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To Begin...

We've gotten all manner of complaints about late delivery of the Newsletter, how can people be expected to meet Nov. 1 deadlines when they didn't get the Newsletter til Nov. 10 (or 15th, or ...) We sent out #30 using the bulk non-profit permit we now have. The trade-off is clear (or as the saying goes, you get what you pay for.) The per piece rate this way is 3.8¢, compared with 20¢ first class (if we're under an ounce, which we usually are; if the issue is larger, such as #32, which will include the Roster, the difference is even larger.) That is an enormous savings, obviously. But the price is slow and erratic delivery patterns (some Texans in the Network received #30 just three days after we sent it out—Oct. 14—while people in Boston and even DC didn't get it for weeks.) This time it may be even worse, since we're into the Christmas mail season. But until we get some huge sum of money, we're going to have to live with third-class mail (in all senses of the phrase.)

Because of that delay (many people wrote in saying they were not sending in the roster form as it was too late), we have decided to postpone printing and mailing the roster until Newsletter #32. We are including the form again, this time with a Jan. 15 deadline. If you have not already sent in your roster form, *please do so immediately.*

A SPECIAL NOTE TO NON-NORTH AMERICAN RECIPIENTS OF THE NEWSLETTER: One aspect of our postage situation is that the postage costs of sending the Newsletter outside the US and Canada are enormous, particularly when compared with our bulk non-profit rate (which only can be used within the US). Depending on the size of the Newsletter, it costs 80¢-\$1.20 per issue to send it to people living in Europe, Africa, S. America, etc. In addition, the Post Office just now is enforcing an old regulation requiring printed matter sent outside the US to be in some kind of envelope or wrapper—adding further to the cost and time of these mailings. The total cost of sending 80 Newsletters outside the US and Canada was nearly double the cost of sending the 1500 Newsletters to North American members. So—most reluctantly—we're going to depart from our historical practice and require all members living outside the US or Canada to do one of three things:

1) Send us a contribution to cover your postage costs (about \$10/year).

2) Send us a note to the effect you recently have made such a contribution (we have not until recently kept records of individual contributions.)

3) Send us a letter pleading abject poverty, and we will continue to send you the Newsletter free.

But—we will have to drop all of you who live outside the US and Canada with the next issue, unless we hear from you. We value the wide geographical distribution of our membership and very much hope it will not be lessened by this capitulation of financial realities.

PLANNERS NETWORK AND THE CORNELL AND TUFTS SUMMER PROGRAMS: We got back about two dozen really interesting proposals for short courses from Network members. These have been passed on to the Tufts and Cornell people, and those of you who sent in proposals should be hearing from them soon. We'll also have a longer report on the summer programs soon.

A GENERAL REQUEST: It would be really nice if those of you who put in requests for information, list things people can write in for, etc. would on occasions drop us a note to let us know something about the volume and nature of the response you receive. We're not looking for "endorsements", just some sense of how effective the whole networking process is.

\$ \$ \$: We're pleased that so many of you returning roster forms apparently have been using the suggested contribution formula (\$10 a year for unemployed people, including students; \$20 for others + \$1 for each \$1000 of annual income over \$10,000). We promise not to calculate or divulge inferred income data. Those of you still sending in roster forms will hopefully follow the example of the others.

Project Progress

The following reports were received from "contact people" for the projects defined at the National Conference in May. It's (almost) never too late to get involved ... if you would like to work on any of these projects or would like more information, just get in touch with the "contact people" listed in this Newsletter.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1. Documentation Project on Models of Local Public and Community Health (from John Forester, Bobbi Granger-Jaffe, Robb Burlage, *et al.*)

"We have been working on a number of local health care and health action issue areas: community public health protection, toxic wastes, occupational health and safety (particularly 'right to know' issues, both community and labor-based), and long term care. We are identifying promising projects and discussing a Planners Network-oriented workbook or case-book that we will produce.

Network members should let us know soonest of any people you know involved in interesting local projects or local action/planning responsibilities with whom we could develop such cases. (A parallel volume of local community environmental health action and health education case studies is being surveyed and written by Nick Freudenberg, c/o Dept. of Community Health Education, Hunter College School of Health Sciences, 440 East 26th St., NYC 10010).

Send inquiries to: John Forester, Dept. of City and Regional Planning, Cornell U., West Sibley Hall, Ithaca, N.Y. 14853, 607/256-5179; or Bobbi Granger-Jaffe, 6342 Green St., Philadelphia, PA. 19144.

2. Health and Human Services Budget Cuts Monitoring Project, and

4. Multi-Organizational Coalition Building Project.

Peter Medoff reports that a working conference for people currently involved in developing strategies to survive the effects of budget cuts on health and other services is scheduled for January 21 and 22 in New York City. A fuller description of the conference can be found in the "Conferences" section of this Newsletter. The Health PAC editorial board will prepare a manual including strategy papers prepared by conference members, and other materials. This manual may serve as a basis for organizing further conferences in other areas. If you are interested in submitting material, reviewing the strategy papers, distributing the manual, or organizing a conference in your area, contact Peter Medoff, c/o Health/PAC, 17 Murray St., NYC 10007, 212/267-8890.

COMMUNITY-LABOR COALITIONS

5. Directory of Groups Involved With Community-Labor Coalitions

The purpose of this project is to collect the addresses and short description of activities of groups representing, supporting, and assisting community-labor coalitions. Right now this project is without a contact person. Anyone interested in organizing this project should contact Chester Hartman at Planners Network, 1901 Que St. NW, Washington, DC 20009.

6. Progressive Planning Documentation Project (from Pierre Clavel). "The Progressive Planning Documentation Project" has produced a set of Guidelines and a statement of purpose as follows:

... The purpose of the project is to enlist Network members and others in the collection of documents and—where possible—the compilation of written case histories of local planning efforts which seem to move these localities in the directions the Network seeks to encourage. This can mean *either* relatively significant institutional change and innovation in a progressive direction through planning; or less directly, the creation of ways that planners who define themselves as progressives can work within situations not directly supportive of their aims.

The documents and case histories are to be collected, indexed, and made generally available at cost by members of this project by means of the Network newsletter and other means.

This paper is to suggest guidelines for collection of documents and writing of case studies. It is not intended to be rigid and arbitrary, but rather to assist those involved.

I. Reasons for collecting documents and case studies

There is a need to explore local and community efforts at progressive planning. The basic rationale is that progressive planning will need to develop not as isolated efforts, but as a set of initiatives in many places—each learning from the others.

Documenting these situations can have several benefits. *First*, it will encourage people to know that others have successfully implemented policies and programs they are contemplating. *Second*, the reality of past examples helps overcome the resistance to implementing progressive planning strategies. *Third*, as more complete descriptions are gathered, it will lead to the dissemination of concretely useful ideas and practices to borrow. *Fourth*, illustrations of 'what not to do' can be just as useful in planning strategies and activities.

II. Central themes in progressive planning.

One major element of this new style of planning is the linkage between community and work issues. Community-Labor coalitions may be occasions to introduce planning and analysis as resources in political and organizing battles, more so than when these battles are fought on narrow bases.

Central to this is the role of individuals, organizations, and/or issues in serving as 'communication link-points.' Community groups and labor unions may be natural allies in many areas, but because there has been little tradition of joint work (as well as a history of mistrust and conflict), the logic of combined efforts is frequently not enough to insure its actuality.

Furthermore, progressive planning posits potentially new relationships and alliances with local and state governments. A simple adversary role or a model of government as the provider of local services or a simple advisory strategy is no longer sufficient to cope with the changing objective conditions. In many instances (plant closings, for example) cooperative efforts with local governmental bodies are crucial.

All of these are fairly recent aspects of planning. Their necessity is illustrated, perhaps, by the growing number of situations where progressive planning is being used. Unfortunately, much is not reported or recorded.

III. Documentation.

We seek documents that describe the development of progressive planning. These can include news clippings, ordinances and official announcements, policies and administrative instruments, working papers, and plans—in general, any items that would be useful to persons in other places seeking to learn from experience. Project members will collect, store, catalogue, and disseminate these materials as well as engage in dialog with document collectors as to what constitutes an appropriate and practical package describing local experience. Persons interested in document collection should contact any of the project members listed below.

IV. Case studies

In many cases, documentation can be elaborated into written case histories which organize the material into a form more easily accessible to other persons. We are thinking initially of typed, double-spaced copy of 5 to 50 pages, perhaps supplemented by documents.

In order to encourage and structure such efforts, we add the following points (without intending in any way to limit the perspectives of others):

a) Typically, writers of case histories try to see a complex experience as a process; that is, to examine its background and its structures and issues as they evolved over time. The best methodology is frequently trying to collect everything one can without trying to judge its value at the time. Then behind the fuss of detail and accidents of personality, record it in such a way as to discover the general issues which determined the events themselves.

b) This is necessarily vague because every instance is unique. Several questions do arise, however:

1. What were the goals of the participants at the outset? Who were the participants at the outset? Work place groups? Community groups? Local officials or politicians?

2. How did the particular situation evolve? How, when, and why was it defined as an issue or problem? By whom?

3. How did the issue become a progressive one? How did contact between community and labor groups occur? What channels existed or evolved? How successful were these channels in uniting the diverse local interests? What was the role of the local government in the process?

4. What changes in perception occurred in the course of the action? Did the workplace organizations move from narrow economic to political goals, for example? How did these changes affect the organizations themselves?

5. At what points did analysis and planning figure in the community/labor strategies? Where did it come from? What were the 'communication link-points'? Were planners (defined in a very loose sense) any use in the process?

6. What were the strategies, the techniques, procedures, etc.? Who participated in their planning and implementation?

7. What people and obstacles (social, economic, ideological, consciousness) did participants have to overcome to play roles in the issues? What were the barriers to progressive planning and how were they overcome?

8. What was the outcome? Success or failure? By what standards?

9. Reflections of participants. What social learning took place? What were the lessons for future action? What organizational forms continued?

V. Project members

The initial project members are:

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Other Network members are encouraged to join the project in what ever way possible.

Some project members (Pierre Clavel and Bob Kraushaar) and Network staff people (Andree Tremoulet and Chester Hartman) have given thought to how documents and case studies, once produced, might be distributed. Their idea is that, if funds can be raised, a part-time staff position in Washington or elsewhere would be useful to collect, copy, advertise and distribute documents produced by the project. We welcome comments on this idea and suggestions on where such a documentation center might be located.

7. Labor Support Project. Kevin McGuire reports that he is working with a slate of progressive candidates in their bid for the leadership of the United Mine Workers of America against Sam Church in the upcoming elections. The assistance of Network members with experience in public policy, natural resource development, and health and safety issues is needed to develop a progressive UMWA platform. Specifically, assistance is needed with developing progressive positions on the following topics:

- use of coal in non-traditional forms, leading towards soft-path energy development
- analysis of nuclear vs. coal options
- analysis of the provisions and consequences of the last two UMWA contracts
- impact of cutbacks in mine inspections
- impacts of reduction of miners' health protection
- unionization of Western states
- other topics

Anyone interested in working to develop the UMWA's progressive leadership platform should contact Kevin McGuire, RD Route 1, Holbrook, PA 15341.

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

9. What do PN Members need to be effective in Community Economic Development efforts? (from Donna Dyer)

"Since the conference in May, this working group has published a survey in PN #30 in an attempt to determine what skills PN members need to continue their work in community economic development. Only 15 survey forms have been received, all packed with good ideas. Please send in those forms as soon as possible, or call me with information.

