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PURGE ALERT: It's annual purge time. Once again, we activate our annual "we-don't-hear-from-you,-you-don't-hear-from-us" policy. This year, the clue is three asterisks on your mailing label. Take a look: If you've got 'em, you're golden; if you don't, there's still time to act. Just let us hear from you (with a contribution, if at all possible) before we take our special anniversary issue #50 to the mailing house (first week in February), and you'll receive it. Otherwise, you'll get a postcard instead, saying you've been dropped; and you'll miss our Golden Anniversary Issue (*see below*). Why not act now, before it's too late.

FINANCIAL MINI-REPORT: Since publication of #48, we've received 45 contributions totalling \$949. Thank you, contributors.

A bunch of you, we're happy to say, requested a stack of our PN introduction sheets to pass out to colleagues, students, faculty, etc. We've just printed an updated version, and welcome more such requests.

CELEBRATING OUR 50TH: Next issue is number 50. What we'll do is: 1) Do up a short history and evaluation of PN; 2) reprint excerpts from Newsletter #1 (August 1975), regarding our purpose, etc.; and 3) print short statements from Network members, relating to their evaluation of what PN has

been all about, and/or what PN should be in the future. Bob Beauregard has generously offered to sift through the responses, and, depending on the number, either summarize them or get them into some publishable form.

So: We'll take care of 1) and 2) at this end. Please at your end sit down soon and send Bob (Dept. of Urban Planning, Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, NJ 08903) a short but thoughtful essay-ette (50-100 words would be ideal) on how you judge the accomplishments of PN over its 10 years, and/or proposed goals and concrete activities for the immediate and long-range future.

Please write soon, for arrival no later than January 23.

To quote from Bob's original idea: "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." If possible, please send us a copy of what you send Bob. It will make the editing process and communication between New Brunswick and DC lots easier. We look forward to your efforts. (*See "Purge Alert," above.*)

MORE NETWORKING: We pass along this plea from PN Member Tom Gihring (School of Urban and Public Affairs, Portland St. Univ., Box 751, Portland, OR 97207): "I can't

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 non-productive 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 \$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, LA; Jackie Pope, NYC; Alan Rabinowitz, Seattle; Tony Schuman, NYC; Andree Tremoulet, Roanoke.

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help but notice the increasing number of vendible items in the newsletter. Can we promote more balance with news and networking?"

We'd like to stress the importance of this observation/suggestion. Part of the Network's purpose is to circulate information about items we have produced, and which are for sale. An equal or more important function is to share experiences. Thus we urge you to sit down, and do up a paragraph or two on what's happening in your community or work/political life for others in the Network. (See "Purge Alert" above.)

Passing the Word

□ **LIVING RESPONSIBLY:** *Taking Charge of Our Lives: Living Responsibly in the World*, edited by Joan Bodner is a 254-page handbook for exploring personal and political life changes that stress human creativity and self-reliance. Single copies are \$9.95, prepaid, from: American Friends Service Committee, 2160 Lake St., San Francisco, CA 94121. It may also be in bookstores; Harper & Row is the publisher.

□ **MANAGEMENT WORKBOOKS:** Dodd-Blair Associates (Box 644, Rangeley, ME 04970, 207/864-5195) has a five-volume set of management workbooks for self-employed people, covering planning, finance, marketing, and resource management. The 256-page set is \$19, prepaid.

□ **FALLING BEHIND** is a new report which analyzes how black people have fared since 1980. It concludes that blacks are worse off in 1984 in income, poverty status, and unemployment levels. Copies are \$2.50, from: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 236 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20006, 202/544-0591.

□ **YOUTH JOBS:** *A Policy Blueprint for Community Service and Youth Employment* was issued on the 100th anniversary of Eleanor Roosevelt's birth. Copies: The Roosevelt Centennial Youth Project, 810 18th St. N.W., Wash. DC 20006, 202/783-8855.

□ **NEIGHBORHOODS:** "What's Happening to the Neighborhood Movement" and "How To Evaluate a Neighborhood Organization" are two excellent articles by Robert M. Johnson, former executive director of the Wieboldt Foundation of Chicago. They appeared in *Foundation News*. Copies are \$2 (gets you both), from: Barbara Essiet, Council on Foundations, 1828 L St. N.W. 12th Fl., Wash. DC 20036.

□ **CAROLINA PLANNING** has a special, 48-page 10th anniversary issue, with articles on planning as a profession as well as on community-based development initiatives. Subscriptions to the bi-annual are \$7, from: Carolina Planning, Univ. of North Carolina, New East 033-A, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

□ **COMMUNITY INFORMATION:** *Alert* is a monthly newsletter from the Community Information Exchange (The National Urban Coalition, 1120 G St. N.W. #900, Wash. DC 20005, 202/628-2981) that tells of new data available through the Exchange, highlights new ideas and techniques, and suggests technical assistance resources. Subscriptions are \$15.

International Housing Study: A Possible PN Project

Michael Harloe and Maartje Martens of the Dept. of Sociology at the Univ. of Essex, England (Michael also is Editor of the *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*) are undertaking a long-range project titled "Innovations in Housing Policies and Practices—An International Study." They will include West Germany, the Netherlands, and the United States. It is a 3½-year project, during the second stage of which (around March 1985), they will use consultants in the three countries to identify and write short reports on such innovations, over a 9-12 month period. They have a small pot of money available for the U.S. portion (about 2,000 British pounds).

We are discussing with them the possibility of the U.S. portion being done by PN, through our network of local contacts, with one or two persons (perhaps Peter Marcuse and/or Chester Hartman) taking overall coordinating responsibility. The money could be used to pay people small honoraria for their work, and/or to subsidize PN.

