

PLANNERS NETWORK

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SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY: We've gotten back lots of good responses on our proposed campaign for social responsibility, and we expect many more are possible. Our inability to predict how long third-class bulk mail takes for delivery meant that many of you received the last issue after the Sept. 7 date we arbitrarily had set for responses. Because of this, we are extending the deadline for members' responses. Please get your comments and action proposals back to us immediately.

In a separate development, a national meeting Oct. 15 in Chicago has been called by Architects for Social Responsibility, a New York-based group that started about a year ago. They have taken the initiative to call together representatives of related local formations from all parts of the country to discuss formation of a nationwide linkage of "social responsibility" groups in the various design and planning professions. Network Chair Chester Hartman will be there, representing our group. A report will of course appear in the next Newsletter.

FINANCIAL MINI-REPORT: We forgot to include this in the last issue, so here's the score of contributions since #46: 74 of you sent in a total of \$1,452. Remember that our per-issue typesetting/printing/ mailing cost (and that's basically all we lay out money for—office space and lots of the labor are donated) is about \$700, so that level of contributions just about keeps our head above water.

FACULTY-STUDENT PN PROMO: A recent note from Barbara Sanford of the York Univ. (Toronto) Faculty of Environmental Studies requested 50 copies of our introductory sheet, "Planners Network—What It Is" for distribution to students and faculty in her program. Why don't more of you university types do that; "What It Is" is a good, short, promotion sheet that describes the Network. Just ask for as many as you need; they'll be posted forthwith; and you can hand them out selectively or indiscriminately to students and faculty.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY IDEAS: Only two responses have come in so far with ideas for PN's golden anniversary 50th issue in February.

One was from Linda Hollis (6413 Maplewood Dr., Falls Church, VA 22041). Her ideas: A short history of the Planners Network, especially when and how it got started; short bios on distinguished, long-time members; listing of books, articles, pieces of legislation, and other significant accomplishments by members.

The other was from Bob Beauregard (Dept. of Urban Planning, Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, NJ 08903): I think it is a good idea to celebrate the anniversary. It has a symbolic function, and also serves to focus attention on the organization. Moreover, it could be an excuse for addressing some

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 inequality 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 \$1,000.

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 Kosy, DC; Jacqueline Leavitt, LA; Jackie Pope, NYC; Alan Rabinowitz, Seattle; Tony Schuman, NYC; Andree Tremoulet, Roanoke.

Newsletter Editor: Prentice Bowsher.

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issues: e.g., where have we been (what were our original goals and how have we done, how have the goals changed), where are we now (are we stagnant, drifting, etc.), and where should we be going (what does the future hold, how can we affect the future using PN as a tool)? My suggestion is for Chester to write a brief retrospection on what PN has accomplished, looking back at the original goals and reviewing what has happened. Things started slowly, then a binge of activity, and now relative quiescence. Additionally, members could pen (limiting themselves to 50 words) statements on what PN should be in the future. Not just our goals but concrete activities should be addressed. Some may want to identify the forces which bombard us, or isolate the opportunities for (revolutionary) change. It can be left open, but the focus should be progressive planning and the function of PN within that activity. The responses, depending on number, might then be sifted and the more representative ones published; or someone (I would be willing) might write a summary of them. In addition, we might think of publishing (re-publishing) the six (or fewer) pages of the first letter.

We'd be interested in reactions to these ideas, and in further thoughts. PN #50 is just two issues away.

Passing the Word

□ **HEALTH PLANNERS:** From PN Member Alice Turak (600 E. Geneseo, Lafayette, CO 80026): Are there any health planners out there?

□ **LOW-COST HOUSING:** From Networker Ira Saletan (808 F St. #301, Davis CA 95616): I began work in August as the Executive Director of Davis Community Housing, a new nonprofit established with community development block grant funds to maintain and develop lower-cost housing in the community. I would like to hear from people with experience or interest in nonprofit housing development.

□ **HEALTH CARE DELIVERY:** From Networker Shawn V. LaFrance (112 Berkeley Pl., Brooklyn, NY 11217): I am interested in any information on health institutions or hospitals, and their role or influence on community development. Either urban or rural health institutions are of interest. I would welcome descriptive information, people to contact, or references.

