THE STEERING COMMITTEE will be meeting on Sunday, May 9, 10-5, at I.P.S. (1901 Que St. NW, Washington). The meeting is of course open to all Network members, but we would very much appreciate it if you could phone us to let us know you are planning to come, to make sure we have a room of adequate size. If anyone has specific items they would like the Steering Committee to deal with, let us know immediately.

A MINI-FINANCIAL REPORT: Since our move to Washington and publication of Newsletter #30 (September 1981), 434 of you have contributed a total of $6,835. Outlays since that date have totalled $6157, broken down as follows: printing (3 issues of Newsletter, roster, letterhead and miscellaneous items), $2,843; postage, $341; mailing services, $593; typesetting (Newsletters and roster), $1,197; salaries (occasional office assistance and setting up new mailing system), $541; miscellaneous (primarily paying some back bills of the Berkeley operation), $642. We currently have a bank balance of $2,703, with unpaid bills and undeposited checks, each amounting to about $100, cancelling each other out. This is enough for 2-3 issues of the Newsletter, depending on their size. (Note that our budget includes no office rent, telephone, photocopying or usual office support expenses. These have been borne by the Institute for Policy Studies, as has been the time Chester Hartman devotes to the Network, which cost in effect is absorbed as part of the stipend he receives as a Visiting Fellow. This, both to credit IPS for its contribution and to make us realize that we are a long way from being a self-supporting organization.)

It is clear that you have to keep sending money in at least at the rate it's been coming in for the past six months, if we are to stay on top of things. The most salient fact is that over 2/3 of you receiving the Newsletter have not contributed since September. Please use the coupon we have conveniently placed nearby.

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MAILING LIST: Please let us know: 1) if you are receiving more than one copy of the Newsletter at two different addresses; or 2) if you do not wish to continue receiving the Newsletter. We're trying to keep printing and mailing costs to a minimum.

THE 1982 ROSTER: We need to know whether you find the roster useful. It was terribly expensive and time-consuming to produce (in dollar terms, it cost the equivalent of three Newsletter issues), and unless there is a strong indication that people use/enjoy it, we will consider not doing it next year. Other options that have been suggested are: 1) deleting biosketches; 2) limiting biosketches to, say, 25 words; 3) doing the roster biannually; 4) making the roster available only on request and for a fee. Please let us know right away what you feel about our continuing the roster; remember, silence is in effect a negative vote.

We also have been criticized, with some justification, for not separating out in the roster listing couples who are listed together on our address cards in order to save us money. Where people living together sent in separate roster forms, they were listed as distinct individuals, but we were not careful in following this practice when we had no roster forms. Moral: Send in roster forms (but we will also mend our ways, to assure people of their rightful individuality).

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Name

Address:

My interests:

A word on funding: Annual financial contributions are voluntary, but we do need funds for operating expenses. The Steering Committee has recommended the following amounts as minimums for Network members: $10 for students and temporarily unemployed; graduated payments for the employed of $20 plus an additional $1 for each $1,000 earned above $10,000.
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NUCLEAR FREEZE: From Clark H. Coan (307 Park Hill Terr., Lawrence, KS 66044): Here are some of the reasons why we should adopt a Nuclear Freeze:

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We have heard that 17 states and six states have passed nuclear freeze resolutions. Californians are to vote on a freeze proposition in November. These resolutions do not represent delegations to introduce a resolution requesting the President to propose to the Soviet Union a bilateral moratorium by which the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. would agree to halt immediately the testing, production, and deployment of all nuclear warheads, missiles and delivery systems. All Network members are urged to join organization of California Freeze now.

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LIBRARY RESOURCES: From Charles Shain (Envi-
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BEYOND REAGANISM: From Bill Ellis (TRAX, Box 567, Rangetown, CA 94970, 207-864-2222): Reagan came to power with a mandate which included reducing the interference of government into people's lives—a feeling shared by many members of the Network and other similar groups. But Reagan's approach has been one-sided, turning the power of big government into the power of big business, and the Network reaction to him has been to oppose every step he takes. We need a creative dialogue on how it can be done right. How does the USA restore power to the people? Decentralization and their alternative plan for governmental renewal. Among specific legislation necessary are: (1) the elimination of industrial development bonds for large corporations, (2) elimination of federal insurance for overseas ventures, (3) requirements for early notification of plant closings which affect community well-being, (4) increased loan guarantees for small businesses, and (5) promoting employer stock ownership plans, co-ops, and community enterprise structures. This is by no means a definitive list. I would like to hear from Network members. Now have developed measures for going beyond Reaganism.

