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MONEY. We're coming close to the edge bucks-wise. Issue
#38 was bigger than usual; we've had to get layout done pro-
fessionally the past few issues, due to lack of volunteer aid;
and typesetting, printing and mailing costs just keep rising.
We don't often plead financial difficulties, and when we do,
we mean it. If you haven't sent money in lately, please do so
right away. If you have done so recently, try to send a bit more.
Remember: There's no source of support for this whole
venture other than what you folks send in; and lots of volunteer
labor goes into doing this all.

□ MINI-FINANCIAL REPORT: Since the last issue, we've
received 55 contributions, totalling $1,033. We've got less than
$1,000 in our account at this moment, enough to get out this
issue only.

□ PROMOTE PN: Some of you, when writing articles of
various types, include in your biograph something like: "...is
also a member of the Planners Network (1901 Que St. NW,
Wash. DC 20009), a national organization of progressive
urban and rural planners." You'd be surprised how helpful that
is in getting word around of our existence; we get lots of
inquiries and membership requests as a result of such items.
Try to include something like this wherever possible when you
publish.

□ STEERING COMMITTEE: We're happy to announce that
has just joined the PN Steering Comm.

Passing the Word

□ URBAN REPORT: Urban Conservation Report is a twice-
monthly newsletter on rehabilitation, reinvestment, and neigh-
borhood preservation. A recent issue ran six pages, and
included items on syndicating a middle-income co-op, the jobs
bill in Congress, and a Cincinnati neighborhood's opposition
to becoming a historic district. Subscriptions are $85 prepaid,
($98 billed), from Preservation Reports, Inc., 1620 Eye St.
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We believe that planning should be a tool for allocating
resources and developing the environment to eliminate the
great inequalities of wealth and power in our society, rather
than to maintain and justify the status quo. We believe that
planning should be used to assure adequate food, clothing,
safety, medical care, jobs, safe working conditions, and a
healthful environment. We advocate public responsibility for
meeting these needs, because the private market has proven
incapable of doing so.

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

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

The Planners Network Newsletter is published six times a
year as the principal means of communication among Net-
work members. 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 em-
ployed of $20 plus an additional $1 for each $1,000 earned
above $10,000.

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DEVELOPMENT IN SOHO: The Soho Alliance is a coalition of six New York groups fighting plans for two large residential developments in Soho. The Alliance says it would compromise the historic nature of the lower Manhattan neighborhood's cast iron architecture. For details and membership: The Soho Alliance, 22 Wooster St., New York, NY 10013, 212-903-4302.

BUILDINGBLOCKS is a quarterly newsletter from the National Center for Urban Ethnic Affairs, 1523 St. S.W., Wash., DC 20055, which reports on the Center's advocacy for the ignored and neglected populations of older, industrial cities in America. Subscriptions are $10. A recent issue included reports on organizing in Kansas City's Westport community and a New York City UEEA unemployment self-help and support group project.

GSMKE DETECTORS: To Save Life is a report from the Massachusetts Tenants Organization and the Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group that proposes uniform, statewide requirements for all apartment buildings and units. A survey of 100 renter tenants, 12 cities and towns and interviews with officials from 40 fire departments across southern Massachusetts found a surprisingly haphazard patchwork of state and local requirements that leaves many tenants unprotected. Copies are $3.50 from MASSPIRG, 37 Temple Pl., Boston, MA 02111.

CHEMICAL WASTE CONTROL: The Toronto Public Health Department has published a 60-page illustrated guide, Our Chemical Society: A Manual for Action, on grassroots participation in controlling the use and disposal of toxic chemicals. Copies are $4 (payable to Toronto City Treasurer), from Health Promotion and Advocacy Section, Department of Public Health, 7th Floor East Tower, City Hall, Toronto, Ont. M5H 2N2.

WORKPLACE SAFETY: The Western Institute for Occupational and Environmental Sciences Inc. (2520 Milvia St., Berkeley, CA 94704) has a series of pamphlets, fact sheets and other literature on workplace safety. A five-page presentation is available on workplace health and safety. Special emphasis appears to be on asbestos, PCBs, and fiberglass. A publications list is free.

ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT: From Frank Lee, Architect (1251 Knox Ct., Baltimore, Md. 21230, 301-547-8100), comes a report on a highly progressive residential development project in Baltimore City. See it as a transitional model for family community. A 14-page pamphlet setting out project details is available from the architect. An alternative to suburban sprawl and what happens to the neighborhood in the project underway within the next three years. The major features include a 10-20 acre, parcel, with most construction on 2-1,000 square foot homes and a 124-unit multi-family building called "Rural Development" this fall at the University of New Mexico's School of Planning. I am looking for references, people, resources, including models of similar communities elsewhere, and potential partners to secure funding. All the more will receive further information: I'll maintain a mailing list.

