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THE NETWORK Steering Committee met May 9 in Washington, D.C. A report on that meeting appears elsewhere in this Newsletter, and a copy of the full minutes of the meeting can be had by sending a SASE to the Network office. We'd like to highlight the fact that there are openings on the Steering Committee we'd like to fill. (Bill Goldsmith will be leaving the country for a year beginning in July; and over the year we have had three resignations: Marie Kennedy, Mitt Regan, and Nicki Belville, all of whom felt they could not devote proper time to the Network in light of their other commitments.) Present Steering Committee members are: Emily Achtenberg (Boston), Eve Bach (Berkeley), Bob Beauregard (New Brunswick), Donna Dyer (Durham, NC), Bill Goldsmith (Ithaca), Chester Hartman (DC), Charles Hoch (Chicago), Judy Kossy (DC), Jackie Leavitt (NYC), Jackie Pope (NYC), Alan Rabinowitz (Seattle), Pat Wilson Salinas (Austin), Tony Schuman (NYC), Derek Shearer (LA) and Andree Tremoulet (Roanoke).

If you have anyone (including yourself) to suggest, please let us know. We particularly want to add people to create maximum balance and representation on matters of geography, sex, race, type of employment, and interest area.

\$\$\$ REPORT: Since the last issue, we have received 25 contributions, totalling \$427.37. Not enough, by any means. Please betake yourselves immediately to the coupon found elsewhere on this page. Several of you have written that it is easier for you to be billed for dues, either in advance or after the fact. If you want a bill for the amount of your self-calculated "dues," we'll be happy to furnish one.

PN PROFILE: At last we have completed tallying up the information you sent us in the roster forms, and the results provide an interesting picture of who we are (and are not), what we do, and what we are interested in. Based on 355 roster forms that were returned, we are mostly white, male, and under 40; work for government agencies or academic institutions; and are predominantly interested in housing and community economic development. We can only guess how closely the roster-based profile reflects the entire PN mailing list of some 1,469 names; but in two quick comparisons, male/female and geographic distribution, the match was remarkably close. So perhaps the roster-based profile is not too far off at that. The information is particularly useful in preparing PN grant proposals, in suggesting opportunities for further PN recruitment efforts, and in planning future PN activities.

In summary form, the rosters produced the following information: *Sex:* male, 68%; female, 31%. *Age:* 20-30, 36%; 31-40; 41 and older, 16%. *Race & Ethnicity:* white, 97%; all other, 3%. *Principal work identity:* public agency, 49%; faculty, 29%; student, 17%; remainder, scattered. *Major work/interest area:* housing, 64%; community economic development, 55%; rural, 15%; remainder, scattered. (Not all persons answered all questions, and some people checked more than one item for principal work identity and work/interest area; for these items, the percentage is based on the total number of persons returning rosters.)

Geographically, we are heavily concentrated in just a few key states. Using the PN mailing list, which the returned rosters matched closely, nearly 50 percent of the Networkers are concentrated in just three states, California (356, 24%), New York (211, 14%), and Massachusetts (133, 9%). Five states (North Carolina, Pennsylvania, the District of Columbia, Illinois, and Oregon) have between 41 and 90 Networkers each; 14 states (OH, MD, WA, MI, NJ, VA, WI, FL, TX, GA, TN, CO, KY, MN) have between 11 and 40 members each; and 25 states have 10 members or less each. Outside the United States, 31 Networkers live in Canada, and 23 in other foreign countries. Obviously, we need to press recruiting efforts in states where there are few current members. In four states, in fact, (ID, SC, SD, WY), we have no Networkers at all. Let's aim for Networkers in every state in time for the next national gathering.

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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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Passing the Word

□ **ELDERLY HOUSING:** The Housing Initiative Center (439 Main St., Orange, N.J. 07050) is seeking audio-visual materials on housing alternatives for senior citizens, such as accessory apartments, shared housing, and granny flats. If you can help, contact the Director Christina R. Greco.

□ **ALTERNATIVE MEDIA:** From Linda Hollis (6413 Maplewood Dr., Falls Church, VA 22041): Sam Smith, the D.C. statehood activist and publisher of the *D.C. Gazette*, puts out a *National Action Guide*, which lists alternative media by geographic region and subject area, and national action groups by substantive area. The Spring 1982 issue is \$2, and has two full pages of groups concerned with international issues and peace. It's available from 1739 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Wash., D.C. 20009.

□ **A REAGAN ALTERNATIVE:** Former Nader executive Mark Green provides specific, readable, and electable liberal alternatives to the policies of the Reagan Administration in a new paperback from Bantam, *Winning Back America*. Organized in three parts, with 13 chapters, 35 subchapters, and 354 pages, Green's book describes the trend lines and fault lines that will, he says, make the Reagan regime short-lived. He lays out 27 themes that progressives can use to "win back America." In addition, the book describes 170 groups and hundreds of readings suggested by the author for those who wish to organize and act on his recommendations. The price is \$3.95.

□ **WORKER-OWNERS:** The Association for Workplace Democracy (1747 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Wash., D.C. 20009, 202/265-7727) is a nonprofit group promoting democracy in the workplace, an alternative approach to traditional business management and ownership. Full workplace democracy in the private sector is the practice of employee ownership and management of an organization. AWD provides a nonpartisan forum for bringing together researchers, workers, union leaders, teachers, managers, students, social activists in a national network composed of regional and local groups. Memberships range from \$5 for the unemployed to \$30 for institutions, and include a year's subscription to a quarterly *Workplace Democracy*, and special rates for AWD conferences.

□ **URBAN POLITICAL ECONOMICS:** A new collection of original essays on urban political economics has been gathered together under the title *Urban Policy under Capitalism* and edited by Network members Norman I. Fainstein of the New School and Susan S. Fainstein of Rutgers. Topics include national policy and urban development, the local state, and urban social movements. Common themes that run through many of the chapters include a comparative perspective, emphasis on cultural and ideological definitions in channeling government and social practice, and a commitment to linking theory and practice. The 304-page book is \$25 in hardcover, \$12.50 in paper, from Sage Publications, 275 South Beverly Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90212.

□ **DISARMAMENT MEDIA:** The Media Network has just published an eight-page *Guide to Disarmament Media*, which describes 26 films, videotapes, and slideshows useful for organizing and educational work on disarmament. In addition, the guide lists related resources, distributors, and low-cost film libraries, and provides advice for putting on a successful program. Individual copies of the *Guide* are available for \$1 from Media Network, 208 W. 13th St., NYC 10011, 212/620-0878. Special rates are available for bulk orders.

□ **PLANNERS AND NUKES:** From Chester Hartman: About 50 planners attended the June 5 session, "How Does the Designed Environment Contribute to Nuclear War, and How Can Environmental Designers Work Towards Its Prevention," held as part of the June 4-6 conference, "Social Scientists and Nuclear War," at the CUNY Graduate Center. Among the speakers were Kevin Lynch, who presented the draft of a self-help manual for communities, "How to Analyze Nuclear Devastation of Your Home Town," which he and Tunney Lee are completing; Walter Thabit, who presented some possible issues for planners to focus on; and Chester Hartman, who led a session on building an action coalition among the design professions. An interim steering committee (which includes several Network members: Bob Goodman, Paul Davidoff, Bob Bogen, Karl Linn, Tony Schuman, Michael Kwartler) is drafting a joint statement of the professions' concern and expertise, when then will be the focus of an organizing drive, to begin in several weeks, in which the Network will play a key role with respect to planners. A specific issue we will concentrate on is the futility and idiocy of the emergency evacuation plans that communities and their planners are being asked to prepare. You all will hear more about this in a very short while, and we hope you will be moved to act.