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By identifying these new priorities, we have a program which will help to contribute to both the theory and practice of Another Development: Starter Kits, to promote self-reliant and self-managing new communities. The three Core Sections of more technical, professional, teaching and training materials and: and a series of Writing Papers on the basic and social skills for living in new communities, "to be complementary and separately made chapters of a book. We have decided to use the phrase "building communities" instead of "housing" whenever possible, as it is more descriptive of our field. Too many people assume "housing" to be something separate from all other elements of a neighborhood and they do not see it as a part of our community. Our view is that specific activities of building and improvements are instruments for the larger purpose of developing new communities and establishing a new paradigm and development or way of life.

THIRD-WORLD WOMEN: From Betsy Dietz (220 Fall Creek Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850): Presently I am finishing my Masters of City Planning at Cornell. My thesis is on women in development in Kenya. I have been trying to collect existing informal associations rather than individuals. The hypothesis is that this will lead to more equitable distribution, and help strengthen the local economy. Would like to know how other people are doing work in the third world on issues pertaining to women and more equitable economic development.

COMPUTER NEWSLETTER: Computer Use in Social Services: New York's leading computer consulting firm, David Sex, offers services that might interest some of you. More details can be found in a recent issue of this newsletter.

NEW CUNY CONCENTRATION: John Mollenkopf is the Director of a new concentration in the study of public policy at the City University of New York. The concentration program is designed for those who aspire to careers in public service, whether in government, or outside of it as analysis and development. For further information, contact: John Mollenkopf, Assistant Professor, City University Graduate Center, 33 West 42nd St., #903, NYC 10036, 212-790-4275.

LOW-INCOME HOUSING: Everyone cares about decent housing for low-income people. Most of us support the current Coalition, and it is offering organizations and key public officials a chance to do just that in a sign-in letter to Members of Congress. The letter is designed by April's end and another 5000 by June's end. Groups wishing to sign on (the letter appears below) should write the NLCHC, 125 East 42nd St., #12, NYC 10017.

The undersigned organizations urge Congress to reject the low income housing budget proposal of the Reagan Administration. These proposals amount to a rejection of the longstanding, bipartisan commitment to providing housing assistance to low income people.

Paul Stukely: "World Supply of Cigan Labor," Barbara Stukely and Margaret Fay, $4 each.

ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT: We're grateful to TRANET's Bill Ellis for the accompanying note from IFDA, 2717 Kestell (5325 Wisconsin Ave., NW, 20015). The question of alternative planning and design of city regions have not really come up. I feel, with the same awareness and confidence as that evident in the continuing global re-planning, that alternative concepts have not penetrated to the levels where physical planning design commissions are formulated. This is to the severe detriment. For regional development, it would help to make alternative development objectives embodied in physical space. In fact, development "from below" is territorially oriented and spatially centered; any development program could do much to integrate development policies in various dimensions (economic, cultural, ecological, etc...). Further, what is probably needed is the development of a coherent set of integrative development principles, appealing to various strata, that can be brought to the rural and urban populations. The difficulty here is the need for generalized principles, concrete enough for implementation and yet generalized enough to maintain the appropriateness of alternative approaches to local and historical specificity.

ARTS IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Neighborhood Arts Programs National Organizing Committee (NAPAC) is a network of neighborhood arts programs nationwide. NAPAC has 150 member organizations and a newsletter. A recognition week is announced to take place in May. NAPAC members include educators, artists, and other arts professionals. The week will be a time to explore the value of arts and culture in neighborhood development efforts. The conference is a four-day event with workshops, plenaries, and field trips. For more information, contact: NAPAC, Box 11440, Boston, MA 02119.

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FARM AGENDA: A model agenda for state legislators on farm policy is available in "Proposal for Comprehensive Conference on Alternative State and Local Policies" (2000 Florida Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20009). The agenda suggests specific policies that are needed to improve the farm's economic existence, and concludes that a sound state and local food policy must address assistance to beginning farmers, preservation of natural resources and the production of food, scale agriculture and absentee investment, research and extension, soil and water conservation, legal rights of farmers, and agricultural labor.