Initially, this group was formed to identify skill needs and figure out ways to meet those needs. The survey has identified three major skill needs: financial, legal, and organizational management; getting funded; and community education. The next task of the group is designing a way to get good information and training materials to PN members. Several ideas have been proposed to the work group in a recent memo. If you want a copy of this memo, contact me.

Right now, any ideas are welcome, particularly from folks with time to work on the project as we move into the action phase."

(Donna Dyer, 3409 Hope Valley Rd. #9, Durham, NC, 27707, 919/493-6077 (h), and 919/549-0551 (w)).

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FORMS: Networkers active in this area are reminded to send in the form printed in Newsletter #30 ("Survey on What Network Members Need To Be Effective in Community Economic Development") to Donna Dyer as soon as possible (3409 Hope Valley Rd., #9, Durham, NC 27707). She has gotten only 15 forms back so far. (If you missed Newsletter #30 and want to get a form, contact Donna.)

11. Evaluation and Analysis Project (from Harvey Goldstein)

"The principal objective of this project is to share information with practitioners and other Network members about the use of analytic and evaluative techniques in practice. We are particularly interested in gathering case study material which documents in what circumstances/contexts particular techniques have provided valuable and reliable information for decision-making. Equally valuable are cases when the use of particular techniques has not been useful or has led to poor information. Examples of the types of techniques include, but are not limited to industry/enterprise selection techniques, community impact analyses, community income and employment forecasting techniques, financing techniques, feasibility analyses, and modes of strategic planning for community-based organizations.

Network members may become involved in the Project in several ways. We need to identify and document actual cases/experiences of the use of analytic and evaluative techniques as described above. At least letting us know whom to contact for further information would be of great help if you cannot devote the time yourself to writing a case study.

There is no standard format for writing up the case except that relevant aspects of the particular institutional/economic/political context should be described so that the extent of the generalizability of each case can be gauged. Appropriate lengths of the documented case studies may vary from about four to twenty pages, double-spaced typewritten. For students in planning schools taking courses in urban or community economic development, these case studies may be good term paper topics as well. Others tasks for which we will need help include editing submitted material and producing and disseminating an annual volume of case studies. The audience for this series would be both practitioners and students of community-based economic development.

People interested in participating in the project should contact Harvey Goldstein, Div. of Urban Planning, 410 Avery Hall, Columbia U., New York, N.Y. 10027 or call 212-280-3246/4268."

HOUSING

12. National Tenants Union: Political Education and Support Project (from Bill Allen)

"The National Tenants Union could use support in the form of articles for its companion publication, *Shelterforce*. Several topics are listed below. If you have existing articles on these subjects, copies should be sent in; if you are interested in writing an article, it would be best to send a brief outline for comment before doing any substantial work.

1. *Housing Courts*. There have been many types of such courts implemented; have they been successful? What is the ideal type of court reform to address housing disputes?

2. *Tax Increment Financing*. This method of financing has been used in some 'urban renewal' situations. How has this method of using increased tax revenue to pay off long term capital financing worked and whose interests does it serve?

3. *Tenant Management*. What model examples exist and how can such models be duplicated? What are the problems inherent in tenant management?

4. *Tenant-Created Co-ops*. What examples of successful cooperative housing ventures exist where the effort is initiated by grassroots organizations? What makes some such ventures work and others fail?

5. *International Housing Models*. What housing policies and programs exist in other capitalist countries, particularly in European ones with social democratic governments?

6. *Legal Action*. What are innovative forms of local municipal legal action that can be taken to address housing problems? These might include receivership, code enforcement, etc.

7. *State Housing Policy*. What are some examples of innovative and progressive housing policies enacted at the state level? A review of housing policies in British Columbia, which has a social democratic government, might be constructive.

The articles or outlines should be sent to: Woody Widrow, c/o Shelterforce, 380 Main St., East Orange, N.J. 07018.

There is a possibility such articles could become the basis for workshops at the annual conference of the National Tenants Union. The conference will likely be held in the late summer of 1982. As plans for the conference develop, a more detailed invitation for Planners Network support will be made. Bill Allen, P.O. Box 5865, Santa Monica, CA 90405."

13. Progressive Housing Reader

Emily Achtenberg, Rachel Bratt, Chester Hartman and Ann Meyerson have produced a rough conceptual outline, which they are in the process of refining (following a meeting three of them held in Boston over Thanksgiving). As soon as possible
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this has been re-drafted (mid-December), it will be sent out to the 20 or so Network members who have indicated on their returned Roster forms an interest in helping out with this Project. With their input and help, work will begin in earnest in preparing the reader for publication.

For further information, contact Rachel Bratt at the Tufts Univ. Dept. of Urban & Environmental Studies, Medford, MA 02155.

14. Alternative Development and Financing Mechanisms (from Marilyn Duker)

"This Project Group will explore alternative housing development and financing mechanisms such as tax exempt bonds, use of public monies, tax abatements or other tax arrangements, use of pension funds or other institutional sources of funds, use of the secondary mortgage market. Relevant articles, ideas, or descriptions of applicable experiences in housing development should be sent to Marilyn Duker, 120 Grant Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912 for distribution to the group. We will publish an annotated bibliography in the Network Newsletter and eventually hope to distribute this information as a resource to interested housing and community groups. If you would like to be added to the mailing list or are willing to help review and annotate articles, please contact me. If you are writing a paper or developing a proposal and would like comments from the group, I will circulate them to the mailing list. Any ideas regarding other purposes this group might serve at this stage would be welcome."

15. Research in Women and Housing

Jackie Leavitt (Div. Urban Planning, Columbia U., NYC 10027) reports that the Women and Housing Task Force has begun to exchange information about the types of projects they have been involved in that support the development of housing programs and designs from a progressive feminist perspective. From this they intend to begin developing ideas for projects which they could undertake as a group.

17. Popularization of Network Position Paper on Housing and Neighborhoods

France Price (11 Lakeville Rd., Jamaica Plains, MA 02130) reports that the purpose of this project is to produce a pamphlet which would explain the Network Policy Paper on Housing in a manner which would be appropriate for distributing to a broader audience. Initial distribution possibilities include tenants organizations and housing advocacy groups. She needs:

- examples of short pamphlets that explain housing problems which could be used as examples for this project
- suggestions on how to make the pamphlet available—e.g., names of organizations or events through which it could be distributed.

In the future she will need the help of people skilled in graphics to help design the pamphlet.

18. Competitions and Exhibits to Promote Development of Innovative Approaches to Housing Design, Development, and Financing

Jackie Leavitt reports that the Housing Competitions Group has begun to gather information about competitions held by other organizations as a basis for creating the Network-sponsored competition. They have found out about competitions being held in New Jersey; California; Danbury, Connecticut; and Stockholm, Sweden (a competition for designs for congregate living). The group has also begun to look into funding sources for a Network-sponsored competition.

The group would like to use the competition format to support innovative approaches to housing design that involve the work of multidisciplinary teams of planners, architects, sociologists, artists, and community activists.

The group would like to know about any competitions you may have encountered. Please send the details to Jackie Leavitt, Div. of Urban Planning, Columbia U., Avery Hall, NYC, NY 10027.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

19. Carrying out Network Affirmative Action Principles.

Jackie Pope reports that she has been contacted by a woman who is currently teaching a course on affirmative action to undergraduates. This January they plan to begin work on developing curriculum materials useful to planning educators. If you are interested in working on this project, or if you have ideas about the kinds of materials needed, contact Jackie Pope, Avery Hall, Urban Planning Div., Columbia U., NYC, NY 10027.

REINDUSTRIALIZATION AND URBAN POLICY

20. Reindustrialization and Urban Policy Information Collection. The original aim of this project was very modest: to collect a few useful papers on reindustrialization and urban policy, give them to Congressman Ron Dellums' office, and circulate them among those who contributed their own or others' papers. In this "first round," only four participated. The next step could be the collection, by the original "send-in" process, or by the coordinator ransacking his or her files, of a more complete set of material, and the subsequent circulation, at cost, of that material among us.

However, there are a number of problems. First, the volume of such material is by now enormous, so it would cost participants well over \$20 even for a limited set. Second, the project is a duplication of what the other reindustrialization and urban policy groups will need to do anyway. Action-oriented groups can better meet Dellums' office requests for ideas and material than an "information collection" group. Thirdly, I am leaving the U.S., and cannot do any more coordination. If we are to continue, someone else will need to take up the baton as coordinator. I think the better course of action is to fold our function into the "New Economic Planning Program" group, since the possibility of an economic planning bill was the stimulus for our project anyway. (David Wilmoth, 9 El Portal Court, Berkeley, CA 94708.)

21. National Economic Planning (from Derek Shearer)

"The Task Force has not taken any formal action since the Washington conference, but there are some activities in the works related to national economic planning and economic policy.

The major fall activity involving Task Force members is a Conference on Economic Dislocation, held in Los Angeles on November 6 and 7, organized primarily by Goetz Wolf at UCLA's Planning School. [See report on this conference elsewhere in the Newsletter.]

It is anticipated that ongoing political and research work, at least in California, will grow out of this conference, perhaps focusing on a plant closing bill in the California legislature. Barry Bluestone and Bennett Harrison are in the final stages of completing a revised edition of their important study, *Capital and Communities*, for publication by Basic Books sometime in 1982.

In late October, a conference was held in Portland, Oregon, on a Progressive Agenda for labor and leftwing Democrats in that state. Oregon currently has an unemployment rate of 10% and certain areas of the state are above that. Derek Shearer spoke at the conference. For information on the ongoing activities of this group, write: Oregon Progressive Agenda, 2814 N.E. 16th Ave., Portland, OR 97212.

An important working conference on national industrial policy is being planned for Washington, D.C. on January 13. The lead organizer is Mark Green, a former Nader aide and Congressional candidate, who now heads the Democracy Project. The conference is being sponsored by the Project and the Progressive Caucus of the House staff. Speakers will include: Lester Thurow, Barry Bluestone, Ben Harrison, Stuart Holland, Jeff Faux, and Michael Kieschnik. For information on the conference, and to receive the conference flyer, write: Democracy Project, 595 Madison Ave., Suite 1303, New York, NY 10022, (Tel. 212/753-5000.)

On publications by or about Networkers related to economic planning, the fall issue of *Working Papers* has an excellent article on Felix Rohatyn's plans for reviving the Northeast, by Al Watkins, who teaches government at the Univ. of Texas.

The October 26, 1981 issue of *Business Week* contains a special report on 'State and Local Government in Trouble,' which discusses the economic impact of Reaganomics on cities and states and proposes new policies to deal with the fiscal crisis. This issue of *BW* also contains a four-page 'Letter from Santa Monica' reporting on the activities of that progressive-majority city council and their efforts to win planning agreements from major developers. The December issue of *Mother Jones* magazine also contains an article on Santa Monica, one friendlier in tone. *Social Policy* magazine in its next issue (late fall or early winter) will devote considerable space to the experience of progressive city governments in the U.S. Pierre Clavel has co-authored a study of the Hartford and Berkeley experiences for this issue, and Derek Shearer has written a long report on, 'How the Progressives Won in Santa Monica.' The November 3 (or thereabouts) issue of *The Nation* is a special issue on one year of Reaganism and it includes articles by Martin Carnoy and Derek Shearer on Reaganomics and by Frances Piven and Richard Cloward on Reagan's policies on welfare and the poor. Finally, Pantheon Books this fall published two excellent books, one by Alan Wolfe called *America's Impasse: The End of the Politics of Growth*, and one by Ira Katznelson, *City Trenches: Urban Politics and the Patterning of Class in the United States*. Both are relevant to the work of the Task Force on Economic Planning.

