

PLANNERS NETWORK

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HOUSING READER: One Planners Network project close to completion is a collection of progressive housing readings, being compiled by members Rachel Bratt (Tufts), Ann Meyerson (NYU), and Chester Hartman (IPS). A pool of some four dozen candidate articles—including 16 specially written for the collection—has been assembled, with final selection and related editorial work scheduled for sometime this summer and publication as soon thereafter as possible.

A previous notice in the PN Newsletter, asking for contributions or references, elicited several useful responses (and we'll get back to all of you who responded very shortly). This is the final call: If you have written, are writing, or have read some recent, good, progressive article or study on any aspect of the housing problem, or proposed or actual solutions, in the United States or elsewhere, contact one of the editors right away: Rachel, 26 Charena Rd., Wayland, MA 01778, 617/358-7539; Ann, 50 W. 96th St., NYC 10025, 212/662-8999; Chester, 1901 Que St. NW, Wash. DC 20009, 202/234-9382.

\$\$ REPORT: The response to pushing the fiscal panic button in #39 was good—92 of you sent in a total of \$1,933.50. Most encouraging was the fact that contributions were coming

in in the \$20-25 range (rather than the usual \$10-15) and that a few of you really went all out, with \$50 (and even a \$100) contributions. That really helps, and feels really good, knowing that some of you who have decent incomes care enough about the Network to give it substantial financial support. The mild cold water is that, even with this good showing, our reserves still amount to only 1 ½ issues' expenses. So please keep your support coming. For our part, we promise not to cry wolf if you can be counted on to come through when the wolf really is at the door.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS: We could use a reliable volunteer in the Planners Network office to help with maintenance of our mailing list. The work requires patience and accuracy, a talent for interpreting people's handwriting, and typing ability. You must be able to work during business hours, perhaps one day a month. If interested, contact Chester Hartman at IPS, 234-9382.

INTERESTING EXPERIMENT: From Networker Bill Tabb (Queens College, Economics Department, Flushing, NY 11367): As an experiment, I charged \$4 for a paper to anyone responding to a listing in PN ("Urban Marxism, PN

The Planners Network

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

We believe that planning should be a tool for allocating resources and developing the environment to eliminate the great inequalities of wealth and power in our society, rather than to maintain and justify the status quo. We believe that planning should be used to assure adequate food, clothing, shelter, 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 Network 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 employed of \$20 plus an additional \$1 for each \$1,000 earned above \$10,000.

Members of the Steering Committee: Chester Hartman, DC, Chair, Emily Achtenberg, Boston; Eve Bach, Berkeley, Bob Beauregard, New Brunswick, NJ; Pierre Clavel, Ithaca (sitting in for Bill Goldsmith, on leave in Brazil); Donna Dyer, Durham, NC; Charles Hoch, Chicago; Joochul Kim, Tempe; Judy Kossy, DC; Jacqueline Leavitt, NYC; Jackie Pope, NYC; Alan Rabinowitz, Seattle; Pat Wilson Salinas, Austin, Derek Shearer, Santa Monica, Andre Tremoulet, Roanoke.

Newsletter Editor: Prentice Bowsher.

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#38, p. 4). So far, seven people have requested the paper. I am forwarding a check for \$28 (7 people x \$4 a paper = \$28). Circulating my work is part of my professional duties, and so the cost was paid for by the University. The revenue is for the Planners Network. Other PN people might do the same, and a great deal of revenue might be generated.

PAYING FOR PN: From time to time, we get notes like the following from Todd Swanstrom (SUNY-Albany Grad. School of Public Affairs, Albany NY 12222): "I never know when I owe my dues again. You oughta have some sort of 'tickler' system." That does make sense; and perhaps we will institute such a system in the future; but it also involves a lot more work for us, begins to push against the notion of support through voluntary dues that we have established, and puts us too much in the role of keeping track of individual contribution records. All will go well if you follow this simple rule: if in doubt as to whether you have contributed to the Network this year, send us a (big) check.

Passing the Word

WORKER BUY-OUTS: From Networker Tom Gottheimer (218 Ferguson St., Lansing, MI 48912): I find the Network becoming a more valuable resource as I take time to explore some of the contacts it makes available. I applaud the creation of a self-consciously political organization. One area in which I could use some help is that of developing employee-owned industrial concerns through buy-out of existing ownership. I am a partisan of the cooperative model, but am willing to try anything that might work. That means that the workforce would have to feel comfortable with it.

STATE DEVELOPMENT AID: *States and Communities: The Challenge for Economic Action* is a working draft of a technical assistance manual on joint development strategies for community-based economic development groups and state development programs. The manual examines sample programs in five states, and provides an action plan for joint, community-state efforts. Copies are \$5 from: National Congress for Community Economic Development, 2025 Eye St. N.W. #901, Wash. DC 20006.

COMMUNITY RESEARCH/DESIGN: From PN Member Joochul Kim (Department of Planning, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287): Greetings from the Southwest. I have been asked to direct the Community Research and Design Group in our college. The main purpose of the group, as I see it at the present time, is to provide technical and educational assistance to community groups, city and local governments, and other agencies that may not have direct access to such services. The group also creates a forum where students, communities, and faculty, mainly of the College of Architecture, could be actively engaged in either applied research or local problem-solving projects.

As I am trying to start from scratch in terms of bringing in progressive planning ideas or projects, I would be very much interested in receiving suggestions or comments regarding the group from PN members. If you have any ideas as to how I should organize this Community Research and Design Group, please drop me a note or call.

JOB-LOSS COMMUNITIES: *Economic Development in*
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Job-Loss Communities is a 36-page guide by Networker Ed Bergman (DCRP, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514) for citizens, community professionals, and public officials on working together to improve the economic well being of people who live in job-loss communities. It's based on North Carolina examples, but is applicable elsewhere, and includes a national list of information and assistance resources. Copies are \$2 from the UNC Center for Urban and Regional Studies, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

THANKS FOR PN: From PN Member Patricia Baron Pollak (Dept of Consumer Economics and Housing, 120A MVR Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853): I appreciate receiving the newsletter. It's encouraging to know that there are all those "networkers" out there. Enclosed is my check; thanks for being there for me to send the check to.

CDC WORLD TRADE: *An International Trade Handbook for Community Development Corporation* explores how CDCs can become more active in international trade, especially with the adoption of the Export Trade Company Act of 1982, and the proposed Caribbean Basin Initiative. Copies are \$7 from the National Congress for Community Economic Development, 2025 Eye St. N.W. #901, Wash. DC 20006.

MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE: The Support Center (1309 L St. N.W., Wash. DC 20005, 202-638-3500), which provides management consulting and training to community, social service, and arts organizations, is sponsoring a series of workshops this spring to help Board and staff members of nonprofits sharpen their management skills. Topics include accounting, stress management, public relations, and computers. Inquire for specific rates and dates.