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By identifying these kinds of complementary projects, we have a program which will help to contribute to both the theory and practice of Another Development: Starter Kits, to promote self-reliant and self-managing communities. Core Sections of more technical, professional teaching and training resources and materials: a series of Writing Papers on the basic and advanced development of communities, to be circulated and reprinted as chapters of a book. We have decided to use the phrase "building communities" instead of "housing" whenever possible, as it is more descriptive of our field. Too many people associate "housing" to something separate from all other elements of neighborhood and community development. The book aims at two audiences: professionals and the public. It is a new book which will make a difference in the housing issue and the overall quality of life in our communities.

ARTS IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Neighborhood Arts Programs National Organizing Committee (NAPPOC) has broadened the scope of neighborhood arts workers who share a conviction that the arts is a powerful tool for community development. For those of you on Arts in Community Development, you are urged to review the NAPPOC's current newsletter, "Building Communities" and the National Association of Neighborhood Arts Programs.

REVITALIZING CITIES is a new 84-page publication by H. Bravel Holcomb and Network Steering committee, members Robert Godward. In addition to the book's valuable content, it has chapters on geographical aspects of urban revitalization; urban decline and redevelopment; and the role of visual environment; urban design; history; image, sentiment, and the revitalizing city; social justice and urban revitalization. Available for $5 from the Amer. Assn. of Geographers, 1710 16th St. NW, Wash, DC 20009.

NEW CUNY CONCENTRATION: John Molenskopf is the Director of a new concentration in the study of public policy at the City University of New York. The MA degree in public policy is designed for those who aspire to careers in public service, whether in government, or outside of it as an analyst and advisor. For further information, you should contact the Program Coordinator, City University Graduate Center, 33 West 2nd St., #903, New York 10036, 212:790.4725.

LOW-INCOME HOUSING: Who cares about decent housing for low-income people? Most of all, the people who suffer so. And we're not talking about the slum housing Coalition, and it is organizing and key public officials a chance to do that just in a sign-in letter to Members of Congress. The National Low Income Housing Coalition, signed by April 30 and another 5,000 by June's end. Groups wishing to sign (on the letter appears below) should write the NLICH, 15 East 8th St, 2nd Fl., N.Y.C. 10018.

The undersigned organizations urge Congress to reject the low income housing budget proposals of the Reagan Administration. These proposals amount to a rejection of the longstanding, bipartisan commitment to providing housing assistance to low income people.

LOW-INCOME HOUSING: The NAPPOC "World Supply of Jobs" Labor, Barbara Stueckey and Margaret Fay, $4 each.

ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT: We're grateful to TRATEN's Bill Ellis for the accompanying note from HFDA-7275 by Kenes (53 West 21st St., New York 10010).

The question of alternative planning and design of city regions have not really come up. I feel, with the same critical awareness as that evidenced by the global concern over the environment. Alternative concepts have not penetrated to the levels where physical planning design commissions are formulated. There is a need for research into appropriate forms which could help to make alternative development options embodied in physical space. In fact, development "from below" is territorially oriented and spatially organized to do much more to integrate development policies in various dimensions (economic, cultural, resource, ...). Further, what is probably needed is a coherent set of alternative development principles, appealing to various strata, that can be brought to the rural and urban populations. The difficulty here is the need for generalizations, principles, concrete enough to be of use to people of all walks—unable to find any accommodations whatsoever. Almost 20% of all construction workers are unemployed.

Instead of expanding housing assistance to meet the growing needs of low income people as the affordable supply of housing is reduced, other housing alternatives, including the massive rescissions and recaptures of already appropriated funds. Moreover, proposed rent increases and arbitrary criteria for the low amount of assistance frustrate the purpose of low income housing programs. Finally, we note that the proposed housing assistance for low-income families has been reduced. The undersigned organizations urge Congress to reject the low income housing budget proposals of the Reagan Administration. These proposals amount to a rejection of the longstanding, bipartisan commitment to providing housing assistance to low income people.

