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PENDING PURGE: Those of you from whom we haven't heard in the last year are about to be dropped from the PN mailing list. To break the code: Look at the number of asterisks on your mailing label. If you've got four, you're golden; fewer than that means you're in immediate danger. If you're endangered, there's an easy remedy: Write us and say you want to stay on the list—preferably with an item for the Newsletter and/or a contribution.

If you need to act, but do not heed this warning, the outcome, come June, is a postcard saying you've been dropped, rather than Newsletter #58. It can be very embarrassing to have the postperson or your neighbors know you've been purged by PN. Take evasive action now.

FINANCIAL MINI-REPORT: Since the February issue, we've received 37 contributions totaling \$868. Thank each of you for your support. We continue to rely on Networkers' support for our production and operating expenses.

HOUSING PERSPECTIVES: Printed in the Newsletter you will find a full-page ad (p. 11) for *Critical Perspectives on Housing*, a new collection edited by Rachel Bratt, Chester Hartman, and Ann Meyerson, just published by Temple University Press.

The book began as one of the projects people committed themselves to at the May 1981 founding conference of PN, and, as the table of contents indicates, is chock-full of Networkers and PN supporters. Of the 33 articles, 16 were written specially for the book or are being published for the first time, and another 9 were updated specially for the book. It represents a solid collection of progressive analyses, critiques, and programmatic ideas (from other countries as well as the United States), especially important in defining and disseminating a coherent left position in the housing arena as the housing crisis looms ever larger.

We really encourage Networkers to buy the book, or to get your agency or institutional library to purchase it. There's a special discounted price, and if you order through PN (making your check out to us and sending us your order, for forwarding to Temple), the Network will get a commission on each copy sold.

Our motivations in encouraging you to buy the book are only secondarily pecuniary. More importantly, it is a coherent statement by the left about one of the nation's most intractable social problems. A wide readership not only will help move us toward real solutions, but also will encourage Temple University Press, probably the most progressive of the university presses in America, to continue publishing books of this sort.

The Planners Network

The Planners Network is an association of professionals, activists, academics, and students involved in physical, social, economic, and environmental planning in urban and rural areas, who promote fundamental change in our political and economic system.

We believe that planning should be a tool for allocating resources and developing the environment to eliminate the great inequalities of wealth and power in our society, rather than to maintain and justify the status quo. We believe that planning should be used to assure adequate food, clothing, shelter, medical care, jobs, safe working conditions, and a healthful environment. We advocate public responsibility for meeting these needs, because the private market has proven incapable of doing so.

We oppose the economic structure of our society, which values profit and property rights over human rights and needs. This system perpetuates the inequalities of class, race, sex and age which distort human relationships and limit the potential for a decent quality of life. We advocate a shift in current national budgetary priorities to favor human services, social production and environmental protection over military and other nonproductive expenditures.

We seek to be an effective political and social force, working with other progressive organizations to inform public opinion and public policy and to provide assistance to those seeking to understand, control, and change the forces which affect their lives.

The Planners Network Newsletter is published six times a year as the principal means of communication among Network members. Annual financial contributions are voluntary, but we need funds for operating expenses. The Steering Committee has recommended the following amounts as minimums for Network members: \$10 for students and temporarily unemployed; graduated payments for the

employed of \$20 plus an additional \$1 for each \$1,000 earned above \$10,000.

Members of the Steering Committee: Chester Hartman, DC, Chair; Emily Achtenberg, Boston; Eve Bach, Berkeley; Bob Beauregard, New Brunswick, NJ; Donna Dyer, Durham, NC; William Goldsmith, Ithaca; Charles Hoch, Chicago; Joochul Kim, Tempe; Judy Kossy, Buffalo; Jacqueline Leavitt, LA; Peter Marcuse, NYC; Jackie Pope, NYC; Alan Rabinowitz, Seattle; Tony Schuman, NYC; Andree Tremoulet, Roanoke.

Newsletter Editor: Prentice Bowsher.

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Passing the Word

□ BUDGET GUIDES: OMB Watch (2001 O St. N.W., Wash. DC 20036, 202/659-1711) has prepared a number of publications on President Reagan's fiscal 1987 budget, and also has planned a series of briefings on the budget to groups around the country. The publications include *A Citizen's Guide to Gramm-Rudman-Hollings* (\$5), and *President Reagan's 1986 Proposals: The FY 1987 Budget* (also \$5). Check with OMB Watch for briefing sites and schedules.