The sponsors' conception of "innovations" relates not necessarily to new initiatives alone, but also to the social context in which the initiatives are developing. In particular, they seek to study innovations which are a response to "the new housing crisis" of declining opportunities, for low-income households especially, and of rising individual housing costs. They want to broaden the concept of housing crisis beyond the distributional aspects of housing provision (such as costs and availability). Their approach will be to explore the proposition that major restructuring processes are going on in housing markets and institutions involved in housing provision. Thus, they want to study not only households' responses to declining housing opportunities, rising costs, etc., but also the innovative responses of certain institutions; for example, housebuilders, housing associations/authorities/nonprofits, and the state. They have done up a matrix chart suggesting how such innovations might be classified.

Once a general picture has been developed of the range of innovations in each country, a few will be selected for more detailed study during the third phase of the research, which will start in January 1986.

If any of you, individually or collectively, are interested in exploring participation in this project, please let us know right away (addressing the reply to Chester Hartman), so we can send you further materials, get a sense of your time availability, what's going on in your area, etc. We need to let Michael and Maartje know as soon as possible whether it looks like we can or can't undertake this.

□ **ENVIRONMENTAL ETHIC:** *The 11th Commandment Newsletter* is a new periodical committed to an ethic of the environment, summarized in an 11th Commandment, "The Earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; thou shall not despoil the Earth nor destroy the life thereon." Subscription is by contribution, to: The 11th Commandment Fellowship, Box

14727, San Francisco, CA 94114.

□ **SEXUAL VIOLENCE:** *Environment and Sexual Violence* is a paper reprint by Turtle Editions. Copies: Frans van Velden, University of Technology, Box 513, Eindhoven, Netherlands. Inquire about price; the amount was unclear on our copy.

□ **RURAL CHANGE:** *Growth-Management in Countryfied Cities*, by J.C. Doherty, is a two-volume report on changes in non-metro areas of the United States. The 100-page first volume, *Change and Response*, is now available, and includes case studies and reports on the federal, state, and local role. Copies are \$6.95, from: Vert Milon Press, Box 332, Alexandria, VA 22313.

□ **VIETNAM PROTEST:** *Who Spoke Up? American Protest Against the War in Vietnam 1963-75*, by Nancy Zaroulis and Gerald Sullivan, is an in-depth study of the events and personalities of the anti-war protest movement. Copies are \$18.95, and may be at bookstores; or order from: Doubleday & Co. Dept. ZA-348, 501 Franklin Ave., Garden City, NY 11530, and add \$1.50 for postage and handling.

□ **NETWORKER UPDATE:** From Warren Jones (Box 7629, Berkeley, CA 94707): I am now a self-employed small-press publisher, while continuing to teach part-time at UC Berkeley, and am currently marketing two summary booklets of California land-use law. More information on current and future titles is available on request from Solano Press at the above address.

□ **STOPPING HISTORY** is a 55-minute video presentation that examines the question of why some people have joined the anti-nuclear movement, while others have not. It is available in Beta or VHS, for \$45 rental, \$175 purchase, from Adair Films, 2051 Third St., San Francisco, CA 94107, 415/621-6500.

□ **NEW LEAF** is a new quarterly magazine on food and farming issues in New York, exploring the affinity among farmers, community gardeners, co-ops, alternative food businesses, and hunger activists. Subscriptions are \$8, from: Center for Local Food and Agriculture, Anabel Taylor Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853, 607/256-5027.

□ **ANTI-NUCLEAR MEDIA:** The Educational Film and Video Project (1725 Seabright Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95062, 408/427-2627) has a set of 10 nuclear awareness programs in audio cassettes and video formats. They include *In the Nuclear Shadow*, *What Can the Children Tell Us?*, and *The Last Epidemic*, among other titles. Prices vary; the Project has a price list and brochure.

□ **ALTERNATIVE LAW SCHOOL:** Antioch School of Law (2633 16th St. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202/639-2607) offers a three-year degree program in which students work in a teaching law firm which serves low-income District residents. Contact the school for application details.

□ **NUCLEAR VIDEO:** *How Much Is Enough? Decision-Making in the Nuclear Age* is an award-winning documentary of the growth of the world's nuclear arsenal. It is available in film and video, for rent or purchase, from: Documerica Films, Box 985, Vallejo, CA 94590.

□ **RAINFOREST REPORT:** *World Rainforest Report* is a periodical from Australia with worldwide updates on the state of the planet's rainforests. Contact: Rainforest Information Center, Box 368, Lismore, N.S.W. 2480, Australia.

□ **ALTERNATIVE INCUBATORS:** From PN Member Chuck Carlson (730 Mellon St., Pittsburgh, PA 15206): I am working for a local development corporation in a small town outside of Pittsburgh. We will be starting an incubator facility within the next year. Most of the literature about them talks of "preserving the American entrepreneurial spirit." I am looking forward to alternatives to this elitist model (co-ops, community equity, etc.), as I feel the incubator concept within a democratic framework will be a useful tool for economic development. Are any Networkers working in similar settings, or aware of alternative facilities. Comments, information, references, would be appreciated.

□ **NEIGHBORHOOD DATA:** The Bureau of the Census has produced neighborhood-level 1980 census data for some 29,000 neighborhoods around the country. Some sets are available through local planning offices; and sets may be purchased. Details: JoAnne Eitzen, Bureau of the Census, Wash. DC 20233, 301/763-1538.

□ **COMMUNITY PLANNING:** *The Encyclopedia of Community and Environmental Management*, by Marilyn Spigel Schultz and Vivian Loeb Kasen, is a 476-page reference for professionals, students, and the public on the ways in which land is developed, regulated, and protected. Entries are alphabetical, from "abandonment" to "zoo." Plus, there is a five-page listing of translations from alphabetese to English of commonly used acronyms. Copies are \$45, from Facts on File, New York, NY.