As one can see, the 'work' of the Task Force is getting done informally and through joint activities with other groups and individuals. This is probably not the more desirable way to go about things, but at the moment it seems to be the only way to get work done, given the meager resources of the Network. Any suggestions for more formal activities are always appreciated."

STUDENT ORGANIZING

22. Student Organizing—Who We Are (from Priscilla Cobb)

"The 'Who We Are' Student Organizing Committee Project is underway. The new PN roster will indicate who are student members. The second part of this project involves compiling a list of progressive planning student organizations

at various schools and making this list available to current and prospective planning students. Information on organizations would provide longer-term contacts than the names of students who come and go. The list could be used by planning students to arrange exchanges or visits between planning schools, to exchange research papers or bibliographies, or by planners thinking of returning to school.

We would like student members of PN to send us some information about any progressive student organization at your department, including the following:

- how long has it been in existence?
- how many current members?
- what is its function?
- how often does it meet?
- what connections does it have with outside groups?
- does it have the support of the department faculty? the administration?
- does its history include more or less active periods?
- what are its current projects?
- and anything else you can think of.

Please send this information to Priscilla Cobb, Dept. of City and Regional Planning, UNC Bldg. 033A Chapel Hill, NC 27514, as soon as possible. The Student Organizing Committee will compile the information and make it available to PN members through the Newsletter. Also write if you're interested in helping with this project or have suggestions about how to proceed."

23. Student Comm. Speakers' Bureau: About 20 responses have been received to the request for Network members interested in giving talks at university planning departments. These will be collated and distributed to student and faculty contacts in the Network. If you are interested in being on this list, either fill out the form in Newsletter #30 or contact directly the project coordinator, Vincent LeVeque, 418 Pier Ave. #101, Santa Monica, CA 90405.

24. Student Paper and Bibliography Exchange

Nan Laurence reports that a system for sharing information on student research is being established and needs willing hands at planning schools to help out. Here's how the system has been proposed to work: information on student papers, bibliographies, and research will be collected periodically (perhaps each semester or annually by volunteers at each participating school). This information (basically an index card bearing the title, author, topic, length, and estimated reproduction cost for each document) will be sent to Nan, who will compile the information as a bibliography which will be made available to students, academics, and other interested people through a notice in the Network Newsletter. Anyone wanting a copy of the document listed in the Bibliography of Student Research would contact the author directly and negotiate reproduction and postage costs.

Nan needs volunteers at planning schools to be "contact people" for the project. This job would entail collecting information about research from students at your school. If you volunteer, she will provide you with further information about the particulars. Contact: Nan Laurence, 288 Harvard St., Cambridge, MA 02139.

25. Brochure for Incoming Students

John Simonds reports that a draft of a flyer introducing PN to students has been prepared. The brochure provides basic information about PN, student projects, and the student organizing committee. Copies of the brochure, a copy of the most recent Newsletter, and additional descriptive material will be sent out as a packet to Network contacts in planning schools in time for the beginning of next semester. For further information, contact John Simonds, 400 W. 119th St. #14C, NYC, NY 10027.

(NB: Andree Tremoulet of the Network Steering Committee undertook to collate and compile this set of initial project reports. It was a tremendous task, for which we're all in her debt. This was one of several Network tasks she undertook at our office during a month she had free, just prior to beginning a full-time job in Roanoke, VA. If any of you have a free week, few days, or whatever and can help us out with some of our major organizational tasks, we'd love to have you. At this point in our growth, we can't afford any full-time staff, and so one-shot inputs of the type Andree just has provided are the only way we'll be able to move ourselves along effectively. If you want to come to DC and work here, we probably can arrange for free housing someplace; or some tasks can be done from wherever you are.)

Local Chapter Meetings

• Bay Area Planners Network

Contacts:

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Bob Heifitz, 330 Union St., SF, CA 94133, 415/982-6926
Marie Kennedy, 3328 24th St., SF, CA 94110, 415/285-5285
Ann Märkusen, Dept. City & Reg. Planning, UC, Berkeley, CA 94720, 415/642-3256.

The Bay Area Planners Network is conducting a series of forums as a vehicle for PN organizing locally. They report, "Our plan is to get together on a series of Friday evenings throughout the year to socialize, to hear one or several practicing planners talk about their work, and to communicate news about and to the new national Planners Network organization. This fall, to start off the series, we [held] three meetings at the Univ. of California. While the setting is academic (a matter of convenience only), the floor will go to Bay Area planners and community activists who are trying to pursue progressive strategies in their work. We hope that we can find another non-academic setting for future meetings, perhaps in San Francisco or the South Bay. We will be offering beer and wine for a donation." Topics at the monthly meetings (the last was December 11) include: 'Guns vs. Butter at the Local Level/Social Services vs. Police and Fire,' 'Local Economic Development: Is Small Business the Answer,' and 'Housing and Neighborhoods: A Discussion Of the Draft Statement of the Planners Network.'

• Atlanta

Nicki Belville, with the help of some Ga. Tech people, is arranging a regional meeting of Network people for sometime in February. If you are interested in attending, want to help set it up, or have topics for discussion, get in touch with her at: 734 Argonne Ave. N.E., #3, Atlanta, GA 30308, 404/874-7886.

• New York Area Planners Network

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The New York Area Planners Network continues its series of monthly speakers, which it co-sponsors with the Forum on Architecture, Planning and Society and the Center for Human Environments. Topics for the fall meeting included discussions with Frank Barbero, the Unity Party mayoral candidate and Andy Metcalf, author of *Slump City: The Politics of Mass Unemployment*, a report on the Planners Network National Conference, and a "boisterous fundraiser." In January, they will begin "Land At Six," a monthly series of speakers whose topics range from land markets, land fills, land banking, to "land of enterprise" (urban enterprise zones). Land at Six will be presented on the third Friday of each month at 6 pm at the third floor studio of the City University Graduate School, 33 W. 42nd St. Wine and snacks will be served post-forum, and the hat will be passed.

• Boston Area Planners Network

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The Boston PN met on September 24; approximately 35 in attendance, including many new to the Network. Agenda included viewing of the film "Tighten Your Belts, Bite the Bullet," discussion of the May conference, and planning for local chapter activities. There was not much interest in participating in national projects; however, many seemed enthusiastic about possible local projects which might become the focus for a future chapter identity. Subcommittees were formed to deal with: 1) student outreach, including presentations to local planning schools; 2) support for progressive local city council candidates—a fundraising/support letter for David Scondras, a Boston housing activist with a good shot at a Council seat, was drafted by several PN members and sent to 250 or so local planners; 3) preparation of a resource/skills bank list from the local membership to be made available to community groups; and 4) future PN forums, to be held at least bi-monthly. We will be co-sponsoring a forum/discussion with Ruth Goldway (Mayor of Santa Monica) later in November, along with DSOC/NAM.

• Triangle Planners Network

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Thirteen planners met on Sunday, November 22, in Durham for lunch and discussion about Planners Network, the future of our local chapter, and the consequences of some of the cutbacks in federal spending. The group spanned several aspects of planning: health, housing, environment, transportation, and economic development. A short summary of the meeting follows.

Thoughts about the formalization of Planners Network

The whole group stressed the importance of continuing the Newsletter as a vehicle for mutual support and sharing of information, although recent issues have focussed primarily

on organizational matters. As we create a more formal structure, PN should not forget its initial purpose. Formalization should allow those who so desire to become more involved in organizational issues, while encouraging other members to maintain their current level of involvement. The PN organization should be a hub or contact point for planners working at the local level to communicate through or gain support from. The group felt that the political climate for community groups and planners is such that PN should not exclude anybody with progressive ideas, and should in fact do more outreach like the presence and presentations at APA conferences. Also, as the organization becomes more formal, it should not become less participatory; whenever possible, non-Steering Committee members should be involved in organizational planning and decision-making.

Some specific ideas for Planners Network

1. In the next issue of PN, encourage members to get back to the practice of reporting local activities or individual interests [amen—CH]. In recent issues, fewer Networkers have done this.

2. Some members of the network with more free time may want to become their locality's recorder or reporter of local activities to PN.

3. Many other clearinghouse newsletters have been cut or have lost their progressive focus, and PN could provide that type of clearinghouse, even using students or shorttimers to survey membership about local activities around a specific topic.

Thoughts on our local chapter

Most of the meetings concentrated on ideas for our local chapter. Some of them were:

1. providing emergency planning information for neighborhood groups on a one-shot basis, helping them through critical times;

2. putting on a workshop at the spring North Carolina APA meeting;

3. possibly developing workshop modules on planning topics similar to the community economic development workshops by Triangle Planners Network, Inc., [see report elsewhere in this Newsletter] in an attempt to introduce people to planning who are currently excluded;

4. doing studies and providing staff support for progressive elected officials;

5. thinking more about how planners and community leaders can interact;

6. getting more planners involved in Planners Network.

The group did not establish a mechanism for accomplishing these ideas, but some interest was expressed in having quarterly meetings.

After lunch, the group discussed federal policy toward state and local governments, centering around an article in *Business Week*, "State and Local Governments in Trouble," (October 26, 1981).

• Washington Area Planners Network

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The first meeting of the Washington Area Planners Network since the national conference was held November

12. The sixteen planners who attended discussed the following topics:

1. How we can support the newly-formed national organization

2. Local projects

3. National projects

Support for the National Organization initially will take the form of assisting with project support and office work at the national office (e.g., processing roster forms, helping with mailings). Have time to contribute, either on a one-shot basis or regularly? Contact Chester Hartman at 234-9382.

Local Projects occupied most of the evening's discussion time. Topics included:

1. **Tenant Solidarity Day**—tenant organizations in DC are moving to form a DC-wide tenants organization. A number of Network members planned to go to the November 21 rally with the thought of finding out what kind of support the local PN chapter might offer such an organization.

2. **Impact of Housing Voucher System on Local Governments**—Frank DeGiovanni just completed an analysis of the probable impact of implementing a housing voucher system on the Housing Authority of NYC [see report elsewhere in this Newsletter]. Prentice Bowsher is going to get a copy of the report and investigate the possibility of replicating their methodology for Washington. Are other local chapters interested in doing this?

3. **National Enterprise Zone**—The DC government is accepting testimony on local regulations which would lay the groundwork for establishing an Enterprise Zone in DC. A committee was formed to review and discuss the legislation and prepare testimony before the City Council meeting. Mitt Regan and Rick Rybeck, who have been following the issue for some time, were to present testimony in behalf of the local PN chapter.

4. **Discussion about other projects**—The group discussed other ways they could tie into progressive issues and organizations at the local level in DC. Ideas included setting up a technical assistance service for local groups, organizing a speaker series, preparing a "who's who" directory of local groups and people for DC. Discussion on these and other topics will continue at the next meeting of the DC chapter, scheduled for December 9 at IPS.