□ **WORKER-OWNERS:** The Center for Community Economic Development (105 E. 22nd St., New York, NY 10010, 212/254-8900) provides organizing and technical assistance to community-based efforts for developing worker-owned businesses. A 33-page "working paper," *Enterprise Development and Worker Ownership: A Strategy for Community Economic Development*, by PN Member Rick Surpin, is available for \$2.

□ **CHICAGO PLANNING:** *Chicago Works Together: Chicago Development Plan 1984*, a 61-page comprehensive economic development policy and program plan, integrates the efforts of six development departments, and builds on the job and neighborhood development goals of Mayor Harold Washington. It is available free from: Department of Economic Development, City of Chicago, 20 North Clark, 28th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602.

□ **RESEARCHING PROPERTY:** In the spirit of Dan Noye's *Raising Hell: A Citizens Guide to the Fine Art of Investigating*, a new 123-page manual, *Tax, Title, and Housing Court Search: Property Research for Action; A Manual for Chicago* attempts to arm community activists with the tools and techniques of property research. It is written and laid out to enhance its usability, while paying careful attention to fundamental principles of research. The manual is available for \$15 at the Center for Urban Economic Development, University of Illinois at Chicago, Box 4848, Chicago, IL 60680.

□ **POLICY STUDIES:** The Center for Legal Studies on Intergovernmental Relations is the research and training arm of Tulane Law School. Its primary purposes are to assess the legal and social implications of selected policy issues that affect several layers of government. The Center conducts training programs for state and municipal officials, initiates research on current issues, organizes national conferences, and drafts proposed state legislation. Issues normally emphasized are aging, education, and constitutional issues. Homelessness is also covered. For a list of publications and research monographs, contact Robert W. Collin, Assistant Director, Center for Legal Studies on Intergovernmental Relations, Tulane Law School, New Orleans, LA 70118, 504/865-5995.

□ **RURAL LAND:** From PN Member Harvey M. Jacobs (Dept. of Urban and Regional Planning, Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison, 925 Lathrop Dr., Madison, WI 53706): I am working on a project funded by the Agriculture Department on rural land transfer. The project is directed at gathering data on the amount, value, and type of rural land transferred, and at monitoring rates of transfer and changes in land ownership structure. This is one of several projects the USDA is pursuing to follow up its 1978 national land ownership study. The project is likely to go for three years. During 1984-85, we will be developing a national survey instrument and program, which will be administered in 1985; followed in 1986 with the first of a set of regular update surveys. I would welcome input on general subject areas of specific questions that could be included in the survey.

□ **SANTO DOMINGO SLUMS:** The Dominican Institute for Integral Development (Apartado 22282, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic) is a private nonprofit concerned with alternate integral solutions to Dominican problems. It supports study commissions, and helps implement their recommendations. It presently is working primarily in slum areas of the city of Santo Domingo.

□ **WORKPLACE DEMOCRACY:** WorkBooks (Box 587, Gatesville, NC 27938) is a worker-owned and -managed business specializing in new and old books about workplace democracy. It also provides a search service for hard-to-find books. An initial catalogue of available titles is free.

□ **LENDERS NEWSLETTER:** *Lenders Community Investment Report* is a monthly newsletter on lender participation in public/private partnerships for housing, small business assistance, urban revitalization, and industrial development. A recent issue reported on support for a Navajo Reservation housing project from the American Indian National Bank of Washington, D.C., and on Allegheny County employee pension fund investments leveraging small business loans from a Pittsburgh-area bank. Subscriptions are \$78, prepaid, from:

Community Investment Publications, Box 3550, Silver Spring, MD 20901.

□ **MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS:** The Support Center (1309 L St. N.W., Wash. DC 20005, 202/638-3500) has issued its fall catalogue of 30 management assistance workshops for nonprofits. Topics include grantsmanship, proposal writing, and effective volunteer management, among others. These workshops are in the Washington area, but other Support Centers are in San Francisco, San Diego, Oklahoma City, Chicago, Houston, Newark, and Providence.