□ **OPINIONS ON GROWTH:** From PN Member Bryan Higgins (Dept. of Geography, SUNY, Plattsburgh, NY 12901): I have recently completed a two-part project for the Community and Economic Development Office in Burlington, VT. The 143-page first part, *Citizen's Attitudes Toward Development*, summarizes two opinion surveys, interest group interviews, and Neighborhood Planning Assembly preferences on future city growth. The 28-page second part, *Community and Economic Development Policies for Burlington, Vermont*, translates the previous community based attitudes into draft citywide policies/plans. It is available from me. In doing this project, I was not able to find any other systematic studies of citizen attitudes toward future growth. Please let me know of any similar studies, references, surveys, or individuals working along these lines.

□ **VEHICLE NOISE:** Portland, Oregon's Coalition for Livable Streets scored another victory for neighborhood livability. The citizens coalition, along with city council members as co-petitioners, initiated a new rule unanimously adopted by the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission. The rule mandates annual vehicle noise emission checks at testing stations in the Portland metropolitan area—the first such application of vehicle noise standards in the country. Details: Networker Tom Gihring, Asst. Professor, School of Urban & Public Affairs, Portland State Univ., P.O. Box 751, Portland, OR 97207.

□ SOCIAL INVESTING: Networker Mary Vogel (254 W. 19th St., Eugene, OR 97405, 503/343-5646) is a regular columnist for an investment newsletter, *Catalyst: Investing in Social Change*, that goes to subscribers with more than \$66 million to invest in social change-oriented businesses needing investment capital. If your business fits that category, she would love to hear from you.

□ PLANNERS AS PEOPLE: The contrast between planners' self-views and public expectations, and a proposed new model for planners' education, are key features of a book, *Planners and Public Expectations*, by Networker Howell S. Baum (School of Social Work and Community Planning, Univ. of Maryland, Baltimore, MD 21201). In paperback, copies are \$9.95, at bookstores, or from: Schenkman Publishing Co., 331 Broadway, Cambridge, MA 02139.

□ NEW PLANNING JOURNAL: The *Berkeley Planning Journal* is a new, bi-annual scholarly journal, published on the law-review model, from the Dept. of City and Regional Planning, Univ. of California, Berkeley. It is designed for communicating both thought and research, and will publish articles and other features contributed primarily by Department students, faculty, and alumni. The initial, 184-page issue included a mix of articles, project and research reviews, and special features. Subscriptions are \$10, payable to the *Berkeley Planning Journal*, from: Berkeley Planning Journal, DCRP, Wurster Hall #228, Univ. of California, Berkeley, CA 94720.

□ PEACE GUIDE: *Peace and World Order Studies: A Curriculum Guide*, edited by Barbara J. Wien, is the fourth edition of a 750-page resource with more than 100 course syllabi and outlines from a wide variety of disciplines. Copies are \$16 in paperback, from: World Policy Institute, 777 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017.

□ NICARAGUA TRAVEL: Late arrangements may still be possible for a January 5-15 architects' and planners' trip to Nicaragua, with alternate departures from Miami and Los Angeles. Costs are \$990 from Los Angeles, and \$675 from Miami. Full payment was due by December 7. For late-comers, check: Leslie Hara, Travel by Helen, 1645 N. Vine St. #703, Hollywood, CA 90028, 213/465-6141.

□ FARMLAND PRESERVATION: From PN Member Ric Alesch (National Park Service, Denver Service Center, Box 25287, Denver, CO 80225): I am working on a land use plan for an agricultural area within Buffalo National River in Arkansas. The plan proposes to resell federally acquired farms in the Boxley Valley to maintain the rural/pastoral scene. I am looking for information on financing strategies and programs to assist local farmers in purchasing farmlands and/or farmhouses.

□ POVERTY REPORT: *Hard Choices: Portraits of Poverty and Hunger in America* is a 70-page report from Save the Children (54 Wilton Rd., Westport, CT 06881, 203/226-7272) that profiles individuals in some 13 locations around the country. Single copies are \$5.

□ 'NEW AGE' REGENERATION: From Networker Ron Shegda (The Regeneration Project, Rodale Press, 33 E. Minor St., Emmaus, PA 18049): Many people today are searching for the "third way" of economic development: something that's not capitalism or socialism. I suggest that the third way is regeneration. Readers interested in this new school can write to request a copy of *The Regenerative Economy* (103 pp., \$6.95) completed for graduate work in Urban & Environmental Policy at Tufts University, or can contact me to receive a complimentary copy of Rodale Press' premier issue of the newsletter *Regeneration*. It will appear by early spring, and point to the new age of a regenerative economy.

□ NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT: *Neighborhood Organization and Community Development: Making Revitalization Work*, by Neil S. Mayer, is a 230-page examination of 99 neighborhood development organizations as an emerging force in distressed neighborhoods. Paperback copies are \$10, from: The Urban Institute Press, Box 19958, Hampden Station, Baltimore, MD 21211.

□ NUCLEAR-FREE ZONES: From PN Member Christopher Dale (Dept. of Sociology and Urban Affairs, Delaware St. College, Dover, DE 19901): I would like to hear from Networkers who have had experience with, or know of literature pertaining to, the creation of nuclear free zones in the United States. I am interested in this information because I am a local nuclear freeze coordinator, and because I am in the process of preparing a paper on the politics of establishing nuclear free zones.