Have we missed your meeting? If you have had or plan to have a local chapter meeting of Planners Network and would like to inform others about what is going on in your area, write to us. It will be in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Student Organizing

—a report from the Student Organizing Committee, compiled by Priscilla Cobb, UNC—Chapel Hill

The Student Organizing Committee has begun to hear from planning departments around the country which are organizing introductory PN meetings. The results follow. We are hoping to gather some more detailed information on the level of interest, as well as recruits for specific projects, and a roster of interested persons at each department. We hope to establish links among planning schools and to involve students from different parts of the country in the on-going projects. Write to Priscilla Cobb at the Department of City and Regional Planning, UNC Bldg. 033A, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 if you have information about an introductory PN meeting or need assistance (materials, ideas, or contacts) in organizing one.

• On November 10 planning students at the **University of Washington** in Seattle met to discuss what links they might make with PN. Sixteen students attended. Judy Stoloff, a local planner who was at the National Conference, began the meeting by briefly explaining the Network's history, purpose, and current activity. They then turned to the main question: What could student members focus on at the University of Washington? The effect of severe University-wide budget cuts on the Planning Department, student involvement in faculty review, and curriculum reform were among the issues that dominated much of the meeting, revealing a strong underlying concern about the planning program at the University. However, a more appropriate forum for these concerns appeared to be the neglected Planning Student Association meetings. The Network was suggested as being more useful as 1) a means for students to meet like-minded planning professionals, 2) a job-hunting resource, and 3) a means of creating public interest projects that students could plug into. Also, it was questioned whether a separate student Network chapter was needed at all. Students can simply participate in the regular Seattle Network organization, bringing with them their particular interests, skills, energy, and resources. (From Peter Millman)

• A local PN group at **UC Berkeley** has taken a topically oriented approach. They have begun a series of forums, partly intended to introduce PN to students, while also involving practitioners. (From Ann Markusen)

• At **Georgia Tech.** in Atlanta, students plan to organize an introductory PN meeting next semester, perhaps in conjunction with a weekend conference. (From Jay Stein and Nicki Belville)

• Students at **Cornell** were planning to have a meeting in November. (From Bill Goldsmith)

• **Iowa State** students were planning to hold a meeting in mid-November and had contacted local PN people to help. (From Jennifer Pearson)

• Students organized a meeting at **UCLA** in September. (From Vince Le Veque and John Friedman)

• Students at **California State University at Fresno** are organizing a meeting for next semester. (From Larry Sheehy)

• **Tufts** and **Harvard** are working to organize student chapters. They are familiar with the history of the Network and the objectives set at the National Conference, and have been working with local PN members Ken Geiser, Rachel Bratt, and Rob Hollister. The initial focus has been on forming study groups at each school and holding joint meetings from time to time. They hope these meetings will lead to concrete projects in research and community organizing. They want to coordinate their efforts with other student groups and with the Student Organizing Committee. (From Edward Feiger, Tufts)

• At **Columbia**, most of the energy for student organizing and activism had been directed towards fighting the proposed disruption of their planning program. (See Columbia article in this Newsletter or the previous one for details.) "We have been inundated with meetings," John Simonds reports. Next semester they intend to devote time at one of their meetings to Network concerns. In the meantime, students can find out about Planners Network through a bulletin board given over to Network information. (From John Simonds)

• At the **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**, Radical Planning Alternatives, a student organization, has discussed PN at several of its meetings. In addition, in November PN held a local meeting which students helped to

organize and attended. (See report of this meeting in "Local Chapters" section of this Newsletter.) (From Priscilla Cobb)

• Students at the **University of Cincinnati** have expressed interest in PN, and have written in for additional information.

PLANNING SCHOOL TRIPS: From Steering Committee member Nicki Belville (734 Argonne Ave. NE, #3, Atlanta, GA 30308): "Just a note to describe two programs for students at Georgia Tech's Planning Program. In April, 1980 and September, 1981 Ga. Tech students went on trips to other cities in the surrounding area for two-day planning conferences. The 1980 trip was to Savannah, the 1981 trip was to Charleston, S.C. Students met with local planners, government officials and community leaders. Both events were coordinated by a Ga. Tech professor and student assistant doing set-up work in Atlanta, and by a Ga. Tech graduate/planner doing the scheduling of speakers, times and locations in the city visited. Between 15 and 20 students and faculty went on both trips. The conferences were valuable educational experiences that exposed the students to professionals and a new city and its problems.

The other program was again, a two-day conference for students, but with a twist. In October of 1980 and 1981, Ga. Tech sponsored conferences for planning students from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. The 1980 conference was on Housing in Atlanta and the 1981 conference was on Transportation in Atlanta. These conferences were also valuable experiences. One of the highlights was the interaction of the two student groups and their exploration of the myths surrounding the two schools' programs—Ga. Tech's 'pragmatic, technical' approach and UNC's 'abstract, theoretical' approach to planning.

Both programs are described here to encourage this type of planning education. They take a commitment, coordination, hard work and faculty support.

Steering Committee Report

The Steering Committee has now approved a set of operating procedures. These are reprinted below, so everyone will be cognizant of how we operate (in theory at least). Any Network member who would like to be on the mailing list to receive intra-Steering Committee memos (the only regular way we communicate with one another and decide things—apart from ad hoc meetings of members who happen to be in a given city for a conference or other event, and whenever there is a Planners Network national conference) should let us know, and we'll add you to the list. Also, if you have any comments on this document, let us know—it's all open to change, if need be.

1. Membership

1.1 Composition

1.1.1. The Planners Network Steering Committee shall consist of not more than *twenty-five* (25) persons.

1.1.2 It is the policy of the Planners Network that the composition of the Steering Committee (SC) shall reflect the *diversity* of the Network in terms of gender, race, occupation, location, and area of interest.

1.1.3 The *National Chairperson* shall be, *ex officio*, a voting member of the SC. The Chairperson shall be elected by the membership at the national conference.

1.2 Term

1.2.1 The term of membership on the SC shall be *two years*, with elections taking place on a *staggered* basis so that half of the SC positions shall be open each year.

1.2.2. For the *initial term* only, in order to create the staggered system, SC members shall serve terms of *two* or *three years*, being divided into two equal groups by lot.

1.3 Election

1.3.1 The Executive Committee (see section 3 below) of the SC shall appoint a *nominating committee* of eight people, four from within the SC and four Network members selected from volunteers recruited through the Newsletter or other sources.

1.3.2 The Nominating Committee shall propose a *slate* of candidates at the outset of the national conference (or through the Newsletter or other vehicle in the event a national conference is not held).

1.3.3 During the course of the national conference *additional nominations* may be made to members of the nominating committee, which shall at their discretion add names to the slate before the slate comes before the floor for a vote.

1.3.4 The slate elected at the conference shall leave several *open slots* from the full SC complement of twenty five, leaving the SC room to add members recruited later to improve balanced representation within the SC.

2. Voting

2.1 A *quorum* of two-thirds the current membership of the SC shall be required for a vote.

2.2 When a quorum is present, a *simple majority* of those voting (one half plus one) shall carry.

2.3 SC voting may be *implemented* at a meeting where a quorum is present; or by mailed ballot; or by telephone poll by the National Chairperson.

2.4 In the event of a *tie vote*, the first recourse shall be to a revote; the second recourse shall be to a negotiating conference with representatives of contending viewpoints followed by another revote. If there still is a tie, the National Chairperson may break the tie or decide to refer the matter to the next national conference.

3. Executive Committee

3.1 Membership

3.1.1. The Executive Committee (EC) shall consist of *four* people: the National Chairperson plus three members of the SC elected by the SC.

3.1.2 To assure continuity, the three members shall have staggered terms. In the event the persons chosen by the SC have identical terms, a minimal rearrangement of terms among SC members will be effectuated, by lot, to ensure the desired overlap.

3.1.3 For the *initial EC term*, two members shall serve three-year terms and one member a two-year term, as determined by lot.

(3.1.3a The three people proposed for the initial EC are Emily Achtenberg, Bob Beauregard and Judy Kossy.)

3.1.4 In the event of a tie vote of the EC, the matter will be referred to the SC for resolution.

3.2 Role

3.2.1 The EC shall speak for the Planners Network in situations where the need for a *quick response* precludes polling the SC (e.g. sponsorship of demonstrations, comment on a new pronouncement from the President or HUD, etc.)

3.2.2 The EC shall make decisions on all *routine* items not requiring full SC attention, including one-time

expenditures up to \$500.

3.2.3 The EC shall propose an itemized *annual budget* for approval by the SC.

3.2.4 The EC shall appoint a *nominating committee* to propose a SC slate as per item 1.3.1 above.

4. *Steering Committee Responsibilities*

4.1.1 The SC is responsible for overseeing implementation of all Network policies decided at the national conference.

4.1.2 The SC is responsible for final approval and overseeing implementation of all policies not fully reviewed and approved at the national conference.

4.1.3 The SC is responsible for approving projects initiated by members between national conferences.

4.2 Budget: The SC is responsible for evaluating and approving the annual budget and for approving all Network expenditures above \$500 and all non-routine expenditures of less than \$500 referred to it by the EC.

4.3 SC Membership: the SC is responsible for adding to the elected membership to improve balanced representation as per item 1.3.4 above and for replacing SC members who resign or are otherwise unable to complete a term.

4.4 EC Membership: The SC is responsible for electing three SC members to serve on the EC with the National Chairperson, and for replacing any EC members who resign or are otherwise unable to complete their term.

4.5 Recruitment: The SC is responsible for an active recruitment effort to improve the balance and diversity of the Network as a whole.

4.6 National Conference: The SC is responsible for establishing an agenda and handling logistics for national Network conferences.

4.7 Local Chapters

4.7.1 The SC is responsible for promoting, assisting, and supporting the establishment of local chapters of the Planners Network.

4.7.2 The SC is responsible for recognizing local chapters of the Planners Network based on their stated agreement with Network principles and purposes and a description of local interests, membership, and anticipated activities including requested support from the SC.

4.8 Fundraising: The SC is responsible for active fundraising efforts including member contributions, organizational finances, and project funding.

4.9 Publications: The SC is responsible for continued publication of the Newsletter plus such other pamphlets, reports, articles, etc. issued by the Network and its working project committees.

4.10 Press Contacts: The SC is responsible, on a national and local level for compiling, developing, and maintaining contact lists in the print and broadcast media.

4.11 Liaison

4.11.1 The SC monitors conferences and events of other groups and recommends appropriate Network participation.

4.11.2 The SC maintains contact with other progressive groups and organizations.

4.12 National Office: The SC supports and assists the following activities of the national office:

4.12.1 Newsletter.

4.12.2 Budget: collection, accounting, disbursement.

4.12.3 Membership management and roster updates.

4.12.4 Subcommittee work.

4.12.5 Maintenance of schedule of Network activities, deadlines, etc.

4.12.6 Maintenance of Network files.

4.12.7 Development of information clearinghouse.

Events

CONFERENCES:

A "CUTBACKS CONFERENCE" is being organized in NYC for Jan. 21-22, by SEIU, District 1199, AFSCME, the Consumer Coalition for Health, and Health/PAC. The conference will be held at District 1199, 310 W. 43 St., NYC. There will be no admission or charge, nor will travel money be available.

While health issues will be emphasized, many of the topics are generalizable to other areas. Topics to be covered are: state lobbying strategies; impact analysis strategies; block grant monitoring techniques; alternative budgeting techniques; alternative health care delivery systems; responses to medicaid cuts. Other topic areas may arise between now and January. Participants are asked to bring with them a short strategy paper describing the work they are doing. These papers will be edited into a manual that will be distributed nationally.