PLANT CLOSINGS: Plant Modernization and Community Economic Stability is a July 1982 University of Oregon conference summary addressing three major topics: plant modernization and its relation to employment closures in the forest products industry, the economic and social consequences of mill closures, and public policies and programs to deal with the problems. Conference participation in the first time in the forest products industry, labor, finance, government, and academia. Copies are $7, from: Bureau of Governmental Research and Statistics, Oregon State University, 2311 S.W. Washington St., Corvallis, OR 97333-3011.

WOMEN'S BUDGET ISSUES: The Coalition on Women and the Budget has prepared an 82-page report, Interest and Sacrifice: The Impact of the Reagan Budget on Women, which concluded that continuing cuts are "devastating... diminishing the opportunity for women and threatening the stability and health of their families." For copies (inquire about price): The National Women's Law Center, 1731 N. St. N.W., Washington, DC 20036, 202-872-6060. A similar report on postal works is available from Wider Opportunities for Women, 1235 G St. N.W., Wash., DC 20005, 202-638-3143.

SOVIET TOUR: A two week professional research tour of the Soviet Union for architects, planners, and architectural historians will take place June 16-27, 1983. It is being organized by Friendship Travel in New York through the cooperation of the Union of Architects of the Soviet Union. The tour includes five cities, seven sites, cultural life, traditional food, and all travel, including round trip to and from New York. The tour will include Moscow, Leningrad, and Kiev as well as visits to contemporary and historic buildings with meetings with design and planning agencies will be followed by afternoon visits to historic buildings, the evening revolving around informal meetings with Soviet professionals. The tour will be led by Networker Tony Schuman, an architect teaching at the School of Architecture, N.Y.U. For further information, write him at 56 W. 22nd Street, New York, NY 10010.

SYNDICATION STRATEGIES FOR COMMUNITY-BASED Development Organizations is a 184-page book from the National Congress for Community Economic Development (202 Ey St. N.W. #901, Wash., DC 20001) that gives "state-of-the-art" information on how to utilize syndication techniques for promoting community development and economic development objectives. Copies are $10 from NCCED, bulk rates are available.

ALCOHOL TAXES: The Center for Science in the Public Interest (1755 St. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202-332-9110) has organized the National Alcohol Tax Coalition to push for an increase in the federal excise tax on alcohol to help fund public alcohol prevention and rehabilitation programs. Membership currently stands at 143 and growing. For a fact sheet and further details, contact the Coalition.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT: From PN Member Maria Varela (Box 7505, Albuquerque, NM 87194): I am a rural community organizer and developer working in northern New Mexico on a multi-family project called "Small Rural Development" this fall at the University of New Mexico's School of Planning. I am looking for references, people, resources, including models of similar communities elsewhere, and potential partners to secure funding. All the more will receive further information: I'll maintain a mailing list.

APRA Elections: What Is the Role of Racism? (In PN #58, Networkers Daniel Lauber (20 South Blvd. 81-B, Evanston, IL 60202) and William Toner (2306 McDonald, Florence, Ill. 62042) provided a perspective on the board elections for the American Planning Association. Here PN member William M. Harris (Uva School of Architecture, Campbell Hall, Charlottesville, VA 22903) provides an alternative perspective and Lauber and Toner respond. Note: Both letters have been edited for length.)

This 'Racist Practice' This year, my first note to PN warned of the racist nature of positions within APRA. Some readers take issue with this. This comment was a warning prior to final APRA election results.

Currently, no African Americans sit on the APRA Board. Two blacks were nominated to at-large positions. It has been a practice for several years for whites to whitewash the statistics and claim that a few African Americans, following announcement of the nominating committee selections, White-controlled media are then exploited to rally support for the white candidates. Interestingly, white women have joined this racist practice once dominated by men.

In #38 PN, Daniel Lauber and William Toner encourage support for two white at-large candidates. Significantly, no effort was made to contact either African American PN member running for the Board. It is not clear from the intent and effort created to dismiss the value and contribution of the least represented planning community members.

Racism is both holding a prejudice and possessing the means for its implementation. In the finest display of this reality, PN rejected issue #58 to full victory. PN is in step with the times, without innovation. It stinks.

-- William M. Harris

Progressive of Any Race? We aren't quite sure on what information Mr. Harris bases his inference of positions that are not accurate. No one even knows the race of the candidates on audio-visual aids, manuscripts, papers, theses, etc. that treat critiques of Western development concepts and practices by North American and Third World development economists. We are particularly interested in information on the impact of traditional development in rural communities and countries vis-a-vis loss of land, rise of poverty indices and disruption of self-reliant economies and culture.