Meanwhile, in response to the request in Newsletter #33 that Network members come forth with ideas on this issue, the following two responses were received:

From Murray Silverstein (6126 Harwood Ave., Oakland, CA 94618): As many of you know, the Reagan administration is reviving the nation's civil defense program as part of its goal of attaining "nuclear war-fighting capability." The centerpiece of the program is Crisis Relocation Planning, federal double-talk for "head for the hills." Of course, the program is meeting resistance around the country. Several cities and counties have flatly rejected it; many more are skeptical and asking questions. In California, a resolution has been introduced in the state legislature requiring that no funds, staff time, facilities or other state resources be diverted to civil defense planning to cope with the effects of a nuclear attack. I suggest that members of the Network research the progress of crisis relocation planning in their regions, and begin to organize resistance to it. It is a particularly good issue for planners to address, because the whole program is being presented to local agencies with the aura of rational planning, and professional expertise. I have been working with a group to stop CRP in Alameda County, where I live, and to support the resolution I mentioned above. We have collected information, developed flyers, etc.; if you would like to see this material and exchange information, write to me. Perhaps we can build up a network of organized resistance to this program across the country.

From Frederick S. Taintor (Planning Department, Framingham, MA 01701): On the basis of its Statement of Principles, Planners Network should fill this role by becoming involved as a cosponsor of the Nuclear Weapons Freeze, the June 12 Campaign (relating to the United Nations Special Session on Disarmament) [PN was a co-sponsor], the National Day of Peace campaign, and similar political and consciousness-raising efforts. One concrete issue which will face many planners is participation in the expanding civil defense and "crisis relocation" planning efforts. Many towns have already voiced their opposition to these plans in Town Meetings and referenda, and planners should provide technical and organizational support and leadership in these movements. Perhaps planners (and Planners Network) could contribute by educating the public about the potential

destruction of viable communities and regions and the impossible task of rebuilding communities in the wake of a nuclear holocaust. Planners are often in contact with a range of community organizations and officials, and can learn to use these contacts to promote peace. I am currently involved in organizing a local celebration of Peace Day 1982 (August 1) and am able to be a good resource through my professional contacts as well as through my role as the representative of our Friends Meeting to the local interfaith clergy association. Planners Network can provide a very important benefit simply by being a link among those of us who are working for peace and may feel isolated in our professional environment from others with the same interests. I am interested in following up on these issues and bringing them to other planning and community groups, and would be interested in any support and assistance which Planners Network decides to give.

□ VIRGINIA NEWS WATCH: From Rick Cagan (Box 105, Richmond, VA 23201): *The Virginia Reporter* is a bi-monthly tabloid speaking to the concerns of low and moderate income Virginians. It contains regular updates on public benefit programs and advocacy techniques, analyses of trends in social programs, and updates on organizing campaigns around the state. The 16-page May-June issue included articles on campaigning for a fair budget, on a new state-wide grassroots coalition, Virginia Action, and on a new state corporate tax credit for business aid to neighborhood groups. A year's subscription can be had for a donation (suggested, \$10), and a sample copy for \$1. Write or call *The Virginia Reporter*, 700 East Main St., #200, Richmond, VA 23219, 804/782-9442.

□ SW DESERT NEWS: *Coyote* is a nonprofit community newspaper published monthly in Tucson by the Food Conspiracy Co-op, a cooperatively owned grocery. The paper exists to explore and celebrate the diverse cultural and biological heritages of the Southwest Desert, as well as to provide people with "high quality information" on what it means to live in this place and time. A recent 20-page issue included stories on disarmament, community radio, parenting, and uranium mining. Subscriptions are \$10, payable to *Coyote*, 1145 E. 6th St., Tucson, AZ 85719.

□ PENTAGON SPENDING: SANE has produced a 30-page critical analysis of Pentagon programs, which includes options for trimming up to \$66 billion from the Defense Department's budget. Special attention is given to the MX missile, the B-1 bomber, the M-1 tank, and nuclear carriers. Single copies of *The Military Budget Manual* are available for \$1.50; bulk rates are available. Contact: National SANE Education Fund, 711 G St. S.E., Wash., D.C. 20003, 202/546-7100.

□ URBAN GEOGRAPHY: A 50-volume series on international perspectives in urban geography is planned for later this year by Concept Publishing Company of New Delhi, under the editorship of Dr. C.S. Yadav of Delhi University. The series will include concepts, models, and methods in urban geography; it will report recent developments in the field from various parts of the globe; and it will deal with contemporary issues that are engaging the attention of planners, policy-makers, and scholars. The American consultant for the project is David S. Dickason of Western Michigan University.

□ NETWORKING DIRECTORY: Doubleday has published *NETWORKING: The First Report and Directory*, a listing of more than 1,500 social change networks (including ours) in such topic areas as health and the life cycle, communities and co-ops, ecology and energy, politics and economics, education and communications, personal and spiritual growth, and

global and futures networks. Listings were compiled by Jessica Lipnack and Jeffrey Stamps. Copies are \$29.95; \$15.95, paper.

□ JOB GUIDE: *The Compleat Guide to Jobs in Planning and Public Administration* is a new directory by Networker Daniel Lauber with more than 260 listings of magazines, job banks, and directories that can help planners find new jobs. The directory provides guideines for the seasoned professional and the recent graduate in preparing an effective resume and cover letter. It details how to prepare for a job interview, and how to handle questions about your political beliefs, child care arrangements, and travel availability. The 48-page directory is available from Planning/Communications, 200 South Blvd., Evanston, IL 60202. The cost is \$8, payable to Daniel Lauber; orders must be prepaid.

□ APA ELECTION REPORT: Two issues ago, in #32, Networker Daniel Lauber (200 South Blvd., Evanston, IL 60202) gave us a preview of upcoming elections in the American Planning Association. Now the elections have occurred, and this is his report on the outcome:

Progressive candidates swept nearly all six seats in this year's elections to the board of directors of the American Planning Association. Progressives won four of the six races and came close to winning the other two. The votes of members of Planners Network helped elect David Brower, Associate Director of The Center for Urban & Regional Studies at U.N.C., Chapel Hill, and William Toner, environmental planning professor at Governors State University (IL), planning author, and member of Planners Network, to the two at-large APA seats. Relatively progressive candidates for the two APA/AICP district seats, Carl Goldschmidt, Director of the School of Urban Planning and Landscape Architecture at Michigan State University, and J.D. Wingfield, Jr., Senior Vice President of Hammer, Siler, George Associates in Atlanta, won with your assistance.

One of our unsuccessful candidates actually received the most votes, only to lose when "second choice" votes were counted. Kay "Kelly" Carpenter, a member of Planners Network and Director of Plans and Program Implementation for Broward County, Florida, edged out her three competitors by 69 votes. But since she did not have an absolute majority of votes cast, the APA's unique by-laws required that "second choice" votes be counted. Thanks to this process, Kelly lost out to Allan Hodges by 2,582 to 2,403. We're going to try to change the by-laws to end this slightly anti-democratic "second choice" voting procedure and let whoever gets the most votes win.

The progressive candidate for President came in third in the closest race yet for APA President. Minnesota consultant Robert Einsweiler edged out California's Robert Paternoster and progressive Lake County (IL) Planning Director Lane Kendig, by 2,282 to 2,082 to 2,070 respectively. With second choice votes counted, Einsweiler squeaked by Paternoster 3,118 to 3,008.

Thanks to this election, progressives (at least on APA matters) hold seven of the 21 seats on the board. Usually two to four other APA directors will join us on most votes. With that many votes we can begin to get APA to stand up to the Reagan Administration instead of surrendering. And with another strong showing in next year's APA election, we can garner a majority on the board to make the changes necessary to make APA financially sound and to act as a spokesman for more progressive planning practice. A special thanks to Network members who voted in the APA/ACIP elections. You made the difference in the first effort to elect a group of progressive candidates to the board a rousing success.

□ **ADD APA:** We have carried a running dialogue from Networkers over the past issues on the merits, or lack of them, of the American Planning Association. Here the dialogue continues, in a letter from Mary H. Deal (610 A Dodge Ct., Dayton, OH 45431):

The APA organization, much like the Spanish Hapsburg Empire that Goya portrayed, suffers from in-breeding, otherwise known as conflict of interest. If current or past boards were expunged of everyone who ever had a fiduciary interest in APA, ASPO, or AIP—as a member of the staff, as a consultant to any or all of the organizations, as a contributor for money to the publications, as an author whose book was published by the house press—there would be many empty seats. There would be no Daniel Lauber, no Fred Bosselman, no Fred Bair, no Earl Finkler. That is but a short list; there are more to be named, if any one cared enough about planning and the organization representing it. The fact is that no one cares, at least enough to do some serious action. I am always amused that football fans care enough about their teams to sue them, however minor the annoyance, while planners do nothing except complain, fighting the ASPO-AIP wars which are are bogus and in the past.

