THE SECONDARY MORTGAGE MARKET: From Judy Kossy (1864 Wyoming NW, Washington, DC 20009): "Joel Friedman and I are starting to research the secondary mortgage market (FNMA, GNMA, and FHLMC). We will look at its historical development, functions and operations and analyze its role in the flow of capital among regions and economic sectors, and in the current housing crisis (particularly related to inflation.) Please send us any information you have."

THE SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND (401 1st St. NW, Roanoke, VA 24016, (703)344-6624) has for 12 years been coordinating private, federal, state and local capital

to meet the economic and social needs of rural and urban, black and white communities in the Roanoke Valley. A letter from Owen Schultz, their Director of Industrial Development and Planning, notes that they would like to strengthen their practical and institutional ties with groups like the Network to aid increased information flow, idea creation and collaborative funding efforts.

Plenty News is the publication of Plenty, the group that began The Farm, related agricultural projects in Third World countries, and, more recently, an ambulance service in the South Bronx. They are reachable at 156 Drakes Ln., Summertown, TN 38483.

The Cooperative Housing Bulletin is published monthly by the Natl. Assn. of Housing Cooperatives, as a membership service. Further information from them at 1012 14th St. NW - 805, Washington 20005 (202)628-6242.

Mary Vogel, now working for Oregon Appropriate Technology, encourages Networkers, especially those in energy planning and appropriate technology, to get in touch when they come through her neck of the woods. OAT, PO Box 1525, Eugene, OR 97440 (503)683-1613 (wk) 343-9997 (h).

PHILADELPHIA'S OFFICE OF TECHNICAL SERVICES is a new city agency devoted to assisting neighborhood-based organizations in developing and implementing self-help proposals. Their major emphasis is on housing but they also get involved in a wide range of revitalization projects. Further information from Network member Gail Stringer there, at 1234 Market St., 7th flr., Philadelphia 19107.

COMPUTER USE IN SOCIAL SERVICES NETWORK is a new group of human services professionals that Network member Dick Schoech has co-founded. It's initially free. Further information from Dick at UTA, GSSW, Box 19129, Arlington, TX 76019.

THE AFRICAN PEOPLE'S SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE, which started in St. Petersburg, Fla, about ten years ago, then moved to the Midwest, has now relocated to the SF Bay Area, writes Network member Jan Reiner of St. Petersburg. They held a first meeting of the Alternative People's Health Network on May 17 in SF. Further information from Alston Hoehne (415)428-2006 in Oakland and at (503)343-9130 in Eugene, OR.

The Volunteer Skillsbank: An Innovative Way to Connect Individual Talents to Community Needs is a handbook prepared by Volunteer: The National Center for Citizen Involvement. Available for \$5 from them at PO Box 1807, Boulder, CO 80306.

"THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT" is a new master's program at the Bartlett School of Architecture in England. Their basic approach is "through a historical materialist analysis of the social and economic forces affecting the building process within localities. Thus changing relations between land, labour and construction capital are explored as these reveal specific ways in which urban development is organised in relation to society and the state." The proceedings of their 1979 and 1980 summer school sessions are available for 7.50 pounds each, plus 2.27 pounds each postage, checks/money orders made out to Univ. College London. Their 1981 summer session will be held Sept. 5-13. Information on the new master's program through Network member Steve Merrett, Bartlett School of Arch. & Planning, Wates House, 22 Gordon St., London WC1H 0QB.

URBAN GARDENING PROGRAMS: Libby Goldstein, who heads Philadelphia's urban gardening program, has available a list of parallel programs in 15 cities (Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Houston, Jacksonville, LA, Memphis, Milwaukee, Newark, New Orleans, NYC, St. Louis.) Write her for the list at Phila. County Extension Service, SE Corner, Broad & Grange Sts., Philadelphia 19141 (215)224-1821.

READING LISTS IN RADICAL SOCIAL SCIENCE is a joint project of URPE and MARHO (the Radical Historians' Organization). They will use the format of the very successful *URPE Reading Lists in Radical Political Economics*, which had a total print-run of over 8,000 copies and was widely used as a reference work for course planning and organizing study groups. Among the many topic areas are Planning, Urbanization and the City, Energy, Health and Environment, Spatial Relations. Editing work is well underway, so get reading lists to them (3 copies if possible) right away: c/o URPE, 41 Union Sq. W, Rm. 901, NYC 10003. Ordering information through them as well.