In place of these draconian measures, we urge Congress to mandate adequate funding for the Committee on Housing Assistance to meet the housing needs of low income people by:

1. Preserving the present stock of assisted housing. In view of the current budgetary climate, we recommend that Congress:

2. Producing the housing now in the pipeline as rapidly as possible by rejecting any proposed rescissions or deferrals of already appropriated funds, and effectively opposing any arbitrary cuts made in the Administration to terminate commit-

3. Use existing resources to fund the provision of billions of dollars per year to provide housing for low-income people. The undersigned organizations urge Congress to reject the low income housing budget proposals of the Reagan Administration. These proposals amount to a rejection of the longstanding, bipartisan commitment to providing housing assistance to low income people.

LOW-INCOME SOLAR: State and local financing programs are being considered in a new working paper by Alan Okagaki from the Conference on Alternative State and Local Policies (2000 Florida Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20009). The report highlights the existence of a state and local policy focus, and it also looks at how state and local financing policies are aligned with existing needs. The report is available from the Conference for Free.

NEW SF NONPROFIT: Independent Housing Services (25 Taylor St., SF 94102, 415 441-6781) is beginning its second year of operation. The program provides information, support and technical assistance to a wide range of community services to disabled clients, design services to developers, architects and contractors on new projects and rehab work, advice on public housing policy and financial programs, training workshops and seminars to the public. The 102-page workbook on adaptability, accessibility is available for $5 + $1 postage to cover costs. Another policy analysis, financial programs, information on financing and design, and product research. H1S is currently working for the adoption of state HCD adaptability regulations in 1982.
unless somebody else will do it.

Each contact person needs to follow info from: your specific skills, ICTs, other resources in your area that may be able to offer training: your specific needs: or the community's needs, for skills training in CE. A good place to start is to forward it to your liaison.

David Stegs suggests a first step toward workshop modules is developing a skills bank. Let's make that a goal for the June PN newsletter. Once we know our own skills, then we can try to match needs with skills, as well as begin to look for resources to fill in the gaps.

Another goal for June can be in a substantive area. I think one point of extreme need a mong planners is in financing. So, if you have ideas for how to research in financing, I welcome it. One good beginning would be for somebody from Philadelphia to transcribe the ideas expressed in the March 12 seminar on Financing Working-Ow ned Enterprises.

Stay tuned for info or requests from your liaison. Other Networkers are encouraged to write their liaisons as well.

SPEAKERS CATALOGUE: Vincent Leveque has put together a catalogue of Network members available to speak and present about their work. If you have a project or community request for assistance from a group and we are mutually exploring the types of help that we could provide. If anyone is interested in hosting a speaker or would like to explore the potential, please contact me. Any suggestions would be welcome.

Regional Roundup

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ATLANTA MEETING: A regional meeting for all Network members in the Southeast will be held in Atlanta May 22. Bill Goldsmith will be the featured speaker, offering "A Critique of Reaganomics." Time: To be arranged. Contact: Bill at 404-633-0520.

DINNER, WINE, AND DISCUSSION: The monthly discussion at the NYS PN A annual conference. About 25 folks showed up to hear a panel titled, "Community Participation through Community Supported Agriculture." Panelists were Chris Cotran, Rob Addelson, and Nimmi Beal.

On Our Organization

R O S T E R R E S P O N S E S: W e w o u l d like to r e c e i v e your r e s p onses to a f o r m we s e n t y o u a s a s u r v e y f o r our c o n t a c t person. At the time you w a t ched the v i de o of the ou r organization as outlined in #29, w e a s k e d f o r comments on the r o s t e r forms in #32. H e r e are s o m e of t h e c o m m e n t s w e r e c e i v e d:

"I've never been too enthusiastic," Takuya Nakamoto of Chapell Hill w r o te , "about the i dea of n a tio n a l o rganization, g i v e n resources to f i t in the Network." "I'm not sure how well o r g anization will work in my experience, the local chapters are not well developed. The danger is that Planner's Network is establishing itself as a status quo organization that does not challenge the status quo at the ground level. In other words, I think that it would become, perpetually, a "paper" organization. I w ould rather that Planner's Network focus on building communication between regions and that the primary effort of Planner's Network chapters be devoted to local issues and local organizing. Without a stronger base, I don't see how Planner's Network can assert itself nationally. It is too easy to be deceived ourselves about the efficiency of what we do. It is nice having a few planners who take a clear stand. We need our own sympathies, but our numbers are really small when put in comparison, to, say, APA, (APA, while larger, is also, w e r e s s e n s i t i ve to o n i t s own terms). I think that the only way in which progressive planners will have any effect outside of our own group, is through concrete work with other local groups. This will likely lead to long-term political alliances and perhaps later to effective power. Finally, I doubt that "planners" are a reasonable category of people for political organizing. Broader categories of public employees would have to be involved to make more sense.