Much of the APA discussion strikes me as arguing whether a house should be faced with brick or shakes, while carpenter ants, munching on the structure, will make the whole discussion superfluous shortly. The issues of financial and organizational accountability are not addressed, and few members demand them. Planning needs a strong national voice coming from a staff and board who do not think of themselves as whimps of the public sector. That activity can complement the work of Planners Network. Unfortunately, people do not always get what they need. To keep everything Hoyle, my associations with these organizations are as a staff member briefly with ASPO in the mid-1960s, as a member of APA and AICP, and as a former head of a division, Planning and Women.

□ **NEIGHBORHOOD** is a quarterly journal about New York City issues and neighborhoods, published by the New York Urban Coalition. A recent issue carried articles on the Times Square neighborhood, on locating dump sites, on credit unions, and on state politics; and an interview with economist Robert Heilbroner. Single copies are \$2; a year's subscription is \$7.50. Contact: *Neighborhood*, New York Urban Coalition, 1515 Broadway, NYC 10036.

□ **FELLOWSHIP WINNERS:** Bret Wallach of the University of Oklahoma and Networker Frank J. Popper (6309 Alcott Rd., Bethesda, MD 20817), an independent consultant, are winners of the Gilbert F. White Fellowships for 1982-83. Those selected spend an academic year at Resources for the Future, sponsor of the fellowships, studying a public policy issue concerning natural resources, energy, or environmental quality. Wallach will study land and water use on the High Plains; Popper will examine planning for locally unwanted land uses, such as hazardous waste disposal. Applications for 1983-84 fellowships will be available in October, 1982, from Resources for the Future, 1755 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Wash., D.C. 20036.

□ **FIXING CITIES:** From Tertius Chandler (2500 Buena Vista, Berkeley, CA 94708): To free cities of slums, unemployment, and crime, we can take a good look at land-value taxation, invented in New Zealand about 1840, and working well now, too, in Taiwan and three other countries. See my book, *The Tax We Need* (\$5 prepaid from me) or Rolland O'Regan's *Rating in New Zealand* (Baranduin Publishers, Wainuiomata, N.Z.).

□ **RURAL HOUSING GUIDE:** The National Housing Law Project has prepared a 400-page manual on the single- and multi-family housing programs of the Farmers Home Administration. The manual runs to 24 chapters, and covers Section 515 Rural Rental Housing, Section 514 and Section 516 Farm Labor Housing, Section 502 Homeownership Housing, and Section 504 Home Repair Loans and Grants. An extensive table of contents and complete table of cases are included at the beginning of the manual. Copies are available from the National Housing Law Project, 2150 Shattuck Ave. #300, Berkeley, CA 94704. Cost is \$60; prepayment is required.

□ **MEDIA LOG** is the name of a free guide to more than 315 film, television, and radio productions supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The log describes each program, including information about length, content, format, distributor, and, in most cases, rental and/or purchase fees. The programs cover American history, archaeology and anthropology, folk traditions, the arts, the humanities in literature, and philosophy, religion, and ethics. Contact: National Endowment for the Humanities, 806 15th St. N.W., Wash., D.C. 20506.

□ **REHAB TRAINING:** The Community Rehabilitation Training Center provides intensive, practical training and technical assistance opportunities for housing rehabilitation, and community development professionals. Course topics include underwriting multi-family rehabilitation, relocation, private market financing, investor-owned rehabilitation, construction management, and energy conservation. Courses are offered at various times and locations, depending on requests for training. Typical tuition for a four-day course is \$350. For further information and a training schedule, contact the Community Rehabilitation Training Center, 4340 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814, 301/654-9300.

□ **NEW EDITORS,** Robert Hollister and Mona Hochberg, have taken over editing *Neighborhood Development*, the newsletter of the APA's Neighborhood Development Division, and want suggestions on types of articles desired and topics to be covered. The Spring 1982 issue includes a case study on neighborhood planning in San Antonio, and articles on management skills for nonprofits, and on a survey of neighborhood organizations in the Southeast. Contact the new editors at the Department of Urban and Environmental Policy, Tufts University, Medford, MA 02155, 617/381-3394.

□ **NEIGHBORHOOD IDEAS** is the periodic newsletter of the Civic Action Institute, serving as an information exchange forum on practical approaches to strengthen and stabilize neighborhoods. Articles often are written by neighborhood residents, reporting on their own experiences. Recent articles covered neighborhood efforts in Pittsburgh and Tucson, management support for neighborhood groups, and in-depth examinations of the Reagan Administration's New Federalism, and of growing state aid for neighborhoods. Subscriptions are \$20, prepaid, for 10 issues, payable to the Civic Action Institute, 1010 16th St. N.W., Wash., D.C. 20036, 202/293-1461.

□ **MORE ON UNEMPLOYMENT:** We carried a long, anonymous letter in #33 from an out-of-work planner in Philadelphia, reporting the hardships of job-seeking and wondering how others fared. The following responses pick up the theme.

From Mark Barnes (1940 Jackson St., Eugene, OR 97405): The unemployed Networker in Philly is most certainly not alone. The job situation in the northwest is quite grim, and entry-level planning jobs are scarce. Very few of my classmates graduating this spring from the U. of Oregon's Dept. of Urban and Regional Planning have been able to find employment.

From David Gil (Florence Heller School, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA 02154): I found the letter from "Unemployed in Philly" very disturbing. Not so much because he is unemployed, a fate he shares with millions, but because of his reluctance to be identified. Unless the unemployed come out of the closet rather than hiding in anonymity, we cannot create a broad fighting movement for socialism. After all, being unemployed is a failure not of individuals but of the capitalist system, which thrives in perverse ways forever on the victimization of the excluded classes. I know saying this will not help anyone right away, yet our only long range hope is in organizing openly.

From another anonymous writer: The letter from "Unemployed in Philly" was a courageous effort, and compels me to offer my thoughts and feelings toward unemployed planners. I have been actively seeking positions in the Northeast. With a Master's degree in Regional Planning and a year's experience in a pre-Reaganomics planning agency, I have had no success. I presently hold a job I have no enthusiasm for, with my only motivation a weekly paycheck. Many of us have had to make great sacrifices to pursue our career interests, and would gladly continue to sacrifice if we could be employed in the planning progression: Perhaps what is needed as a first step is additional internship/assistant-level planning positions that offer valuable experience, although low pay, in return for job enthusiasm and dedication to planning. Personally, I would be only too happy to accept a low salary if the position allowed me to practice my planning skills and gain some varied experience. Further, I would like to become involved in a Networkers task force that might begin addressing some employment concerns of both entry-level and experienced planners, and which could dovetail with more conventional employment counseling subjects such as resume writing, interviewing, etc. One product of this effort could be guidelines from successful job seekers who have found employment through non-traditional strategies. Another product should be a network of concerned employers and employees who can pass information on to interested planners. I feel very much like the unemployed Philadelphian, and do not wish to reveal my name. Perhaps Planners Network could start a list of all those interested in participating in some sort of discussion of these concerns, and circulate this list to all of those on it to begin the dialogue.

□ ENERGY FOR PEOPLE: A helpful quarterly report on a broad range of energy issues is called *Citizen Action News*, published by Citizen Action. One recent issue included articles on deregulating natural gas, passage of an oil tax in Minnesota, a legislative defeat for electric utilities in Indiana. No subscription fee is listed; probably by donation. For details, contact: Citizen Action, 1501 Euclid Ave. #500, Cleveland, OH 44115, 216/861-5200.