□ **PUBLIC INTEREST LAW:** *Pipeline* is a quarterly newsletter on public interest advocacy available as a membership service from the Alliance for Justice (600 New Jersey Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20001). The Alliance includes 26 public interest organizations as well as individual members, and prepares other public interest publications besides its newsletter. Individual memberships are \$15.

□ **CHALLENGING TECHNOLOGIES:** *TRANET* (Box 567, Rangeley, ME 04970) will begin a new newsletter feature in its winter issue designed to draw attention to newer trends of thought that question the assumptions common to large and small technologies. Listings may include new publications, republications, or new studies or biographies which view the historical foundations of the present with a critical eye. The feature was created at the suggestion of Ivan Illich. *TRANET* subscriptions are \$30.

□ **DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORY:** *Keep the Grassroots Green* is a 21-page resource directory for grassroots economic development, prepared by the Richmond Urban Institute (815 E. Grace St., Richmond, VA 23219, 804/780-1018). It includes profiles on local and national economic development resources, and could be a helpful model for groups in other areas. Copies are \$.50.

□ **BERKELEY DESIGN REPORT:** The Community Design Center Program of the Department of Architecture at the University of California-Berkeley has completed a report on its 1982-83 projects, which represented more than \$2.5 million in advisory design services and construction. The projects included residences, day care centers, health clinics, parks and playgrounds, and 24 other community projects. For copies: Community Design Center Program, Center for Environmental Change, 232 Wurster Hall, Univ. of California, Berkeley, CA 94720, 415/642-2406.

□ **SCANDINAVIAN HOUSING and Planning Research** is an inter-Nordic, interdisciplinary, social science-oriented, new quarterly journal on housing and planning issues. The first issue included articles on Denmark, Norway, and Sweden, among other features. Individual subscriptions are \$24, from Almqvist & Wiksell Periodical Co., Box 45150, S-104 30 Stockholm, Sweden.

□ **ALTERNATIVE AGRICULTURE:** *Agriculture and Human Values* is a new, quarterly newsletter on the implications of alternative agriculture policies, and the educational and scholarly junctures between liberal arts and agricultural disciplines. A recent issue of articles, book reviews, and other features was based on the theme, "Agricultural Literacy and the Liberal Arts Curriculum." Copies are free, from: Human-

ities and Agriculture, 243 Arts and Sciences Bldg., Dept. of Philosophy, Univ. of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611.

□ **URBAN ALTERNATIVES:** The United Nations University and the International Foundation for Development Alternatives have created an Urban Self-Reliance Project to seek urban development alternatives to offset a worldwide population rush to major cities. Initially, the Project needs reports, articles, and other materials on alternative urban development experience in both the Third World and industrialized countries. Contact: Celine Sachs, UNU/IFDA Urban Self-Reliance Project, c/o Cired, 54 bd Raspail, 75270 Paris Cedex 06, France.

□ **URBAN PUBLICATIONS:** The Institute of Urban Studies (Univ. of Winnipeg, 515 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 2E9, Canada) has issued a 12-page publication list of reports, research and working papers, and occasional papers on native studies, housing, and conservation issues.

□ **NETWORKER UPDATE:** From PN Member Diana Lee Smith (Mazingira Institute, Box 14550, Nairobi, Kenya) In 1981, a group of us in eastern and southern Africa decided to form a network, modeled on the Planners Network, of which three of us were members. We began a newsletter, *Settlements Information Network Africa*, and we are up to our sixth issue. Our focus is on self-help at the community level. We have about 220 members from countries all over Africa (except South Africa). In addition to the newsletter, we also hold occasional workshops; a recent one was on community participation, and we are planning one on income-gathering activities for women and youth. Newsletter subscriptions are \$20.

□ **TRANSITIONAL SHELTER:** From Networker Priscilla White (Jessie's House, 82 Bridge St., Northampton, MA 01060, 413/586-8212): A group of people who work in transitional shelter are interested in developing some housing programs. Our first project will be housing with some congregate community features for young mothers. We are interested in any information that might be available.

□ **FRAIL ELDERLY:** Project LINC (Living Independently through Neighborhood Cooperation) was an effort to form neighborhood-based, intergenerational helping networks in which the frail elderly both served as volunteers and received certain services. The effort was described in a *Gerontologist* (Vol. 24, No. 3, 1984) article, "Intergenerational Neighborhood Networks: A Basis for Aiding the Frail Elderly." For reprints: Jon Pynoos, Andrus Gerontology Center, Univ. of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90089.