BUILT-ENVIRONMENT FILMS: A week's presentation of film and videotapes on the opportunities and constraints of the built environment was available in New York May 23-27 as part of the 4th International Festival of Films on Architecture and Planning, sponsored by FACT/USA, 491 Broadway, New York, NY 10012.

NATIONAL TENANTS DAY was May 20, sponsored by the National Tenants Union, and based on the theme "It's Not the American Dream," referring to the shortage of decent, affordable, integrated housing. The day was marked with local actions across the country and a national press conference in Washington, D.C. Details, NTU, 380 Main St., East Orange, NJ 07018, 201/678-6778.

ANTI-NUKE FORUM: Social Scientists Against Nuclear War (Graduate School & University Center, 33 W. 42nd St., New York, NY 10036) sponsored a luncheon forum May 14 on "Perilous Images in the Nuclear Age: American-Soviet Perceptions." Participants included Miriam Bernheim Conant, Stephen F. Cohen, Richard Falk, and Arthur Schlesinger, Jr.

LEFT ALTERNATIVES: The summer issue of *democracy* focuses on some of the specific political strategies now available. Topics include the presidency, social protest, mainstream politics, and reindustrialization. *Democracy* (43 W. 61st St., New York, NY 10023) is a quarterly journal that combines analysis and criticism of current issues with a broad historical concern for America's democratic origins and traditions.

Reducing Unemployment: Redistributing Work vs. Creating Jobs

(The writer, PN Member David Gil, is Professor of Social Policy at the Heller Graduate School of Brandeis University (Waltham, MA 02254). This is part of an occasional series of Viewpoints from Networkers, for which we encourage proposed articles.)

WALTHAM—According to official statistics, about 100 million individuals, each working about eight hours per day, produce all the goods and services which the people of this nation consume, waste, and export. Were we to shorten the average workday by law to seven hours, and to limit overtime, the same output would require over 114 million workers, an increase of 14 million. As there are now about 12 million unemployed in the United States, unemployment would thus be wiped out. Therefore, the equation $100 \times 8 = 114.3 \times 7$, the mathematical version of the previous sentences, suggests a real solution to the vexing problem of unemployment: redistributing the work.

Viewpoint from Waltham

The United States has failed to overcome unemployment because its capitalist economic theories and policies stress profits and perpetual growth measured quantitatively, rather than individual and social development measured qualitatively. Such development could be attained within a steady-state economy, or even better, through appropriate modifications and selective reductions in output. The impossibility of solving unemployment by sustaining private profits and constant, quantitative growth of the economy has led to such paradoxical steps as equating an arbitrarily chosen rate of unemployment, e.g. seven percent of the workforce, with "full employment."

The employment and unemployment figures used here are only approximations; the actual scope of unemployment is certainly much higher. However, what matters are not exact figures, but the values and assumptions which underlie the alternative approach proposed here. These are that every person able and willing to work should have an unconditional right to participate in the productive activities of society, irrespective of the changing scope of these activities, and to receive an income commensurate with a decent human existence.

These notions are not new. They were debated at length in the U.S. Congress right after World War II. Some of these values were written into the Employment Act of 1946, and into the Humphrey-Hawkins Equal Opportunity and Full Employment Act of 1978. We failed to realize these values, however, because of the controversial questions of how and by whom additional work opportunities would be created, and what sort of work it should be: "real" or "make-work" jobs.

In my view, the issue of job-creation is a false one altogether; it is the Achilles heel of many well-intentioned solutions to unemployment. What we ought to do, instead of arguing endlessly over job-creation, is to redistribute the available work to assure everyone's participation. This could be done by varying the legal length of the workday whenever necessary, to ensure a continuous match between the number of available workers and the changing scope of production.

Along with such work redistribution, we ought to insist that everyone's income assure a decent standard of living. Since the elimination of unemployment would increase the relative political strength of the working classes, it would be less difficult for workers to secure larger shares of the economic surplus.

We will fail to eliminate unemployment as long as we deal with it mainly as an economic rather than a political and value issue, and as long as we do not insist on moving beyond conventional practices and ideas which serve the perceived interests of economically powerful groups in society.

Pope John Paul II suggested recently, when discussing unemployment in terms reminiscent of Marx, that "the roads to a just solution of this grave problem demand today a revision of the economic order in its totality . . ." (The *New York Times*, 11/8/82). The solution suggested here translates John Paul's plea into a concrete legislative mechanism—the regulation of the length of the workday and of overtime. Such regulation is by no means a radical innovation and seems attainable within the existing constitutional context. The British Parliament began regulating the length of the workday during the nineteenth century, and the Congress of the United States has done so during this century, although not as part of a conscious, systematic strategy to eliminate unemployment.

Shifting the focus of efforts to overcome unemployment from creating jobs to redistributing available work should enable us to eliminate unemployment now and to avoid it in the future, in spite of accelerated changes in technology and in the types, quantity, and quality of the goods and services we produce. It should also overcome resistance to the elimination of wasteful production of economically and socially unnecessary goods and services, which we carry on under prevailing conditions in order to "save jobs."

In short, assuring everyone an appropriate share of available work and its fruits, by flexibly adjusting work-time and by guaranteeing adequate income, could emerge as an essential factor in transforming our economy into a rational, efficient, and productive system, and our society into one conducive to the optimum development of all our people.

—David Gil

□ GROUP LIVING IDEAS: From PN Member Ken Norwood (1642 Arch St., Berkeley, CA 94709): I am preparing an architectural concept book to open the idea of group living to a broader range of people, using historic, contemporary, and future concept examples. I would like

references and direct contact regarding originally designed and built group housing examples, and cooperatively owned community, rural, and urban examples. I will share my findings with others.

□ **WORKING WOMEN'S AGENDA:** 9 to 5, National Assn. of Working Women, has developed a six-point working women's agenda based on responses from more than 2,300 office workers across the country. The agenda covers equal job rights, pay equity, support for the working family, support for older working women, worker health and job safety, and office automation. Details: 9 to 5, National Assn. of Working Women, 1224 Huron Rd., Cleveland, OH 44115.

□ **BICYCLES IN CITIES:** In Eugene, Ore., the city developed a 70-mile bikeway system; and a series of 12 four-page reports has been prepared on the experience, covering planning, design, promotion, enforcement, and funding. The set (including an index and cover) is \$15, payable to Bikeways Oregon Inc., Box 3914, Eugene, OR 97403.

□ **REBUILDING WASHINGTON:** The Washington State Conversion Project (6532 Phinney Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98103, 206/784-8436) has been formed in opposition to the state's \$1.7 billion in corporate tax abatements for job creation, calling the state effort "a massive boondoggle." Instead, the group proposes a \$250 million program of Community Development Zones in areas with high unemployment, expanded job training, and creation of a Community Development Finance Corporation for loans and venture capital in needy areas.

