GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY AHEAD: Well, of sorts. Since this is Issue #47 of PN Newsletter, a simple calculation will reveal that Issue #50 is just around the corner. (February 1985, to be exact.) It also will be our 10th year publishing our quasi-bimonthly. If anyone has any good ideas on how to make the February newsletter celebratory issue, let us know. We're not big on self-promotion, but it's nice to have been around and together for so long; and there might be a creative way of marking that milestone.

Passing the Word


'HIGH TECH' REPORT: Massachusetts High Tech: The Promise and the Reality is a progressive examination and analysis in Massachusetts of the claims of research-intensive industries for job creation, new product development, and regional economic development. The conclusions are mixed. The report's goal is to ignite a public debate on the industry's role. Copies are $8, from: The High Tech Research Group, Box 441001, Somerville, MA 02144.

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CRISIS RELOCATION: The Counterfeit Ark: Crisis Relocation for Nuclear War is a 338-page anthology by experts, including PN Member Michael Lipsky, which examines and challenges government plans for massive civilian evacuation of major cities as protection in a nuclear attack. A Physicians for Social Responsibility book, it is available in stores or from the publisher: Ballinger Publishing Co., 54 Church St., Cambridge, MA 02138. The price: $11.95.

The Planners Network

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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.

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(This report was prepared by Peter I. Brannan, Shutesburg, Vermont.)

The US has its hands full with its own problems, so it is not surprising that the US continues to channel its resources into supporting the struggle of the people of Nicaragua. The US government sends military equipment and personnel, and provides economic support. In addition, the US supports the Contras, a group of anti-government rebels who have been fighting against the government since the 1970s. The US also supports the Daniel Ortega government, which has been in power since 1985. Despite the US support, the Nicaraguan government has managed to maintain a strong sense of national identity and to resist US efforts to destabilize the country. The Nicaraguan government has also been successful in economic development, with the country's GDP growing at a rate of 6% per year. The government has implemented policies to reduce poverty and improve access to education and healthcare. Overall, the US support has not succeeded in bringing down the government, and the people of Nicaragua continue to stand up against US imperialism.

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During the latter part of June, we led a group of architects and planners on a 10-day trip to Nicaragua. We were there to learn about their struggle, to see their specific housing and planning problems and how they were being solved, and to show solidarity with the people. The experience, the emotion, the impact and the knowledge we gained were extraordinary.

We spent four days in the countryside in the north-central area around Matagalpa, where the new rural housing projects in an agricultural cooperative, a state farm, and in a relocation community for Samo Indians, dislodged because of the war from their homes on the northern border with Honduras. These houses were generally of wood prefabricated wall sections, having two rooms and a porch. Individual cooking was typically done outside in a makeshift lean-to. Community water pumps and latrines were centrally located. Although very basic, the units were far superior to some of the existing housing on large land holdings run by the oligarchy prior to the revolution.

Although 25 percent of the country's budget is spent on defense, and repairs to the damage inflicted by the Contras amount to another 25 percent of the Gross National Product, they nevertheless continue to build and support social programs for the people. The continuation of U.S. support for the Contras has had a great impact, however, on their ability to affect, and be affected by, all other communities in the area. We visited, for example, the community of Pacayas, a historically important area as the first area where peasants took a stand against the Contras. They planned for new housing, but have yet to receive funds for it, and now are doubtful they will because of the war. There, we participated in reviewing the proposed housing plans and designs, and plans, and a committee from our group will be actively working with them in the future.

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We had a number of meetings with the Ministry of Housing, learning more about the housing policies and programs as well as the very down-to-earth community compensation, which calls for replacement of the buildings destroyed in the 1972 earthquake. Some of us also visited the architectural School, talking with the Director and some of the students. We found, to our dismay, a complete lack of supplies and reproduction equipment, because of priority expenditure for defense.

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We have some important work to do, and to continue dialogue with the Nicaraguans against the wanton military and economic strangulation that the United States is insistence on. There's a great deal of work to be done, especially prior to the U.S. elections.

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The Planners Network (1901 Que St, NW, Wash, DC 20009, 202-234-9382) would like to be kept informed of any action taken on or response to this call, and on what our document has triggered, we will endeavor to communicate periodically to the groups receiving the original statement.