□ **BOSTON HOUSING:** From PN Member Emily P. Achtenberg (47 Halifax St., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130): I have completed a study for the City of Boston entitled "Preserving Affordable Housing in Boston: An Analysis of Recent Market Trends and Regulatory Policies." It includes recommendations for an expanded system of rent and condominium conversion controls, and is available from Peter Dreier, Mayor's Housing Advisor, Boston City Hall, Boston, MA 02201.

□ **COMMUNITY-BASED PAC:** A political action committee to support Congressional candidates committed to meeting the needs of low-income and minority neighborhoods

and rural communities has been formed. The Neighborhoods and Communities PAC is trying to raise \$15,000 for contributions in close races. Lots of well known neighborhood organization types are on the Steering Committee (Raul Pablo Eisenberg, Ron Grzywinski, Joe McNeely, Andy Mott, Pablo Eisenberg, Ron Grzywinski, Joe McNeely, Andy Mott, Arthur Naperstek, David Rafael, etc.). Contributions, payable to NAC-PAC, should be sent (immediately, as only a couple of weeks are left before the election) to NAC-PAC, Box 75880, Wash. DC 20013.

□ NEIGHBORHOOD ENDOWMENT: The National Neighborhood Coalition has a draft of a proposal to create a National Neighborhood Endowment for funding neighborhood groups on a long-term basis. Joe McNeely, a former HUD official in the Carter Administration, is in charge of the Coalition's neighborhood endowment task force. For further information and a copy of the draft: Joe McNeely, National Neighborhood Coalition, 20 F St. N.W., 2nd Flr., Wash. DC 20001, 202/628-9600.

□ RELOCATION AMENDMENTS: Chester Hartman and Florence Roisman have a short article in the July/August *Journal of Housing* on the defects of proposed Uniform Relocation Act amendments. A SASE to Chester at PN will get you a copy. For up-to-date information on how the amendments are progressing, contact: Roberta Youmans, Roisman, Reno & Cavanaugh, 509 C St. N.E., Wash. DC 20002, 202/543-4900.

□ BUDGET 'EDUCATION': From Networker Brenda Loew (306 Allen Rd., Belchertown, MA 01007): For the last year and a half I've been working with an alliance of labor, human service, women, and community groups in Massachusetts' First Congressional District on the effects of Reaganomics on the local economy. The shift of more than \$100 billion from domestic to military programs over the last three years has resulted in a loss of over \$150 million in health, education, energy, infrastructure, job training, human service, and other federal support programs in the First District, while local payments to the Department of Defense have increased 35 percent. The First District Alliance recently completed a traveling exhibit of photos, texts, and charts (and an "interactive light-board" quiz), which we are calling "In Defense of the District," to help people understand more fully the local impact of the shifts, and to remind people what they can do about it. We'd appreciate \$ contributions, and would love to hear about other "budget education"/national priorities projects.

□ ANN ARBOR REPORT: From Networker Lowell G. Peterson (100 N. 5th Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48107): The Ann Arbor Community Development Corporation incorporated as a Michigan nonprofit this summer, and has received \$60,000 in seed money from the city. It is a very exciting project. The board is large—over 25 members—and includes co-op people, community activists, and others. An executive committee of seven will handle most of the day-to-day operations, and we will hire a part-time administrator.

Also, the city (at our demand) set up a Task Force on Affordable Housing, and gave it three charges: To study the need, to prepare materials on solutions, and to encourage the development of a single-room occupancy facility. We are drawing on the talents of local housing activists, and should

have a report ready by December. We plan to propose a number of measures, including some form of inclusionary zoning, restructuring of rent subsidies, and some program to take housing out of the market.

We anticipate tricky political struggles on all of this. I am on the City Council, where the Republicans have a 6-5 majority. We got the CDC money, for example, through some bartering on the budget. The budget is proposed by the Administrator, and budget amendments require seven votes. It turned out the six Republicans wanted some budget changes, so we worked out a few deals.

□ ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN PEACE: From PN Member Robin Drayer (1620 Argonne Pl., N.W., Wash. DC 20009): Washington-Area Jews for an Israeli-Palestinian Peace is a grassroots organization of Americans and Israeli-Americans who support a "two-state solution" peace settlement between Israelis and Palestinians. We welcome input from like-minded groups and individuals. A quarterly newsletter, *Israeli-Palestinian Peace*, is available; subscriptions are \$6 for students and the unemployed, \$12 for other individuals, and \$25 for institutions. Contact: WAJIPP, Box 4991, Wash. DC 20008.

□ RENT CONTROL: From David Desiderato, Connecticut Citizen Action Group, 51 Van Dyke Ave., Hartford, CT 06106, 203/527-7191: For use in organizing a statewide tenants' organization, and in passing a state law enabling towns to establish rent control boards, we would greatly appreciate information about studies analyzing the relationship between rent control and condominium conversion; repair and maintenance; abandonment; local tax bases; and any other similar studies.

□ WORK HAZARDS: The National Commission on Working Women (2000 P St. N.W. #508, Wash. DC 20036, 202/872-1782) has completed a 48-page report surveying women's occupational health hazards, *Caution: Your Work May Be Hazardous to Your Health*. Occupations include clerical workers, service workers, sales and retail workers, and plant and factory workers. Report copies are \$10, prepaid. A separate, two-page fact sheet, *Women, Work, and Health Hazards*, is also available. Single copies are free; bulk orders carry a fee.

□ NICARAGUA TRAVEL: Ventana (250 W. 54th St. #800, New York, NY 10015, 212/586-3700) is organizing a trip November 2-11 for cultural workers and intellectuals as guests of the Asociacion Sandinista de Trabajadores de la Cultura in Nicaragua. Contact Ventana for details and arrangements.

□ MAGAZINE OFFER: *Planners Network* and *Changing Work*, a new quarterly magazine on building a liberated and democratic worklife, have a special introductory arrangement for PN subscribers to *Changing Work*. Under the arrangement, PN members will receive soon a complimentary copy of *Changing Work*, to which they can subscribe for \$10. PN subscribers should write "Planners Network" after their names; and for each PN subscriber, *Changing Work* will send \$12 to the Planners Network. So: You will get a new magazine, and we will get some new money. The deal works as intended only if *Changing Work* knows you are a PN member, so remember to add "Planners Network" after your name on the *Changing Work* subscription form.

□ **AT PUBLICATIONS:** The Intermediate Technology Development Group of North America (Box 337, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520, 914/271-6500) has prepared a 24-page publications list on small- and intermediate-scale technology which enhances human dignity and harmony with nature. Topics include agriculture and forestry, building and construction, energy, and others.

□ **AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** The National Low Income Housing Coalition (323 Eighth St. N.E., Wash. DC 20002, 202/544-2544) has prepared a rental housing crisis index which documents the absence of affordable rental housing in each of the states and in selected metropolitan areas. The index also allows comparisons among states and metro areas. It is part of a "Take the Housing Pledge" campaign kit for grassroots activists to use in Congressional races and in monitoring elected officials.

□ **NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS:** HUD has set a November 1 deadline for applications for first-round matching grants under the Neighborhood Development Demonstration Program. Under the program, qualifying neighborhood-based nonprofits can receive up to \$50,000 to match local contributions for selected neighborhood development activities. Details: Connie Southerland, HUD Community Services Division, 451 7th St. SW #5252, Wash. DC 20410, 202/755-5662.

□ **HOMELESSNESS:** *The Urban & Social Change Review* (Boston College, McGuinn #109, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167) has prepared a special, two-volume issue (Vol. 17, Nos. 1 & 2) on homelessness. The format includes articles and comments, and explores policy as well as advocacy perspectives. The two volumes are \$8, prepaid.

□ **ORGANIZING BOOK:** *Roots to Power: A Manual for Grassroots Organizing*, by Lee H. Staples tells how to organize with other people to resolve problems. The 256-page book reviews philosophy, presents a model, and provides nuts-and-bolts examples. Paperback copies are \$12.95, from Praeger Publishers, 521 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10175.