□ **HEALTH INSURANCE MODEL:** *A Pro-Competitive Model for a Statewide Health Insurance Program: The Oregon Proposal* describes a health care financing approach currently before the Oregon legislature, which combines a competitive strategy for containing costs with a guarantee of universally available comprehensive benefits. The report is available for \$3.50 from the Conference on Alternative State and Local Policies, 2000 Florida Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20009.

□ **ANTI-NUKE FILMS:** Two films from the Resource Center for Nonviolence (Box 2324, Santa Cruz, CA 95063, 408/423-1626) portray the effects of nuclear warfare on humankind. *The Last Epidemic* conveys the effects of nuclear weapons on a civilian population. *One Million Hiroshimas* is a documentary of the 1982 International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War Congress in Cambridge, England. Both films are available in a variety of film and video formats for rent and purchase.

□ **ONTARIO RENT CONTROL:** *Rent Control: Impacts on Income Distribution, Affordability, and Security of Tenure*, by J.R. Miron and J.B. Cullingworth, reviews Ontario's experience with rent review since 1975, raises issues that have been inadequately addressed before, and presents new data. Copies of the 189-page book are \$12 from the Centre for Urban and Community Studies, 455 Spadina Ave. #426, Toronto M5S 2G8.

□ **HOUSING & JOBS:** *A Blueprint for Survival* is a 16-page, 30-cent pamphlet from Jobs with Peace (77 Summer St., Boston, MA 02110) which describes the nation's housing problems, explains the relationship among housing, unemployment, arms spending, and the economy, and proposes a national housing budget as a non-military alternative.

□ **PLAYGROUND HAZARDS:** *America's Poisoned Playgrounds: Children and Toxic Chemicals* is a report on a 4/Planners Network #40/June 20, 1983

six-month study of toxic hazards, such as lead, pesticides, chemical wastes, and so forth, that may be lurking in the environment, play equipment, or soil of America's playgrounds. Copies are \$7.95 from the Conference on Alternative State and Local Policies, 2000 Florida Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20009.

□ **JOB HUNTING TIPS:** *Hardball Job Hunting Tactics* is an employment sourcebook, which its publisher, Facts on File Inc. (460 Park Ave. S., New York, NY 10016), asserts offers straightforward, no-nonsense advice for everyone considered hard to employ, and for those who simply dread the reality of job searching. Copies are \$11.95 prepaid from the publisher.

□ **PLANNING BIBLIOGRAPHY:** The Council of Planning Librarians (1313 E. 60th St., Merriam Center, Chicago, IL 60637) has published a 44-page bibliography on *Skills in Community Practice*, which presents sources that place planning in a political-organizational context. Topics include developing community leadership, building constituent organizations, mobilizing political resources, and others. Copies are \$8 from the Council.

□ **VDT JOB RISKS:** 9 to 5, the National Association of Working Women (1224 Huron Rd., Cleveland, OH 44115, 216/566-9308), has launched a national education and action campaign on the health risks to women office workers who use video display terminals in their jobs. In addition to job stress and neck, eye, and back strain, some pregnancy abnormalities are being blamed on job-related VDT use. 9 to 5 has created an information hotline, 800-521-VDTs, and is calling for increased research on the effects of prolonged VDT use, and more flexible work rules for VDT users.

□ **COMMUNITY PLANNING and Conceptions of Change**, by Peter Marris, is a 208-page exploration of the frustration of reformers and community activists in understanding and effecting urban social policy in the United States and Britain. The examples used are the National Community Development Project and the redevelopment of London's docklands. Copies are \$19.95 from Routledge & Kegan Paul, 9 Park St., Boston, MA 02108.

□ **URBAN STUDIES:** The Institute of Urban Studies (515 Portage Ave., Winnipeg R3B 2E9) has announced the appointment of Alan F.J. Artibise as Director, and the acquisition of an established urban journal, *The Urban History Review*. In addition, the Institute has an extensive publications list, covering housing, energy conservation, and social and community service, among other topics.

□ **COMMUNITY CABLE TV:** From Networker John Schlosser (1242 17th Ave. E., Seattle, WA 98112): After two years of arduous work, a consortium of nonprofit anti-poverty agencies here in Seattle has negotiated a minority stock ownership position in a local cable television company and complete control of up to five cable channels for community purposes. The community will also be able to operate a cable radio station and to use a percentage of the advertising slots available on the 24-hour news and 24-hour sports channels. The agreement with the cable television company is different than most community agreements in that the nonprofit organizations will be allowed to sell advertising time on its channels as well as solicit members and/or sponsors as a way to become self-supporting.

I would be interested in hearing from Network people who have been involved in operating community television facilities or who can recommend inexpensive nontraditional news services; sources of good issue-oriented video spots or shorts; and, most importantly, sources of startup capital. Also of interest are any ideas people have about new ways to use the channels which could bring in operating revenues. (For example, one possibility is to develop a video "classified ad" service emphasizing jobs or housing.)

□ **FIGHTING UNEMPLOYMENT:** The Southern Neighborhoods Network has prepared a 38-page organizing booklet, *Fighting Root Causes of Unemployment*, designed for organizers and leaders. The pamphlet provides an analysis of the problem as well as more than two dozen specific strategies that could be implemented. Copies are \$3 from Southern Neighborhoods Network, 915 24th Ave. N., Nashville, TN 37208.

□ **SOUTHERN DEVELOPMENT:** The Southern Growth Policies Board (Box 12293, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, 919/549-8167) has begun two publications on economic development issues in 12 southern states. One is *Foresight*, a bimonthly newsletter on model programs linking the development of human resources and economic development. The other is *Alert*, an occasional series of papers on emerging issues important to the participating states. Initially the publications examined education and training for new and small business, and Congressional action on extending the Vocational Education Act.

□ **PROGRESSIVE SOFTWARE:** From Networker John Schlosser (1242 17th Ave. E., Seattle, WA 98112): I would be interested in hearing from anyone involved in writing educational computer software having a progressive slant.

The computer revolution is finally hitting the classroom. For example, "simulation" programs can help educate learners about everything from peace-making to uncompetitive corporate business practices. But if the McGraw-Hill's of the world do all the educational software writing, can we expect the values and history in them to be any different than what we find in today's textbooks?

Is there anyone else out there, like me, interested in pulling together the skills and financial resources to try to change this state of affairs?

□ **COTTAGE INDUSTRIES:** It had to happen. Now there is a National Assn. for the Cottage Industry (Box 14460, Chicago, IL 60614) for home-based entrepreneurs and worksteaders. The Association, in which charter memberships are \$25, encourages professional growth, provides a networking structure, and publishes a quarterly newsletter.

□ **THE DEEP ECOLOGIST** is a bimonthly newsletter from Australia for people searching out and articulating an enduring metaphysics of nature. A recent, mostly handwritten copy, including book reviews, news of the Deep Ecology Network, and reports of upcoming conferences in Australia. Subscriptions are \$4 to The Deep Ecologist, 10 Alamein Ave., Warracknabeal, VIC 3393.