Two resources for health workers:

THE NATIONAL HEALTH LAW PROGRAM is at 2639 S. La Cienega Blvd., LA 90034, (213)204-6010, with a D.C. office at 1424 16th St. NW, #304, Washington 20036, (202)232-7061.

THE HEALTH LAW PROJECT is at 133 S.36 St., Rm. 410, Philadelphia 19104, (215)243-6951. Among their projects is their monthly *HLP Library Bulletin*, available for \$30/year for institutions, \$15 for individuals (mailed to a home address.)

SUPERMARKETS: New Brunswick, New Jersey, currently has no downtown supermarket (having lost five in the last 15 years) and a group is working on the development of a cooperative supermarket. Bob Beauregard (Dept. of Urban Planning, Livingston College, Rutgers U., New Brunswick, NJ 08903) writes: "I would be interested in hearing from people who have had experience with supermarket closings and the problems faced in replacing them."

THE LABOR OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAM of the Univ. of California-Berkeley (c/o Inst. of Industrial Relations, Berkeley 94720) puts out the bimonthly *Monitor*, available for \$15/year to institutions, \$8 to individuals. Looks really good.

HOUSING NEEDED IN D.C.: If anyone has any leads at all on a house or apartment in DC for about a year, beginning in August or September, either as an outright rental or (preferably) as a house-trade for a 7-room San Francisco house, please contact Chester Hartman right away, by writing 1130 Keeler Ave., Berkeley, CA 94708 or phoning (collect) 415-849-4071. After about July 20, use the following address: 360 Elizabeth St., SF, CA 94114 (mark it "forward") or phone person-to-person 415- 282-1249 to get a more current number. Many thanks.

Rent Control and the Supply of Rental Housing in the District of Columbia is a report from the Housing Study/ Action Group of the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee. Available from Rick Rybeck, 415 5th St., SE, Washington, DC 20003.

Municipal Composting: Resources for Local Officials and Community Organizations is a new 42-page booklet available for \$4.50 from the Inst. for Local Self-Reliance, 1717 18th St. NW, Washington, DC 20009.

Newsletter readers may be interested in receiving the *Labor Center Reporter*, a publication of the Center for Labor Education and Research at the University of California, Berkeley. The *Reporter* is a monthly newsletter containing brief, straightforward articles on issues facing the labor movement today. Recent articles have looked at "supply-side" economics, sexual harassment in the workplace, plant closings, and tactics unions can use to beat union-busting campaigns. *Reporter* articles are designed to be reprinted - free of charge - by labor organizations and community publications. Subscriptions are \$5 per year (checks payable the Regents of the University of California, Labor Center Reporter, Institute of Industrial Relations, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720. Further details from Anne Lawrence at (415) 642-0323.

From Phil Shapira, Department of City Planning, at the University of California, Berkeley: Plant closings have emerged as a major problem in California, just as in other parts of the country. In conjunction with some other people, I am helping to design a training course to be run in the Bay Area for union shop stewards through the Berkeley Labor Center, and with support from the Oakland Plant Closings Project and local unions. This course would seek to help stewards and other shop floor workers anticipate closure situations, understand why they occur, and help them fight closures, both through the bargaining process and by other means. The course would also examine alternatives such as workers' ownership, and look at legislative and ballot initiatives to respond to the closure problem. I would be interested to hear from others who have run similar courses, or who are thinking about them. Suggestions about materials and ways to approach the various topics would be useful. In return, I would be pleased to provide a draft outline for our proposed Bay Area course. I can be reached at the Department Of City and Regional Planning, Wurster Hall, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720 (phone: (415) 642-5158).