□ **PLANT CLOSINGS:** *Work Ethics* is a newsletter of the Plant Closures Project (433 Jefferson, Oakland, CA 94607, 415/834-5656). It provides updates on business news, legislative developments, and a calendar of events.

□ **NEGLECTED NEIGHBORHOODS:** The October issue of *The Neighborhood Works* profiles a Chicago neighborhood which has no sewers, paved roads, gas lines, or city water hookup. Recent tests showed area wells were contaminated with cyanide. Residents pay property taxes but requests for basic services meet with bureaucratic buck-passing. Instead of costly hookups to existing infrastructure, a *TNW* editorial suggests looking at cheaper, low-tech alternatives. The article is one of several in recent issues to focus on problems of Chicago's Southeast Side, which is rapidly being recognized as the garbage dumping ground of the Midwest. Single copies of the October issue are \$2; 12-month subscription, \$18; from: Center for Neighborhood Technology, 570 West Randolph, Chicago, IL 60606.

□ **CHANGING ERAS:** Action Linkage (Box 2240, Wickenburg, AZ 85358, 602/684-7861) aims to encourage fundamental change in the transition from the industrial era to the

communications era. It includes publications and monthly mailings. Subscriptions are \$30.

□ **WORKPLACE DEMOCRACY:** PN Member Mary Vogel (254 W. 19th, Eugene, OR 97405) has prepared an article for *Catalyst: Investing in Social Change* on Workers Trust, a national nonprofit association of democratic businesses. Workers Trust is best known for its progressive health insurance plans, she writes; it also publishes a monthly newsletter, *Democracy at Work*. Contact: Workers Trust, Box 11618, Eugene, OR 97440, 503/683-8176.

□ **RECLAIMING HOUSING:** From PN Member Pam Kramer (Dept. of Planning and Development, 409 City Hall, Duluth, MN 55802, 218/723-3328): We are currently looking into neighborhood organizations' concerns about vacant, abandoned housing units that are falling into a state of disrepair. These abandoned properties include both single-family and multi-family units largely in the urban core. We would appreciate creative suggestions on dealing with housing abandonment in low-income areas with high rental vacancy rates. It is our hope that acquisition-demolition, "urban removal" activities can be avoided.

□ **MUTUAL HOUSING:** The Low Income Housing Information Service (323 Eighth St. N.E., Wash. DC 20002, 202/675-4022) has begun a National Mutual Housing Network to serve as a technical assistance and information resource for community-based nonprofits developing and supporting housing on cooperative principles. An initial project is preparing low- and moderate-income co-ops for Co-op Bank loans.

□ **HOUSING REPORTS:** The Nathalie P. Voorhees Center (Univ. of Illinois, Box 4348, Chicago, IL 60680, 312/996-6671) has completed four technical reports on housing in the Chicago area. Among them: *Housing Abandonment: A Look at Possible Causes*, *A Case of Genocide: The Robert Taylor Housing Projects*, *A Manual for Commercial Facade Improvements*, and *Preservation and Neighborhood Perception in West Garfield Park*.

□ **STUDY GUIDANCE:** From Networker Richard Schultz (Box 3452, Portland, ME 04104): I would appreciate suggestions or recommendations for graduate study programs in my area of interest: I'm generally concerned with the quality of life of residents in existing low- and moderate-income multifamily housing developments. I would like to learn how to evaluate developments from a variety of perspectives—human growth and development, economic self-reliance, social service delivery, resident participation and control, and ecological stability. In addition, I want to learn how to design and coordinate a community development program with broad resident participation to enhance the quality of life in such developments.

□ **STATE POLICIES:** The Council of State Planning Agencies (400 N. Capitol St. #291, Wash. DC 20001, 202/624-5386) has published four new books that stress the importance of strategic planning and management in public works and natural resources development, and in state governance. The titles include *Thinking Strategically: A Primer for Political Leaders*, *The Game Plan: Governance with Foresight*, and *Renewing America: Natural Resources Assets and State Economic Development*.

□ **CHILD CARE LAW:** The Child Care Law Center (625 Market St. #815, San Francisco, CA 415/495-5498) is a legal services organization specializing in child care legal issues. In addition to legal representation, the Center also provides educational publications and workshops.