For further information, contact Network member Peter Medoff, c/o Health/PAC, 17 Murray St., NYC 10007.

"Public/Private Partnership in Urban Development Financing" will be held Jan. 13-15 at Georgia Tech. in Atlanta. It's co-sponsored by HUD Region IV and the Continuing Education Program at Ga. Tech. Further information from the latter, Atlanta, GA 30332, 404/894-2400.

EX-CONFERENCES:

"Newark in the 80s" was held Oct. 14 at Essex County College. It was a follow-up to "An Assessment of Newark, 1976-77", and was designed to exchange information and experience among community groups, academics and others. Further information from Network member Stanley Winters, NJ Inst. of Technology, 323 High St., Newark 07102.

"Energy + the City" was held Nov. 13-14 at UC-Berkeley. Information from Urban Ecology, 1939 Cedar St., Berkeley, CA 94709.

A REPORT ON THE WESTERN INTERNATIONAL CONF. ON ECONOMIC DISLOCATION (announced in the last newsletter), by Phil Shapira (City Planning Dept., UC-Berkeley) and Anne Lawrence (Labor Center, UC-Berkeley):

On November 6-8, over 550 people gathered in Los Angeles to attend the Western International Conference on Economic Dislocation. This conference brought together unions, religious groups, and community organizations for a three-day discussion on how to fight the epidemic of plant closings and layoffs now affecting California and the West Coast. Trade unionists from Mexico participated in the conference, as did many people associated with the Planners Network.

The context for the conference was the worsening problem of plant closures in the West. In California, according to the state's Employment Development Department (EDD), over 220,000 workers have lost their jobs in the last thirty-six months because of closings and layoffs. Workers in the auto, steel, lumber, and rubber industries have been particularly hard hit. Major shutdowns have included Firestone (1470 jobs), Goodyear (1580), General Motors South Gate (3600), and Ford Pico Rivera (2300) in the Los Angeles area; Mack Trucks in Hayward (1200); Colgate-Palmolive in Berkeley (400); Firestone in Salinas (1600); and Piper Aircraft in Santa Maria (1000).

In the latest round of announced shutdowns are General Electric's flatiron plant in Ontario, Kaiser Steel's Fontana Works, and the Spreckles Sugar Refinery in Salinas. And, as EDD officials recently told a legislative committee, 'another wave of plant closings or major layoffs' is likely in the near future as the recession deepens.

At the conference, workers spoke about the grim personal stories behind these statistics. Ralph Miranda, from the International Woodworkers (IWA) Local in McCloud, told of the shuttered main streets in the small lumber towns which dot Northern California. Twenty years ago, over 500 mills operated in the area. Today, only 20 are still open. In many communities, unemployment is now over 50% and, in just two years, IWA has lost nearly one-third of its members. 'The shutdowns have put our whole town out of business,' Miranda said.

Others spoke of increased drug and alcohol problems, family break-ups, and premature death. 'In the three years before the shutdown at Mack,' former UAW steward Louis Quindlen reported, 'we had only one death among our members. In the four months since the shutdown, we've had four. This is not just an economic issue. It's a moral issue. The lives of our brothers and sisters are at stake.'

Dolores Howard, a member of United Electrical (UE) Local 1012 in Ontario, reported on the chaos General Electric's closure announcement has caused in Ontario. 'We have 250 workers, over 50 with back injuries. Where are they going to find jobs? What is going to happen to these families?'

Barry Bluestone, one of the keynote speakers at the Conference, stressed that plant closures were a national problem affecting all regions. He said that this wave of closures had to be related to the current attacks on the gains of organized labor and cutbacks in local revenues and non-defense programs. In an era of high global overcapacity in certain industries (auto, steel, and increasingly in micro-electronics), management's strategy was one of shifting its capital to increase profits and put pressure on the social wage. Bluestone noted that management now has the technology to be 'community free'—to play off workers and areas against each other.

Harley Shaiken, a MIT researcher, argued that the problem would worsen in the near future because of a 'massive infusion of new technology.' This new technology, based around the micro-processor, would threaten jobs, degrade working conditions, and further facilitate global production. A 'technology bill of rights' was needed, Shaiken argued, which linked the introduction of new technology to social and community concerns.

Other speakers from the church and labor unions spoke of the need to fight closures and develop new economic, social, and legislative policies. Political support for this fight came from state legislators, from Congressman Gus Hawkins, and from Ed Asner—TV's 'Lou Grant'.

After the main Conference ended, a smaller group of about 100 people met to develop plans for follow-up organization and action. It was decided to form a statewide steering committee composed of representatives from local action coalitions around California and from the border area. This committee would work with coalitions in the other West Coast states. The committee was mandated to develop proposals for a formal statewide organization over the next six months.

The follow-up sessions also defined several major project areas of work. These included working for state plant closings legislation in California, developing international links with workers in Mexico and other countries, strengthening contacts with other plant closing coalitions in the U.S., and supporting alternative economic development strategies.

It was also agreed that state and local groups should support direct campaigns by workers and communities to reverse individual company shutdown decisions. 'If there's one thing that would really help build this movement, it's a victory,' said Rick DeGolia, former chief steward at the now closed Colgate-Palmolive plant in Berkeley. 'If we could show them in just one place that we can stop a plant from shutting down, it would give our movement a terrific boost.'

The Conference was remarkable for the very broad coalition of labor, religious, and community groups it brought together. Moreover, unlike many conferences, this one ended with a clear plan of action. A comprehensive strategy of direct activity, legislation, alternative economic development, national and international co-ordination, and increased organization of unorganized workers and communities was defined. An interim organizational structure was also set up. In several areas in California (including Los Angeles, Ontario, the Bay Area, and the Northern counties) local action coalitions exist to take up this strategy. The task now is to strengthen these coalitions and help develop additional groups through the state.

[For further information, contact the Western International Conference at: 514 W. Adams Blvd., LA 90007, (213) 747-1522]."

Once again, we urge Networkers who attend interesting conferences to write them up for the Newsletter.

Columbia Update

We received copies of lots of supergood letters sent to Columbia's Provost and Architecture Dean protesting the firing of the six non-tenured members of the Urban Planning Division. In addition, at its October meetings in Washington, the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning agreed to try to intervene. Things are still in the negotiation stage, and looking somewhat promising. We'll keep everyone posted.

Anent the Columbia story is the following communication from Linda Moshontz, Chair of the Planning Student Assn. at the Univ. of Washington, Seattle:

"The story of the 'Avery 6' hits home to me because we at the University of Washington are now faced with the likelihood of having our tenured faculty fired. The University has called a financial emergency, which allows for the termination of professors and the elimination of programs. The College of Architecture and Urban Planning has been hit harder than most colleges, and the Planning Department, like that of Columbia University, is being particularly burdened

with the budget cuts. The effect, also like Columbia, is turning planning back to its architectural/physical design concentration.

Specific professors and programs have not been cut as of this letter so any type of pressure in the form of either letters or phone calls would be helpful. Please address your support of the Planning Department to: President Gerberding, 30 Administration, Mailstop AH-30, Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195, (206) 543-5010.

The ability to rally in support of these University planning schools is essential to more than those directly affiliated with the universities, and reflects some current sentiment that is damaging to our profession. Thank you for any help you can offer."

□ SOME USEFUL OBSERVATIONS ON THE COLUMBIA SITUATION FROM TOM ANGOTTI (c/o Rosnick, 2723 Diamond St., SF, CA 94131), who taught in the Columbia Urban Planning Div. until last year: "I want to express my most sincere thanks to the many friends and colleagues who encouraged me to stay at the Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture and Planning and helped reverse the attempts to fire me last year. After I made the decision this spring to move to California for a year, the petition urging the administration to extend me a contract on my return was greatly appreciated, and a definite incentive for me to come back in 1982.

But the purpose of this letter is not to dwell on my relationship with Columbia University. The recent firing of seven junior faculty members in the Planning Division has instead placed the question of my status squarely in the middle of perhaps the most significant political controversy to affect any planning school in the country.

These are clearly political firings. As people concerned with political questions, we have to treat them as such.

First of all, while those responsible for these actions may have the best intentions, and may be completely unaware of the full implications of their actions, any serious assessment of what is going on cannot rely simply on understanding peoples' intentions. Everyone, to be sure, has the best interests of the Planning Division, the planning profession, and students in mind.

The real issue that underlies this action is a conflict between two different approaches to planning policy. The firings are aimed at eliminating a progressive approach to planning from the curriculum and substituting a technocratic and formalistic orientation to urban development.

The dominant perspective that the Columbia Planning program has advanced, and on which it has built its national reputation, has been a focus on planning for *people*—and in particular the large proportion of people who have been traditionally underrepresented and negatively affected by the planning process, including minorities, women, tenants and low-income people in general. Those in the planning field who have shared this orientation have generally given enthusiastic support to the program; many students chose Columbia specifically because of this progressive bent.

This perspective contrasts starkly with the mainstream tendency to plan *things*, focusing on stylistic issues and fetishizing physical form over social function. This formalism claims to rest on a purely "technical" knowledge, and openly rejects considerations of social equity and policy as

'ideological' interference in a somewhat mythical world of maps, numbers, drawings and symbols.

These two perspectives are stated very boldly as opposite extremes; certainly the two views are usually not posed so sharply. But it is necessary to clearly identify what is at stake in this matter—especially since there has been a tendency to obscure the fundamental issue. For example, it is widely claimed that the real conflict is between 'physical planning' and 'policy planning,' or between architecture and planning.

No, friends, this is not the real issue. This is just a smokescreen.

In the first place, anyone who has the vaguest experience with planning practice and planning education knows that such a dichotomy is a false one, and exists neither in theory or practice. Insofar as there are planning jobs that entail a greater emphasis on design and site planning (and any serious survey of jobs would show these to be a tiny percentage of the total planning jobs available), they are in no way either mainly 'physical' or mainly 'policy' jobs. Every physical plan has entirely bound up with it a whole series of social and political implications. Any plan that does not explicitly deal with these implications is engaging in a gross deception. For the social and political implications boil down to the effect that the plans have on people.

The tendency to conceal social and political issues behind a physical facade feeds into a very dangerous orientation to planning: one that considers buildings, space, and things as values only unto themselves, without taking into account the consequences they may have on human interaction. In its extreme, this orientation obscures the professional and moral irresponsibility of those who would not question planning the physical infrastructure for repressive and fascist purposes.

We *all* deal with issues of physical planning. But our point of departure in planning—whether it be for housing, transportation or health systems—must be to establish and clarify *policies*, each of which has distinct ramifications for the *physical* environment. To establish as the point of departure the physical form alone is to invite the most insidious, narrow and technocratic bias into our work.

Another smokescreen is the argument that the real issue here is between an overly 'theoretical' approach to planning, and a real 'practical' approach. Without defending abstract reasoning that never touches base with reality, I would maintain that the real issue is not between theory and practice but between different kinds of theory and practice. (Really, the fact that 'theory' is a dirty word to those whose profession as educators relies on theoretical training speaks to the blind pragmatism that permeates a society rife with anti-intellectualism).