□ FARMING RESOURCES: Three new books from the Conference on Alternative State and Local Policies detail what state and local governments can do to alleviate the current crisis in food and agriculture policy. *New Directions in Farm, Land, and Food Policies* (\$9.95) is a 300-page reference guide on state and local approaches to agricultural problems that work, with examples of where they have worked. *New Initiatives in Farm, Land, and Food Legislation* (\$4.95) is a 50-page reference guide to legislation for 1979-80. The Conference views it as a companion to *New Directions*. *Assisting Beginning Farmers* (\$5.95) is a 60-page examination of successful state efforts to aid beginning farmers, particularly in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Saskatchewan. For copies, add 10% for postage, and write: Conference Publications, 2000 Florida Ave. N.W. #406, Wash., D.C. 20009.

□ NYC FIRE CRISIS: A New York consultant has concluded that cuts in fire-related services which significantly reduce the ability to control and contain structural fires, and hence prevent the appearance of visible fire damage, can trigger a literal epidemic of fires and housing abandonment, with many characteristics similar to a recurrent and geographically spreading plague. The consultant, Roderick Wallace of the Public Interest Scientific Consulting Service, examined New York fire services from 1968 to 1979; the resulting study is titled, "Fire Service Productivity and the New York City Fire Crisis." Based on his study, Wallace warns other cities facing budget cutbacks to spare their fire services or face mass burnouts such as those in parts of the Bronx, Brooklyn, and Manhattan. The report was published in *Human Ecology*, Vol. 9, No. 4, 1981.

□ WESTERN PLANNERS can keep in touch through *The Western Planner*, a periodic tabloid sponsored by, and published in cooperation with, the planning associations and/or APA chapters in seven western mountain-plains states: Montana, North Dakota, Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska, Utah, and Colorado. Articles in a recent issue included reports on mini-lots for single-family housing in Mills, Wyo., capital improvement programming in South Dakota, and a new address system for rural residents in Wyoming. Single copies are \$1.50; a 10-issue subscription is \$10. Contact *The Western Planner*, Rt. 1, Box 7, Huntley, MT 59037.

□ CHICAGO REHAB: A good roundup of neighborhood housing efforts in Chicago is available in the December 1981 annual report of the Chicago Rehab Network. The report makes the case for low-income housing in Chicago, profiles Rehab Network members, and reports on the history of the Network in Chicago. Single copies are \$3; bulk discounts are available. Contact: Publications Division, Chicago Rehab Network, 53 West Jackson #603, Chicago, IL 60604.

□ IF IT WORKS, WRITE: The citizens' lobby Common Cause is looking for material for a regular column, called "What Works" in its bi-monthly political magazine. The column focuses on outstanding examples of government programs, innovative ideas, and citizen participation. Past columns have reported on energy savings in city vehicles in Fort Collins, CO; work-sharing, an option to unemployment, and how it works in California; and two mothers' success in forcing infant formula manufacturers to meet quality control standards. If you know of public or private efforts that seem successful in responding to particular needs, Common Cause may be interested. Contact (newspaper clips are specially desired): Lorraine Caputo, Common Cause, 2030 M St. N.W., Wash., D.C. 20036, 202/833-1200.

□ ENVIRONMENT UPDATE: *Information Exchange* is a quarterly newsletter published by the New York City Land Project of the Trust for Public Land for keeping people in touch with their environment. One recent issue included reports on the Neighborhood Open Space Coalition, on Land Trust highlights, and a brief profile of the Citizens Committee for New York City Inc. Subscription is by donation apparently; contact: The Trust for Public Land, 254 West 31st St., NYC 10001.

□ SELF-RELIANT CITIES is a new book by David Morris of the Institute for Local Self-Reliance which looks at how soaring energy costs are transforming cities into self-reliant nations. To retain capital in the local community, Morris

says, they are linking production and consumption more closely, and creating integrated systems in which the wastes of one process become the raw materials of another. Single copies are \$10.45; bulk discounts are available; prepayment is required. Contact: Institute for Local Self-Reliance, 1717 18th St. N.W., Wash., D.C. 20009, 202/232-4108.

□ **BIODYNAMIC GARDENING:** From Jesse Schwartz (Center for Community Self-Sufficiency, Box 797, Bolinas, CA 94924): The Center for Community Self-Sufficiency seeks modest, direct ways of furthering the evolution of peoples' consciousness. We have an experimental garden and a tree nursery in Bolinas, an hour from San Francisco. We offer seminars and workshops in biodynamic gardening, urban agriculture, and the creation of edible landscapes. We are willing to offer instruction in conjunction with other groups and organizations. By growing their own food, people can to some extent gain some degree of freedom from the inexorable logic of the marketplace.

□ **PUERTO RICAN POLICY:** The Institute for Puerto Rican Policy is establishing a National Puerto Rican Policy Network to facilitate communication and promote cooperation between persons conducting policy-oriented research and involved in advocacy work within Puerto Rican communities in the United States. Projected activities include an occasional newsletter, dissemination of a working papers series, an annual conference, etc. For further information, contact: Harry Rodriguez-Reyes, The Institute for Puerto Rican Policy, 445 West 59th Street, Room 3501, NYC 10019.

□ **CLASS WAR REVISITED:** The Reagan Administration's assault on safety net and entitlement programs is part of a continuing battle between capitalism and democracy; the assault will fail; and democracy, in a rare gain, will pull ahead. That at least is the view of Frances Fox Piven and Richard A. Cloward, authors of *Regulating the Poor* and other books, in their newest effort, *The New Class War* (\$11.50 from Pantheon). The story is told even in the chapter titles: "Capitalism Against Democracy," "The Origins of the Conflict," "The Walls Around Democracy," "The Crumbling of the Walls," "Democracy Against Capitalism."

□ **URBAN ALTERNATIVES:** The National Coalition for Urban Alternatives is a new group forming in Washington, D.C., to provide a national, state, and local forum to focus public attention on urban problems, people problems, and alternatives for solving them. The group's first target is the Administration's Enterprise Zone proposal, which the group says is already discredited by what it sees as failure of the prototype, Operation Bootstrap in Puerto Rico. Memberships range from \$15 for individuals to \$100 for corporations. Contact: National Coalition for Urban Alternatives, 172 North Carolina Ave. S.E., Wash. D.C. 20003, 202/544-1826.

□ **RADICAL PLANNING:** From Anna Lee (3326 Bishop Ct., Cincinnati, OH 45220): I am a student in urban planning at the University of Cincinnati, and I am writing a paper for a planning theory class on radical planning theory. I have *Urban and Regional Planning in an Age of Austerity* by Clavel, Forester, and Goldsmith. What I would like are the names of other books, helpful papers, and other information on radical planning.

□ **TRANSPORTATION PLANNERS:** From Andrew McClurg (Dept. of Community Development, 315 N. Hudson, Oklahoma City, OK 73102): I need to make contact with

people involved in commuter services in the Sunbelt. My situation: rideshare coordinator in Oklahoma City. Also hope to organize bicyclists to take a place in traffic. Auto-dependency is high here; transit weak. Nobody seems to mind, but the waste and what Illich calls "traffic-related impotence" tie into a host of problems, like a dispersed land use pattern reflecting the influence of residential developers on annexation policy. That's not about to change, but something can be done to keep the auto from preempting all other modes. Please write with ideas or just to get in touch. Happy to share resources.

□ **SF HOUSING NEEDED:** Network Chair Chester Hartman will be spending August in San Francisco doing research and writing for a revised edition of his book, *Yerba Buena: Land Grab and Community Resistance in SF*. If you know of an available house or apartment in the E. or W. Bay, please contact Chester at the Network office or phone (collect) 202/966-0064.