□ **BIKES FOR NICARAGUA:** Bikes not Bombs (1332 Eye St. N.W. #441, Wash. DC 20005, 202/965-2786) is a coalition of environmentalists, cyclists, churches, and labor groups that is collecting and shipping bicycles and spare parts to Nicaragua. The coalition is dedicated to energy conservation, bicycle transportation, people-to-people development assistance, and non-military solutions to the current conflict in Central America.

□ **COMMUNITY SERVICES:** From PN Member Marjorie Fainson (50 Richard Rd., Edison, NJ 08820): *Challenging the System: A Struggle to Preserve Community Services* describes a 2½-year struggle by community people who challenged the mental health decision-making process and won. The struggle came to the attention of federal officials who provided money to tell the story. The publication has been written specifically for community boards, grass roots groups, and students of community organization and political participation. A limited number of copies are available for \$1.50 (to cover postage).

□ **HIGH-TECH DIGEST:** *Silicon Valley: A Digest of Electronics Data*, by Michael Eisenscher, is a 26-page guide about the Silicon Valley, its electronics industry and workforce, population, and economy. Copies are \$3.50 for individuals, prepaid, from: Silicon Valley Digest, Michael Eisenscher, 138 S. 20th St., San Jose, CA 95116.

□ **ELECTED PLANNERS:** The Salt Lake City Citizens Congress, a coalition of neighborhood interests, is seeking information on elected planning commissions. Contact: Tim Funk, Salt Lake City Citizens Congress, 347 S. 400 E., Salt Lake City, UT 84111, 801/364-7765.

□ **PLANT CLOSINGS:** *Public or Private Choices*, edited by Richard B. McKenzie, is a 327-page collection of 15 essays which critically evaluate the claims of proponents of plant-closing restrictions. Paperback copies are \$9.50, from Cato Institute, 224 Second St. S.E., Wash. D.C. 20003, 202/546-0200.

□ **JOB TRAINING:** The Children's Defense Fund (122 C St. N.W., Wash. DC 20001, 202/628-8787) has completed a guide to monitoring employment and training services for the economically disadvantaged. The title is *Monitoring Guide on the Job Training Partnership Act*.

□ **HOMEOWNERSHIP ALTERNATIVES:** From David Nibert (2353 N. Fourth St., Columbus, OH 43202): I soon will be appointed to chair a city housing committee, which is to advise the city on the implications of federal policy, and to recommend future housing policy. As a former tenant organizer in Columbus, I would really like to push for alternative means of homeownership for low- and moderate-income people. The residents of Columbus are particularly concerned with an abundance of boarded-up and abandoned housing. Are there any models that can serve as models for us?

□ **BERKELEY NETWORK:** We have recently organized a Network chapter on the Berkeley campus. We are trying to put

together a speaker series as our first activity. If you are planning to come to the Bay Area, and would like to speak at one of our forums, please contact Gary Fields or Nevin Cohen (228 Wurster Hall, Berkeley CA 94720, 415/642-1641 or 415/428-0732) and tell us when you are coming and your area of interest.

Upcoming Conferences

□ **ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN:** "Environmental Change/Social Change" is the theme of the June 10-13, 1985, Environmental Design Research Association Conference in New York, Submissions deadline is November 1, 1984. Details: Madeline Goss, Conference Administrator/EDRA 1985, Environmental Psychology Program, CUNY Graduate School and University Center, 33 W. 42nd St., New York, NY 10036, 212/790-4553.

□ **RENTAL HOUSING:** The National Leased Housing Association (2300 M St. N.W. #260, Wash. DC 20037, 202/785-8888) will sponsor a pair of two-day seminars in Los Angeles and New York on "The New Housing Entrepreneurs: Creative PHAs, Nonprofits, and Joint Ventures." The New York session is October 25-26; the Los Angeles session is November 1-2. Registration is \$325.

□ **LABOR HISTORY:** The Wayne State Department of History and the Reuther Library of Labor and Urban Affairs is sponsoring the North American Labor History Conference October 18-20 in Detroit. The conference theme is "The Human Impact of De-Industrialization: History and Theory." Registration is \$8. Details: Christopher H. Johnson, Dept. of History, Wayne State Univ., Detroit, MI 48202.