For example, those who supported and designed the urban renewal programs that were responsible for the destruction of low-cost housing in central cities and its replacement with high-rent commercial structures are often projected as 'practical-minded.' Those who have stood against the destruction of peoples' neighborhoods and who—thanks to the prevailing political environment—were never in a position to implement human alternatives to urban renewal, are considered to be 'too theoretical.' In the current atmosphere of a resurgence in policies that ignore and even assault low-income neighborhoods, the most popular thing to do is to be 'practical.' On the other hand, many choose to pose the

'theoretical' question: the policies of the government towards the cities are bankrupt and have to be changed so that they reflect a process of planning for people and not for things; for human values and not for property values.

Just as the issue is not between physical and policy planning, neither is it between architecture as a discipline and planning as a discipline. Both are equally as vulnerable to physical determinism and formalism; the main difference between the two fields is more one of scale than fundamental philosophical orientation. To be sure, the main conflict at Columbia is not between the architecture and planning divisions.

The exhibition at Columbia this year by the fascist architect Brasini, presented without any recognition of the inhuman implications of Brasini's plans and the role they played in fascist Italy, was a perfect example of the blind formalism that stands opposed to a progressive interpretation of urban history. 'Apolitical' protestations of those responsible for this exhibit are no more than rationalizations for a cultural event that objectively abets the current rise of fascism in the United States.

In sum, what is really at stake at Columbia is whether a progressive approach to planning can survive—an approach that starts from a commitment to the provision of a decent, stable living environment for all people, particularly those groups that have historically been discriminated against in the planning process. This approach—and in fact the whole idea of planning itself—is currently under attack by the Reagan administration.

The Reaganites are 'practical' planners who reject the 'rhetoric' of those who demand a completely different approach to the building and rebuilding of cities. The Reagan program, as we all know, means cutbacks in social programs and affirmative action, and above all 'de-regulation' (that is, de-planning), as well as increased military spending. There is no room in the Reagan program for a progressive approach to planning.

The effect of the firings at Columbia is therefore obvious when placed in the current political context. Here we have one of the most progressive planning divisions in the country threatened with virtual extinction.

Five of the seven people fired are women, three of them minorities—in a university that has rarely gone beyond minimal tokenism. While the general trend in this country since Nixon has been to cut back on the gains of affirmative action, the planning division at Columbia has been noted for admitting a relatively high proportion of minority students, reflecting its commitment to affirmative action. Without in the least underestimating the serious problems affecting minority students in a university that is not fundamentally oriented towards meeting the needs of minority communities, it is clear that this move will have the effect of closing off even further the opportunities for minority enrollment.

There are those who will justify their support or acquiescence with regard to the firings by pointing to the very real weaknesses in the Planning Division and among progressive planners in general. No one can deny or excuse these weaknesses. But it is important not to lose sight of the essential issues or fall into the trap of supporting an action which is nothing less than part of the current right-wing retrenchment (regardless of the intentions of its perpetrators).

I ask you to give your whole-hearted support to the efforts to reinstate the faculty members who were fired. In a period when all progressive institutions are under attack, and a new right-wing and fascist ideology is on the rise, any move to

dismantle the gains of the past two decades must be stopped. This will require that we place any differences among us in their broader context and work together. With broad support, these firings can be reversed."

Network

AN IDEA FOR LOCAL PLANNERS (from Donna Dyer, 3409 Hope Valley Rd., #9, Durham, NC 27707, 919/493-6077): "In January, 1981, five planners in North Carolina incorporated to form Triangle Planners Network, Inc. Although the five of us—Chris Cotant, Donna Dyer, Brian Larsen, Bob Schall, and Andree Tremoulet—had all given assistance to neighborhood groups voluntarily, the chance to make money while helping local groups arose. The local Legal Services Office received a grant to provide community economic development training to legal services clients in Durham and five rural counties in north central North Carolina. We developed several workshop modules and a handbook that would introduce community residents to economics and the mechanics of community economic development projects, and presented six days of workshop sessions. Unfortunately, the crisis of Legal Services funding diverted energy away from follow-up projects and into survival.

Our purpose, besides providing training to approximately 50 legal services clients, was to earn money that could then be distributed to other local projects. Triangle Planners Network, Inc., a private non-profit, shared the \$1000 we earned with Planners Network; two local community-based projects, a housing rehab effort and a public housing tenants maintenance cooperative; and the Center for Community Self-Help, a local corporation that helps workers become owners.

We haven't gotten any more paying jobs, but once again members are individually working in local communities and ideas for the corporation are still alive. If we can offer any ideas to others thinking about incorporating, contact us at Triangle Planners Network, P.O. Box 161, Durham, NC 27702.

We would encourage other Network members to think about ways of earning money while providing local technical assistance. Although money is hard to find, foundations often give and community development corporations sometimes have technical assistance or consulting dollars. Having an established mechanism for progressive planners to earn that money would multiply those funds many times in the community. And eventually, some of us may be able to make a living at progressive planning!"

□ RACISM: From Howell Baum (Univ. Md. School of Soc. Wk. & Comm. Plng., 525 W. Redwood St., Baltimore, MD 21201): "I will be teaching a course on racism in relation to various fields of planning and social welfare. The course will be concerned with the characteristics of planners and service workers, as well as with the nature of planning and services provided. I would like assistance from people with regard to syllabi, bibliographies, case materials, articles, or other materials which may be useful. Thanks."

□ FROM CHARLES FEIBEL (mailing address: Dept. City & Regional Planning, UNC, Chapel Hill, NC 27514): "I've been out of the country for a year and reading Planners Network whenever friends send me copies. I am studying public transport provided by the so-called informal sector. Well, I can tell you that the informal sector is really getting pounded in a rush to modernize. Hawkers are being shooed away from the 'modern' part of town, squatter stores and houses bulldozed and the livelihoods of many workers harmed by a multitude of subtle and not so subtle government actions, or at best gross neglect.

Also there are a host of progressive city planners out here, who are frustrated, or worse, scared. Not to mention the multitudes of people who are scared to death of our president's foreign policies. I'll never forget a planner turning to me in a meeting and saying out of the blue 'Please don't let America hurt my country.' Policies in America do hurt these people, sometimes in very subtle ways. For example, when the dollar is strong the price of fuel and fuel oil goes up—while their often meagre wages may in fact be declining because of recession brought on by energy and spare part shortages caused by foreign exchange shortages, they must pay dollars for petrol. Not so subtle is the support given to repressive regimes.

The point of all this is that there are a hell of a lot of people out here and they could use some help. There is also a lot we can learn from them. These people are greatly affected by policies in the U.S. I hope that the progressive planners will not forget these people and our planning colleagues. We must remember them when we are developing programs, projects, and external relations, and when discussing education of planners and those we hope to influence."

□ HOUSING VOUCHERS: As most of you are doubtless aware, the Oct. 30, 1981 Interim Report of the President's Commission on Housing strongly pushes for housing vouchers which if introduced will clearly wind up replacing all or most current federally-subsidized housing programs. This would be a serious blow for those in need of housing aid, and we need to mobilize to protect the programs we now have (inadequate as they may be).

One useful step toward debunking the myth that housing vouchers are a panacea has been taken by the Pratt Inst. Ctr. for Comm. and Environmental Development, which has just undertaken a study of the Section 8 Existing housing subsidy program in NYC, as a test of the impact housing vouchers would have in that city (since the two programs are very similar.)

The study, as might be expected, documents how disastrous a voucher program would be (absent complementary programs to increase the supply of decent, moderately-priced housing).

A highly useful project would be to mount a series of parallel local studies, in order to be able to effectively oppose the introduction of vouchers (at least in the form proposed) when the President's Commission on Housing submits its final report (in April) and when Congress subsequently debates the housing voucher proposal.

If you are interested in carrying out such a study in your locality, contact Frank DeGiovanni or Ron Shiffman at the Pratt Center (275 Washington Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11205, 212/636-3486.) They can instruct you in the methodology they used and otherwise guide your work. Others may be interested in the study as well.

□ FROM BILL GOLDSMITH (DCRP, Cornell): "Moshe Safdie has a most interesting article, 'Private Jokes in Public Places,' in December's *Atlantic Monthly*. From his vantage point as Boston architect and instructor at Harvard he illuminates architecture's social irresponsibility in a way new to me at least. The modern movement in the early 20th century, he says, was socially committed, at least partly 'rooted in leftist ideology.' But its contradictions have led to a split, between Europeans (group 10) who maintain the social commitment but modify the design, on the one hand, and Americans, who 'can explore pure form, unencumbered by building process or by program (clients' requirements).' Most interesting for me, he points out how this apolitical architecture provides great convenience for giant corporations and bureaucracies. Much the same for other fields, no, where practitioners forget the moral courage and political integrity of their intellectual forebearers? Whether Safdie is right or wrong, he reminds me that my planning professors, trying to build a technically competent corps (functional to the bureaucracies), disparaged the work of Lewis Mumford, if they had to mention it at all."

□ "THE POLITICS OF PLANNING" is the title of a new book series that Network member Barry Checkoway is editing for Lexington Books-DC Heath. "Books might deal with politics as related to such functions as plan development, implementation, evaluation, resource allocation, regulation, finance, administration, and citizen participation. They might draw from such areas as economic development, energy, health care, housing and community development, social and human services planning, regional planning, transportation, neighborhood movements, and subarea and grassroots practice." Lexington produces books in an average of four months from receipt of final accepted manuscript. If you've got any proposals, contact Barry at the Dept. of Urban and Regional Planning, Univ. Illinois, 1003 W. Nevada, Urbana IL 61801.

□ *THE JOURNAL OF PLANNING EDUCATION AND RESEARCH* has just produced its first issue, and it looks quite good. It is a publication of the Assn. of Collegiate Schools of Planning, and co-editors are Jay Chatterjee and David Proserpi (School of Planning/ML 16, Univ. of Cinn., Cinn. OH 45221.) The first issue contains a useful exchange on contemporary planning theory education by Network member Richard Klosterman and Richard Bolan. Under its "News of the Schools" section it does, however, contain the following report from the Univ. of So. Calif., which we'd like to think is satire, but apparently isn't:

"The School of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Southern California has investigated a color for the velvet edging trim on the hood of the academic gown at graduation, which will be unique to the 'field of learning' of urban and regional planning. Because of their affiliation within the University, some graduate schools of urban and regional planning use the color Brown for the edging of the hood, representing Fine Arts and Architecture. Other schools have selected various colors on their own. The USC School has obtained from Collegiate Cap and Gown Company and adopted the unassigned color Dark Cardinal (No. 7000/7008) to represent the academic field of urban and regional planning. Other schools of urban and regional planning may wish to adopt this same color to achieve a national consistency. Brown remains the color assigned to Fine Arts and Architecture, Peacock Blue to Public Administration."

□ THE MEDIA NETWORK INFORMATION CENTER has just opened. It's a clearinghouse for information on films, videotapes and slideshows that deal with a wide spectrum of social issues. Its cataloguing system is geared towards the needs of groups and individuals working for progressive social change. Contact them at 208 W. 13th St., NYC 10011, 212/620-0878.

□ THE CENTER FOR HUMAN ENVIRONMENTS has available a publications list. They also distribute several newsletters: *Childhood City*, *Social Impact Assessment*, and *On Participation* (the last named newsletter has now ceased publication, but back issues are available.) The Center is at 33 W. 42nd St., NYC 10036, 212/790-4551.