Andre Tremoulet of Roanoke wrote: "I feel that the strength of the national organization should come from the local chapters. During this early organizational stage it is important to stress local chapter formation in areas where there are enough Planner's Network members. I also feel that it is important to develop a few visible and enjoyable projects that have a direct relationship to planning practice (as opposed to research) early on; perhaps these are the only kind of projects that would help build momentum behind the organization at the local practitioner level."

I hope it can result in effective community organizing, carried out around clear analysis of issues. The issues we as planners are concerned with are basic survival issues of the poor and the powerless which makes people realize their importance as political issues," wrote Thomas Gottheimer of Lansing, MI.

"Sounds good. Keep up the good work!" John Ingram

Gilderbloom of Santa Barbara.

"As an Executive Committee member, NPCA (particularly since all funds come from me)" wrote Spurgeon Cameron of Raleigh, "I have suggested to UNC's Minority Planning Students Association and the Triangle Planners Network to join NPCA to become more involved in allied organizational affairs without losing our respective identity. Hopefully, results will follow from this. We are also planning a national conference in May some place."

"We've been working on a spring meeting. Network is a necessary tool of continued professional growth and development. Organizational realities are interpersonal, but the general malaise found among many soldiers. Oppression, arbitrary decision making, etc. are rampant. A sane society, and ultimately a world society, demand our continued efforts.

"Worth a try. Old measures which haven't fulfilled their promise need revision or scrapping. This one seems to be energetic and innovative. I wish you success in the Winter, N.Y., and beyond."

"Given the mood of the country, and the planning profession," wrote Daniel Laufer of Evanston, IL, "I hope we can influence the planning profession. There may not be a lack of sounding board for theorists—the planning field desperately needs progressive leadership and I hope Planners Network will work to promote it.

"I am against changing the name of the organization," wrote E. Barbara Phillips of Berkeley. "I am against any political program (or further division) on the "left" which, in my view, needs a few concrete successes at this moment in history more than it needs ideological purity. 1981 will be a test of whether the movement is presenting ourselves as radicals, a rather discredited currency. I see no strategic or tactical gains and heavy potential losses in this stance.

"Any new group that seems important, but they also appear to be overlapping and over-stretched for a network as young as the Planners Network. The Journal of the APA may well be a workable way of linking (perhaps first comparing) radical/progressive planning in the U.S. and in other nations. An emphasis might be on criticizing U.S. foreign policy relevant to Third World development and constructing alternative policies."

"Now that I'm on the West Coast," wrote Nathan Landau of Oakland, "I understand how important local and regional struggle is, and how rapidly developing. The network also seems urgent to me to get our ideas, in forms from the most scholarly to the most popularized (bumper sticker slogans) into the hands of the straight and the media and the world beyond. And let's be genuinely democratic not democratic centralist. I'm glad this organization is around." (We encourage you to contact Keen, Oakland.)

"The Network should strike a balance," Nabii Kasassity of New York wrote, "less of a technocratic guild association—less centralism from top-down—more involvement at the local level (grassroots, community-labor progressive coalitions, minorities, women)—more educational and informative. I feel that it serve as a bulwark against liberal-demagogues politicians—backing intelligently progressive alternatives from the bottom up (not the other way around). Also we should be pluralistic—encouraging debates within a larger public for progressive alternatives and initatives.

"Very helpful. Keep it going," wrote Jan Kahan, Seattle. "Statement of Principles is long overdue and definitely to the point. Should provide the focus we've been needing to head planners et al. decide if they're interested in being part of the struggle for change in the public planning function, at a time when public agencies seem all too willing to shift this responsibility to the private sector as a way to save money, should also help to attract new network support.

"I think it's great that we're getting organized. I'd like to get active in the environmental group." Susan Jones, Winchester, Massachusetts.

"It's been exciting to see the ideas we have had for six years begin to germinate." John Girard, University of Nevada, Reno. See San Francisco. "The principles, purpose and structure statement in #29 provides a broad enough base from which to build support and growth. Case in point: We wrote these easy to agree with generalities into more controversial positions and activities which will more clearly define where we stand and how effective we can be. Our role must be to present innovative approaches to planning problems, to propose visionary solutions which incorporate our ideology and present alternatives that transcend the beaten path of mainstream planning."