□ **DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED:** The Texas Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities is sponsoring a conference February 14-16, 1985, on "Independent Living Through Computer Technology for Persons with Developmental Disabilities." Registration is \$20. Details: Cindy Marshall, Univ. of Texas, Dept. of Continuing Education, Box 19197, Arlington, TX 76019, 817/273-2581.

□ **PLANNING IN THE WEST:** The third annual regional conference on New Perspectives on Planning in the West will be held March 21-23, 1985, at Arizona State University. The format includes speakers, panels, and workshops. The deadline for abstracts and panel suggestions is December 15. Contact: Joochul Kim, Dept. of Planning, Arizona State Univ., Tempe, AZ 85287, 602/965-7026.

□ **SCHUMACHER LECTURES:** The fourth annual E.F. Schumacher Lectures will be held October 27 at Yale University. This year's topic: "Alternatives to Politics as Usual." Speakers include Charlene Spretnak, co-author of *Green Politics*, and John McKnight, co-director of the Center for Urban Affairs, Northwestern University. Registration is \$15. Contact: E.F. Schumacher Society, Box 76, RD 3, Great Barrington, MA 01230, 413/528-1737.

□ **MEDIA FOR CHANGE:** The Media Network (208 W. 13th St., New York, NY 10011, 212/620-0877) will sponsor a

conference January 18-20, 1985, at SUNY-Albany on using grassroots media for social change. The topic: "Promoting Alternatives: Grassroots Media and Social Change." The format includes workshops, screenings, and panel discussions.

Ex Conferences

WORKER COOPERATIVES: The New York/Metro Association for Workplace Democracy, in cooperation with Community Services Society, presented a forum on worker cooperatives October 13 at General Theological Seminary. The program included a 50-minute, BBC color film, *The Mondragon Experiment*. Details: Kerwin Tesdell, 212/678-3596.

POVERTY AND JUSTICE: The Public Media Center (25 Scotland St., San Francisco, CA 94133, 415/434-1403) sponsored a conference September 15 at UCLA on "Poverty, Justice, and Equality: New Directions for Public Policy." Participants included policy makers, social activists, academics, social service providers, and program recipients.

Jobs

GRASSROOTS DIRECTOR: Washington Inner-City Self-Help (1459 Columbia Rd. N.W., Wash. DC 20009) is seeking a Director, with neighborhood organizing experience. The salary range is \$15,000-\$17,000.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT: Powderhorn Residents Group (2951 Chicago Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55407, 612/827-5527) has an opening for an Executive Director with housing and community development experience. Salary is in the mid-\$20s, depending on qualifications.

FAIR HOUSING: The Broward Community Housing Resource Board of Ft. Lauderdale is seeking an Executive Director to administer its newly created fair housing, community investment, and technical assistance programs. Salary is in the low \$20s. Contact: James Carras Associates, 97 Hendricks Isle, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301.

REAL ESTATE ANALYST: The Massachusetts Community Development Finance Corp. 131 State St. #600, Boston, MA 02109, 617/742-0366) has created a new position, real estate investment analyst, to assist in review and monitoring real estate investments by community development corporations. The salary range is \$24,000-\$27,500.

ANN ARBOR CDC: The newly created Ann Arbor (Mich.) Community Development Corporation is hiring a part-time administrator. Responsibilities include management, administration, and fundraising. Contact: Lowell G. Peterson, 100 N. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48107.

Etcetera

DEADLINE ALERT: The deadline for getting copy into the December *Planners Network* is Monday, December 2. We hope to hear from as many Networkers as possible, and 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 #49: December 2, 1984.

LOST SOULS: We seem to have more than our share of peripatetic members, and some of them forget to keep us posted on address changes. We're always optimistic that they really meant to stay in touch, 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.

Nathan Landau, Berkeley
Linda Lillow, Venice, CA
David Stewart, Newton Center, MA
James Robertson, Houston
Ximena De La Barra MacDonald, New York
Laura Riggs, Berkeley
Carol Norris, Berkeley
Kevin O'Brien, New York

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'm-at" 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.