□ **PEACE BUDGET:** The Westchester Committee for New Priorities in Government (Box 488F, White Plains, NY 10602) has prepared a 24-page workbook, *Towards a Peace Budget*, for community leaders and concerned citizens. It

includes background on the federal budget and Pentagon spending, and provides worksheets for reallocating funds to nonmilitary purposes. It's also full of wonderful graphics, examples, and comparisons.

□ **LIVABLE PLACES:** Partners for Livable Places (1429 21st St. N.W., Wash. DC 20036) is a six-year-old network of individuals and groups who share an interest in "livability," from parks and open spaces to shopping districts, the environment, and cultural and sports facilities. In addition to other publications, it has a monthly journal of community affairs, *Place Magazine*, and a quarterly digest of ideas and trends, *Livability Digest*.

□ **CITIES MAGAZINE:** The editors of *Cities*, a new international quarterly on urban policy, are asking for articles, shorter viewpoint pieces, research and conference reports. The first issue is scheduled for August. Contact: John Edmondson, Butterworth Scientific Ltd. (Journals Division), Box 63, Westbury House, Bury Street, Guilford, Surrey GU2 5BH, UK.

□ **PROGRESSIVE DEMOGRAPHICS:** From Gary Blasi (Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, 1550 W. 8th St., Los Angeles, CA 90017, 213/487-3320): As a staff attorney preparing litigation for the homeless, I am looking for expert assistance in three key areas: (1) a demographer or social statistician who could make expert judgments on the number and demographics of homeless people in the LA area; (2) preparation of statistics on the supply, vacancy rate, and dynamics of last-resort housing in the area; and (3) design of a case survey study on homelessness to show the dynamics and effects of homelessness on people over time.

□ **PUBLIC SERVICE ACTION** is a 10-times-yearly housing, planning, and public service newsletter of the labor movement in Britain. Issues run 8-12 pages, and concentrate heavily on privatizing public services and the adverse impact on them of superimposing for-profit standards. Subscriptions in Britain are £2.80 a year. For foreign rates: SCAT Publications, 27 Clerkenwell Close, London EC1.

□ **CONTROLLING CITIES:** In *Power and Crisis in the City*, PN Member Roger Friedland, a UCal sociologist, argues that national corporations and labor unions exercise a silent control of American urban policy, and cites Pittsburgh as a case study. Copies are \$20.95 from: Schocken Books, Inc., 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016.

□ **WORKPLACE SAFETY:** The Labor Occupational Health Program of UCal Berkeley's Institute of Industrial Relations has a catalogue of available films, audiovisual materials, books, pamphlets, and a newsletter, *Monitor*. The materials cover pesticide dangers, working women's issues, collective bargaining for job safety, and a variety of other issues. Contact: Institute of Industrial Relations, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720.

□ **BRIDGEPORT TRANSIT:** From Networker Richard Oram (Greater Bridgeport Transit District, 525 Water St., Bridgeport, CT 06604): We've recently implemented a program relying on private support, which includes discounts on transit passes by employers, public agencies, and universities, a merchant discount scheme at 125 stores and restaurants for bus riders, free-ride days, and other specialized

promotions. The program is designed to facilitate expansion of public awareness of transit services, and to better integrate public services with the local community.

□ **JULY 4TH ACTION:** The Community for Creative Non-Violence (1345 Euclid St. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202/332-4332) is sponsoring an action July 4th in Kansas City, MO, to protest the government's stockpiling of surplus food when some Americans are forced to scavenge in trash cans. More than 200 million pounds of surplus food are stored in limestone caves in Kansas City, and the action will include a tent city and the beginning of an open-ended fast, demanding stepped up food distribution. Scores of groups, including PN, are co-sponsoring the action.

□ **JOBS NEWSLETTER:** The Center for National Policy Review (Catholic University, Wash. DC 20064) publishes an occasional *Jobs Watch Alert* on workfare, youth unemployment, and the Job Training Partnership Act. A recent issue included reports on transition problems with the JTPA, and JTPA problems with performance standards for youth programs, as well as a state roundup of workfare developments.

□ **TRANSPORTATION PLANNING:** From Networker Ed Lipiner (1720 Christine Ave. #9, Anniston, AL 36201): I am a transportation planner coordinating the transportation program for a small urbanized area. I would like to exchange

information and share ideas with others having similar roles. I am particularly interested in developing a progressive approach for this occupation.

□ **ECONOMIC CHANGE:** *The Handbook on Tools for Community Economic Change* is a 150-page loose-leaf guide to self-financing and self-management techniques in community revitalization. It looks at community land trusts among a number of forms of community ownership, and examines in case studies a series of community-based initiatives. Copies are \$13.50 (\$18.50 with a three-ring binder) from: Intermediate Technology Development Group, Box 337, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.

□ **FEMALE PLANNERS:** The Women's School of Planning and Architecture, which has held a series of two-week residential learning sessions in past years as an alternative experience for women in all environmental fields, is circulating a survey to discover interest in another session. Persons interested in attending should contact Anne Laird-Blanton, 644 Amsterdam Ave. #3-A, New York, NY 10025.

□ **ALTERNATIVE LIBRARY:** The Alternative Press Center Library (1443 Gorsuch Ave., Baltimore, MD 21218, 301/243-2471) is a community library with more than 400 alternative magazines, newspapers, and journals, covering the years since 1972. It also has information on alternative cultures and lifestyles, prisoners' rights, native american

Roundup: Worker Cooperatives, Employee Ownership, and Workplace Democracy

(The following items have been gleaned from an emerging network of people and groups concerned with democratizing the workplace through worker co-ops, employee ownership and democratic participation. It is hoped that we'll have a section of this sort as a regular or irregular feature of the Planners Network Newsletter. Those wishing to plug into this new network more intimately should contact Len Krimerman, Dept. of Philosophy, Univ. of Conn., Storrs, CT 06268, 203/389-6194, 486-3467.)

The Democratic Management Project (DMP) of Guilford College will host the 3rd annual North Carolina Workers-Owners Conference this coming August 5-7. This year's focus will be on how to identify and meet the educational needs of worker-owned enterprises. The DMP will start its own undergraduate concentration in worker ownership and democratic management in January, 1984; they have recently completed a very comprehensive bibliography on these subjects, as well as the first (known) statewide survey of educational needs of workers-owners. The bibliography, as well as information on the Conference, the undergraduate program, and the survey, are all available (no charge) from: William Stevens, Director of DMP, Guilford College, 5800 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC, 27410; (919) 292-5511.

