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.

$5 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 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 1½ 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

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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, 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.

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Reducing Unemployment: Redistributing Work vs. Creating Jobs

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Along with such work redistribution, we ought to insist that everyone’s income assure a decent standard of living. Since the concept 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 a recessionary and political issue, and all efforts to overcome the recession by conventional practices and ideas which serve the perceived interests of economically powerful groups in society.

Note

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 a development could be attained within a steady-state economy, or even better, through appropriate modifications and selective reductions in output. This realization was drawn in the existing unemployment by sustaining private profits and constant, qualitative growth of the economy has led to such paradoxical steps as equations of economic growth, employment, and expansion of the work force, with "full employment." The employment and unemployment figures used here are only approximations; the overall 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 each person and willing to work should have a unconditional right to participate in the productive activities of the economy in the ongoing scope of these activities, and to receive an income commensurate with a decent standard of living.

These notions are not new. They were debated at length in the U.S. Congress right after World War II. Some of the ideas were even included in 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.

GROUP LIVING IDEAS: From PN Member Ken Norwood (462 Arch St., Berkeley, CA 94709) I am preparing an architectural concept book to open the idea of group living to all of us, and I am going to do my best to show the current conventional, 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 this findings with others.

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BUILT ENVIRONMENT FILMS: A week's presentation of films related to the built environment. Ongoing film programs are scheduled for community-economic development groups and state development programs. The annual examines sample programs in five states, and provides an action plan for joint, community-state efforts. Copies are $5 from: National Cong. for Community Economic Development, 2003 Eye St, N.W. #901, Wash, DC 20006.

COMMUNITY RESEARCH/DESIGN: From PN Member Jhoool Kim (Department of Planning, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287); Greetings from the West. 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 assistance to community groups, city and state governments, and other agencies that may not have direct access to the services that can create 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.

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 hearing from community professional groups in the PN. 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 2/ Planners Network #40; June 20, 1983

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.)

In my view, the issue of job-creation is a false one altogether; it is the Achilles heel of many well-intentioned solutions. The right way to do things is by arguing endlessly over job-creation, to redistribute the available work to assure everyone's participation. This could be done by varying the legal length of the workweek, whereby whenever necessary, to ensure a continuous match between the number of available workers and the changing scope of productive activities.

Along with such work redistribution, we ought to insist that everyone's income assure a decent standard of living. Since this was much more likely to be achieved by changing 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-centered issue, and ask to be reminded of 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 transcends the limitations of a concrete legislative mechanism—the regulation of the length of the workday and of overtime. Such regulation is by no means a radical innovation; it is a reconsideration of the institutional 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 some of the actual scope of unemployment employment 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, in the numbers, quantity, and quality of the goods and services we produce. It should also overcome the resistance to the elimination of unemployment by changing our attitude toward changing the economy and socially unnecessary goods and services, which we carry on under prevailing conditions in order to save "jobs" or to prevent anyone from getting "work".

In short, assuming everyone an appropriate share of available work, and its fruits, by flexibly adjusting worktime and by granting work-people choices, work 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.

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PLANNING BIBLIOGRAPHY: The Council of Planning Librarians (1313 E 60th St., Merriam Center, Chicago, IL 60637) has published a 64-page conference report in Community Practice, which presents sources that place planning in a political-organizational context. Topics include developing community leadership, building consistent 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, 216/566-3638), 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, eye strain, neck, and back pain; pregnancy abnormalities are being blamed on job-related VDT use. 9 to 5 has created an information packet for VDTs, and is calling for more research on the effects of prolonged VDT use, and more flexible work rules for VDT users.

COMMUNITY PLANNING and Conceptions of Change, by Peter Morris, is a 28-page exploration of the frustrations 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 (315 Portage Ave., Winnipeg R3B 2E9) has announced the appointment of Alan F.L. Anderson as Director, and the acquisition of an established urban journal, The Urban History Review. In addition, the Institute has an extensive publication program, including a series of books on income redistribution and social and community service, among other topics.

COMMUNITY CABLE TV: From Networker John Schlissor (1242 17th Ave. E., Seattle, WA 98112): After two years of arduous work, a consortium of nonprofit anti-poverty groups here in Seattle is ready to announce that a company has been permitted 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 for community programming. The company, Community Cable Television, is different from most community agreements in that the nonprofit organizations will be allowed to sell advertising time to commercial businesses, to attract outside funding, to provide a service that is not covered by the public service obligation, to reach a larger audience, and to provide revenue for the organizations. Members of the consortium, the cable company is different from most community agreements in that the nonprofit organizations will be allowed to sell advertising time to commercial businesses, to attract outside funding, to provide a service that is not covered by the public service obligation, to reach a larger audience, and to provide revenue for the organizations. Members of the consortium, and/or sponsors as a way to become self-supporting.