□ OAKLAND HOUSING: From PN Member Michael Pyatok (1078 Bella Vista Ave., Oakland, CA 94610, 415/532-4179): I've noticed a few announcements recently by folks forming non-profit housing corporations who wanted some info and help. As heartening news, Oakland has a success story to tell. I'm a Board member of Oakland Community Housing Inc., which has gotten over 300 units of housing underway in the past five years. Thanks to a coalition of community groups and others (including Chester), we were awarded \$3 million in 1979 as seed money to build replacement housing for those displaced by downtown renewal. Through joint ventures, syndication, and other government programs, we have expanded our funds, and are moving ahead to our next 300. Projects include limited-equity co-ops, single-room occupancy buildings, rental units, and some homeownership. Nearly all consultants and contractors are minority-owned. We are almost experienced enough to advise others; so if anyone would like to hear some war stories, feel free to contact me.

□ SANTA MONICA REPORT: Networker Derek Shearer (655 Ashland Ave., Santa Monica, CA 90405) has a 13-page article, "Citizen Participation in Local Government: The Case of Santa Monica, California," in the Fall 1984 issue of the *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. His perspective may be unique: He was campaign manager for the 1981 winning slate of four populist/liberal city council candidates: he was appointed to the city planning commission; and he was married to the mayor (and leader of the majority coalition).

□ **PLANNERS V. SEGREGATION:** PN Member Yale Rabin (106 Stewart Circle, Charlottesville, VA 22903) has completed a 19-page draft paper, "Government Action as a Cause of Racial Segregation of Residential Areas," in which he argues that planners are inadequately prepared in urban and regional theory courses to understand the force of planning decisions in contributing to residential segregation.

□ **HOUSING SLIDES:** *Shelterforce* and the National Tenants Union are in the initial stages of creating possibly a series of national slide shows on the crisis in affordable housing and community-based responses. They currently are developing an inventory of available slides that "reflect on how we've gotten where we are, what tenant organizations are doing about it, and innovative initiatives that might stimulate action in others." To help, contact (no slides yet, please): Woody Widrow, Shelterforce, 380 Main St., East Orange, NJ 07018, 201/678-5353.

□ **MEMBER UPDATE:** From Bob Brand (National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees, 1319 Locust St., Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215/735-1300): I am working as Director of Health Care Policy of the national union. My job is mainly concerned with developing a set of program proposals to improve health and human services, and to understand the future of the health care sector and the direction of change for the health labor force. One of my current priorities is to develop a network of health policy progressives and union members and leadership within the 18 states in which we have members. Our day-by-day concerns include trying to document the effects of Reaganomics, looking at health services needed by communities, at the political and economic power of hospitals and the mechanisms they use to prevent worker representation, and examining labor force development issues.

I believe this offers an exciting opportunity for progressive planners and students to engage in research/study which has real applications, and which involves direct contacts with organized groups of workers. I would be happy to hear from people interested in coordinating their study/research plans with our union in political work.

□ **CALL FOR PAPERS:** Two calls, actually, for the August conference in Washington, D.C., of the Society for the Study of Social Problems:

Networker Larry Bennett (Dept. of Political Science, DePaul Univ., 2323 N. Seminary Ave., Chicago, IL 60614) is helping to organize panels for the Community Research and Development Division's program at the conference. Papers on a wide variety of topics will be considered, but especially welcome will be discussions of women and community, elite decisionmaking and urban policy, and volunteerism and neighborhood organizations.

Papers are invited for a session on "The Production of the Built Environment." Possible themes include housing construction processes, energy efficient designs, behavior based designs, and the relation between the built and the natural environment. Contact: Beth Huttman, Dept. of Sociology, California St. Univ., Hayward, CA 94542, 415/881-3187; or Willem van Vliet, Dept. of Community Studies, S-125 Henderson Bldg., Penn State Univ., University Park, PA 16802, 814/863-4222.

□ **ELDERLY HOUSING:** Cornell Cooperative Extension has two new publications on housing for the elderly. One is

Shared Housing: A Community-Based Option, which is a compendium of speeches from workshops on home-sharing programs. The other is *Housing Options for Older New Yorkers: A Sourcebook*, by Patricia Baron Pollak and Laura Z. Malakoff. It includes descriptions and examples of a handful of housing options for the elderly. Each is \$3, payable to Cornell Univ., from: Housing Policy Programs, Dept. of Consumer Economics and Housing, Cornell Univ., Martha Van Rensselaer Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853.

□ **CHILD CARE PLANNING:** From Abby Cohen (Child Care Law Center, 625 Market St., #815, San Francisco, CA 94105, 415/495-5498): The Child Care Law Center, which is currently engaged in developing mechanisms for the inclusion of child care needs in the planning process in San Francisco, would welcome hearing from anyone who has considered either this or similar issues, and has suggestions, ideas, actual or model planning code or plan language, etc. We'd be happy to share what we have/know too.

□ **CALL FOR PAPERS:** Papers and progress reports for sessions on "Housing Research and Policy Issues in an Era of Fiscal Austerity" are sought for a June International Conference on Housing, to be held in Amsterdam. Contact: Willem van Vliet, Community Studies, S-159 Henderson Bldg., Pennsylvania St. Univ., University Park, PA 16802, 814/863-4222; or Elizabeth Huttman, Dept. of Sociology, California St. Univ., Hayward, CA 94542, 415/881-3187. In Europe: Dick van der Vaart, Sociologisch Instituut, Oude Hoogstr. 24, 1012 CE Amsterdam, Netherlands.

□ **NEIGHBORHOOD BULLETINS:** The Community Information Exchange of the National Urban Coalition has produced six new technical bulletins, including "Computers for Neighborhoods," "Winning Neighborhood UDAGs," "Historic Preservation for Low-Income Neighborhoods," "Corporate Support for Community Development," and "Small Business Incubators: A How-To Guide." For copies: 1120 G St. N.W., 9th Flr., Wash. DC 20005, 202/628-2981.