The Industrial Cooperative Association (ICA) is a non-profit organization that creates worker-owned and controlled businesses (worker cooperatives) in low-income and blue-collar communities. This Spring, it has under-

taken "enterprise development programs" in both Greater Boston and Long Island; these are designed to actively create new cooperative enterprises. More typically, the ICA provides professional business, legal, and financial assistance not only in the northeast but, e.g., in Milwaukee, Tillery, NC, and Coamo, PR. They have also just opened a \$1 million revolving loan fund to furnish "member equity" loans to cooperative worker-members (applications are now being considered). For information and guidelines on the Fund, as well as membership fees and benefits, technical assistance services, and publications on worker co-ops, contact: ICA, 249 Elm St., Somerville, MA 02144; (617) 628-7330.

The black-founded and -managed **Schowan County Credit Union** is establishing a revolving loan fund for worker co-ops, with an initial targeted capitalization of \$300,000; they plan to reach this by July, 1983. Loans will be made for equipment, buildings, etc.: the first projected recipient is a worker-owned casket factory in Tillery, NC. Modeled after the ICA's revolving loan fund (see above item), Schowan's fund is seeking contributions: in addition to aiding economic democracy, such contributions will be insured by an agency of the federal government and will earn interest. For details, contact: John Bond, South Broadway, Edenton, NC, 27932; (919) 482-3126.

Co-op America is a national membership association offering a variety of services (e.g., marketing, comprehensive group health insurance) to groups and individuals concerned with building a healthy, peaceful future through democratizing the marketplace. It includes over 200 organizational members—businesses, consumer co-ops, regional federations, public interest and activist groups. Its Spring, 1983 *Catalog* has just appeared, providing mail-order

issues, and national left groups, among others. In addition, it publishes a quarterly subject index to many of its periodicals.

□ **NORTHWEST RADICAL:** From Networker Charles Goodmacher (3130 S.E. Alder Ct., Portland, OR 97214): For my writing in *The Portland Observer*, a black weekly here, I'm hoping to expand my sources on alternative economic development and jobs news. Any information on successful alternative job-creating programs or efforts, especially relating to minorities, would be greatly appreciated. I have an MA in Urban Affairs and Policy Analysis from the New School, and want to stay in touch with other radical planners/analysts in the Pacific Northwest.

□ **SOCIAL CHANGE CAREERS:** From Allan Sindelar (3415 Stone Rd., Marion, IN 46952): I want to be in a position to effect change toward greater community self-reliance and energy independence. I'd like to combine this with my skill and training in carpentry, remodeling, and grassroots political organizing. And I'd like my skills to be useful in developing countries as well as at home. I would like a better sense from people already in the field of the nature of a career in community planning for social change, and some advice on college-level training in the field.

□ **HOUSING ALLOWANCES:** The Winter 1983 issue of the *Journal of Urban Affairs* (VPI Department of Urban Studies, Blacksburg, VA 24061) has an article, "Housing Allowances: A Critical Look," by PN Chair Chester Hartman. The

upcoming Spring issue contains a response by HUD Assistant Secretary Phillip Abrams, and a rejoinder by Hartman. If you can't get hold of copies, send a SASE (54¢) plus \$1 for xeroxing to: Chester Hartman, IPS, 1901 Que St. N.W., Wash. DC 20009.

□ **NUCLEAR FREE ZONE:** The folks in Ashland, Ore., successfully passed a Nuclear Free Zone initiative, and now have prepared a 60-page booklet on how they did it. Their report covers planning, strategies, and examples of fundraising, writing an ordinance, campaigning, and dealing with the opposition. Copies are \$5 from: Peace House, Box 524, Ashland, OR 97520.

□ **COMMUNITY COMPUTERS:** The Community Memory Project (916 Parker St., Berkeley, CA 94710) is an effort to bring computers to the community to provide networking among grassroots activists, to share data on health care providers and agencies, and to support barter and exchange networks, among other uses. Pay-per-use terminals will be spotted in such places as grocery stores, libraries, and community centers. For details, information on a newsletter and background paper, or suggestions, contact the Project.

□ **LETTERS TO GOVERNMENT** is a little pamphlet of letters from Douglas Fir Wilson, a Unitarian Universalist minister in western Massachusetts, to various U.S. Presidents and Internal Revenue Service officials, among others, on his

access to products/services of some of its member organizations, e.g., health insurance plans, bike accessories, natural cotton clothing, women's music, travel programs, appropriate tech training, social investment, whale watching artifacts . . . For information on individual or group memberships, or to receive the *Catalog*, contact: Co-op America, 2100 M St., NW, Suite 605, Washington, DC 20036.

Gathering Strength: Transitions and Development in the USA Worker Cooperative Movement is a 31-page report which describes the increasing potential and diversification of the worker control/worker co-op movement (WCM). A partial directory of individuals/groups experienced in workplace democracy, as well as a brief bibliography, are included. The report, together with an account of responses to it from within WCM, is available without charge; we ask, in return, for comradely criticism and/or additional bibliographical/directory listings. One aim of "Gathering Strength" is to begin a resource exchange network within WCM; it asks people to submit a list of resources they are willing to share and those they need. Contact: Len Krimerman/Ralph Yourie, Box U-54, Univ. of CT, Storrs, CT 06268; (203) 486-3467/4416.

The Philadelphia Association for Cooperative Enterprise (PACE) is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization offering technical assistance to employees and community groups interested in pursuing employee ownership as (1) a response to business shutdowns and relocations, (2) a means of creating neighborhood-based jobs for the unemployed, and (3) an alternative to conglomerate acquisition or liquidation of family-owned businesses. For more information, contact: Sherman Kreiner or Andrew Lamas, PACE, 133 S. 18th St., Philadelphia, PA 19103; (215)

561-7079.

Project Work is changing. We are soon to be the New York Chapter of the Association for Workplace Democracy. The group will continue to provide information and assistance to cooperatively-run organizations in the New York City area. We have also written a guide to cooperative and democratic work in and around the City entitled *Alternative Work in New York City* (\$5 a copy). The guide and more information about us are available from: Project Work, 339 Lafayette St., New York, NY 10012; (212) 929-5751.

The National Center for Employee Ownership (NCEO) is a non-profit national clearinghouse aimed at increasing understanding and awareness of employee ownership. It does research into, and hosts conferences on, employee ownership, makes information available to unions and employees considering this option, and provides (individual and group) members with a quarterly newsletter, discounts on publications and conferences, and access to NCEO consulting services. Its latest publication is a how-to guide entitled *Employee Buyouts: A Handbook* (\$25/\$12.50 for members). NCEO is a (restrained) advocate of "ESOPs" (Employee Stock Ownership Plans), a recent use of which enabled employees of Dan River, Inc. (the textile giant) to purchase that company and block a threatened and job-endangering corporate takeover. For information on membership/services, contact: NCEO, 1611 South Walter Reed Drive, #109, Arlington, VA 22204; (703) 979-2375 (national office); or NCEO, 114 Sansome St., Suite 1127, San Francisco, CA 94104; (415) 391-4544 (west coast office).

views as a peace activist and war tax resister. In a 1982 letter to Reagan and Brezhnev, he writes: "I no longer believe in a unilateral halt. We have gone too far for that; you must agree together. When you step back from the brink of universal death, you will step into a landscape of birds, of small children laughing, of pain that can be endured and transcended, of hope, tears, and love. I believe you can taste this piece like those of us who live in the cold mountains can taste the spring. Spring is in the air. The earth awakes from her slumber." Copies are \$2.25 from: Dream Tree Press, 10 Pleasant Ln., San Rafael, CA 94901.

