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RENT CONTROL NETWORK: David Marlin, an appointed member of the D.C. Rental Housing Commission, wants to explore establishing a technical assistance, information, and support network for the several hundred local rent control officials around the country. His office also is thinking of organizing a conference next year for local rent control officials. How such a group would relate to tenant organizations and serve the needs of the wide variety of rent control officials around the country (not all of whom by any means are pro-tenant) must be explored.

If you are interested in learning more about this effort, participating in it, know of progressive local rent control officials (and other elected and appointed officials who are strong supporters of rent control), please get in touch with David at the D.C. Rental Housing Commission, 420 7th St. NW, Wash. DC 20004. If possible, send a copy of your letter to Chester Hartman at PN, as we might want to explore having a formal relationship with such a network as well.

CIRCULATE YOUR PAPERS: In each issue of the PN Newsletter there are several items noting the availability of published and unpublished papers members have written, and are offering to send to other interested members. Just a note of encouragement for more of you to do that. The advantages (feedback, contacts, learning, etc.) are obvious.

OUR APOLOGIES: We tripped over our own congratulations last issue, and misidentified Bill Goldsmith in a note celebrating his appointment as chair of the Cornell Department of City and Regional Planning. Our deep apologies to you, Bill, and our thanks to all the eagle-eyed PN members who were quick to let us know we goofed.

Passing the Word

COORDERATIVE HOUSING Report is a periodic newsletter from the Cooperative League of the USA (1828 L St. N.W., Wash. DC 20036, 202/872-0550) which surveys the cooperative housing scene. A recent 8-page issue included items on IRS tax treatment of co-ops, on blanket mortgage financing through single-family mortgage revenue bonds, and on a Chicago co-op's sponsorship of a separate co-op project for the elderly. There were other, short reports as well. No price listed.

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 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; Donna Dyer, Durham, NC; William Goldsmith, Ithaca; Charles Hoch, Chicago; Joochul Kim, Tempe; Judy Kossy, DC; Jacqueline Leavitt, NYC; Jackie Pope, NYC; Alan Rabinowitz, Seattle; Pat Wilson Salinas, Austin; Tony Schuman, NYC; Derek Shearer, Santa Monica; Andre Tremoulet, Roanoke.

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—Richard Schaffer

Roundup: Worker Cooperatives, Employee Ownership, and Workplace Democracy

(If you have additional items relating to this emerging worker-control network, or want more information about it, contact Len Krinerman or Ralph Youye, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT 06268, 203-486-3467.)

The California Housing Project Co-op is a "group of loosely affiliated builders, tradepeople, and planners who are organizing a worker-owned and managed co-op in the Bay Area. They've spent some months working on a housing cooperative. Their immediate problem is funding for a feasibility study: Contact them if you have ideas on this, care of Michael Noon, 1777 Hayes St., San Francisco, CA 94117, 415-641-9154. (Michael, possibly Kate Squire of NCEO in San Francisco might have some useful suggestions—see item below.)

The National Center for Employer Ownership has recently published two companion sources on employee ownership: The Co-operatives Handbook: A Manual for Co-ops. It explains employee stock ownership plans and worker cooperatives, reviews studies of the efficiency of employee ownership, and provides federal and state laws in outline as well as a bibliography and list of key organizations. (Price for center members: $6; nonmembers: $8.50.) The Employee Ownership Reader compiles the center's most requested articles on diverse aspects of employee ownership. Partial contents include: "Starting an Employee-Owned Enterprise," "The employee stock option," "Jobs," "Making Employee Ownership Work," "Employee Participation Programs." (Price for members: $10; nonmembers: $12.50.) Contact them at 114 Sannus Ave., Suite 1217, San Francisco, CA 94104, 415-986-8855, or NCEO, 1611 S. Walter Reed Dr., #109, Arlington, VA 22204, 703-979-2375.

The Mid-Peninsula Conversion Project promotes "worker democracy as an alternative to the production and distribution of socially beneficial goods." This conversion process they call "alternative use planning," and they want to develop community control over buildings. The PCP has also begun to work with a local union in Long Beach, Calif., on an exciting conversion project at a large McDonnell-Douglas plant. They are interested in organizing from other technical assistance groups who (a) have worked in plant closing situations, especially in the aerospace industry; (b) can inform workers about difficult situations and how to acquire them; (c) can share ideas on how technical assistance groups work; they can acquire funding. They publish a bimonthly newsletter called Plowshares; contact them at MCP, 2222 View St., Mountain View, CA 94041, 415-968-4798.