□ **HUD PUBLICATIONS:** The Department of Housing and Urban Development has issued three new publications. Two are "Public/Private Partnerships—Leveraging Your CDBG," and "Working Partners 1984: Reports of Successful Local Community Development Public/Private Partnerships." For copies, call 202/755-5695. Also available is "State Aid to Neighborhoods: A Compendium of State Programs Which Support Neighborhood Organizations. Call 202/755-7335.

□ **CDBG PROPOSED REGS:** An excellent analysis is available of HUD's proposed regulations on the Community Development Block Grant Program and new "technical amendments." Contact: Working Group for Community Development Reform, 415/835-1605.

□ **CALL FOR PAPERS:** For a June conference at Rutgers Univ. sponsored by the Center for Iranian Research and Analysis on "Post-Revolutionary Iran," papers are invited on various aspects of socio-economic, political, ideological, cultural and artistic changes, problems, and policies in Iran, particularly since the revolution of 1979. The focus of the conference is on the impacts of such developments on national independence, social justice and democracy. Papers on the conditions of the lower classes, women and national minorities

are particularly welcome. Contact: CIRA, Dept. of Urban Planning and Policy Development, Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, NJ 08903.

□ **CALL FOR PAPERS:** Papers are being sought for a September conference at Baruch College-CUNY in New York on "Critical Perspectives in Organizational Analysis." This international conference aims to encourage the use of critical analysis in developing new perspectives of organizations. Contact: Michael Rosen, Paul Shrivastava, New York Univ., Dept. of Management, 600 Tisch Hall, New York, NY 10012, 212/598-2204.

□ **CALL FOR PAPERS:** The third Socialist Scholars Conference will be held April 4-6 at the Borough of Manhattan Community College in New York. PN has been invited to organize a panel. The theme of the panel will be "The Politics of Urban Development." Please submit a completed paper, a 250-word abstract or a proposal to: Nancy Kleniewski, Dept. of Sociology, SUNY, Geneseo, NY 14454, 716/244-4328 (h), or 245-5207 or 5335 (o).

Social Responsibility

□ **'CALL' RESPONSE:** We've had lots of useful and thoughtful responses to the draft we printed in Issue #47.

- Several groups have either reprinted it or are beginning a process of internal discussion based on it: *The Neighborhood Works*, the publication of the Chicago-based Center for Neighborhood Technology; the Rutgers Univ. Dept. of Urban and Regional Planning; Washington, D.C., Women in Planning.

- A motion was passed by the board of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning at its annual meeting in New York in October for the ACSP to send out the statement to all member schools, with the suggestion that they hold a departmental forum on it.

- The ACSP has also committed itself to holding a plenary session on the issues raised by the Call at next year's annual meeting. Ann Markusen, Jackie Leavitt, Jay Stein and Peter Marcuse have agreed to take responsibility for planning that session. Any of you who are interested should contact PN Steering Committee member Jackie Leavitt (UCLA Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Planning, Los Angeles, CA 90024).

- Paul Davidoff correctly criticized the draft for giving insufficient emphasis to racism, and the revised, final version (below) adds language that corrects that error.

- A note of dissent came from John Friedmann (UCLA GSAUP, Los Angeles, CA 90024), whose provocative commentary follows:

I have no problem with the substance of the statement, but I find it largely irrelevant. . . . It consists of a series of value assertions that are broadly in the same direction as the Democratic Party platform, only a little bit more "radical." Abolish war, take care of the huddled masses, succor the poor countries of the Third World, and adopt "progressive" policies domestically. It's neither new nor inspiring. And what is there to discuss? . . .

We need to learn to think and to explore alternatives that go beyond "solutions" to ways of "prefiguring" the future.

We need to analyze more closely what is happening and what are the best ways to respond, thinking beyond the Reagan

years and into the next century. There are specific arenas for action: the household, the workplace, the region, the peasant periphery (which some still call Third World), and the global community. The nation state, in my view, is not a major arena for us at this time. We don't have the means for influencing policy at that level. But we can be effective locally, and it is here, in local community and region, that we must define what the tasks are

I am in favor of getting group discussions going on what the major trends are globally, on defining the multiple problems that face us with great precision, of exploring alternative value propositions, and of studying the actions that may, in the long run, make a difference. We need to turn every city in America into a laboratory of the future.

Let me start with a question: . . . Can we have an alternative without substantially de-linking from capitalist structures? Or is it possible to create, as Bob Rodale seems to think, "zones of regeneration" without touching the web of capitalist relations in which our lives are enmeshed.

□ **'CALL' COPIES:** We have a one-page version of the revised Call, suitable for bulletin boards, handouts, etc., available at the Planners Network. Write or call with your needs. Also, to help and speed distribution, we encourage photocopying.

□ **NEWS UPDATE:** A lot has been happening in this area since our last Newsletter, and a lot more seems to be in the offing.

A meeting was held in Chicago October 15 of some 15 people from around the country involved in war-peace work relating to the design and planning professions. Network Chair Chester Hartman was there representing us, and several other Networkers were present as well: APA President-elect Dan Lauber; Frank Ehrenthal, representing Environmental Designers and Planners for Social Responsibility; Kathryn Kasch, representing Boston's Planning for Peace group. (The meeting was convened by Architects for Social Responsibility, a New York-based group interested in becoming national in scope.)

The principal decisions taken were:

- To establish a national organization called Architects Designers Planners for Social Responsibility.