□ RURAL REPORT: *The Rural Coalition Report* is a quarterly from the Rural Coalition (1000 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20007) that surveys developments having a major impact on rural America. The spring issue included reports on the President's Budget, the Agriculture Department's new "payment-in-kind" program, and 1980 Census data for rural areas.

□ ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT: *Resources* is a quarterly from the Environmental Task Force (1346 Connecticut Ave. N.W. #918, Wash. DC 20036) that provides grassroots reports on environmental issues around the country. The spring issue examined toxic waste dumps in Alabama, a successful Oregon fight against a proposed garbage burning project, and the efforts of New Jersey residents to halt expansion of a dump threatening a town's drinking water. Subscriptions are \$15 for individuals and nonprofits.

□ NUCLEAR ABOLITIONISTS: Nuclear Free America (2521 Guilford Ave., Baltimore, MD 21218) is a national clearinghouse and resource center for Nuclear Free Zones. It has organizing packets (\$5 apiece) and a bimonthly newsletter, *The New Abolitionist* (\$10 annually).

□ CO-OP ASSISTANCE: The Conference on Alternative State and Local Policies (2000 Florida Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20009) sponsors a Co-op Development and Assistance Project that combines monitoring the activities of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank, networking among various cooperative efforts, and providing technical assistance to selected co-op projects. A quarterly newsletter, *Co-op Development Report*, also is available.

□ ALTERNATIVE ECONOMICS: The Human Economy Center (Box 551, Amherst, MA 01004, 413/253-5428) provides encouragement, information exchange, and new-development news in the emerging field of human economy. Memberships begin at \$12; a bibliography on human economy is available for \$7.50; and a quarterly, *The Human Economy Newsletter*, is included as a membership service.

□ THE LAND INSTITUTE (Rt. 3, Salina, KS 67401) is a private educational-research organization exploring alternatives in agriculture, energy, and waste management through student internships, *The Land Report*, published thrice yearly, and other occasional publications. Memberships begin at \$15.

□ FEDERATION FOR PROGRESS (225 Park Ave. S. #746, New York, NY 10003) is an ongoing, multi-issue coalition of grassroots groups and activists seeking to bridge the various progressive movements by linking issues in organizing. A bimonthly newsletter, *News and Views of the*

Federation for Progress, is available for \$5. Local organizing leaders are also being sought.

□ INFORMATION CO-OP: The Baltimore Information Co-op (Box 7156, Baltimore, MD 21218) is a group of Baltimore organizations and computer professionals working to provide services and education to the community. It is particularly concerned with demonstrating ways in which computer technology can benefit small organizations, and schedules workshops on such topics as buying a computer, word processing, and available software. Organizations pay a one-time fee of \$200 to join; individual memberships also are available.

□ CUBA DIARY: From Networker Ken Schulman (Boston University School of Social Work, 264 Bay State Rd., Boston, MA 02215): Members of the Boston University School of Social Work Cuba Study-Travel Seminar have prepared a booklet describing their experiences during a 1982-83 trip to Cuba. The informative and interesting articles include: "Economic Issues," "Historical Visits," "Tourism," "Mental and Physical Health Services," "Religion," "The Women's Federation," "People's Power," "Street Impressions," and "International Schools." The pamphlet is available for \$2.50 from me. (Checks should be made out to Boston University SSW.) Proceeds from the sale of Cuban Diary will be used in part to fund scholarships for future study-travel programs.

□ NATIONAL BAKESALE: A coalition of groups opposed to the budget and spending policies of the Reagan Administration is planning a National Let Them Eat Cake Sale in October to dramatize issues raised by the cuts, and to raise funds for local efforts supporting victims of the cuts. The Sale will include rallies, teach-ins, and other public gatherings as well as locally baked cakes in informative, educational cake boxes. For details, and to volunteer as a local organizer: Let Them Eat Cake Sale, 918 F St. N.W. #611, Wash. DC 20004, 202/347-6060.

□ UNITED LEFT CANDIDATE: The Peace and Freedom Party of California has initiated a dialogue among various parties and organizations of the left, exploring the possibility of an independent, national campaign for a socialist America in 1984. One step is a national conference planned for late summer this year in Los Angeles. Details: Peace and Freedom Party State Central Committee, 2404 W. 7th St. #202, Los Angeles, CA 90057.

□ MONTREAL REPORT: From PN Member Sam Bosky (3463 Decarie Blvd., Montreal, H4A 3J4): In last November's municipal elections here, the progressive Montreal Citizens' Movement elected 15 members to City Council (including me!) and gained much support, getting 38% of the vote across the city. The regional administration is finally getting pressured by the provincial government to adopt a regional plan for the Montreal area, and our planning members are actively monitoring the unfolding of this dossier.

Much local activity is underway also in local community organizing, especially as regards allowing residents to have some say concerning zoning changes (which the current administration doesn't believe in). We also are exploring community economic development corporations and the role of a municipal administration in productive job creation.

□ ASSESSING THE BUDGET: From Martin A. Bierbaum

(Urban Studies Program, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ 07102): I taught a seminar this Spring at Rutgers on the affects of the President's budget. As the focus of the Seminar, students divided into research teams. One studied the current Defense budget and proposals to expand it. Others built upon my work on the impact of domestic budget cuts on local areas. The result was an evolving understanding of the transformation of priorities at the federal level and the impact of that change on the city of Newark, a city recently dubbed as the poorest in America. Anyone interested in our findings, along with a methodology to do similar studies elsewhere, can receive a copy of the report by writing to me at the above address and including \$3.00 per copy to cover mailing and xeroxing expenses.

□ **NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER:** The Nathalie P. Voorhees Center for Neighborhood and Community Improvement is a unit of the University of Illinois, Chicago Circle. The Center works with community based and public interest organizations and governmental agencies to develop, test and evaluate strategies and techniques useful for building viable self reliant neighborhoods. For more information, including a newsletter: Nathalie P. Voorhees Center for Neighborhood and Community Improvement, College of Architecture, Art and Urban Planning, University of Illinois at Chicago, Box 4348, Chicago, IL 60680, 312/996-6671.

□ **LEVERAGING HOUSING \$\$\$:** From PN Member Todd Swanstrom (SUNY Albany, Graduate School of Public Affairs, Albany, NY 12222): I'm doing research to evaluate the federal Block Grant program which encourages cities to form partnerships with private lenders to leverage additional funds for low income housing. HUD allows such cities to lump-sum their federal monies early and earn interest on them. I am skeptical that real leveraging is occurring, or that cities are earning a fair return on their lump-sum deposits. Anybody out there have any information on this?