"I think the idea of an organization was a risky step," Steven Herzbeg of Cambridge, MA, wrote, "but an important and timely one. If anything, I believe we are going to change the climate in the profession. I'm concerned the organization will not become a sounding board for theorists—the planning field desperately needs progressive leadership and I hope Planners Network will work to promote it.

"Great—should bill for dues, though, and suggest amount."

John Bergin, Boston.

I look forward to the new organization, but think we should call ourselves social-democrats or socialists," wrote Norman Fainstein of New York. "We are attempting to do serious alternative planning. The right knows what 'progressive' means. It is the center which must be pushed left, and 'progressive' is not far enough."

Rob Rourke, N.Y.: "Vital and timely is the solidification of the newsletter, dues support, shared interest project groupings, and national meetings. We become an organization. Appropriately so, I think. Scheduled to meet with professionals, as we make real projects and local groups of the Network happen. We become a political organization as we make real local unions, predominance of planners and activist professionals, and as we seek direction explicitly as part of rank and file labor, working class, and working community coalitions in party-building, locally and nationally. The merger with practitioner groups, such as the health planners caucus, and cooperation with activist national labor-community coalitions will be needed. I look forward to a newsletter, to Heath, and centers projects, such as Health-PAC, help mutually strengthen conflict political base and mission."

"I like getting involved in an organization, period." Beth Hagen, Park Forest South, Ill.

Upcoming Conferences


SINGLE AUDIT: Accountants for the Public Interest-Net were scheduled to hold a national conference on a single audit, a concept that would eliminate the current practice of multiple audits in an agency, which receives funds from several agencies. The conference is to be held at Hillman Hall, Douglass College, New Brunswick, NJ. Contact: Kathy Hart, 1115 University Ave., New Jersey 08812. 201-624-7446.
On Our Organization

**ROSTER RESPONSES:** We want to give our readers a chance to contact their favorite organizations as outlined in #29, so we asked for comments on the roster forms in #32. Here are some of the comments we received:

"I've never been too enthusiastic," Takuyo Nakamoto of Chapel Hill wrote, "about the idea of a national organization, given resources to fill a niche." In my experience, the local chapters are not well developed.

The danger is that Planner's Network is establishing itself as a national organization before it even begins to take root at the ground level. In other words, I think that it could become, perpetually, a "paper" organization. I would rather that Planner's Network be an organization of communication between regions and that the primary effort of Planner's Network chapters be devoted to local issues and local organizing. Without a stronger base, I don't see how Planner's Network can assert itself nationally. It is too easy to deceive ourselves about the efficiency of what we do. It is nice and comforting to know that a certain number of people are explaining to the ground, but without a sympathetic, but our numbers are really small when put in comparison, to say, APA. (APA, while larger, is also inefficient on its own terms.) I think that the only way in which progressive planners will have any effect outside of our own group, is through concrete work with other local groups. This will likely lead to long-term political alliances and perhaps later to effective power. Finally, I doubt that "planners" are a reasonable category of people for political organizing. Broader categories of public employees would probably make more sense.

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Andrea Gruber of Santa Barbara said, "It should result in effective community organizing, carried out around clear analysis of issues. The issues we as planners are concerned with are of basic survival issues. This makes it possible to people realize their importance as political issues." She also suggested that the plan for 1981 include a "Local Planner's Network" "to assist in developing community planners".

"Sounds good. Keep up the good work!" John Ingram

**Regional Roundup**

**Q&A IN NEW YORK:** From Steve Boss (256 W. 12th St.,
NYC 10025, 212-666-4397): At the March 13th NY Network's working session, six of us signed up as interested in providing a talk or discussion of interest to the group. We would like to ask for assistance from a group and we are mutually exploring the types of help that we could provide. If anyone is interested in hosting such a group, let us know. We look forward to spending with a community group and have a particular skill to share, please contact me. Any suggestions would be welcome. We'd also like to hear from any NYC area groups interested in our assistance.