- To adopt a set of by-laws, which set out the organization's objectives as: ". . . to help the public understand the catastrophic consequences of nuclear war and the negative effects that massive and disproportionate expenditures for weapons have on the quality of life." (We felt this statement was broad enough to encompass conventional as well as nuclear arms, issues of interventionist foreign policy, and a range of domestic concerns.)

- ADPSR will operate primarily through local chapters (with ASR in effect becoming the New York-based chapter). Membership dues were set at \$30 a person (\$10 student/low-income). Provision was also made for organizational affiliates; and, pending Steering Committee approval, the Planners Network was tentatively designated as such an affiliate.

- A Board, Executive Committee, and officers were selected. Tician Papachristou, a New York architect and one of the ASR founders, was named President. Kathryn Kasch was named Treasurer. Sam Hurst, head of the Los Angeles-based Architects Designers Planners for Social Responsibility (which henceforth will become the Los Angeles chapter), was named Secretary.

The Executive Committee will consist of the three officers,

Call for Social Responsibility in the Planning, Building Professions

The built and natural environments are threatened today by the actions of human beings and their governments as they never have been jeopardized before. Efforts to build a secure, humane, and healthy environment are threatened by nuclear and conventional arms proliferation, exploitative foreign policies, and distorted public spending priorities. The need for constructive action is upon us.

As planning and building professionals and community workers, we face a moral choice: Do we continue to remain quiet about these destructive public policies and actions, or do we join together to speak out against them?

As citizens specially informed about the environment and actions shaping the built and natural world, we have a key role to play in helping to influence public opinion and the actions of our leaders. In addition, our professional associations can influence what happens to our world today by speaking out on the public policy issues which affect most closely the work their members are engaged in day by day.

We frequently not only condone but even contribute to planning and implementing such policies. We plan for, design, and build buildings that displace people and destroy neighborhoods. We promote housing whose effect will be high rents, segregated neighborhoods, sexist patterns of living, conformity and elitism. We draft civil defense evacuation plans that cannot provide true protection against a nuclear attack and yet impart a false sense of security which engenders complacency among the citizenry and leads to their reluctance to work for measures that truly will protect our lives and communities. We design programs in health care, transportation, economic development, and environmental protection which we know will not work, arguing that we are at least mitigating an evil, without pressing for those policies that could actually deal with that evil effectively.

It is for this reason that the Planners Network issues a call for our professional associations to engage in serious discussion of these issues and to adopt and publicize this or similar statements on behalf of their members.

A Statement of Concern

We believe that socially responsible individuals and organizations working in our fields should speak out on the following concerns and objectives:

1. Nuclear Weapons: The threat of nuclear war is the greatest threat to humankind that ever has existed. Deterrence beyond the point of annihilation will not benefit either East or West; further military build-up on our part increases, rather than decreases, the potential for war. A total freeze on the development, testing, production, and dispersal of nuclear weapons should be adopted by our country immediately. In addition, provocative first-strike weapons development, such as the MX missile system, the B-1 bomber, nerve gas production, and the deployment of additional missiles in Europe, should be halted, as the first step in a longer term process of dismantling the war

machine all over the world.

2. Public Spending Policies: The spiralling cost of further military build-up, whether nuclear or conventional, weakens us in the areas of our greatest potential strength: our position as a democratic, socially responsible, caring people. While the elderly, the poor, children, minority group members, women, the unemployed, the sick, and the handicapped suffer most from the burdens imposed by the shift from domestic social programs to military spending, all of us suffer as needed community building and environmental protection programs are continuously cut back. Priorities in federal spending must be reversed if our nation is to be strong, productive, and secure.

3. Foreign Policy: Excessive military spending and aggressive foreign policies also weigh heavily on the poor of other countries, particularly in the Third World. Our policies in Central America have already cost thousands of lives, and substantially reduced the chances of peaceful democratic change. Actual invasion by the U.S. or U.S.-supported forces in that region is a real threat. The United States is now often seen more as an opponent than an ally of progressive change. Most Third World countries are fiscally strangled by high interest charges and excessive arms purchases, the benefits of which flow to multinational corporations and U.S. banks; these demands prevent Third World countries from financing much needed development projects. With much of the developing world swollen by overpopulation and burdened by huge income disparities, we should provide more developmental assistance and less military hardware.

4. Domestic Policies: At home, our governments enact and implement urban, rural, and environmental policies that aggravate the problems of the disadvantaged and minorities, and divert resources from meeting their needs and the needs of the communities in which they live. Funds for housing are cut; governmental actions displace and encourage the displacement of people from their long-term residences, destroying working-class communities for the benefit of the well-to-do. Often it is minority residents who are disproportionately displaced. The abdication by government of responsibility for progressive policies of economic development, redistribution of opportunities, environmental protection, health care, education, housing and community development, affirmative action to benefit minorities and women, with the pious but clearly unrealistic hope that private interests will take over what the public sector has abandoned, is pushing our society back 50 years, destroying generations of slow but real social progress. Government and private citizens and their organizations must take the lead in creatively and constructively dealing with the debilitating problems of drug abuse and the crime it generates, excessive health care costs, racial discrimination, impoverishment of female-headed households, long-term unemployment and underemployment, and the dislocation of economic activity and communities.

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This call has been initiated by the Planners Network, a national organization of urban and rural planners, organizers, and academics. It is being disseminated as broadly as possible within our professions—to national, regional, state, and local branches of planning, architecture, landscape architecture, engineering, historic preservation, environmentalist, and other related organizations, and to academic departments and programs in our professional fields around the country.

We call on all these groups to circulate the statement to their members, print it in their publications, devote regular or special meeting time to discussing it, organize forums and debates on these issues, and schedule sessions on these topics at annual conferences.