□ **NYC PLANNER WINS:** From Networker Tony Schuman (56 W. 22nd St., NYC 10010): On May 12, several members of the New York Steering Committee attended a victory celebration for Peggy Moberg at the HQ of her union, the Civil Service Technical Guild, Local 375 of AFSCME. As reported briefly in PN Newsletter #32, Ms. Moberg, a planner in the Economic Division of the N.Y. Dept. of City Planning, was dismissed by the Dept. for refusing a punitive transfer stemming from her opposition to zoning changes she felt would harm the boating industry and small homeowners on New York's City Island. Ms. Moberg successfully fought her demotion, dismissal, and efforts to stall arbitration hearings, supported by her co-workers, the local PN, and, especially, her union, whose 1st Vice President, Brad Smith, is a Network member. While the Union and its counsel, Jules Lobel, deserve the principal credit, Ms. Moberg was generous in her recognition of Network support by providing public forums for presenting her case, aiding a petition drive for an open hearing, writing a strong letter to the Office of Collective Bargaining, circulating relevant leaflets and documents among city workers, and helping create a strong physical presence at the arbitration hearings. Her successful settlement included \$10,000 back pay, a rescission of all charges, a cleansing of her personnel file, and a transfer offer (which she refused).

□ **ACT '82 (Appropriate Community Technology '82)** opened at the World's Fair on May 1. A renovated Victorian house contains exhibits explaining alternative technologies meeting the human needs of shelter, communication, food, transportation, and education. The second floor (to be opened June 15) will contain lecture/workshop rooms and a bookstore. Lectures, films, workshops, and "hands-on" demonstrations are being scheduled at the exhibit throughout the Fair. If you would like to participate, contact Elaine Grant. Other questions about the exhibit should be directed to Mary Powers. Both can be reached at: East Tennessee Community Design Center, 1522 Highland Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37916, 615/525-9945 or 971-4606.

□ **REPORT FROM NEBRASKA:** From Charlie Deknatel (1673 Otoe St., Lincoln, NE 68502): These are just a few observations: I am involved with teaching and some aspects of water policy and other environmental concerns here in Nebraska, partly because that is where the need is in our dept. These issues get a lot of attention here, but could use some new perspectives. I think the PN organization can be useful in

certain parts of the country and in association with certain other groups. For a lot of people, though it may be more appropriate to work in other organizations such as APA chapters or other kinds of groups. Thus I hope PN doesn't become too exclusive. I was disappointed that the environmental statement never got anywhere, and I hope this wasn't a victory for dogmatism. These issues are obviously social, despite the interests and determinism sometimes expressed by parts of the environmental movement. I obtained and commented on the statement. I think it is too bad that the useful and critical perspective of the movement both in theory, policy critiques and experimental projects are missing. Finally, I think it leaves out many people involved with rural and regional concerns. I wish the Network had been able to provide better information to the people like myself who responded to the request to do something about the Columbia group. I felt in retrospect that what I wrote could have been much better, although the Provost's reply seemed more concerned with his own personality and answered none of the really major points. Still, I think we could have done better. [PN Note: We will very soon publish an analysis of the Columbia U. issue and the role PN played in it. Since the matter still is not fully resolved and some delicate issues remain to be settled, we decided to postpone a report until a later issue.] I've been active in Nuclear Freeze here, to a modest extent. I don't see a unique role for PN, but it could be publicized; also budget and health impacts, as well as the travesty of evacuation planning.

□ SPACES BY/FOR PEOPLE: From Mark Francis (Environmental Planning and Management Division, UC Davis, Davis, CA 95616): I thought Network members would be interested in the results of some research we have recently completed on the effects of community control of neighborhood open spaces. Our research has documented that neighborhood open spaces such as parks, playgrounds, and gardens which are designed, developed, and managed by local residents are frequently more used and valued than traditional public parks and open spaces. Furthermore, we found in our research in New York City that these community developed projects are beginning to provide an alternative park system in cities where traditional open spaces have experienced lack of care and maintenance. The results of our research are available in a book entitled *The Making of Neighborhood Open Spaces: Community Design, Development and Management of Open Spaces*, by Mark Francis, Lisa Cashdan and Lynn Paxson. The report is available for \$6 (postpaid) from the Center for Human Environments, CUNY Graduate Center, 33 W. 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036. I would appreciate hearing from other Network members who are doing work on community open space.

□ ECO-DECENTRALIST DESIGN: Will the current boom of interest in alternative energy and appropriate technology actually change Late Industrial society's destructive demands on the biosphere? One approach to fulfill that hope is presented in a new, three-booklet set from the Planet Drum Foundation. The new customs, watershed and energy planning tools, and sustainable communities that would be required are described in the set: *Figures of Regulation: Guides for Re-Balancing Society with the Biosphere*, Peter Berg; *Toward a Bioregional Model: Clearing Ground for Watershed Planning*, George Tukel; and *Reinhabiting Cities and Towns: Designing for Sustainability*, John Todd with George Tukel. The set is available for \$10 prepaid from the Planet Drum Foundation, Box 31251, San Francisco, CA 94131.

□ BUILDING NEIGHBORHOODS: The Dayton Hudson Foundation has completed a five-year experiment in Minneapolis' Whittier neighborhood in building a partnership of local residents, public officials, and corporate leaders to turn around a troubled neighborhood. The Foundation calls the effort a success, and has published an elaborate, glossy, 218-page report on the experiment, called *Partners*. The first part of the report is a general essay on neighborhood revitalization through partnership; the second part is a case study of the Whittier neighborhood. Copies are available for \$15 prepaid from Dayton Hudson Foundation, 777 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55402, 612/370-6553.

□ A.T. PUBLICATIONS: Ten times a year, *RAIN*, a journal of appropriate technology, merges social ideas with technological information, providing the vision and tools that can lead people to more simple and satisfying lifestyles, help communities and regions become economically self-reliant, and build a society that is durable, just and ecologically sound. Subscriptions are \$15 prepaid (\$25 for institutions); contact RAIN, 2270 NW Irving, Portland, OR 97210. In addition, the folks at RAIN prepare special publications. Two of them, for example, are *Knowing Home* (\$6), an attempt to define planning for the future based on a bioregional perspective, and *Information and Communication Technology for the Community*, an effort to demystify the world of microchip-based communications technology (\$6, from Center for Urban Education, 0245 SW Bancroft, Portland, OR 97201).

□ WORLD'S FAIR HOUSING: Four turn-of-the-century houses in the Fourth and Gill neighborhoods, in Knoxville are ready for nightly rental by World's Fair visitors. These houses, renovated by the Fourth and Gill Neighborhood Organization, form nine housing cooperative units to be occupied by low to moderate income families after the Fair. The organization was founded in 1968 to serve the needs of this poor and working class Southern Appalachian industrial community. When displacement became a problem in the Fourth and Gill neighborhood, the Knoxville Housing Cooperative was formed. The previously abandoned houses are the first units completed in an effort to renovate 50 units by 1985. World's Fair rentals help to finance these units. Those interested in staying at the houses while in Knoxville may call 800/251-0606 and request rental #549, the Knoxville Housing Cooperative. Those wanting information on the cooperative may write: Betty Henault, 4th & Gill Neighborhood Organization, 800 North 4th Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917.

□ CHINA STUDY TOUR: From Warren Jones (University Extension, 2223 Fulton St., Berkeley, CA 94720): I am looking for one or several professional companions to join me in a proposed study tour of several Chinese cities in the spring or fall of 1983. The objective is to evaluate current developmental and policy issues and to observe, study, and write about current solutions to problems of urban development, public transportation, and housing. Some knowledge of Chinese history, society and language would be helpful. Willingness to work as well as to observe. Must be able to remain three to six months and to finance all of your own costs for the duration. I plan to enter China via Hongkong. Non-smokers, please.

□ BUDGET IMPACT: ATLANTA: The impact of federal budget cuts on Atlanta is analyzed in two recent reports published by Research Atlanta, a nonprofit, independent public policy research organization. The first report examines

the changes mandated by the Omnibus Reconciliation Act for AFDC, Food Stamps and Medicaid. The report documents how the new federal regulations in their first month of becoming effective resulted in approximately 6,000 Georgia households losing their AFDC and Medicaid eligibility. The report indicates that the group most affected by the new welfare rules is the working poor, those who are close to the eligibility requirements. For these persons the new rules present a disincentive to work. The report also examines how the State of Georgia responded to the changes and reductions in Medicaid, public health programs, Title XX programs and low income energy assistance. Policy options are recommended for government officials as well as the private sector. The second report examines how federal cuts in education, transportation, wastewater treatment, CETA, EDA, assisted housing, CDBG and parks programs will affect Atlanta. Some examples: next school year 8,000 fewer inner-city children will receive compensatory education in reading and math; the federal operating subsidy for the Atlanta Housing Authority (fifth largest authority in the nation) will decline by \$4.7 million from last year; Atlanta's CDBG funds were cut by 20 percent from last year. The second report concludes that as a result of the growing importance of metropolitan areas to Georgia and federal cutbacks in programs targeted for urban areas, the State should develop an urban strategy. Components of a State urban policy are suggested. The *Impact of Federal Budget Reductions on Fulton County, Part I: Health and Human Services* and the *Impact of Federal Budget Reductions on Atlanta, Part II: Government Services and Community and Economic Development* are available from Research Atlanta, 134 Peachtree Street, N.W., Suite 1105, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. The cost of each report is \$6.00 and prepayment is requested.