**ATLANTA MEETING:** A regional meeting for all Network members in the Southeast will be held in Atlanta May 22. Bill Goldsmith will be the featured speaker, offering "A Critique of Race Relations." Time will be set aside to discuss Network business, including: local and regional chapter formation; a report from the D.C. Network Steering Committee; the Network's work in other areas; the Steering Committee and announcement will be sent to members in the following states: Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. For more information contact Nicki Bell, 734 Aragon Ave. #3, Atlanta, GA 30304, 404-874-7886. Yes, this time it will really happen.

**N.C. RESEARCH TRIANGLE:** From Donna Dyer (3409 Hope Valley Rd., Durham, NC 27707): The Triangle Area Network will hold its annual meeting at the March 11th NC APA annual conference. About 25 folks showed up to hear a panel titled, "Community Participation through Community Organizing." The panelists were Chris Cotant, Rob Addelson, and Nimmy Beall.

**Upcoming Conferences**

**PROGRESSIVE FUTURE:** The Planners Network Upstate New York is organizing a regional conference June 25-27 at Corning Community College. For information contact Paula Ford, 307 HUDSON Ave., Albany, NY 12210, (518) 434-0881.

**CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT:** The 1982 National Conference on Citizen Involvement, sponsored by Volunteer: The National Center for Citizen Involvement, will be held June 25-27 at the Sheraton New York Hotel. For registration information contact June Snyder, 307 HUDSON Ave., Albany, NY 12210.

**SINGLE AUDIT:** Accountants for the Public Interest Network have prepared a completed single audit, a concept that would eliminate the current practice of multiple audits in an agency, which receives funds from many sources for the same services and several other important actions. The conference will be held at Hickman Hall, Douglass College, New Brunswick, NJ. For further information contact: Kathy Hart, 601 HOWARD ST., 145, University Ave., New Brunswick, NJ 08901, 202-624-7446.
The political economy of Migration and Regional Western Development was discussed by Ann Markusen, Dudley Burlingame, and William E. Rasmussen in an article that addressed issues of economic development, grassroots planning, and resource development in the West.

Ex Conferences

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It is planned to continue a similar type of conference next year, possibly in New Mexico.

For further information, please contact Jochool Kim at the Department of Planning, College of Architecture, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287-665-5898.

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STAFF DIRECTOR: Santa Ana Neighborhood Organizations (S.A.N.O.) in a coalition of several organizations of low-income neighborhoods in Santa Ana, CA. A multi-racial, predominantly Hispanic city of 200,000 plus. It is a staff director whose general duties would include training neighbors and staff, formulating strategies for neighborhood issues, coordinating neighborhood activities, supervising staffing, assisting in grant writing, and coordinating fund-raising activities. The position requires experience in Alinsky-style organizing and fluency in Spanish is preferred. Salary $18,000 per year. Send resume to S.A.N.O., P.O. Box 12685, Santa Ana, CA 92712. For further information, call 714-547-8168.

Etcetera

GRATEFUL THANKS: Our heartfelt thanks go to Mara Heiman for her cheerful volunteered time and effort in assembling project interest from roster forms and in helping to prepare key sections of this newsletter for the printer. Related thanks (and awe) to Judy Kossy and Joel Friedman for laying out last issue's Roster. We rely heavily on volunteers to help us stretch those dollars you send in, and the response of PN members in the Washington area has been gratifying. Even so, we still have some administrative-type tasks that need the attention of careful, patient volunteers—especially during the day. If you might be available to help out, whether only once or on some regular basis, please let us know. Contact Prentice Bowsher, 265-8522.

ADDRESS CHANGES: Many Networkers seem to move around a lot. When you do, please let us have your old address and zip code as well as your new ones. Names (like luggage) sometimes change and you will need the old and the right address card. Moreover, our cards are maintained in zip code order (because that’s the way the Post Office wants the mail); so if we don’t have your old zip code, we can’t help you out; and we wind up paying postage for phantom recipients. So please help out and send both old and new addresses.

TALK UP PN: Let people know about the Planners Network. Probably the best way of outreach we have in bringing people into the Network who ought to be there is when you yourselves inform and recruit people you work with and maybe have a mailing list (write us for a copy or copies), and you can show back newsletters to people. Or just sit down and make a list of people you think ought to be in the Network and we’ll send them the information sheet.

NEXT DEADLINE: The deadline for receiving materials for the next issue will be Monday, June 14 (Flag Day). It sure helps if your notes are typed.