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. If we receive reports on what our document has triggered, we will endeavor to communicate periodically to the groups receiving the original statement.

plus: Chester Hartman (pending PN Steering Committee approval); Sidney Gilbert, another New York architect active in founding ASR; and Jack Hartray, a Chicago architect.

The Board members, in addition to the six Executive Committee members, are: Frank Ehrental; Rosemary Rabin of the Los Angeles ADPSR group; Klaus Muller of the Boston group; Darek Shapiro, a Phoenix architect; Mauri Tamarin of Washington State ASR; Bill Latoza, a CUNY architecture student; Karl Linn, a landscape architect on the NJIT faculty; and Bill Olin, a Berkeley architect. The bylaws call for at least half the Board to be chapter representatives; other Board members will be added as chapters come into being.

After consultation with the PN Steering Committee, we decided to affiliate with ADPSR and accept the Executive Committee seat for Chester; we also will ask for a second seat on the Board—for Steering Committee member Jackie Leavitt of Los Angeles. The ADPSR Executive Committee was to have its first meeting in New York on December 8, at which time the principal topic was to be future program and organizing.

At the Chicago meeting, the most active local groups (New York, Boston, and Los Angeles) reported on their work to date, which was quite exciting. In our next Newsletter, we'll give a combined report on what's going on and what will be going on in the area of "social responsibility" in our professions.

□ **PN ACTIVISM:** What does this mean for the Planners Network? Individual PN members are of course free (and encouraged) to join local ADPSR chapters (we'll furnish a list of contacts in our next Newsletter), where they will be able to mix it up with colleagues from related professions, and undertake specific projects in this area. As an organization, we will press for projects and activities that reflect the "Statement of Social Responsibility," as revised and reprinted in this issue. Generally, we will provide a somewhat more "left" political influence on the group and a more comprehensive perspective on what the concept of professional social responsibility encompasses. We hope to be able to reach out to related professions and organizations through ADPSR (and other organizations that affiliate). PN will continue its own work as before, with no diminution of effort.

If any of you have questions about what this new organization is, what this affiliate relationship means, or have suggestions for ADPSR work, please let us know.

Regional Roundup

□ **POLICY AT SIX:** Network/Forum of New York is continuing its popular series of films and discussions of issues affecting the future of New York City. Two events have already been held: on Nicaragua, and on the Madrid master plan. Five more are scheduled through May.

January 18: Neighborhood Housing Policy. Video: *Where Can I Live?* Speakers: Howard Brandstein, Margarita Lopez, and Estela Vasquez.

February 15: Tax Policy. Slides: *Subsidized Buildings: Help for the Truly Greedy.* Speaker: Frank Damurad.

March 15: Development and Employment Policies. Film: *Hell's Kitchen.* Speakers: John Jeffries, Richard McGahey, and Roger Waldinger.

April 12: Urban Crime Control Policy. Video: *Crime in America.* Speakers: Milton Mankoff, Ken Conboy, and Douglas McDonald.

May 10: Politics and Policies. Video: *Hizzoner.* Speaker: Ruth Messinger.

The series is sponsored by the New York Area Planners Network, the Forum on Architecture, Planning, and Society, and the Center for Human Environments at the City University Graduate Center.

Sessions begin at 6 p.m. A collection is taken; and wine and snacks are served. The forums are held at City University Graduate Center, 33 W. 42nd St., 3rd Flr. Studio.

On Our Organization

□ **APA CONFERENCE ROLE:** From Steering Committee Member Charles Hoch (School of Urban Planning and Policy, Univ. of Illinois, Box 4348, Chicago, IL 60680, 312/996-8722): Once again I am trying to organize a Network presence at the American Planning Association conference. This year the conference is scheduled for April 20th (Saturday) through April 24th (Wednesday) in Montreal.

I would like to invite Chester Hartman, Norman Krumholtz and a Canadian planner with a track record in planning for social justice to participate in a session addressing the question of how to not only keep, but enhance social justice in planning practice, especially when the issue appears unpopular. The speakers would be asked to use cases that might persuade practitioners, who are concerned about the issue of justice but uncertain about the efficacy of advocacy, to consider taking some political and moral risks in their work they might otherwise avoid. I doubt whether a conference session will change someone's mind, but I do think it can encourage the willing to reconsider their cynicism, and rekindle or fuel their hopes for a just society. Let me know what you think.

I think that many members of the Network could with a modest effort participate in changing the relatively conservative drift of the professional organization. The high dues cost is prohibitive (\$70), but many could join the APA divisions for \$20. The divisions focus on a particular topic of interest to planners (e.g. economic development). They publish newsletters, but more important, organize conference sessions in which new ideas can be raised, and should.

Upcoming Conferences

□ **FUNDRAISING:** The National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (2001 S St. N.W. #620, Wash. DC 20009, 202/387-9177) is sponsoring a January 16-19 conference in San Francisco on "Workplace Fundraising." Keyed to developing United Way alternatives, the format includes speakers and workshops. Registration is \$100 a person.

□ **NORTHEAST TRANSPORTATION:** The Coalition of Northeastern Governors (400 N. Capitol St. #382, Wash. DC 20001) is sponsoring a conference January 29-30 in Danbury, Conn., on "Getting There in the Eighties: Northeast Transportation Now and in the Future." The format includes workshops, panels, and speakers. Details: CONEG.

Ex Conferences

□ **CIVIL RIGHTS:** Rutgers University sponsored a two-day conference November 16-17 on civil rights, under the theme: "Twenty Years After the 1964 Civil Rights Act: What Needs To Be Done To Achieve the Civil Rights Goals of the 1980s." The format included presentations, discussions, and floor participation. Details: Rutgers School of Law, 15 Washington St., Newark, NJ 07102.