□ HOUSING HANDBOOK: The National Housing Law Project has just published *The Subsidized Housing Handbook: How to Provide, Preserve and Manage Housing for Lower-Income People*. It's 550 pages, with incredible amounts of relevant details on the nuts and bolts of housing development work, plus concise presentation of important issues community groups have to deal with when providing housing. The cost is \$25 to community-based non-profits and Legal Services offices, \$40 to others (plus \$2.75 for postage/handling.) Orders to 2150 Shattuck Ave., #300, Berkeley, CA 94704.

Regional Roundup

□ UCLA STUDENT PLANNERS: From Mary Beth Welch (10801 Clarmon Pl., Culver city, CA 90230), and Don Parson (645 Pueblo Dr., Thousand Oaks, CA 91360): On March 2 UCLA's student planners network brought Selma James of the International Wages for Housework Campaign to the Urban Planning Program to speak on "The Empire Strikes Back: The 1981 Riots in Britain." Ms. James has been a part of the autonomous left activities in Britain, Europe, and the United States for 25 years. She is presently supporting defense committees of youths arrested in the British riots, as a member of the Wages for Housework Campaign and the London Collective of Prostitutes.

What happened between 1979 and 1981 in Britain was a continuance of Britain's history of direct working class action, Ms. James said. Generally there had been a growing conflict between working class self-activity and the power of the state, represented by the police, she said. The riots were an expression of an international problem which happened to take place in Britain. The riots were class actions reflecting the legal system as a viable means of addressing working class concerns, she said.

The United States press reported the riots as "race riots." This was not the case, Ms. James said. The communities which "went up" were ethnically mixed communities, and the participants in the riots reflected the composition of the communities. The riots were largely led by blacks, but they were not solely composed of blacks. The riots were the culmination of years of police repression against the communities, heightened by the increasing economic instability, unemployment, and the cutting of social services, she said.

The reaction of the government was to split the alliance of black and white working class communities. It is accomplishing this through targeting funds for an economic activity in traditionally white areas, Ms. James said.

For the Labor Party, the riots produced more accountability of the party to community issues of police repression. For the organized Left, there is still a lack of understanding why they should support independent movements which do not look to them for leadership; but they are supporting them. For the autonomous left, there are new instances of independent organizations working together on issues out of common interest rather than negotiated alliances, Ms. James said.

□ UPSTATE NEW YORK: We are happy to report that Planners Network Upstate New York has received a small seed grant from the proceeds of the Planners Network conference held at Cornell in 1979. This will help defray printing and mailing costs for our programs.

The second Progressive Planners workshop convened in Utica on a rainsoaked Saturday in March at Mohawk Valley Community College. The workshop began with a discussion by Professor Sandy Kelman on new directions for planners in the '80s. Kelman noted that every 30 years or so, poverty is "discovered" in the U.S. In this century, this has taken the form of the Progressive Era in the opening years of the century, the New Deal of the '30s, and the War on Poverty and Great Society programs of the 1960s. Right now, he said, we are at a bottoming out period of the cycle but change is on the way. Sandy feels that the conservative politics of the Reagan era could become the very launching point for a new direction for planners.

John Zogby, founder of the Utica Citizens Lobby (UCL), followed with a discussion of his experience with the UCL and as a candidate for mayor of Utica. John had much to relate, but his principal advice to progressives involved in community action was to expect to and be willing to become involved in a wide variety of issues if you wish to build a broad constituency in the mainstream. The key, he said, to building a broad-based constituency is to provide services to the community: to be able to do something about the things that people see as important to them.

Rhonda and Lindsay Childs spoke of their experiences with the Concerned Citizens Against Crossgates. (Crossgates is a proposed Pyramid Mall to be built in the environmentally sensitive Pine Bush area of Albany County with major impacts expected on surrounding residential communities.) Rhonda related several important lessons that Concerned Citizens has learned about organization: Make sure you have

a spokesperson who is both effective and available, use the media whenever you can to keep your issue in the public eye (even bad publicity is publicity), never make statements that cannot be substantiated no matter how true you may know them to be, and be willing to work with everyone who shares your goals regardless of whatever other views they may hold.

The workshop ended with a lively discussion led by a panel of community organizers: Roger Markovics (United Tenants of Albany), Deb Tchappat (Greater Upstate Law Project), Anita Burke (Utica Community Action) and Lorry Post (New York Community Economic Development Law Project). The organizers discussed organizing strategies and stressed some common themes: the need to empower people to act for themselves, the ups-and-downs of organizations and the need to sustain the group through both, and the need to secure small victories as reinforcement. In discussing how planners can work with community organizations, the organizers cautioned that planners have to understand how community organizations work—through participatory processes and often incrementally—and be sensitive to the need to focus on immediate problems.

□ SOUTHEAST REGION: A southeast regional meeting was held May 22 in Atlanta. 27 people attended the day-long session. Most people were from Atlanta, with a few people from Florida and North Carolina. The morning sessions centered around individuals discussing their work. Houston Wheeler discussed the replacement housing built by the Metro. Atlanta Regional Transit Authority in the McDaniel Glen Public Housing Project. Max Creighton of Jacksonville Legal Services discussed community development in Jacksonville, Fla. Joe Brooks of the Emergency Land Fund discussed efforts to preserve minority land ownership in the Southeast. David Fox reported on Research Atlanta's reports on the impacts of federal budget cuts in Atlanta.

Bill Goldsmith was in town for the conference and presented his critique of the enterprise zone concept.

The final session of the day was a meeting to discuss building a local and regional chapter of the Network. The group decided to plan a local meeting for this summer. Also, the group will make contact with other Networkers in the region to design a session for an APA 8-state conference planned for Knoxville on September 12-15. Finally, the group discussed making contacts with local people working in the anti-nuclear movement; and writing urban policy and planning issue-related papers for discussion in the upcoming Georgia governor's race.

For further information contact Nicki L. Belville, 1-404/874-7886 and she will direct you to the proper contact for what your interests are.

□ BOSTON PN: From Emily Achtenberg (47 Halifax St., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130): The Boston PN group sponsored two forums this spring, on "Public Housing: Strategies for Survival" and "Perspectives on the Boston Tenants Movement." These were designed to facilitate an exchange of views among Networkers and others on critical housing issues for activists, practitioners, and planners. Attendance has been reasonably good, about 30-40 per session. We have endorsed and co-sponsored a number of local political events, including a speak-out for Homes not Bombs which was part of Boston Jobs with Peace Week, and a Solidarity Day demonstration on May 15. We now have an interim steering committee that is responsible for planning future activities: Ken Geiser, Rachel Bratt, Ed Feigan, Francine Price, Michael Kane, and Emily Achtenberg.

On Our Organization

□ THE STEERING COMMITTEE met May 9 in DC. Present were Emily Achtenberg, Bob Beauregard, Donna Dyer, Bill Goldsmith, Chester Hartman, Judy Kossy, and Tony Schuman. We began with a general go-around of impressions on how we had fared since the May 1981 founding convention. People felt we had been a bit overambitious in the number and variety of projects we launched and that it would be good to concentrate energies on a smaller number of strong projects. It was noted that membership had remained constant, despite fears that adopting a more explicit statement of political principles might cause people to leave the Network. There was a feeling that we ought to be making more public statements on political issues, that local chapter-building needed more attention, that we would continue to have a constant and not necessarily undesirable tension between local and national focus.