QUESTIONS FOR OUR GUIDANCE

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VOTER REGISTRATION: A growing coalition of peace, women's, environmental, educational, and religious groups is sponsoring a citizens campaign called "September 12, urging those who support a U.S.-Soviet nuclear freeze to register for voting in November. For information, contact Women's Peace Initiative, 2121 Decatur Pl. N.W., Wash. DC 20008, 202/797-4009.

HOUSING REVITALIZATION: The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (2600 Virginia Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20037, 202/333-2520) is sponsoring a community study and feasibility proposals for revitalizing large, post-World War II rental housing developments. U.S. winners will be entered in an international competition sponsored by the International Federation of Housing and Planning.

BICYCLE TRANSIT: The Bicycle Federation (1055 Thomas Jefferson St. N.W., Wash. DC 20007, 202/337-3094) has concluded from a study of American, European, and Japanese experience that integration of bicycles with mass transit systems could reduce transit deficits without cutting services. Copies of the study, which includes case studies, data, and references, are $15.95. The study's title is Bicycles and Public Transportation: New Links to Suburban Transit Markets.

TRIBAL PLANNING: From Networker Lynnwood Brown (Tribal Planner, Box 1188, San Juan Pueblo, NM 87556, 505/886-3272) comes news of plans for planning on reservations, particularly in development of tribal enterprises. It seems that a major block to tribal enterprises is the compatibility between the traditional values of Native American communities and those that underlie "modern management." The pueblo of New Mexico and Arizona have studied the problem back more than a thousand years. What better context to evolve some new, more cooperative organizational models/cultures. I would like to give a shot of some marketing expertise to the tribal leaders to help in training for democratic management and organizational development in general.

WOMEN AND HOUSING: From Mary Vogel-Heffernan of the National Coalition of Women in Housing. I have copies of two "handbook" sets dealing with a woman's perspective: "Housing from the Women's Perspective," and "Plans of Action for Women and Housing." For copies, contact me at Val Michelson and Associates, 821 University Ave. N-345, St. Paul, MN 55104, 612/664-6377.

PRACTICAL THOUGHT: PIVOT Points to New Paradigm is a bimonthly, tabloid newsletter of practical thought in sustainable design, technology, spirituality, and living wholistically. Subscription to $9 (PIVOT Points to New Paradigm, 12501 Bell Mountain Dr., Huntsville, AL 35803).

ELECTION FINANCES: From PM member Arnold Fleischmann (Dept. of Political Science, Univ. of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602) I am beginning a study of campaign finances. The research will eventually include four to six cities and detailed data about contributors and candidate spending. I would appreciate hearing from people with an interest in this subject.

REHAB COST CUTTING: Update is a monthly newsletter on rehab-related issues. It has been underwritten by a donation from the Rehab Work Group of The Enterprise Foundation (519 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21201, 301/234-3102). I am also looking for stories about rehabbers who are working with the tenants in place, and on local rehab efforts in Baltimore, Cleveland, and Chicago.


ANTI-NUKE NEWSLETTER: Planning and Designing for Peace is a newsletter of Planning for Peace: Architects for Social Responsibility (Box 8655, Boston, MA 02114). It's a handy way to keep track of New England developments, and contributes as a membership service. PAP/ASR memberships begin at $25.

UTILITY RATE-MAKING: From Networke Mickey Lauria (Graduate Program in Urban and Regional Planning, Univ. of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242; PN member Michael Shubik) comes news of a careful effort by the Iowa Planners Network for a rate reduction from Iowa-Nebraska Gas and Electric. The effort took two years, and finally wound up in the Iowa Public Utilities Commission, which evidently, if they're small ones, should be passed on.

JOB QUEST: From PN member James A. Rhodes (552 Hawkeye Dr., Iowa City, IA 52240, 319/351-8640): I desire to work with a progressive organization which deals with housing or urban development. Please send names and addresses of interested people to my listings of job openings for such organizations. I'd appreciate any suggestions anyone has to offer. I recently graduated from the University of Iowa School of Art and Regional Planning. There my studies concentrated on housing and community development.