I would be interested in hearing from Networker people who have been involved in operating community access TV stations or cable facilities, or who can recommend inexpensive nonprofit news services, sources of good issue-oriented video spots of short run, or ways in which they have structured their work to support other working women, worker health and job safety, and office automation. Details on 9 to 5, National Assn. of Working Women, 1224 Huron Rd., Cleveland, OH 44115.

BICYCLES IN THE CITIES: In Eugene, Ore., the city developed a $75,000 bicycle program last year. As a result of 12 area bike reports has been prepared on the experience, covering planning, design, promotion, enforcement, and funding. The cost of the report was $5, payable to Bikeways Oregon Inc., Box 3914, Eugene, OR 97403.

REBUILDING WASHINGTON: The Washington State Convention Project (6532 Phinney Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98103, 206/744-8436) 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 $20 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.

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HOUSING & JOBS: A Blueprint for Survival in a 16-page, full-colour publication, the People's Peace (7205 Davenport St., Boston, MA 02110) describes the nation's housing problems, explains the relationship among housing, unemployment, poverty, and rent, and proposes a national housing budget as a non-military alternative.

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FIGHTING UNEMPLOYMENT: The Southern Neighborhoods Network has prepared a 38-page organizing booklet, Fighting Root Causes of Unemployment, designed for action (including an appendix providing a list 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 in the South. Development Brief: Forefront, a bimonthly newsletter on model programs linking the development of human resources and economic development. The other is Alerts, an occasional series of papers on emerging issues important to the participating states. Initially the publications examined education and training, small business and community action on extending the Vocational Education Act.

PROGRESSIVE SOFTWARE: From Networker John Schlissler (1247 17th Ave. E., Seattle, WA 98112) I would be interested in hearing from people 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 nuclear physics to agribusiness to the complexities of 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 to be in any different than what we find in today's textbooks?

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

COFFEE INDUSTRIES: It had to happen. Now there is a National Assn. for the Coffee Industry (Box 14460, Chicago, IL 60614) for baristas and coffee bar owners. 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 Australian researchers here in Australia and abroad, providing a more enduring metaphysical nature of recent, mostly handheld copy, including book reviews, news of the Deep Ecology Network, and other related information. Subscriptions are $4 to The Deep Ecologist, 10 Alamien Ave., Warracknabeal, VIC 3393.

PEACE BUDGET: The Westchester Committee for New Priorities in Government (Box 485F, White Plains, NY 10603) developed a new tool for community leaders and citizens. It includes background on the federal budget and Pentagon spending, a primer on budget priorities and criteria for 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, professionals, and institutions 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 a Cities, a new international quarterly on urban policy, are asking for articles and ideas for articles. I am looking for 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 study of last-resort housing 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 6-12 pages, and concentrate heavily on privatizing public services and the adverse impact on them of superimposing for-profit standards. Subscriptions in Britain are £2.60 a year. For foreign rates: SCAT Publications (SCAT Publications 2 Claremont Close, London EC1).

CONTROLLING CITIES: In Power and Crisis in the City, PN Member Roger Friedland, a UC Los Angeles, argues that national corporations and labor unions exercise a exclusive control over American urban policy, and cites Pittsburgh as a case study. Cooper (1975 Northbook Books Inc., 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016.

WORKPLACE SAFETY: The Labor Occupational Health Program of UC Berkeley's Institute of Industrial Relations publishes a bimonthly newsletter, Safety News, for workers, victims, unions, family members, and anyone else affected by workplace injuries. The text is in both print and film, audiovisual materials, books, pamphlets, and a newsletter, Monitor. The materials cover pesticide dangers, working women's issues, community bargaining agreements, 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) comes news that the district has implemented a program relying on private support, which includes discounts on transit passes by employers, public agencies, and universities, a monthly newspaper, and tube buses for restaurants for bus riders, free-ride days, and other specialized
Roundup: Worker Cooperatives, Employee Ownership, and Workplace Democracy

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NORTHWEST RADICAL: From Networxler Charles Goodmacher (313.0. E. Alder Ct., Portland, OR 97214) for my "Radical Observer", a black and white, "I am hoping to expand my sources on alternative economic development and jobs news. Any information on successful alternative economic development and efforts generally, relating to minorities, would be greatly appreciated. I have an MA in Urban Affairs and Policy Analysis from the New School, and I am interested in other radical planners/analysts in the Pacific Northwest.