DEVELOPMENT IDEAS SOUGHT: From Networker Russell Feldman (Mr. Russell Feldman & Associates, 3341 S. Water Street, Washington, D.C. 20015, 301-332-4800): One of my current clients (number is too large to state) has lost 100,000 jobs over the last several years as a result of the region's declining textile and tobacco industries. The client's chairman wishes to buy property on board to administer a state grant, and to provide design services for the rehabilitation of a 200,000-square foot mill building, presently owned by the Town's local development agency, for incubator industrial space. The Town accepted the vacant collossus for $1; when it fully operated, the LDA will gain about $150,000 net revenue to further its economic development goals.

What can we do with the money? Right now we are exploring using it as seed money on other projects, setting up daily, care and employer training programs within the collossus or nearby, interest wrightedown for tenants' business expansion needs, and a number of business services such as bookkeeping, financing. We'd like to see any information the Network can provide on approaches taken across the country, names of people to contact who have done it, examples of successes or failures, etc.

PUBLICIZING JOBS: From Networker Martin Preisman (100 W. 27th St., New York, NY 10001): We are currently working on a jobs section expanding and also jobs created by people the Network to advertise job openings (and to hire other PN members). This is important because there are few jobs available, particularly in

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But there is pressure to change. There is talk of orienting the planning degree to be more marketable, incorporating specializations such as real estate and development. Given the combined pressures of the market and the city, it is not a goal to be scoffed at, nor is widening the discipline to attract more applicants. But we certainly hope that our urban studies students will keep the pressure on for our creative thinking on this issue. Given that planning departments aren't infinitesimal expandable and have limited budgets, pressures for specializations is ultimately done at the expense of another. Choosing specializations on the basis of palatability to the private sector is a direction fraught with danger.

In fact, the whole issue of university-industry "linkages" has become the focal point for a struggle over the priorities and direction of academia in the decades ahead. A series of formal debates is being held at M.I.T. on university corporate relations and potential conflicts of interest. A national committee is also being assembled to address the issue. Many people think there is a problem with orienting education priorities to the needs of the private sector. Not that private support is negatively felt societal priorities, it's clear that we have a great deal to lose by not being involved. The outcome of this debate will affect not only the ideas that grow in academe, but more importantly the sustainability the responsiveness of institutions, educational and otherwise, to the constituencies which we are trying to represent.

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BUSINESS LOCATING: From PN Member Cynthia Pappas (1430 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, IL 60610). I am a graduate student in Urban Planning at the University of Oregon, preparing my Masters thesis on matching community economic development programs, policies with growth strategies of the 1980s. I am interested in looking at the location decisions of firms, and also at alternative methods by which communities can have control of the planning process, including smokestack-chasing and glossy brochures. I plan to use several case studies as examples of good community economic development programs. I welcome any suggestions and information.

RENT CONTROL: The winners and losers under rent control is the topic of a report, Rent Control and Redistribution: A Report to the Ontario Ministry of Housing, prepared by J.C. Jepson (University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1A1). His conclusion: It depends. The outcome is different, he maintains, for control of a one-bedroom apartment and two-bedroom mobile versus stable renter, depending on alternative housing, and depending on the program's administration, among other variables.

A.T. LIBRARIES: The Transnational Network for Alternative Appropriate Technologies (TRANS) has developed a 100-book technical library for Third World countries, based on selections by field workers in developing countries. Selected titles include bicycles, water-powered fans, wheels, fish farming: most are do-it-yourself manuals. Recently, a UNESCO grant supported the shipment of the 45th such unit. Details: TRANS, Box 567, Rangeley, ME 04970.

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MILWAUKEE POTPOURRI: From PN Member County Supervisor Mary Willett (5303 N. Wauwatosa, WI 53223). I have a request and an offer. A colleague of mine on the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors is studying government economic development. He is interested in hearing from organizations or networks promoting appropriate technology. So far he has been unable to find any. Please send any information that you might have.

I am teaching a class, called "The Community, Power and Change," at one of the area colleges, and am drawing heavily on my own personal experience as a member of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors. I have developed a syllabus for the class, which includes a reading list: the class concentrates on the growth of government and the short cuts and real community. I will send a copy of the syllabus to anyone interested who sends me a SASE. I am interested in cooperating on it, and in any suggestions for additional resources.

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JOBS & WOMEN: From Networker Stephanie Smith (555 S. Clayton, San Francisco, CA 94117). As associate editor of the journal, Jobs and Women: Report, I am working on two special upcoming issues. Our summer issue will focus on alternative strategies to deal with unemployment and job creation. The fall issue will focus on women and economic development. For both of these issues, I would appreciate hearing from PN members who know of resource people; every effort is being made to contact these subjects they want considered for publication. My office phone is 415-548-2600.

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RURAL HOUSING: From PN Member Joseph L. Mansan. I am now working for Rural Housing Improvement Planners Network #39, April 18, 1983.