There will be a meeting on worker democracy in an economic strategy in New York City over the weekend in November. The provisional agenda includes: (a) conversion as an urban community ownership of housing and workplace, and as an investment issue; (b) planning a national conversion conference with U.S. union representatives. For further details contact: Conrad Johnson, National Presbyterian Church, 475 Riverside Dr., Room 1255, New York, NY 10011, 212-870-2036, or 212-870-2918.

Community Economics is a newsletter published quarterly by the Institute for Community Economics, 151 Montague City Rd., Greenfield, MA 01301. It covers issues on land and housing, community ownership of housing and workplaces, and new developments in social investment. They are also looking to expand their staff in such areas as building, community organizing, policy research, and carpentry.

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One obvious benefit of Work-Sharing is that the share of workers would increase, the shares of individuals need not go down—although some may, and some perhaps even prefer to do so. We must not forget in this context that even in the present situation unemployed workers do share indirectly in the aggregate product though their shares are grossly inadequate and dehumanizing.

As for inflation, Mr. Feldman said my proposal would fuel, I submit that it will be eliminated only when investment, production, exchange, and distribution are controlled democratically in the interests of all people, rather than by the few, and that capitalist, state, and corporate owners of capital. The elimination of unemployment through a legally guaranteed right to work is an essential prerequisite.

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In the context of the Work-sharing concept will come from groups who perceive their interests threatened, whether or not their perceptions are objectively valid. This may include unions as Russell Feldman suggests. Such resistance is understandable in view of misperceptions, and should be met with widespread efforts to clarify the actual consequences of the concept. As I have attempted to do, unions could come to realize the power aspects, the systemic consequences, and the value dimension of the concept, they may no longer feel threatened, and may join political struggles for the adoption of work-sharing policies.

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FUTURE COMMUNITIES: The winter issue of the TRANT newsletter will include a special directory on communities of the future, as suggested by innovative town planners, social, and intercultural demonstrations. They want examples, and applications. TRANT, Box 567, Rangeley, ME 04970, 207/642-2245.

SOCIAL CHANGE FUNDING: The Fund for Southern Communities (Box 927, 1603 Healey Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30303) is one of a number of grassroots foundations around the country committed to support social change. The Fund operates in Georgia and the Carolinas, but otherwise does not provide technical assistance. TFC is based in New England, and the Midwest. They are all linked members of the Member Funding Exchange, 135 E. 15th St., New York, NY 10003, 212/260-8500.


N.Y. RENTS: Tenant is a monthly (except August) tabloid of the Metropolitan Council on Housing, 1375 Ave., New York, N.Y. 10023 (212) 988-4050. A citywide umbrella group concerned with low-income rental housing in the city. A recent issue included reports on Mitchell-Lama projects, on a Bronx development, a citywide tenancy group-aided by rent stabilization, and on recent changes in state housing laws. Subscriptions are $2.50 a year (11 issues).

NICARAGUA INFORMATION: Nicaraguan Perspectives is a quarterly journal of the Nicaragua Information Center, Box 275, San Francisco, Calif. 94117. It studies and disseminates accurate information concerning Nicaragua. Recent subjects have included women in the Nicaraguan revolution, world and peasant organizations, and regional peace initiatives. Subscriptions are $10 for four issues.

SUNBELT REALITIES: From Networker Larry Bennett (Political Science Dept., DePaul Univ., 2233 N. Seminary Ave., Chicago, IL 60614): I will be serving as the Chairperson of the Entertainment Unit for the Sunbelt Research and Development Division for the next two years. Next year the SSPP conference is in San Antonio from August 24 to 26, and the Community Research Division will sponsor three or four panels. I hope to focus a couple of these on topics pertinent to urban development in the country's southern tier, with special reference to new rapid growth, local power structures, and grass-roots political movements and organizing strategies especially welcome. Networkers interested in participating should contact me. Department of Political Science, University of Texas, Austin, Texas 78712. I will be setting up what are tentatively being called the "Trouble in Paradise" panels.