A MINI- BOOK REVIEW from David Wilmoth (3091 Wheeler St., Berkeley, CA 94705): Dolores Hayden's new book, *The Grand Domestic Revolution: A History of Feminist Designs for American Homes, Neighborhoods, and Cities*, opens up a whole new history of US feminism, and it does so with fascinating attention to detail. Attacking the physical separation of household space from public space, and the economic separation of the domestic economy from the political economy, "material feminists" since the Civil War have put forward many practical and utopian proposals of their own: kitchenless houses, community kitchens, socialist apartment blocks, paid housework, labor exchanges, and so on. The book develops the history of their opposition to patriarchal design and describes their counter-proposals in loving detail. Journals like *The Home*, *Mother Earth* and *Hearth and Home* are mined, along with pamphlets, blueprints, diaries, fiction and other unusual sources. Dolores Hayden comes right up to date, linking material feminism to current debates over capitalism and patriarchy, and to current attacks on women's rights. The prognosis was written by Mary Livermore: "The business organizations of men which have taken so many industrial employments from the home wait to seize those remaining..." That was written in 1886.

HOW ABOUT SOME MORE REVIEWS OF GOOD BOOKS YOU'VE READ???

JULY 26 CELEBRATION: The July 26 Coalition is organizing a big celebration. "This year's event will focus on: 1) The US Blockade of Cuba; 2) The attacks on Cuba; 3) A stand in support of the independence and sovereignty of the countries of the Caribbean and Central America, in particular El Salvador; 4) Our struggles against war, against the draft, and against racism. All funds raised will go to the Democratic Revolutionary Front of El Salvador (FDR)." Further information from Gloria Gomez, July 26 Coalition, PO Box 24324, Oakland, CA 94623, (415)533-5646.

BERKELEY'S LOCAL ECONOMY: From Ann Markusen and Marc Weiss (Dept. of City & Regional Planning, Univ. Cal., Berkeley 94720): "We have just completed a lengthy study of the local Berkeley economy and prospects for economic development planning with a group of Planners Network people here. The study makes the argument that employment should be the primary goal of an economic development strategy, particularly job creation for currently unemployed, low-income and minority groups. By matching the skills of Berkeley workers to the occupational needs of sectors in Berkeley, we have identified two basic sectors --an alternative energy industry and human services such as health and child care -- as major targets for economic development planning. We've also set out a proposal for restructuring the economic development planning process in city government, and recommended a series of direct city

actions to engender local economic development. The centerpiece of our proposal is an Alternative Energy Industrial Park, which we hope will attract small businesses, cooperatives and collectives with a variety of occupational needs, particularly in the crafts and operatives categories, and produce socially useful products at the same time.

We have six papers available on the project:

"Economic Development: An Implementation Strategy for the City of Berkeley" (the summary paper), \$1.25

"The Berkeley Economy: Prospects for Economic Development Planning", \$2.50

"Job Creation in the Family Service Sector: The Case of Child Care", \$.75

"Creating Jobs in Berkeley by Alternative Energy Strategies", \$1

"The Berkeley Business Incentive Program: An Analysis of Organizational Structure and Process", \$1.50

"A Memo on the Development Possibilities of the Ashby BART Station", \$.50.

The first three are available as working papers from the Inst. of Urban & Regional Development, UC Berkeley, 94720. Please send us money to cover the printing costs if possible (made out to IURD). But if you can't pay, write us anyway."

NEEDED: ELECTRONIC HOME IN DC AREA FOR PLANNERS NETWORK MAILING LIST. If anyone in the Washington DC area could help Chester Hartman set up the Network mailing list in a computer or has some leads on freindly computer resources, please contact him (see Steering Committee address above) or David Wilmoth (3091 Wheeler St, (415) 540 5362) right away. Currently the list is on the UC Berkeley computer and it would be a pity to have to revert to manual maintenance. We will have a tape of the data which can be adapted to any addressing system. Alternatively, it would be even better if the data could find a home in a "UNIX" system using "inp" data programs.

WAS ANY OF YOUR MAIL TO THE NETWORK RETURNED?

We had a post-office screw-up (mostly our fault) that resulted in mail being returned to people rather than delivered to us for about a two-week period. If this happened to you, just re-send stuff to us (particularly if there were checks.) This issue was produced by Chester Hartman, Phil Shapira and David Wilmoth.

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