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QUALITY OF WORKLIFE: QWL Review is a quarterly newsletter on quality of worklife and continuity of employment issues, published by the New York State Governor’s Office of Employee Relations Civil Service Employee Assn. Joint Labor-Management Committee on the Work Environment and Productivity. Articles in a recent issue reported on deinstitutionalization, an A & T quality of worklife effort, and the Communication Workers’ union position on quality of worklife issues. For subscriptions (no cost listed): CWA/800, 200 Tower, 99 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12210.

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Regional Roundup

BOSTON FORUMS: The Boston Planners Network began presenting a series of monthly forums in February, and they will continue through May. The topic for February was "Perspectives on the "New Poor,'" and for March was "Boston: Strategies for Progressives in Electoral Politics."

In April, the forum will be "The 19th, at 7:30 p.m., the subject: "Economic Development and Public Finance: New Roles for Massachusetts." Participants will include Mark Dyan, Massachusetts Fair Share; Pat McGuigan, former Deputy Director, Community Development Finance Corporation; Carl Sussman, Director, Community Development Assistance Corporation; and Tee Tangert, Regional Director, National Consumer Cooperative Bank.

May’s forum will be on Wednesday, the 18th, also at 7:30 p.m., and the subject will be "Housing in Massachusetts: A New Agenda." Scheduled participants include Amy S. Anthony, State Secretary of Communities and Development; and Sheryl L. Forti, Tufts Department of Urban and Environmental Policy.

Both the April and May forums will meet at 100 Arlington St. (UMass-Boston), Room 222.

Upcoming Conferences

FAIR HOUSING SYMPOSIUM: HUD is in the midst of a series of symposia at various sites around the country on "Public-Private Partnerships for Housing Opportunity." Three have been held already: in San Francisco, March 2-4; in Philadelphia, April 6-8; and in Omaha, April 13-15. And three more are scheduled: in Indianapolis, April 27-29; in Dallas, May 11-13; and in Atlanta, May 18-20. Each program includes plenary sessions and workshops organized along four different tracks: partnerships for fair housing; creative techniques for financing fair housing initiatives; training the program specialist; voluntary fair housing programs; and special purpose roundtable discussions. Contact: Arnold McNeill, HUD Room 5218, 451 7th St. SW, Wash. DC 20410.

PAULO FREIRE WORKSHOP: Stanford University is presenting a four-week workshop July 5-29 with and about the radical Brazilian educator Paulo Freire. The workshop is aimed at teachers, grassroots organizers, students, and members of religious organizations working with minorities and in the Third World. Participation is limited to 25 persons. The fee is $1,000, including board and lodging. Details: SIEDEC, School of Education, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305.

Jobs

- **GRASSROOTS IN LA**: The Coalition for Economic Survival, a grassroots group organizing Los Angeles communities around economic issues, needs a fundraiser and a canvass director. Salaries for each position are negotiable; experience is required. Contact: Coalition for Economic Survival, 5520 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90019, 213/938-6241.

- **Baltimore Design Center**: The Neighborhood Design Center in Baltimore is looking for volunteers with training or experience in planning, economic development, or architecture who can make at least a one-year commitment helping the Center provide technical services to neighborhood and community groups. A small monthly living allowance is available. Contact: Neighborhood Design Center, 720 East Pratt St., Baltimore, MD 21202, 301-625-0123.

- **Housing Finance**: The Conference on Alternative State and Local Policies (2000 Florida Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202/387-6030) is looking for a housing finance consultant for a 5-6 month project involving state programs in pension fund investments, housing finance agencies, and homeownership programs. Two or three publications are expected from the project. Salary is negotiable. Send cover letter and resume to Search Committee/Housing at the Conference.

- **Low-Income Housing**: The National Low-Income Housing Coalition (215 8th St. N.E., Wash. DC 20002, 202/544-2544) is looking for an associate director ($18,000-$25,000) and an administrator/membership secretary ($12,000-$18,000) to work in its Washington office. Send a summary of your interests and qualifications with a SASE.

Etcetera

- **PN's Next Deadline**: The next issue of the Planners Network will be out in June. Copy should be in to us by Monday, June 6th. It sure does help when your notes are typed. Our thanks in advance to all Networkers who take the time to send us a note. We enjoy hearing from you.

- **Lost Souls**: We seem to be keeping in pretty good touch with most PN members these days, but a few always seem to slip away. Here is the list for your usual helpful suggestions on restoring interrupted connections:
  
  Paul McGregor, Geneva, NY
  C. Goodmacher, New York
  Philip Gardner, Chelsea, VT
  Community Development Coalition, Duluth
  
  Gary Bachman, Buffalo
  Kenneth Reardon, Brooklyn
  Nicki Belville, Atlanta
  Juliet Tarr, St. Paul
  Paula Ford, Albany

- **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 are identical, and we want to be sure we change 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 find your old card; 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 means 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 meet. We have a good two-page introductory sheet (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 be in the Network and we'll send them the information sheet.