CORRECTION: Our apologies to ACORN for garbling its address in the last issue. The correct address is: ACORN, 1638 R St, N.W., Washington, DC 20009.

LOST SOULS: We appreciate the time many of you take with each other to look through this list of lost souls. We hope we’ve added you. We’ll be looking for each other’s updated addresses (with zip codes, old and new) we get from you, or the messages you give us to get back in touch with us, and we’ll be moved. Following are the returns for #32. February 17, 1982.
Ex Conferences

ACTION FOR LIFE: A California version of the highly acclaimed Action for Life Conference was held April 16-19 in the Bay Area. The conference was sponsored by the Center for Action for Life, 2601 N. 20th St., San Francisco. Attendees included representatives from 35 different organizations who worked to raise awareness and encourage action at the local, state, and national levels. The conference provided a forum for sharing strategies and resources, as well as networking opportunities.

URBAN AMERICA: The University of Cincinnati School of Planning and Architecture will host a Symposium on Social Change April 28-29 on "The Changing Face of Urban America." Speakers include Manuel Castells, Melvin E. Woodard, and Janet Abo-Lughod of Northwestern. Topics include population movements, federal economic policies, urban revitalization and distressed urban areas, and regional and federal policies. The conference fee is $45 for members, $60 for non-members. For more information, contact: Prof. Charles E. Hixon, Division of Architecture, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH 45221, 513-479-493.

PLANNING FOR WOMEN: "Planning for Women and the Challenge of Change," a conference April 24 at the School of Architecture and Urban Planning, UCLA. The conference is free and childcare is available. Speakers include Judy Chu, Jan Peterson, Yolanda Moses, and Carol A. Brown. Topics include "Special Needs of Non-Traditional Households," "Neighborhoods and Women Putting It Together," and "Alternative Approaches to Housing Design." The conference is cosponsored by the UCLA Women's Studies Program, the School of Architecture and Urban Planning, and the Fine Arts Council.

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: The MIT Laboratory of Architecture and Planning, MIT, is presenting a seminar on "Planning for Developing Countries: The National Action Plan. The seminar will be held March 26-27 at the MIT Campus.

Conference Report

WESTERN PERSPECTIVES: During March 26-28 the first regional conference for academic and professional planners in the Western United States was held on the campus of Arizona State University. The conference brought together about 100 participants from the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. The conference focused on the future of the region, and its impact on the planning profession.

Staff Director: Manual Castells, in his keynote speech on "Managing the New Historical Relationships between Space and Society," argued that the present system is an "era of crisis" not only economically, but culturally and politically as well. He said that social perception of crisis often takes the form of collective feelings about the deterioration of the quality of life. One of the fundamental processes at work in the current world crisis is the transformation of a new relationship between space and society, he said. Castells emphasized that we need, "to find a new kind of understanding of a history, based on the creative expression of a diversity of social actors, and on the dynamic management of the conflicts arising in this diversity.

Other issues were debated during the conference. One such issue was Reagan's New Federalism. Alan Babin, Kentress Luther, and Daniel Cohen argued that Reagan's economic programs will exacerbate already existing patterns of poverty in the nation's large cities and will establish permanent patterns of racial and economic segregation. Jennifer Wolf and Daniel Cohen argue that Reagan's economic programs will reinforce the social and economic division between the nation's cities and rural areas. Jennifer Wolf further argues that women's roles in the private sector play a vital role in fund public programs once budget cuts take effect because there is more ignorance in the metropolitan areas along racial, cultural and economic lines.

The political economy of Migration and Western Regional Development was discussed by Ann Markusen, Dudley Boynton, and Robert Tannahill. The discussion centered on the development of land, land use planning, and the development of land use policies.

On the last day of the conference examined Native American issues at one of the many existing Indian reservations in Arizona. The Fort McDowell Indian Reservation gained national attention in 1978 when Indians on the reservation went for their rights to keep their own destiny and rich culture against the proposed location of Orne Dam. They argued that Orne Dam, if constructed as proposed, would flood the entire reservation, thereby forcing the scattering of the natives to other areas in Arizona. Local activists, along with local residents, presented their frustration and experiences with biased local press coverage, and insensitivity of elected politicians throughout the entire process. In addition, the conference explored strategies for addressing housing desegregation issues for Native American communities.

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