Data from the roster forms suggest that although Networkers are to be found in nearly every state, we are geographically too concentrated in a few areas (CA, NY, MA, NC, PA, DC); that we have very few minority members; that we are not quite as sexually balanced as we thought (looks like 70:30); that housing and community economic development are the main areas of interest; and that we indeed are well scattered as to type of job and employer.

Local chapter reports reveal that Boston, NYC, Upstate NY, and NC are relatively strong; DC and Northwest middling; and that there is little-to-no chapter organization in California, Chicago, Philadelphia and the Southwest, despite our having lots and lots of members there.

The Steering Committee felt it should be more active, replacing members who had resigned or were inactive. A process of sounding out less active members and seeking replacements and additions will be started. Responsibilities of steering committee members were reviewed.

More attention should be given to publicity and outreach; in particular, media contacts, student organizing, programs at other conferences and APA section meetings, individual members identifying themselves more as part of the Network in their writings and appearances, endorsing political activities.

The Network will begin to coordinate a project to organize planners against nuclear war.

A second national conference will be planned for 1983, probably in a non-academic setting west of NY. The conference should devote only a small part of its time to organizational matters and will instead focus on issues and perhaps attempt to reach out to a larger audience than just Network members. Judy Kossy is in charge of developing a proposal, and any Network members with ideas or interest in working on this should contact here at 1864 Wyoming NW, Wash. DC 20009, 202/265-8238.

It was decided to assist local chapter organizing by making available up to \$200 to each local chapter, in conjunction with an outreach plan and local fundraising activities.

Discussion was begun of ways in which the Network and the Institute for Policy Studies could work together more closely, linking social and national issues and organizing. IPS Ex. Dir. Bob Borosage (who made a short presentation to the steering committee) and PN Chair Chester Hartman will draft a more concrete proposal, for review by the steering committee and Network membership.

The status of Network projects was reviewed, based on a survey undertaken by Judy Kossy. It was decided to drop

several projects and regroup/combine others. A revised project list will be published shortly.

Jackie Leavitt will prepare an analysis of the Network's role in fighting the Columbia U. faculty firings, to be published in a future Newsletter.

Bob Beauregard and Chester Hartman will explore the idea of the Network becoming a publisher of selected books, monographs, reports, etc. Anyone with ideas about this should contact Chester at the Network office.

The Network will begin a regular column in *Shelterforce*, reporting on its housing work. Judy Kossy will be the liaison with *Shelterforce*.

Bob Beauregard will be responsible for organizing a Network presentation at the October conference of the Assoc. of Collegiate Schools of Planning in Chicago.

NB: Let us know if you would like more detailed information about any of these items.

□ **ROSTER COMMENTS:** In PN #33 we asked folks for comments and suggestions on the membership Roster and biosketches that were published during the winter. A number of comments came in; the following is a selection.

From Michael L. Easley (53 N. Fawn Dr. Elan, Newark, DE 19711): I appreciate the Roster. The first option I strongly favor is the elimination of narrative biosketches—at most a title and organization (perhaps job and one or two voluntary organizations). You can stretch out the frequency to 18-24 months. Keep up the fine work.

From Nancy Kleniewski (Dept. of Sociology, SUNY, Geneseo, N.Y. 14454): I think you should keep up the rosters, even though expensive—perhaps just listing one or two phrases about the person's interest, along with names and addresses. The Roster is very interesting and helpful in contacting people. Thanks also for the whole newsletter. It's great.

From Errol Hess (CCLS, Box 147, Castlewood, VA 24224): The Roster is a valuable reference. Keep doing it please.

From Charlie Deknatel (1673 Otoe St., Lincoln, NE 68502): For me, personally, the Roster is not that important.

From Warren W. Jones (Continuing Education in Public Policy and Planning, UC Berkeley, CA 94720): I like the 1982 Roster. It tells me what's going on and who is doing it. Some bios are ego trips, and everyone's personal can be reduced to "x" words maximum, with additional space allowed to describe an important product or whatever. I say deliver it on request only and for a fee. Those of us who feel both the Roster and the news etc. set forth in periodic issues of PN are the Network, will and ought to pay for both, I wager. Those who want to promote political and social networking can work from the roster too, but certainly continue to have access to PN.

From Bruce Stiftel (Box 2003, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514): The Roster is very useful. Please continue. Limiting biosketches to 25 words would be okay.

From Nathan Weber (150 W 21st St., NYC 10011): Concerning the roster, I would like to see it continued—so long as it does not take away from the primary function of PN, which is the sharing of information—because it contributes to a sense of professional and political identity. In addition to a two-year interval and limited biosketches, why not consider printing it on a cheaper grade of paper, such as newsprint? Also, if you decide to solicit paid advertisements from, say, book publishers, the roster could serve as a sales tool.

From Mark Barnes (1940 Jackson St., Eugene, OR 97405): I think the Roster is a great idea. Deleting the biographical sketches would probably make it even better, and certainly cheaper to pull together.

From Ron Hall (158 Park St., Palo Alto, CA 94306): I have found the Roster very useful and enjoyable. I have used it to show other interested people, and have contacted people myself. I would feel acceptable to paying a fee for the Roster.

From Peter Medoff (17 Murray St., NYC 10007): In response to the usefulness of the Roster, I found it very useful. I was thinking about moving to Boston over the summer and I sent out about 20 letters to Boston PN members about job possibilities. So far, I've received about half a dozen replies, all telling me how horrendous the job market is in Boston. In fact, several were unemployed or were being laid off and inquired about NYC jobs! I was happy to send them what information I knew. The letters allowed me to rethink my move to Boston while I still had time to look elsewhere. The bio's in the Roster were important because I was able to use them to target my letters to those with similar background and interests. If one of the functions of PN is a support network (as I think it should be) then this kind of support, especially these days, should not be done away with. If the cost is prohibitively high, perhaps charging an extra fee for it would make sense. How about continuing to publish the Roster and urging a voluntary payment of a few bucks from all those who use the list for purposes other than contacting an individual or two (for job seeking or as a mailing list, etc.). In fact, I'm enclosing \$5.00 to start this policy off! In any case, the Roster should continue under one form or another.

Upcoming Conferences

□ **VISUAL STUDIES:** The Visual Studies Workshop in Rochester, N.Y., is offering a series of one-week summer workshops in July and August in photography, video, criticism, history, museum studies, printing, and book arts. Instructors are coming from around the country. Tuition for most courses is \$165. Some housing apparently is available at the Eastman School of Music. For a registration form and further information, contact: Visual Studies Workshop, 31 Prince St., Rochester, N.Y. 14607, 716/442-8676.

□ **ECONOMICS FOR ORGANIZERS:** "Economics for Organizing in Hard Times" is the theme of a Southern regional workshop to be held August 12-15 at Western Carolina University. Sponsored by Southern Neighborhoods and the Center for Community Change, the workshop is divided into two tracks to prepare two types of people for conducting local economic training sessions tailored to their organizing constituencies. Track I is designed for organizers with no prior training in economics. Track II is designed for those with prior popular or academic economics training who want assistance in designing programs for local organizing efforts. Trainers for the workshops include staff from the Center for Popular Economics and Institute for Labor Education and Research, who have trained over 3,000 community and labor folks in the past eight years. Cost of \$66 includes three nights lodging in college dorm, nine meals, recreation and coffee breaks. Limited space requires application. Detailed materials and forms are available from: Othello Poulard, CCC, 1000 Wisconsin Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007, 202/338-4712.

□ **NTU CONFERENCE:** The National Tenants Union will hold its third annual organizing conference July 22-25 at Santa Monica, CA, High School. Tenant activists from all over the United States will be attending. The conference is open to NTU members and non-members. Registration is \$18 for members and \$25 for others. For further information and registration form, send a SASE to Woody Widrow, Shelterforce, 380 Main St., Orange, N.J. 07018.