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS: The Media Network and the Reproductive Rights National Network in cooperation with the Film Fund have jointly published a 24-page guide to more than 80 films, videos, and slide/talks on various aspects of childbearing. Topics include death and gay issues, sexuality and aging, abortion, workplace and environmental hazards, more. Copies are $3, including postage, from: The Media Network, 208 W. 31st St., New York, NY 10011, 212/608-8777.

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NETWORKER UPDATE: From PN Member E. Perry Winston (136 Lake St., North Haven, CT 06473): I am currently Rehabilitation Officer at Mission Housing Development Corp. in San Francisco. This is a neighborhood non-profit that does a lot of culturally relevant, and disseminating and speaking of the area. Apart from the 163 units of new federally funded housing we have built and managed in the 12 years we have been in existence, we are currently acquiring, rehabilitating, and managing existing multi-family buildings in our neighborhood which already contain a majority of low-income residents. CIDG funds are used for rehab and Section 8 rent subsidies keep rent costs affordable; displacement has been avoided. Energy-conserving methods are included in the rehab work. We operate a permanent residents' community association, and are currently planning the State's low-income demonstration program, utilizing utility company funds.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: A 45-page catalogue of more than 240 film and video documentaries and features on a wide range of social and economic issues. Topics include urban and environmental subjects, and special studies in black, Chicano, labor, women's, and Native American issues. The catalogue is free.

ECONOMICS WORKSHOP: Southern Neighborhoods Network conducts training workshops on the national economy, its problems and how they relate to local organizing issues. Alternatives to the current economic system are explored, and strategies for development and implementation are evaluated. The seminar's focus is on the role of community action in both the planning and implementation of such development projects in various communities. For more information: Marty Cozner, 914 24 Ave. N., Nashville, TN 37208, 615/320-5757.

URBAN REALTORS: From Networker Joe Feagin (Dept. of Sociology, University of Texas, Austin, TX 78712): I have just published a book: The Real Estate Game, with Prentice-Hall. It is an analysis of the urban real estate industry, with heavy emphasis on developers. Chapters deal with corporation location, office tower development and MXDs, suburban development, gentrification centers, and people fighting back against development. Examination copies: Ms. Kramer, General Division, Prentice-Hall, Engwood Cliffs, NJ 07632.

INDUSTRIAL POLICY: The Project on Industrial Policy and Democracy (200 P St. N.W. #300, Wash. DC 20036, 202/887-0466) is designed to encourage wider public discussion concerning the development of an industrial policy for the United States. The project's activities include: helping those groups currently left out of the debate, and development of a public education effort on the opportunities and dangers of an industrial policy. Planners Network #42/ October 17, 1983/5
Upcoming Conferences

- **DECISION SUPPORT**: How government officials can best use computers to support their decision-making is the subject of a three-day conference November 15-17 at George Washington University, Washington, D.C., titled, "Decision Support Systems in the Public Sector." Registration form and fee information: ISN, 5454 Wisconsin Ave. #1450, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

- **WOMEN'S CULTURE**: "The House of Women: Art and Culture in the '80s" is the theme of a three-day conference November 4-6 at California State University, Long Beach, in coordination with a feminist art exhibition at the Long Beach Museum of Art. Key topics are feminist art, and the material base of women's culture in the home, neighborhood and city. Details: California State University, Long Beach, CA 90845; Sondra Hale, 213/498-4839; Marilyn Gottschall, 213/498-5466.

- **MICROCOMPUTERS**: The National Easter Seal Society (2023 W. Ogden Ave., Chicago, IL 60612) is sponsoring a three-day management training institute October 31-Nov. 2 on "The Microcomputer: An Effective Tool in Managing Rehabilitation Services." The Institute is to be at the Ramada Inn-Old Town in Alexandria, VA. Registration is $450.

Ex Conferences

- **HOUSING COOPERATIVES**: The National Assn. of Housing Cooperatives (250 M St. N.W. #451, Wash. DC 20037, 202/857-0760) held a four-day conference October 13-16 with a series of workshops on cooperative infrastructure, co-op planning, asset management, and physical plant.