□ THE NATIONAL LABOR LAW CENTER (2000 P St. NW, Suite 612, Wash., DC 20009, 202/785-2035), a National Lawyers Guild project, carries out a referral network of lawyers, a labor law clearinghouse, a skills training program, litigation and counselling services, and publishes educational materials (including a newsletter).

□ THE NATIONAL COALITION AGAINST THE MIS-USE OF PESTICIDES (c/o Friends of the Earth, 530 7th St., SE, Wash., DC 20003, 202/543-4312) has recently formed to put together a network of people working on different aspects of the pesticide problem. They publish a newsletter, as well, called *Pesticides and You*.

□ WHAT'S GOOD FOR GENERAL MOTORS... is a new film documentary on the destruction of Detroit's "Poletown" neighborhood. Crippled by industrial decline and hostage to General Motors corporation's demands for land, tax abatements and incentives to build a new Cadillac plant in Detroit, the city embarked on the most massive relocation of people in the shortest period of time in U.S. history. In less than a year 3400 people were moved out, and more than a thousand homes, one hundred and fifty small businesses, sixteen churches, three schools and a hospital were demolished. *What's Good for GM...* is an incisive case study of urban displacement and of the terrible choices cities face as private control of economic development increasingly erodes the principle of democratic governance and the possibility of responsible planning. Originally produced for CBS Reports, the film is available from California Newsreel, 630 Natoma St., SF, CA 94103, 415/621-6196.

□ THE LAND VALUE TAX: From Tertius Chandler, author of "The Tax We Need" (2500 Buena Vista, Berkeley, CA 94708): "Have you considered the land value tax—which gets land into full use by levying a stiff tax on it? This solves many problems automatically—or rather by individual decisions by each landowner—and so it makes much planning by bureaus unnecessary....I was impressed by what it has done in New Zealand, and am told it works even better in Taiwan."

□ Patrick Hare (2027 Que St., NW, Wash., DC 20009) has available the "Draft of American Planning Assn. Report on Amending Zoning to Permit Accessory Apartments." It contains a model ordinance and list of options. The 95-page draft is available for \$16.

□ "Urban Transportation Planning" is an article Network member Jim Kushner just had published in the Dutch journal *Urban Law and Policy*. Copies are available from him at the Southwestern Univ. School of Law, LA, CA.

□ "Living Alternatives" is a series of seminars and workshops organized by the Lamoureux Foundation, 196 Morton Ave., Albany, NY 12202. They cover such issues as "Solar in the City," "History of Public Power in Albany," "Appropriate Technology and Lifestyles," "Controlling Urban Pests Naturally," "Earth Sheltered Homes" and "Awakening from the Suburban Dream."

□ PARTNERS FOR LIVABLE PLACES (1429 21st St. NW, Wash., DC 20036, 202/887-5990), established in 1977, is "dedicated to improving the quality of life in our nation's communities." They stress public-private partnerships and originated with grantees of the Natl. Endowment for the Arts' Architecture and Environmental Arts Program. They provide technical assistance and a computerized clearinghouse of information on the built environment, a publications and research program, hold conferences, etc. Write Christine Resnick, their Information Specialist, for more materials.

□ THE ARCHITECTURAL ASSOCIATION PLANNING SCHOOL in London has available its 1982 course prospectus. Write them for a copy (36 Bedford Sq., London WC1B 3ES).

□ RE THE GRANTSMANSHIP CENTER (mentioned in an earlier issue): Ken Corey (Inst. for Urban Studies, Univ. MD, College Park 20742) writes, "I have nothing but the highest regard for the Grantsmanship Center's training and *News*. I have gone through the week-long seminar many years ago and I have sent staff. They are effective, and ideologically, they are bottoms-up in their approach."

□ FROM ALLAN HESKIN (UCLA School of Arch. & Planning): "I'm putting in a lot of time on the Route 2 project." The article I wrote with Gilda Hass, 'Community Struggles in Los Angeles,' which includes Route 2, will be out in the next issue of the *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. For all those Network people who want to know some of the issues in Los Angeles, I'd suggest they take a look. The project itself is getting closer to being a reality. We are collecting an unbelievable amount of resources in this bleak time. The legislature adopted a bill that allows us to pay acquisition price for the property (ten or more years ago), which means that we can use programs no one else in Los Angeles can touch. It is a graphic example of the impact of speculation and inflation. The result of all this activity is that we may very well see 400 limited equity cooperative units in the midst of a gentrifying area and little or no displacement. The people in the corridor are beginning to get real excited and self-organizing. It is a real testament to what people can do for themselves with a little help and a lot of people getting off their backs.

I'm also putting in some time on the renewal of rent control in the city of Los Angeles. Much of the technical fight will center around what the vacancy rate is in Los Angeles. The Institute for Social Science Research at UCLA did a study of the effective vacancy rate in the city (what a tenant looking for a place could find) and came up with about a 1% figure, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board (the postal figures) is reporting about 2%, the local utility reports over 3% and the census reports over 4% and approaching 5%. I'd be interested in hearing from anyone who has researched the quality of the various figures, particularly from the census (annual housing survey and decennial).

□ THE NATIONAL TRAINING AND INFORMATION CENTER just sent us their 1981 (sic) Training Calendar. Although at several points the year 1981 is indicated, we suspect that's a misprint, and the schedule is for 1982. At any rate, they run a series of week-long core courses in Chicago on a range of organizing issues, plus one-day sessions all over the country (from New Haven, to Toledo, to San Antonio, to Santa Monica). Write them at 1123 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago IL 60607, 312/243-3035, for more information.

□ THE MIDWEST ACADEMY (600 W. Fullerton, Chicago IL 60614) also runs a similar series of 5-day workshops all around the country. Contact Karen Thomas there for further information. Ask for their publications list too.

□ *HOMESWEETHOME-LESS* is a new publication of the Pittsburgh Urban League, subtitled "Toward the Development of a Housing Crisis Index." The 35-page study is available for \$3 from the League, 200 Ross St., Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

□ *SOLAR ENERGY DIGEST* is a monthly available from P.O. Box 17776, San Diego, CA 92117. It's expensive (\$35/year), but they'll send a sample issue to Networkers for \$1.

□ THE ROSE CITY DESIGN COLLABORATIVE is a new non-profit center for community design, providing low-cost planning and design services to community groups unable to afford such services. Contact them at Portland St. U., P.O. Box 751, Portland, OR 97207.

□ "SOCIAL TRAUMA: Environmental Threats to Human Welfare in the 1980s" is a special issue of *The Urban & Social Change Review*. Available for \$4 from them at McGuinn Hall 202, Boston Col., Chestnut Hill, MA 02167.

□ *ruralamerica* is a bimonthly tabloid published by Rural America, one of the country's leading advocacy and technical assistance groups for rural America (how's that for creative writing?). It's just been expanded and re-formatted and looks terrific. They're interested in having Planners Network people join Rural America, and write/photograph/send information for their publication. Contact Doyle Niemann, their Membership Director, at 1346 Connecticut Ave., NW, Wash., DC 20036, 202/659-2800. They also have regional offices in the Midwest (550 11th St., Des Moines, IA 50309, 515/244-5671), Southeast (4795 McWillie Dr., Jackson, MS, 601/362-2260) and Southwest (223 W. Anderson Ln, Austin, TX 78752, 512/459-3320).

□ *The Future of the World City* and *The Household Economy: Beyond Consumption and Reconstruction* are two new publications by Network member John Friedmann. The former "looks at some of the consequences of the spread of global capitalism and proposes a research agenda." The latter is "a reconstructive argument which concerns the possibilities for recovering a politically active, autonomous role for the household and, as the ultimate objective, the recovery of people's sovereignty over their life space, organized as a political community." Both available from Friedmann at the UCLA School of Arch. & Planning.

□ *C/O, The Journal of Alternative Human Services* is a monthly available (\$27/year) from the Community Congress of San Diego, 1172 Morena Blvd., San Diego, CA 92110.

□ THE WASHINGTON SCHOOL is a project of the Institute for Policy Studies. Winter Term classes begin the week of January 25 and run 6-8 weeks (meeting one evening a week at IPS). Upcoming courses include:

- "The Rise and Pause of the Consumer Movement: The Politics of Regulation," with Michael Pertschuk, former FTC Chair; Joan Claybook, former Natl. Highway Traffic Safety Agency Administrator; Carol Foreman, former Dept. of Agriculture Asst. Sec. for Food and Consumer Affairs; former Cong. Bob Eckhardt.

- "What Your Money Does: Banks at Home and Abroad," with Carole Collins, national coordinator of the Campaign to Oppose Bank Loans to S. Africa.

- "Communications Media in the Information Society," with Rose Goldsen, prof. of sociology at Cornell and others.

- "The American Labor Movement: Looking Past Solidarity Day," with various labor-oriented academics and officials of the International Chemical Workers Union, AFGE, UAW, OCAW and SEIU.

- "Women, Work, Wealth and the Third World," with Jill Gay, of the IPS Third World Women's Project, Susan George, Barbara Ehrenreich, and others.

- "American Feminism: 150 Years of Conflict and Compromise," with Elizabeth Griffith, Jessie Bernard, Sissy Farenthold, Barbara Ehrenreich and others.

- "The Struggle Within: Third World Organizing in the US," with Hulbert James, co-director of the Center for Third World Organizing.

- "The Crisis in American Housing: What Is To Be Done?," with Chester Hartman, Emily Achtenberg, Michael Stone, John Atlas, Florence Roisman, Cushing Dolbeare, Nathaniel Thomas, Paul Davidoff, Ed Kirshner.

The School also runs a series of all-day seminars: "Investigative Reporting" (John Dinges), "In Defense of Public Employment," etc.

Write the Washington School for a catalogue listing all the courses and seminars (1901 Que St. NW, Wash. DC 20009). If you're anywhere near the DC area, you should consider taking part.

□ *The State of the Region* is a monthly report on economic and social conditions in the Northwest States: Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. Network Steering Comm. member Alan Rabinowitz is its Managing Editor. Subs are \$15/year. Address: P.O. Box 5791, Seattle, WA 98105.

□ ANIMAL TOWN GAME CO. (P.O. Box 2002, Santa Barbara, CA 93120) has a catalogue of "boardgames for teachers, children, adults ... about cooperation, conservation, self-sufficiency, simple and peaceful living and old mother nature."

□ "ORGANIZING GUIDE: IDEAS FOR BRINGING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD TOGETHER" is a special (Sept./Oct. 1981) issue of *Conserve Neighborhoods*, the newsletter published by the Natl. Trust for Historic Preservation. Seems to be free (subs as well as this issue): 1785 Mass. Ave. NW, Wash, DC 20036.

□ MICRO—HYDRO POWER: Susan Stephenson (860 20th St. SW, #423, Knoxville, TN 37916) writes: "I am currently putting together a workbook on micro-hydro power for the E. Tenn. Community Design Ctr. This workbook is one of a series of appropriate technology workbooks being developed for distribution to the public. Any information, research sources, and suggestions from Networkers will be greatly appreciated."

□ A GUIDE TO THE PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY (SRO) HOUSING is available from the National Housing Law Project, 2150 Shattuck Ave., #300, Berkeley, CA 94704, attn: Frances Werner/David Bryson.