SOCIAL CHANGE CAREERS: From Allan Sinclair (3141 Stone Rd., Marion, IN 46952) I want to be in a position to effect change toward 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 in a career in community planning for social change, and some advice on career-trajectory field.

HOUSING ALLOWANCES: The Winter 1982 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 Hampton. The upcoming Spring issue contains a response by HUD Assistant Secretary Phillip Abrams, and a rejoinder by Hampton. If you can, please send the copies, send a SASE (54¢) plus $1 for xeroxing to: Chester Hampton, IPS, 1901 Q St. N.W., Wash. DC 20009.

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iv. 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, and Urban Planning, University of Illinois at Chicago, Box 3434, Chicago, IL 60680, 312/996-6671.

v. LEVERAGING HOUSING$: From PM Member Todd Swanstrom (SUNY Albany, Graduate School of Public Affairs, Albany, NY 12222): I’m doing research to evaluate the impact of a public housing policy which encourages landlords to form partnerships with private lenders to leverage additional funds for low income housing. HUD allows such cities to limit the housing units for the elderly and earn important leverage on them. I am skeptical that real leveraging is occurring, or that cities are earning a fair return on their lump-sum deposits. Any comments or information on this?

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Regional Roundup


Upcoming Conferences

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**MONTREAL REPORT:** From PN Member Sam Rosky (3473 Sherbrooke W. 3rd Fl., Montreal, H4A 1L5). In last November's municipal elections here, the progressive Montreal Citizens' Movement elected 15 members to City Council (including me). The group is affiliated with a citywide assembly across the city. The regional administration is finally getting pressured by the provincial government to adopt a regional plan. Two local people are actively monitoring the unfolding of this dossier.

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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** From PN Member Ed Gilchrist (Center for Community Change, 1000 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20007, 202/382-4920). For groups concerned about the fall of local public subsidies for development projects, the community development movement has two new items: IRS regulations now require a local public hearing on the proposed use of industrial revenue bonds, and new development projects, and requires disclosure of certain information on the proposed project. Second, a recent

**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 "Property Tax Reform," "Neighborhood Control," "Inclusionary Housing Strategies," and "Towards a National Housing Strategy for Neighborhood Control." Panelists included Tony Enriquez, executive director of the Spanish Speaking Unity Council; Margaret Pryor, community development specialist of the Center for Urban Renewal; PN Chair Chester Hartman; Joel Rubenzahl, director, Community Economies; and Marty Schiffshuenker 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 ECONOMY CONVERSION:** National Development Conference on Home Economics Conversion will be held July 14-15 at the International Hotel in Washington, DC. The format includes plenary sessions and workshops. Topics include renewable energy, weatherization, and secondary marketing, sale-leaseback developments, and public policy implications. Fees are $190 before July 1 ($250 afterward). Further details and registration: National Center for Home Economics 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, College Park. The course objective is to provide introductory training and analysis on mediation strategies for conflict resolution, and other management and legal strategies as an alternative to litigation. The course is sponsored by the University; the fee is $695. Details: Conference and Institutes Program, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20740.

**CONSERVATION:** The Politics of Conservation is the topic of the Club for Children and Machinists Union's 30th July 4 Snowmass Village, near Aspen, CO. The conference includes recreation opportunities, sessions on rocky mountain issues, panel discussions, and elections on energy and labor matters affecting the environment. Registration is $50. Details: Sierra Club Office of National 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. Planners Network Group (June 20, 1983).
31, and Aug. 14, on conventional and alternative economies 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, Associate Cooperator, 4801 Central Ave., Richmond, CA 94804.

□ ECONOMIC ORGANIZING: A five-day conference, "Economies for Organizing in Hard Times," is being sponsored July 19-23 by the National Urban Coalition Network and other regional groups at Hissawce College in Madisonville, Ten. The purpose is to assist community leaders in their organizing and to broaden the efforts of community groups. For registration and fees: Southern Neighborhoods Network, 915 24th Ave. N., Nashville, TN 37208, 415/320-5757.

□ CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT: "Creative Involvement for Productive Communities," the National Conference on Citizen Involvement, will be held June 26-30 at Stanford University, Palto Alto, CA. The conference format includes plenary sessions and workshops. Speakers include John McKnight, Peter Haas, and Eva Schindler-Rainman. The fee is $230. For registration and details: Voluntary: 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 20033, 202/543-9222.

