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If there are two asterisks on your label, you’re good for another year. One asterisk, however, means you’re in deep trouble. Which is to say: According to our records, we haven’t heard a peep from you for over 12 months (or so our records say—we’ve been known to make a mistake or two, we acknowledge). One asterisk means you won’t be getting the next issue, unless we hear from you that you want to remain with us (accompanied, if you haven’t done so recently, by some kind of material acknowledgement by you of our need for printing and postage money).

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MEMBERSHIP ROSTER: Issue #44 in February will contain a revised membership roster. (The last one we did was in February 1982.) This year, unless we hear strong and immediate protests, we will skip biographical information—too much hassle to squeeze it out of you all, and the roster winds up being terribly long and expensive to produce/mail—and just include name and address, in geographical (zipcode) order. Yet another reason to de-purge yourself right away. We will start work on the roster no later than Jan. 16; any purges who have not restored themselves by that time miss out on being included in the roster. So let us hear from all you one-asterisk folks.

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The Planners Network

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I would like to see members of the Network take a more active role in participating in the 1984 APA national conference. May 9-12 in Minneapolis. Not only does the APA include potential PN members, but more importantly, I think that Network members could present ideas which are either being discussed in the PN or here in Chicago but are not being discussed too narrowly. Let me suggest the following tasks:

Having a Planner’s Network Information Booth Open Throughout the Conference: This will allow volunteers willing to put in two hours of time at the booth during the conference. If interested send me your name, address, and phone number so that we can arrange to have people at the booth.

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ZIMBABWE FILM: Moving On: The Hunger for Land in Zimbabwe is a 52-minute, educational, award-winning, color documentary film. It is now for sale in Southern Africa by the white farm families in Zimbabwe to explore the challenges of agricultural development for emerging nations. Contact: Cali- fornia Cooperative Development Fund, 1231 High Road, Suite 6, Berkeley, CA 94709, 415/621-6196. Rental: $75; sale: $250. California Newearth also has other films on southern Africa, as the largest such source in the United States.
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The information in the October newsletter took place this November 5 under the auspices of the Non-Governmental Liaison Section of the United Nations Association from Canada and the USA, and featured workshops on equitable global arrangements, alternative use committees, trade union perspectives on the freeze and conversion, and conversion as an investment issue. For more information on the conference proceedings and results, and a directory of participants, contact: Angus Archer, Coordinator NGLS, Room DC2-1103, Two United Nations Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10017; 212/742-3152.

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The Economic Justice Fund has published a new book for a document to examine the general transition from the industrial era to the communications era, as well as more specific applications to health, for instance, and to focus discussion on the key issues raised. The group is seeking both volunteers and contributors.

ANN ARBOR ALTERNATIVE: From City Councilman Lowell G. Peterson (100 N. 5th St., Ann Arbor, MI 48107), the City Council is the leading community group in the country. They are lobbying for a community development corporation to provide an alternative community development strategy. The present strategy, as the led the city to adopt extravagant strategies which do very little about unemployment, while yielding handsome profits to elite participants. Their alternative would make this free criteria: creating good jobs for people who need them; encouraging local control of the local economy; and providing goods and services the community needs. They would like to discover more about CDCs; the experience with them of other cities; and possible sources of technical assistance for our efforts.

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The New York City chapter of the Association for Workplace Democracy is holding a chapter meeting on February 1, 1984, 6-9 P.M., at the General Theological Seminary, 175th Ave., N.Y.C. The chapter offers technical assistance to businesses interested in converting to democratic ownership. Members of the new workers’ cooperative at the TWA terminal are collaborating with the cooperative to develop a more participatory approach to their work.

The Union of Concerned Scientists, in collaboration with the New York University Labor Resource Center, has recently formed to assist in the creation of socially responsible banking and financial institutions. These institutions will make capital available within their policies. The concept is to provide a new model of financial services that is more focused on social and environmental considerations. The unions and financial institutions that provide these services are already participating in a variety of experiments, including the development of cooperative banks.

The Twitchell Center for Social and Economic Reform has published a “news summary” of the Third Worker-Owner Congress in North Carolina (Aug. 5-7, 1983 at Guilford College). The summary briefly describes workshops and presentations on the role of cooperatives in social and economic development. The Center is also preparing a full-length report on the congress, which will be available in the spring of 1984. For more information, contact John H. Twitchell, Twitchell Center, South Carolina State University, P.O. Box 618, Orangeburg, SC 29118.

Last minute good news from the Center for Community Self-Help: Their credit union has just completed its first annual meeting, and has become the first cooperative credit union in the United States to be chartered under the National Credit Union Administration. It can now take in deposits from members and others, and begin to provide housing, education, and other services to the working class in its area. The credit union is located in North Carolina, and can be reached at 1-800-555-0100.

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HOUSING RESEARCH: The Ad Hoc Committee on Housing and the Built Environment publishes an occasional newsletter. Research topics include brief reports on books, articles, and reports of interest, on new publications; on upcoming and past conferences, and on other topics as appropriate. Constance, 1760 49th Ave, Chase, Fairport, NY 14450; or Beth Hurtz, Dept. of Sociology, CalState/Hayward, Hayward, CA 94542.

FARMLAND & CHIMPKERS: From PN Member Ira Saleten (2273 N. Berkeley, Berkeley, CA 94704), I am working with two other DCRC partners, the El Pajaro Community Development Corporation in Watsonville, CA. I'm working on a new chapter on the community and its implications for the built environment. We would like to hear from anyone who has done research or knows of relevant studies on high-tech industries and the consequences of their migration into primarily agricultural areas. In turn, we will be glad to share the methodology and findings with the community and with other partners. El Pajaro CDC, 10 Alexander St, Watsonville, CA 95076.

TRANSIT ORGANIZING: Chester Hartman has written two case studies on political organizing within Western European transportation users. One deals with the political mobilization of the Agency of Transport in the early 1970s to improve services and block fare freezes. The other tells of the story of a 1978 voter initiative that would have banned all public transit service on Sundays. In both cases, through a month-long survey of Switzerland, a measure that received 36% of the vote. Both appear in a new book, published by Plenum, edited by Lawrence Lessin and Ilan Stavans, titled Political Conflict and Co-Production: Learning from Citizen Action and Citizen Participation in Western Europe. Copies of the two chapters are available for a small contribution of $2 or $3. (Blacks are considered the same as whites in the U.S.)

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