□ **BUDGET IMPACT:** The Interreligious Task Force on U.S. Food Policy (110 Maryland Ave. N.E., Wash. DC 20002, 202/543-2800) has prepared a 24-page analysis of the effect of the Administration's budget, tax, and military policies on low-income Americans in the first two years of President Reagan's term. The analysis tells what has happened, and what has been its impact on the poor.

□ **POLETOWN LIVES!** is a 52-minute documentary on GM's move on a Detroit neighborhood, to construct a new assembly plant. 1500 homes, 16 churches, 144 businesses, 2 schools and a hospital were the victims. The film, a Blue Ribbon Social Issue Documentary Winner at the 1983 American Film Festival in NY, is available for rent or sale, videotape or 16mm, through Information Factory, 3512 Courville, Detroit, MI 48224, 313/885-4685, with discount rates for low-income groups.

□ **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** From PN Member Ed Gramlich (Center for Community Change, 1000 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20007, 202/338-8920): For groups concerned about public subsidies for private corporations, here are two items: New IRS regulations now require a local public hearing on the proposed use of industrial revenue bonds in a development project, which allows for citizens' comments and requires disclosure of certain information on the proposed project. Second, a recent

Supreme Court ruling in a Boston case supported the targeting of construction jobs for local residents in projects receiving any city money, CDBG and UDAG included. Write me for further details on both items.

Regional Roundup

□ **S.F. BAY AREA:** The Bay Area Planners Network held a series of forums in April and May on community economic development and housing issues. Topics included "The Politics of Community Economic Development: Issues and Strategies in Oakland," "Towards a National Housing Strategy," and "Commercial Rent Control." Panelists included Tony Enriquez, executive director of the Spanish Speaking Unity Council; Margaret Pryor, community development specialist with Oakland Citizens' Committee for Urban Renewal; PN Chair Chester Hartman; Joel Rubenzahl, director, Community Economics; and Marty Schiffenbauer of Berkeley Rent Control Campaigns.

Upcoming Conferences

□ **WAR RESISTERS LEAGUE:** The 60th anniversary national conference of the War Resisters League will be held July 14-17 at Lafayette College, Easton, PA. Details: the WRL, 339 Lafayette St., New York, NY 10012.

□ **HOME EQUITY CONVERSION:** National Development Conference on Home Equity Conversion will be held July 14-15 at the International Hotel in Washington, DC. The format includes plenary sessions and workshops. Topics include reverse mortgages, insurance and secondary marketing, sale-leaseback development, and public policy implications. Fees are \$190 before July 1 (\$250 afterward). Further details and registration: National Center for Home Equity Conversion, 110 East Main #1010, Madison, WI 53703.

□ **CONFLICT RESOLUTION:** A four-day course in "Modern Mediation, Conciliation, and Conflict Resolution" will be held June 27-30 at the University of Maryland in College Park. The course objective is to provide introductory training and analysis on mediation strategies for conflict resolution, for government, corporate, and other managers, as an alternative to litigation. The course is sponsored by the University; the fee is \$695. Details: Conferences and Institutes Program, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742.

□ **CONSERVATION:** "The Politics of Conservation" is the topic of the first Sierra Club International Assembly June 30-July 4 at Snowmass Village, near Aspen, CO. The conference includes recreation opportunities, sessions on Rocky Mountain issues, invitations to Presidential candidates, and panels on energy and labor matters affecting the environment. Registration is \$50. Details: Sierra Club International Assembly Manager, 530 Bush St., San Francisco, CA 94108.

□ **POPULAR ECONOMICS:** The Center for Popular Economics (Box 785, Amherst, MA 01004) is sponsoring a series of week-long summer institutes, beginning July 10, July

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31, and Aug. 14, on conventional and alternative economics for social change activists. The institutes are held at Hampshire College in Amherst; fees are \$220 for low-income persons, \$330-\$440 for others. For details and application, write the Center.

□ **CO-OP INSTITUTE:** The Consumer Cooperative Alliance will hold its annual Co-op Institute in Berkeley this year on August 3-7. Workshop tracks will cover a range of co-op issues. For information and registration: Bonnie Fish, Associated Cooperatives, 4801 Central Ave., Richmond, CA 94804.

□ **ECONOMIC ORGANIZING:** A five-day conference, "Economics for Organizing in Hard Times," is being sponsored July 19-24 by the Southern Neighborhoods Network and other regional groups at Hiwassee College in Madisonville, Tenn. The purpose is to assist community leaders in their organizing efforts, and to support the efforts of community groups. For registration and fees: Southern Neighborhoods Network, 915 24th Ave. N., Nashville, TN 37208, 615/320-5757.

□ **CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT:** "Creative Involvement for Productive Communities," the National Conference on Citizen Involvement, will be held June 26-30 at Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA. The format includes plenary sessions and workshops. Speakers include John McKnight, Peter Haas, and Eva Schindler-Rainman. The fee is \$230. For registration and details: Volunteer: The National Center for Citizen Involvement, 1111 N. 19th St. #500, Arlington, VA 22209.

□ **WOMEN'S HEALTH:** The Black Women's Health Conference is being held June 24-26 at Spelman College in Atlanta. Information from the National Women's Health Network, 224 7th St. SE, Wash. DC 20003, 202/543-9222.

Ex Conferences

□ **ECONOMIC SELF-RELIANCE:** The E.F. Schumacher Society (Box 76, RD 3, Great Barrington, MA 01230, 413/528-1737) held its third Schumacher Seminar, "Tools for Community Economic Transformation," June 9-15 at Bard College in Annadale, NY. The seminar explored various techniques for seeking community economic self-reliance for community-based programs and small businesses.

□ **BANKING DEREGULATION:** A public policy forum on banking deregulation was held May 23 in Washington, D.C., to examine the impact of deregulation on credit availability, financial concentration, conflicts of interest, and competition among depository institutions. Sponsors included Ralph Nader's Center for Study of Responsive Law, Box 19367, Wash. DC 20036), the American Bankers Assn., the Credit Union National Assn., the Investment Company Institute, and others.

□ **HOUSING DISPLACEMENT:** The Assn. of Neighborhood Housing Developers (424 W. 33rd St., New York, NY 10001) held a one-day workshop May 24 at its office on building neighborhood awareness of displacement. The grassroots experiences of three community groups were used

to demonstrate approaches for turning individual displacement actions into community-wide concern and an organized response.