Jobs

□ **TELECOMMUNICATIONS:** Michigan Citizens Lobby (474 Hollister Bldg., Lansing, MI 48933, 517/372-7111) is looking for a telecommunications policy analyst to work on telephone rate, cost, and other policy issues, with the aim of achieving political and social results. Salary: \$25,000-\$35,000. Contact: Joseph S. Tuchinsky, Executive Director.

□ **PLANNING FACULTY:** The Univ. of Illinois/Chicago has an opening for an assistant or associate professor in the School of Urban Planning and Policy. Teaching responsibilities would include courses in physical planning and development, urban design, and urban infrastructure. Contact: James Foerster, School of Urban Planning and Policy, Univ. of Illinois, Box 4348, Chicago, IL 60680.

□ **SOCIAL WORK FACULTY:** The Univ. of Michigan School of Social Work has openings for a number of faculty positions in the fields of interpersonal practice, social welfare administration, and information systems. Rank and salary are flexible. Contact: Dean Harold R. Johnson, School of Social Work, Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, 313/764-5340.

□ **PN REMINDER:** Some of the jobs we list may have application deadlines earlier than when you receive the Newsletter. But deadlines can be adjusted sometimes. So we urge you to phone first, if a number is listed, and check on the deadline schedule.

□ **INNOVATIVE PLANNING:** From PN Member Alan Lisowski (8202 Imperial Dr., Laurel, MD 20708, 301/498-7181): I am seeking a position where innovative planning makes a difference, and where people and the environment count. Anywhere in the Baltimore/Washington, D.C.-area is fine. I have five years experience in urban/city/environmental planning.

□ **HOUSING LAW:** From Networker Robin Drayer (1620 Argonne Pl. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202/462-1421): I am a second-year law student at the Antioch School of Law, and am seeking a summer law clerk or related position in the housing field. Currently, I am working with Chester Hartman on a comparative analysis of the military housing system and the public housing system. Other experience includes representing tenants before administrative agencies on rent control issues, researching rent increases and monitoring policy developments of a rehabilitation advisory board for an Independent Chicago

alderperson, and advising tenants of their legal rights at tenant organizations. Geographic location is not a factor.

BERKELEY RENT CONTROL: The Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board is recruiting an Executive Director. Salary is negotiable. Contact: Edward W. Firby, Firby Associates, 1586 W. San Ramon, Fresno, CA 93711, 209/439-1975.

HOUSING/DEVELOPMENT: From PN Member Joshua Goldfinger (108 E. Yates St., Ithaca, NY 14850): I am completing my B.S. degree at Cornell, concentrating in housing. I'm looking for a staff position in a public or nonprofit agency working on housing or community development projects. I have some experience as an organizer, excellent research and writing skills, and am familiar with HUD programs, fair housing law, and alternative HUD strategies. Internships and temporary positions are okay. I'll be available February 1.

NONPROFIT PRESIDENT: The Brightwood Development Corporation (2345 Main St., Springfield, MA 01107, 413/734-2144) is seeking a President, experienced in community-based housing and development. Bilingual-bicultural candidates are encouraged. Salary is \$30,000. Contact: Brightwood Board Chairman.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT: The Santa Barbara Community Housing Corporation (422 N. Milpas #2, Santa Barbara, CA 93103, 805/963-9644) is looking for an experienced housing development coordinator for an ongoing and active affordable housing alternatives program. Salary is \$23-\$26,000. Contact: Jennifer Bigelow, Executive Director.

LOAN ANALYST/WRITER: The National Mutual Housing Network (323 Eighth St. N.E., Wash. DC 20002, 202/675-4022) seeks an experienced development specialist-writer to help in evaluating loan applications and in preparing a newsletter. Salary is \$20-\$30,000, depending on experience.

BUSINESS ANALYST: The Campaign for Human Development (U.S. Catholic Conference, 1312 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20005, 202/659-6650) has an opening for an experienced business analyst to evaluate applications from, and to support selected, community-based business ventures. Salary is \$25,000. Contact: Timothy Collins.

PROJECT DIRECTOR: The National Anti-Displacement Project of the Low Income Housing Information Service (sister organization to the National Low Income Housing Coalition) is seeking a project director. The position involves establishing a national network, maintaining a resource bank, monitoring legislation and administrative developments, and working with national, state, and local groups. Relevant background preferred. Salary \$20-\$25,000. Write for application: 323 Eighth St. N.E., Wash. DC 20002; 202/544-2544.

PROJECT MANAGERS: The Tennessee Main Street Program (Dept. of Conservation, 701 Broadway, Nashville, TN 37203, 615/742-6742) is seeking a number of project managers experienced in historic preservation and business development for its expanding downtown revitalization program. Salary is \$16,000-\$20,000. Contact: State Coordinator.

Etcetera

DEADLINE ALERT: We have a couple deadlines for the February, special Golden Anniversary Issue of the *Planners Network*. Writers for Bob Beauregard's (Dept. of Urban Planning, Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, NJ 08903) anniversary feature (see "Celebrating Our 50th," above) should have their material in his office no later than Wednesday, January 23. Writers for other PN sections may have until Monday, February 4.

We hope to hear from as many Networkers as possible for this special issue. We hope you'll keep typing your notes and letters, because it helps speed production, and reduces chances of misreading what you write.

Copy deadlines for PN #50: January 23, for anniversary features; February 4, for other features.

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.

Kevin Knudtson, Eugene, OR
Mark Goldwitz, Oakland
Peter Dickinson, Pullman, WA
Derek Bateman, Buffalo
Leslie Newman, Cambridge
Gilda Haas, Los Angeles
M. Diann Beattie, Chicago
Mark Barnes, Astoria, OR
Ellen M. Smith, Los Angeles

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.