□ **CONSERVE NEIGHBORHOODS:** The National Trust for Historic Preservation is offering another in its series of Conserve Neighborhoods Short Courses this summer in Indianapolis on August 21-28. Discussion topics include nonprofit management, state and local resources, commercial revitalization, neighborhood development, and private fund raising. The course is free, some stipends are available for room, board and travel costs. Applications, which must be postmarked by July 10, are available from the National Trust, 1785 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, 202/673-4000.

□ **CO-OP TRAINING:** "Growing From Our Past, Planning For Our Future," is the theme of the Consumer Cooperative Alliance Institute '82 to be held at Denison University in Granville, OH, August 3-7. Hosting work sessions, discussions and meetings will be the Canadian Futures Project, a three-year planning project for all cooperatives; the Vision Planning Network; and the National Planning Task Force for Food Cooperatives. Featured speakers will include Ruth Goldway, the mayor of Santa Monica; Paul Mohn, U.S. Department of Agriculture; and Keith Jardine from the Canadian Futures Project. Workshop tracks will be offered in food, energy, housing, pre-school, credit unions, and worker co-ops; low income organizing; and the Board of Directors training. For registration materials and information contact: CCA Institute '82, P.O. Box 02303, Columbus, OH 43202, (614) 263-3622.

□ **RECLAIM AMERICA:** The 11th annual conference of National People's Action will be held September 11-14 at the Philadelphia Centre Hotel in Philadelphia, PA. The theme of the conference will be "Reclaim America," and the conference will be coordinated with local "Reclaim America" events across the country. Key events will be in Chicago, Cleveland, Philadelphia, Washington, and New York. Rates begin at \$30 for persons using NPA transportation for day trips from Philadelphia to related activities. Rates are lower for groups. For further information and registration form, contact National People's Action, 1123 West Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607, 312/243-3038.

Ex Conferences

□ **URBAN REVITALIZATION:** "Urban Revitalization: Enterprise Zones and Beyond" was the subject of a half-day workshop at SUNY Buffalo on April 24, co-sponsored by Planners Network Upstate and the Dept. of Environmental Design and Planning, SUNY Buffalo. The workshop included a debate on enterprise zones between Russ Gugino of Rep. Jack Kemp's staff and William Goldsmith, professor of City and Regional Planning at Cornell. An alternative approach was presented by Ed Humberger of Resource Group for Community Development from Washington, D.C. For further details, contact: Robet Kraushaar, School of Architecture and Environmental Design, SUNY Buffalo, N.Y. 14214, 716/831-2133.

□ **NCUED ANNUAL MEETING:** "Financing Development: The New Realities" was the theme of the May 9-12 annual conference in Washington, D.C., of the National Council for Urban Economic Development. Topics include tapping private resources for development projects, creative dealmaking, stretching state and local dollars, financing development through special taxes, and accessing pension funds for development. For further details, contact NCUED, 1730 K St. N.W. #1009, Wash. D.C. 20006.

□ **N.J. LAND USE:** Rutgers University Dept. of Urban Planning and Policy Development held a one-day planning conference May 21 on how Mount Laurel (Round 2) legal decisions could affect land use and housing in New Jersey. Speakers included lawyers involved in the second round of the Mt. Laurel litigation, planners, developers, and tenant leaders. For further details, contact the Dept. of Urban Planning and Policy Development, Livingston College, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903.

□ **COMMUNITY PLANNING:** Planners Network Upstate New York sponsored a three-day community planning conference June 25-27 at Cornell, exploring the theme "After Reagan, What? Strategies and Programs for a Progressive Future." Topics included housing and tenants' movements, local economic development, occupational safety and health, progressive politics, women and the city, and survival strategies for community health centers. Among the presenters were PN Chair Chester Hartman; Bernard Sanders, progressive Mayor of Burlington, VT; Rob Meir, Director, Center for urban Economic Development, University of Illinois at Chicago; Derek Shearer, Planning Commissioner, City of Santa Monica; and Jacqueline Leavitt, assistant professor of planning, Columbia University. For further details, contact PN Upstate New York, Paula Ford, 307 Hudson Ave., Albany, N.Y. 12210.

□ **SYNDICATING CO-OPS:** The National Housing Law Project presented a pair of programs May 21-22 in Oakland and June 21-22 in Washington on using the 1981 Tax Act in the syndication of nonprofit and cooperative housing developments. The Tax Act created new opportunities for investors seeking tax shelters through depreciation write-offs, and syndication is a vehicle for pursuing them. For developments, syndication is a mixed blessing: It may provide a needed injection of new cash; but as the tax advantage fades in later years, investors may sell, forcing rents higher and losing the buildings for low- and moderate-income housing. Invited speakers included HUD and FmHA staff, national and local syndicators, other housing professionals and National Housing Law Project staff. For further details, contact The National Housing Law Project, 2150 Shattuck Ave. #300, Berkeley, CA 94704.

□ **SOCIAL CHANGE:** From Emily P. Achtenberg (47 Halifax St., Jamaica Plain, NY 02130): A Symposium on Social Change was sponsored by the University of Cincinnati School of Planning April 28-29, 1982. Subtitled "The Changing Face of Urban America," the conference featured keynote speakers Manuel Castells, on "The Economic Crisis and New Planning Perspectives" and Janet Abu-Lughod on "The Myth of De-Metropolitanization." Sessions were held on the political economy of urban revitalization, neighborhood change and community participation, housing, planning and the new federalism, among others. Emily Achtenberg spoke on behalf of the Network; many networkers were among the presenters.

Conference Report

□ **APA AT DALLAS:** From Alan Rabinowitz (Dept. Urban Planning, Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195): The National Planning Conference of the American Planning Association took place in Dallas in May even as the Planners Network Steering Committee was meeting in Washington, D.C. Some 2,500 professional planners and commissioners attended the various APA plenary sessions and an excessive number of meetings on a wide range of topics. Few of the sessions included any progressive content but many voiced concern about the impact of Reaganomics and the latest version of the new federalism. A handful of Networkers had signalled their intention to attend; some did; and, as a result of a good deal of leafletting and postering, some 15 actual and potential Networkers met at breakfast one morning. At the suggestion of Bob Bogen (New York) and Frank Wein (Pasadena), we petitioned the APA Board of Directors to take some action with regard to arms control and an end to nuclear madness. Among the sympathetic planners on the APA Board are Dan Lauber and David Brower. The probable result of this tiny presence at the conference is a little consciousness-raising among the attendees about the Network and a few new members from the Texas area, with some possibility of the establishment of local groups in Austin and Dallas. At one of the plenary sessions, economist Lester Thurow predicted that in ten years, as a result of the decreasing competitiveness of the United States in world markets (unless our basic form of investment changes), the very evident boom in the building of Downtown Dallas would be a matter of history. We left Dallas on a humid and smoggy day as Braniff Airlines declared its bankruptcy. The final session at the APA conference had an executive of Control Data Corporation as featured speaker, explaining how private companies like his should take over the planning and management of American cities. This correspondent left before the speech. I am told that most of the planners in the audience left during his talk, as did a number of the APA directors at the head table, leaving a claque of Control Data employees as the major part of the audience by the end.

Etcetera

□ **KEY VOLUNTEERS:** Our volunteer help increased substantially with this issue, and for that we are deeply grateful. The work of tabulating the roster forms you returned was done by Marcia Sigal, Judy Kossy, and Fred Cooper. Analyzing the geographic distribution of our mailing list was done by Joel Friedman. Sheri Taub was enormously helpful in bringing us current with follow-up efforts to wandering Networkers. These volunteers deserve the thanks of all of us. If other Networkers in the Washington area might be available to help, so we can draw additional folks into the processes of the Planners Network, please let us know. Contact Prentice Bowsler, 265-8522.

□ **UPCOMING DEADLINE:** The next issue will appear some time in August. The deadline for receiving materials for it will be Monday, August 9. If your notes and contributions are typed, it sure does help with production.

□ **LOST SOULS:** We appreciate the time so many of you take with each issue to look through the list of lost souls. The updated addresses (with zip codes old and new) we get from you, or the messages you give them to get back in touch with us, are much appreciated. Following are the returns from #33—April 19, 1982.

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Beth Siegel, Somerville
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