- **TV/A CITY**: A conference and homeowners commemorating the 50th anniversary of Norris, Tenn., was held October 14-16. In addition to conference sessions looking at the historical roots and contemporary problems of this planned community, there was a film festival and exhibits related to the early history of the Tennessee Valley Authority, the agency responsible for the city's design and construction. Further information: City of Norris, TN 37828.

- **SINGLE AUDIT**: Accountants for the Public Interest—New Jersey (Rutgers Univ., Ackerson 300, 180 University Ave., Newark, NJ 07102, 201/624-7446) sponsored a one-day conference September 21 on the single audit as an alternative to the patchwork of audits now imposed by government funders on nonprofits.

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- **NEW PN DEADLINE**: The next Planners Network will appear in December, just in time for holiday giving; and the deadline for copy reaching us is Monday, December 5. We'd like to hear from as many PN members as possible, and we especially enjoy it when your voices are typed.

- **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 will send you any mailing pending your fact sheets. Please help out and send both old and new addresses.

- **PROMOTE PN**: Some of you, when writing articles of various types, include in your biographical something like: "... is also a member of the Planners Network (1901 Quat St. NW, Wash. DC 20009), a national organization of progressive urban and rural planners." You'll 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.

- **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.

- **LOST SOULS**: Here is the current list of folks whose newsletters have been returned because the addresses we have for them are no longer effective. If you know someone here, you might remind them to get in touch with us, and let us know their new address.

Christopher Pine, Itzhak James Verdon, Toronto
Gwen Urey, Eugene
Jim Dougherty, Indiana, PA
Roger Herzog, Weston, MA
Sylvie Tremblay, Somerville, MA

Zachary Gordon, Itzhak
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Upcoming Conferences

- DECISION SUPPORT: How government officials can best use computers to support their decision-making is the subject of a three-day conference November 15-17 at George Washington University, Washington, D.C., titled, "Decision Support Systems in the Public Sector." Registration form and fee information: ISN, 5454 Wisconsin Ave. #1450, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

- WOMEN'S CULTURE: "The House of Women: Art and Culture in the '30s" is the theme of a three-day conference November 4-6 at California State University, Long Beach, in coordination with a feminist art exhibition at the Long Beach Museum of Art. Key topics are feminist art, and the material base of women's culture in the home, neighborhood and city. Details: California State University, Long Beach, CA 90840; Sondra Hale, 213/498-4839; Marilyn Gottschall, 213/498-5466.

- MICROCOMPUTERS: The National Easter Seal Society (2023 W. Ogden Ave., Chicago, IL 60612) is sponsoring a three-day management training institute Oct. 31-Nov. 2 on "The Microcomputer: An Effective Tool in Managing Rehabilitation Services." The institute is to be at the Ramada Inn-Old Town in Alexandria, VA. Registration is $450.

Ex Conferences

- HOUSING COOPERATIVES: The National Assn. of Housing Cooperatives (2501 M St. N.W. #451, Wash., DC 20037, 202/887-0760) held a four-day conference October 13-16 with a series of workshops on cooperative infrastructure, co-op planning, asset management, and physical plant.

- TV A CITY: A conference and homecoming commemorating the 50th anniversary of Norris, Tenn., was held October 14-16. In addition to conference sessions looking at the historical roots and contemporary problems of this planned community, there was a film festival and exhibits related to the early history of the Tennessee Valley Authority, the agency responsible for the city's design and construction. Further information: City of Norris, TN, 73828.

- SINGLE AUDIT: Accountants for the Public Interest—New Jersey (Rutgers Univ., Ackerson 300, 180 University Ave., Newark, NJ 07102, 201/624-7446) sponsored a one-day conference September 21 on the single audit as an alternative to the patchwork of audits now imposed by government funders on nonprofits.

Etcetera

- NEW PN DEADLINE: The next Planners Network will appear in December, just in time for holiday giving; and the deadline for copy reaching us is Monday, December 5. We'd like to hear from as many PN members as possible, and we especially enjoy it when your stories are typed.

- 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 baggage) 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.

- PROMOTE PN: Some of you, when writing articles of various types, include in your biographical sketch 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.