PRIZE TO NETWORKERS: PN members Troy West (Dieter Bieg, 60-64 Union St., Newark, NJ 07105, 201/389-3973) and Jackie Leavitt (ULA, SAUF, Los Angeles, CA 90204) won first prize in the 1984 architectural design competition, "A New American House," sponsored by the Minneapolis College of Art and Design and the National Endowment for the Arts. The house may be built on a site in Minneapolis. A traveling exhibit of the "new American house" also is planned. Contact: Harvey Sherman, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, 133 E. 25th St., Minneapolis, MN 55404.

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Jobs

☐ ROANOKE PLANNER: The Roanoke Neighborhood Partnership (215 Church Ave. S.W. #355, Roanoke, VA 24011, 703/345-8250) is seeking a planner with experience in neighborhood-based housing rehabilitation to work with neighborhood organizations. Salary is $17,006-$21,704. Contact: Andree Tremoulet.

☐ RURAL DEVELOPMENT: Utah Issues (231 E. 100 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84111, 801/521-2035) has an opening for a rural housing and community development specialist. Salary is $11,400-$12,400. Contact: Bob Flores.

☐ HOUSING RECEIVERSHIPS: The Essex County (N.J.) Dept. of Citizen Services has an opening for a construction superintendent/receiver to take primary responsibility for a one-year demonstration of using receivership as a method of preserving deteriorated apartment buildings. Salary is $21,000-$26,000. Contact: Patrick Morrissey, Housing Services Coordinator, 358 Bloomfield Ave., Montclair, NJ 07042, 201/744-4044.

☐ MEDIA NONPROFIT: The Media Alliance (Ft. Mason Bldg. D, San Francisco, CA 94123, 415/441-2557) is looking for an executive director with a full range of fundraising, budgeting, and administrative experience. Salary is $19,000-$21,000.

☐ FAIR HOUSING: The National Urban League has an opening for an assistant director of its National Fair Housing Demonstration. Contact: Karen Hill, 212/310-9182.

☐ SINGLE-ROOM OCCUPANCY: The SRO Corp. (311 S. Spring St. #1110, Los Angeles, CA 90013, 213/488-9695) is searching for an executive director. Salary is $33,000-$37,000. Contact: Andy Raubeson.

☐ PLANNING INTERNSHIP: Community Planning South of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (8787 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20907) has an opening for a community planning intern for Fall 1984. The work involves research on developing neighborhood-based services in surplus space in single-family homes. Contact: Patrick H. Hare, Gail Price, 301/495-4558.

☐ NEWSPAPER BUSINESS MGR.: The People's Voice (313½ Washington Ave., Weldon, NC 27890, 919/536-3141) has an opening for a business/advertising manager. This is a worker-owned community paper, serving rural northeastern North Carolina. Salary is negotiable.

☐ COMMUNITY DESIGN CENTER: ASSIST Inc. (218 E. 5th South, Salt Lake City, UT 84111, 801/355-7085) has an opening for an experienced director, with skills as a fundraiser, administrator, and fiscal manager. Salary is negotiable. Contact: Tony Serrato.

Etcetera

☐ TALK UP PN: Please don't be shy about sharing news of the Planners Network with others. Let them know about us. Probably the best outreach we have is when you educate and recruit your friends, co-workers, acquaintances, and others. We have a good, one-page introductory sheet, “The Planners Network—What It Is,” which we can send you in any quantity you wish. “What It Is” includes a statement of our principles, a brief organizational history, a list of Steering Committee members (who also double as regional contacts), and the method for calculating contributions. If you wish, you can also send us a list of prospective Networkers, and we will contact them for you.

☐ PERSONAL UPDATES: There are a number of short communications in this issue from Network members, letting us know about new jobs, projects, what’s happening in their lives, etc. We encourage this. Sharing this kind of “where-I-mat” information helps create a sense of community, provide contacts, generate support, and generally act like the network we strive to be.

☐ 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.

☐ DEADLINE ALERT: The deadline for getting copy into the October Planners Network will be Monday, October 1. We hope to hear from as many Networkers as possible, and we hope you’ll keep typing your notes and letters (because it helps with production, and reduces chances of misreading what you write).

Copy deadline for PN #48: October 1, 1984.

☐ LOST SOULS: Seems that a few folks have slipped away from us again without changing their addresses, and that means they missed the last newsletter. We’re always optimistic that they really meant to stay in touch, and so we list them here for your help in re-establishing contact. Please let us know if you have an address for any of our wandering Networkers.

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