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□ BANKING AND DEREGULATION: A public policy forum on banking deregulation was held May 23 in Washington, DC, to examine the impact of deregulation on credit availability, financial concentration, conflicts of interest, and competition in the banking system. Sponsors included Ralph Nader's Center for Study of Responsive Law, Box 13676, Wash. DC 20036, the American Bankers Association, the Investment Company Institute, and others.

□ HOUSING DISPLACEMENT: The Assn. of Neighborhood Housing Developers (424 W. 33rd St., New York, NY 10012) has a new 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 organizing response.

□ JOB UNCERTAINTY: From PN Member Check Art (Assn. #133), Lincoln, NE 68505: "Work Options in an Age of Transition" was the topic of a conference held April 15-16 in Canberra, Australia. Although participants heard from the second secretary of state, John Hess, John Leggett (founder of the Human Economy Center), and Richard Kazin (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 upstart 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 participant summaries and "eggments"—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.

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□ SOCIALIST SCHOLARS: The Institute of Democratic Socialism, Cooper Union Forum, Socialist Review, and others sponsored a socialist scholars' conference, "What's Left?" April 2-3 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 Kleinsmich of SUNY Geneseo, Peter Macleans of Columbia, and Larry Sawyer of American University.

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□ APA IN SEATTLE: From PN Member Alan Rabinowitz (Dept. of Urban Planning, Univ. of Washington JO-40, Seattle, WA 98105): Planners Network members are always present at the national conferences of the American Planning Association. At the meeting in Seattle in mid-April, about 50 people gathered at a float about the Network and to listen to Charles Hoch and George Hemmons, 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 in charge of convening the mayor at the time he had been active in the Washington campaign, which many of us considered one of the most critical events concerning minority issues. For Networkers and others interested in "fundamental change in our political and economic system," this discussion was one of the highlights of an otherwise largely devil of challenges. 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 Joocohl Kim (Dept. of Planning, College of Agriculture, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287): Iran's new president heard about the conference for academic and professional planners in the Western region was held at Arizona State University. The conference was well attended, and membership in the Western Region is rapidly increasing. Peter Marris, in the keynote speech on "The Future of Social Policy in America," suggested that some combination of (four principles)—kindship, 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. The effects of planning in urban renewal projects were introduced by Joby Gibbin, Sherri Sherr, and Onker Dekker. In addition, such noted energy experts as Pinto Fisk, Atwater, and Riehl joined their ideas for new and appropriate energy technology and peace and energy networks.

□ HOUSING MANAGEMENT: The Santa Barbara Community Housing Corporation (703 W. Michelleoria, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, 805/963-3466) is looking for a housing management coordinator to oversee its involvement with low-income housing. Applicants are also required to have completed 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 Committee (201 S. 9th St., Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215/592-1774) is looking for a project director who would have executive responsibility for its Nonprofit Energy Management Program, which provides consulting and financial services to nonprofits. Applicants should be experienced in administrating a nonprofit; salary is $20,000 plus benefits.

□ L.A. DESIGN CENTER: The Los Angeles Community Design Center (515 S. Broadway, #10, Los Angeles, CA 90014, 213/626-1453) is seeking a Director of Planning and Development, experienced in housing development, urban design, and community relations. Salary is in the $20,000-$25,000 range, a graduate degree or comparable work experience is required.

□ HOUSING DEVELOPMENT: The Community Reinvestment for 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 in urban planning is desirable. Salary is in the $25,000-$30,000 range.

□ HOUSING INTERNS: Patrick H. Hare Planning and Design (2027 Que St. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202/324-1219) is seeking a summer intern to help with research projects. The internship will start on July 15, and end on September 20. Starting pay will be $125 per day, 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) for a new group of 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.

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□ PROMOTE EP: Some of you, when writing articles of various types, may also be a member of the Planners Network (190 Que St. NW, Wash. DC 20009), a national organization of progressive urban and suburban planners who are surprised how helpful it 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, 1983. As a reminder, we go by the deadline and 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.

- Ralph Ryan, Knoxville
- Deborah Tettel, New York
- Terry Parker, Utah
- Vincent LeVeque, Santa Monica
- Michael Albright, Florida
- Tom Campbell, Boston
- Grover Boos, Houston
- Lois Miller, Ithaca
- Rafael, Washington, DC

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