□ THE INTERNATIONALIST ART SHOW—ANTI-WW3 is "a travelling exhibit of collective outrage of artists and writers organized in response to the acceleration of war preparations by the 2 superpowers." It has contributions from 800 artists and writers from 45 countries, and has been shown in SF, NYC, LA, and Tucson. Information from SF Poster Brigade, PO Box 31428, SF, CA 94131.

□ HOUSING AND THIRD WORLD WOMEN: The Third World Women's Project at the Inst. for Policy Studies would like to sponsor a seminar on planning and/or housing which has been directed to the needs of women in underdeveloped countries. If you are interested in speaking, or would like further information, please contact: Jill Gay, IPS, 1901 Que St., NW, Wash., DC 20009, 202/234-9382.

□ REVSON FELLOWS PROGRAM (On the Future of the City of New York), mentioned in a previous issue: Network member Deborah Bell, recipient of a 1981-82 fellowship, has sent in materials on application process. Ten people are chosen each year to spend two terms in full-time study at Columbia. A wide variety of people are chosen. Applications from the Revson Fellows Prog., Columbia U., NYC NY 10027.

□ HOUSING NEEDED IN DC: Couple needs cheap housing for 3-6 months in DC area starting Jan., 1982. Marty Collier and Carter Garber of Southern Neighborhoods Network will be working on graduate degrees in Community Development, part of which will be done in DC. Have lived in cooperative households together for 5 years. Call 404/378-7750 collect or write 125 E. Benson St., Decatur, GA 30030 and mark "Forward Immediately."

□ "RESIDENTIAL DEMOLITIONS IN LOS ANGELES" is a report by Network member Laura Chase, designed to be used by community groups and advocacy organizations concerned about the demolition of housing in their communities. It's available for \$3.50 from the School of Arch. & Urban Planning, UCLA, LA, CA 90024.

□ *Washington Watch* is a recently begun newsletter put out by the National Urban Coalition, 1201 Conn. Ave., NW, Wash. DC 20036. Appears to be free.

□ The *Community Development Credit Union Report* is published quarterly by the Natl. Fed. of Comm. Dev. Credit Unions (16 Court St., Rm. 1804, Brooklyn, NY 11201, 212/522-5904.)

□ *BUILDING SOUTH* is a special issue of *Southern Exposure*, one of the really good regional journals around. The 128-page issue, published in 1980, covers a variety of community development issues: innovative housing projects from Georgia to Appalachia, the history of the Southern building industry from slave craftspeople to mobile home assembly line workers. They'll send a copy of this special issue to anyone in the Network for \$1 (75¢ per copy for orders of five or more). Write them at P.O. Box 531, Durham, NC 27702. And consider taking out a subscription.

□ ANTI-CONVENTION CENTER CAMPAIGN IN FRESNO: Network member Larry Sheehy is involved in a referendum campaign to bar the city from acquiring additional land for a proposed convention center, force the city to sell off land previously acquired for a hotel complex, and stop the city from using property taxes to finance this complex. More information from Larry at PO Box 4585, Fresno, CA 93744.

Jobs

1. The Santa Barbara Community Housing Corp. is looking for a Housing Projects Coordinator. CHC has already developed 115 units in three projects for seniors and handicapped persons, plus a 13-unit coop conversion/rehab project. They're expanding with several new projects, a mobilehome coop, a commercial/resident mixed-use project, and further conversions. Salary \$18-20,000. Applications due Jan. 22, 1982, to Network member Jennifer Begelow, Director, Comm. Housing Corp., 703 W. Micheltorena St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

2. The Work Improvement Project, a workplace democratization consulting outfit that organizes labor-management-community efforts to reorganize the work process, is looking for a Program Coordinator. The Project Director is David Olsen, who founded the New School for Democratic Management. Salary \$20,000 + benefits. Applications due Dec. 31 (unless you receive this later than that date, in which case rush something in), to David Olsen, 42 Winfield St., SF, CA 94110.

3. Queens College Urban Studies Program is looking for a senior faculty member (up to full professor). Applications due Feb. 1, 1982. Further information from Network member Matt Edel, Urban Studies, Queens Coll., Flushing, NY 11367, 212/520-7510.

4. The Univ. of Illinois-Chicago Circle Campus has a full-time tenure-track opening. They are looking for someone with skills in the design and implementation of health and human services policies and programs, budget evaluation, and/or policy analysis. Applications due Feb. 1, 1982. Further information from RoJean Madsen-Munoz, School of Urban Planning and Policy, Box 4348, Univ. Illinois, Chicago, IL 60680, 312/966-5240.

5. The LBJ School of Public Affairs is recruiting for the Mike Hogg Professorship in Urban Policy. Candidates are expected to have done strong work in urban policy-related research. The appointment will be at a senior level and begins in the Fall of 1982. Contact Bob Wilson, LBJ School of Public Affairs, Univ. of Texas, Drawer Y, Univ. Sta., Austin, TX 78712.

6. The Santa Monica Rent Control Board is looking for a staff attorney. Salary up to \$33,500. Four or more years of litigation experience required, along with admission to the Calif. bar. Resumes to Michael Heumann, Santa Monica Rent Control Board, City Hall, 1685 Main St., Room 202, Santa Monica, CA 90401.

7. The SUNY-Buffalo Dept. of Environmental Design and Planning is looking for a new chair, starting Fall, 1982. They're particularly interested in building a program to deal with the issues facing older industrial cities of the Northeast. Applications by Feb. 15 to Network member Bob Kraushaar, who chairs the search committee, at the Dept., SUNY-Buffalo, NY 14214.

PLANNERS NETWORK PROJECTS AND CONTACT PERSONS (full project descriptions can be found in Newsletter #29—extra copies available on request):

1. Documentation Project on Models of Local Public and Community Health (John Forester, Dept. City & Reg. Planning, Cornell Univ., 106 W. Sibley, Ithaca, NY 14853).
2. Health and Human Services Budget Cuts Monitoring Project (Greg Shupe, 1825 Monroe St. NW, Wash., DC).
3. Cost-Benefit and Needs Analysis Project in Health and Human Services (Mike Brown, 1610 19th St. NW, Apt. E, Wash., DC 20009).
4. Multi-Organizational Coalition Building Project-Philadelphia case study of passage of city law protecting workers' and communities' "rights to know" about toxic substances (Peter Medoff, 420 Riverside Dr., #20, NYC, NY 10025).
5. Directory of Groups Involved With Community-Labor Coalitions (Planners Network, 1901 Que St. NW, Wash., DC 20009).
6. Community-Labor Case Study and Document Gathering Project (Pierre Clavel, Dept. of City and Regional Planning, Cornell U., 106 W. Sibley Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853).
7. Labor Support Project (Kevin Maguire, RD Route 1, Holbrook, PA 15341).
8. Public Sector Budget Crisis Project (Mitt Regan, 1615 Que St. NW, #1207, Wash., DC 20009).
9. What Do Network Members Need To Be Effective in Community Economic Development? (Donna Dyer, 3409 Hope Valley Road #9, Durham, NC 27707).
10. Comm. Econ. Dev. Case Study Task Force (Charles Hoch, School of Urban Sciences, Univ. of Ill.-Chi. Circ. Campus, Chicago, IL).
11. Evaluation Guide of Strategies, Tools and Enterprise Types in Comm. Econ. Dev. (Harvey Goldstein, Div. of Urban Planning, Columbia U.-Avery Hall, NYC, NY 10027).
12. National Tenants Union: Political Education and Support Work (Bill Allen, P.O. Box 5865, Santa Monica, CA 90405).
13. Progressive Housing Reader (Rachel Bratt, Dept. of Urban and Environmental Studies, Tufts University, Medford, MA 02155).
14. Alternative Development and Financing Mechanisms for Lower Income Housing (Marilynn Duker, 120 Grant Ave., Takoma Park, MD 20912).
15. Research in Women and Housing (Jackie Leavitt, Div. Urban Planning, Columbia U.-Avery Hall, NYC, NY 10027).
16. Political Education and Support Work with Natl. Low-Income Housing Coalition (Amy Cohen, 126 Pacific St., Brooklyn, NY 11201).
17. Popularization of Network Position Paper on Housing and Neighborhoods (Fran Price, 11 Lakeville Rd., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130).
18. Competitions and Exhibits to Promote Development of Innovative Approaches to Housing Design, Development and Financing (Jackie Leavitt, Div. of Urban Planning, Columbia U.-Avery Hall, NYC, NY 10027).
19. Task Force to Carry Out Network Affirmative Action Principles (Jackie Pope, Div. of Urban Planning, Columbia U.-Avery Hall, NYC, NY 10027).
20. Information Collecting on Reindustrialization and Urban Policy (Planners Network, 1901 Que St. NW, Wash. DC 20009).
21. Legislation Drafting on National Economic Planning:
 - 21a: New Economic Planning Program (Derek Shearer, 655 Ashland Ave., Santa Monica, CA 90405).
 - 21b: Anti-Kemp Garcia Program (Mitt Regan, 1615 Que St. NW, #1207, Wash. DC 20009).

21c: Capital Mobility and Tax Incentives (Bob Kraushaar, SUNY-Buffalo, Buffalo, NY).

21d: Public Enterprise (Ken Geiser, 44 Foskett St., Somerville, MA 02144).

22. Student Committee—Who We Are (roster of progressive planning students and student organizations) (Priscilla Cobb, Dept. City & Reg. Planning, UNC-New East 033A. Chapel Hill, NC 27514).

23. Student Comm. Speakers Bureau (Vincent LeVeque, 418 Pier Ave., #101, Santa Monica, CA 90405).

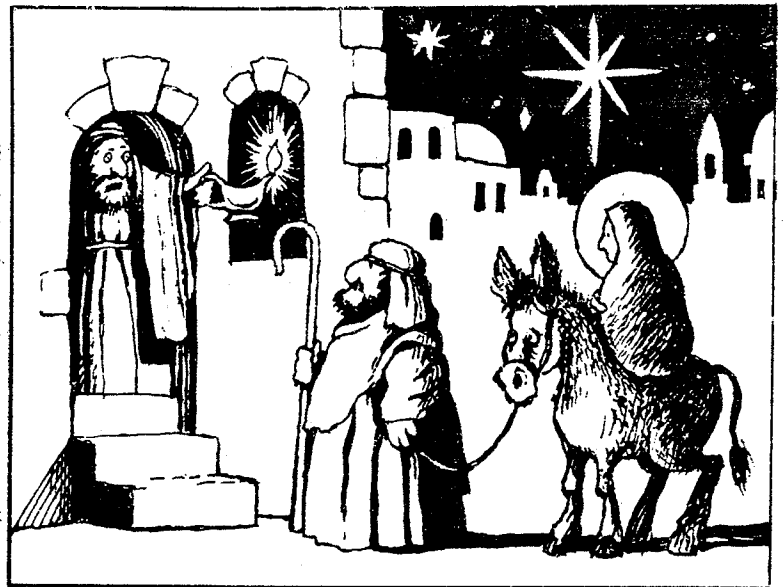
24. Student Paper/Bibliography Exchange (Nan Laurence, 288 Harvard St., Cambridge, MA 02139).

25. Brochure for Incoming Planning Students (John Simonds, 400 W. 119th St., #14C, NYC, NY 10027).

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Deadline for Planners Network Newsletter #32: For your guidance in sending materials to us for the next Newsletter, they must reach us by February 1 (any late breaking, important stuff can be phoned in).



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Comments, if any, on the new organization as outlined in #29?

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