□ **JOB UNCERTAINTY:** From PN Member Chuck Hotchkiss (13½ Lincoln Ave., Binghamton, NY 13905): "Work Options in an Age of Transition" was the topic of a conference held April 15-16 in Canandaigua, NY. Participants heard presentations by Gar Alperovitz, Karl Hess, John Applegath (founder of the Human Economy Center), and Richard Kazis (of Environmentalists for Full Employment). Workshops were held on education, technology, job uncertainty, and other topics. The conference was organized by the Eco-Justice Task Force, an upstate New York network of people concerned about issues of ecology and social justice. The Task Force has a small paid staff, and publishes a quarterly journal, *The Egg*, which contains conference summaries, book reviews, and other relevant articles. Individuals interested in the conference or other activities of the Eco-Justice Task Force should contact Bill Gibson, Anabel Taylor Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853.

□ **COMMUNITY ORGANIZING:** The New York Institute for Social Therapy and Research sponsored the 7th annual Marxism and Mental Illness Conference, "The Uses of Power," June 11, which included panels, workshops and speakers. Among the workshops was one on "The ABCs of Community Organizing," led by the Assn. for Better Communities, 216 W. 102nd St. #2-C, New York, NY 10024, 212/316-6529.

□ **SOCIALIST SCHOLARS:** The Institute of Democratic Socialism, Cooper Union Forum, *Socialist Review*, and others sponsored a socialist scholars' conference, "What's Left," April 1-2 at Cooper Union. Among the workshops was one on "Urban Politics and Policy," organized by the Planners Network, and including Pierre Clavel of Cornell, Nancy Kleniewski of SUNY Geneseo, Peter Marcuse of Columbia, and Larry Sawyers of American University.

Conference Report

□ **APA IN SEATTLE:** From PN Member Alan Rabinowitz (Dept. of Urban Planning, Univ. of Washington JO-40, Seattle, WA 98195): Planners Network members are always present at the national conferences of the American Planning Association. At the meeting in Seattle in mid-April, about 60 people gathered to hear Chester Hartman talk about the Network and to listen to Charles Hoch and George Hemmens, both from the planning department at the University of Illinois in Chicago, discuss the implications for community relations stemming from the recent election of Harold Washington as mayor. Hoch had been instrumental in convening the meeting at APA and had been active in the Washington campaign, which many of us considered one of the most critical events concerning minorities in this decade.

For Networkers and others interested in "fundamental change in our political and economic system," this discussion was one of the highpoints of an APA conference singularly devoid of challenging topics. The weather in Seattle was bright and sunny, as were most of the sessions at the APA conference, effectively masking deeper concerns about the

state of the nation, its domestic crises and its international involvements. At next year's APA conference, Networkers who are members of APA should, we believe, make more effort to be part of the official proceedings, organizing sessions and presenting papers; that is the least we can do for the Orwellian Year of 1984.

□ **WESTERN PLANNERS:** From Networker Joochul Kim (Dept. of Planning, College of Architecture, Arizona State Univ., Tempe, AZ 85287): During May 5-7, the second annual conference for academic and professional planners in the Western region was held at Arizona State University. The conference brought together about 80 participants, ranging from local planners in Arizona to community organizers, energy planners, and academic planners in almost every state in the Western region.

Peter Marris, in the keynote speech on "The Future of Social Policy in America," suggested that some combination of four principles—kinship, charity, insurance, and rights—may be used as the beginning step toward the development of a social policy for a society.

Other issues also were introduced and discussed. Michael Teitz raised research questions dealing with small business strategies in local economic development, while Alan Rabinowitz and Fred Collignon warned about infrastructure crisis and the future role of the planning profession in an age of rapid suburban growth and high-tech industry development. Alternative strategies for urban housing development were introduced by Joby Gibbs, Robin Sherr, and Onker Dekker. In addition, such noted energy experts as Pliny Fisk, Al Casella and Mark Reader presented their ideas on appropriate energy technology and peace and energy networks.

Jobs

□ **HOUSING MANAGEMENT:** The Santa Barbara Community Housing Corporation (703 W. Micheltorena, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, 805/963-3466) is looking for a housing management coordinator to oversee its involvement with low-income projects. A background in property management, and a college degree or its equivalent are required. Salary is in the \$22,000-\$26,000 range; a one-year commitment is required.

□ **ENERGY MANAGEMENT:** The Philadelphia Jobs in Energy Project (1218 Chestnut St. #1003, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215/592-1774) is looking for a project director who would have executive responsibility for its Nonprofit Energy Management Corporation, which provides consulting and financial services to nonprofits. Applicants should be experienced in administering a nonprofit; salary is \$20,000 plus benefits.

□ **L.A. DESIGN CENTER:** The Los Angeles Community Design Center (849 S. Broadway #310, Los Angeles, CA 90014, 213/626-1453) is seeking a Director of Planning and Development, experienced in housing development, architecture, planning and business. Salary is in the \$20,000-\$25,000 range; a graduate degree or comparable work experience is required.

□ **HOUSING DEVELOPMENT:** The Community Corporation of Santa Monica (237 Hill St., Santa Monica, CA

90405, 213/392-8461) is seeking a Director of Housing, with experience in real estate acquisition, housing management, and financial and administrative management. A professional degree plus four years of related work experience are desirable. Salary is in the \$25,000-\$30,000 range.

□ **HOUSING INTERN:** Patrick H. Hare Planning and Design (2027 Que St. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202/234-1219) is seeking a summer intern to help with its projects in accessory apartments and granny flats. Low starting pay, with possibilities for publication and development into future entry level position.

□ **HOUSING REHAB:** The Foundation for San Francisco's architectural heritage is seeking a Director of Rehabilitation to replace Networker Marie Kennedy, who is returning to Boston in August. The position involves directing an approximately \$100,000/year technical assistance program (primarily architectural and financial), which serves neighborhood housing development corporations, other nonprofits, and low income individuals. Salary: \$20,000-\$22,000 plus benefits. Prior to July 15, contact Marie Kennedy, Director of Rehabilitation; afterwards, Grant Dehart, executive director, at the Foundation for San Francisco's Architectural Heritage, 2007 Franklin St., San Francisco, CA 94109, 415/441-3000.

Etcetera

□ **PROMOTE PN:** Some of you, when writing articles of various types, include in your biosketch 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.

□ **NEXT PN DEADLINE:** The Planners Network will publish in August, for everyone staying around during the summer; and the deadline for getting copy in to us in Monday, August 8. We enjoy hearing from all who write, and we especially enjoy it when your notes are typed.

□ **LOST SOULS:** We seem to be keeping in touch with most PN members these days, but always a few seem to slip off and away. Here is the list for your usually helpful suggestions in restoring interrupted connections.

Phil Ryan, Knoxville	Deborah Teltscher, New York
Terry Parker, Ukiah, CA	Vincent LeVeque, Santa Monica
Michael Leshin, Brighton, MA	Elaine Calos, Flushing
Tom Campbell, Boston	Bob Groves, Wooster, OH
Lois Miller, Ithaca	Janet Raffel, Washington, DC

□ **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 to be in the Network and we'll send them the information sheet.

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