□ ORGANIZING TRAINING: The National Training and Information Center (954 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607, 312/243-3035) has scheduled a series of one-week training sessions in Chicago on the nuts and bolts of organizing. Upcoming dates include June 9-13 and October 6-10. Tuition is \$200.

□ RURAL RESEARCH: From Networker Anthony B. Baldwin (RD 1 Box 192, Cochranton, PA 16314): I am doing a research project in connection with Edinboro University on community land trusts, rural "new-town" development, intentional community, and so forth. Would you send information and material on these issues and related subjects. Thank you.

□ WORKING PARENTS: *Working Family Report* (2005 National Press Bldg., Wash. DC 20045) is a new, eight-times yearly newsletter for working parents who want to stay well-informed. A recent issue included sections on working parents and young children, as well as book reviews, short features, and an essay. Subscriptions are \$20.

□ DEVELOPMENT & PRESERVATION: *Historic Preservation and Community-Based Real Estate Development* is the 66-page proceedings of a November conference sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Congress for Community Economic Development (2025 Eye St. N.W. #901, Wash. DC 20006, 202/659-8411). It includes conference sessions and resource material. Copies are \$10, from NCCED.

□ NICARAGUA EVALUATION: From PN Member Jon Liebman (20 Grovenor Rd. #1, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130, 617/522-8741): I have been a member of Planners Network for many years, and until recently worked as a planner in New York City. Currently I am a graduate student at the Harvard School of Public Health, where I am involved in teaching a course evaluating the health impact of the war in Nicaragua. We would like to include in our discussions some material on how housing conditions have been affected by the war, particularly in regards to official and unofficial refugee settlements. I am wondering whether any of the groups of architects and planners associated with PN that have traveled to Nicaragua in the past few years have produced reports or collected data which would be useful to us.

□ AUGUST IN HUNGARY: "Cultural Image and Townscape" will be the theme of the international 1986 Savaria Summer University August 3-10 in west Hungary for urban and regional planners, students, and faculty. The format includes panels, papers, and discussion. Translating services are provided. Registration is \$100-\$125. Details: Hungarian Society for Urbanism, H-1088 Budapest, Rakoczi ut 7.

□ NETWORKER UPDATE: From Ann Markusen (Center for Urban Affairs and Policy Research, Northwestern Univ., Evanston, IL 60201): I'm staying on in Chicago until the summer, working with a coalition of labor, community and religious groups to try to reverse the disastrous decline of jobs and neighborhoods through some new forms of industrial renewal. We have taken great inspiration from the effort of a similar group in Pittsburgh to set up the Steel Valley Authority. We hope to generate some pressure on politicians at the national level to get beyond the issues of the deficit and trade policy, and to take a harder and more radical stand on preservation of jobs and community.

Our strategy is based on the findings of three studies: *The Steel Valley Authority: Plan for Regional Reindustrialization*, available from Tri-State Conference on Steel, Box 315, Homestead, PA 15120; *Where Have All the Jobs Gone?*, available from the Calumet Project for Industrial Jobs, 4012 Elm St., East Chicago, IN 46312; and my *Steel and Southeast Chicago: Reasons and Remedies for Industrial Renewal*, available for \$17 from the Center for Urban Affairs, attn: Audrey Chambers, 2040 Sheridan Rd., Evanston, IL 60201.

This was a big publishing year for me—the fruits of my long tenure saga. In June, *Profit Cycles, Oligopoly and Regional Development* was published. It argues that it is normal under capitalist development to have the sort of regional boom and bust patterns we have experienced so painfully in the postwar period. It's available for \$25 plus \$1.50 postage from MIT Press, 28 Carleton St., Cambridge, MA 02142. In the summer, *Silicon Landscapes* came out from Allen & Unwin, 8 Winchester Place, Winchester, MA 01890 (paper, \$9.95). It's an edited collection, with Peter Hall, which includes articles by Networkers Marc Weiss and Marsh Feldman. As a whole the collection is highly critical of high tech as a panacea for local economies.

□ CORPORATE TAX REPORT: *Money for Nothing: The Failure of Corporate Tax Incentives 1981-84* is a 24-page report from Citizens for Tax Justice (1313 L St. N.W., Wash. DC 20005, 202/898-3369) on taxes, profits, investment, and employment for 259 major nonfinancial corporations. One finding: For 44 surveyed companies which paid no federal income tax, investment spending was down 4 percent and employment was down 6 percent. A key recommendation: Support the higher corporate tax rates in the House-passed tax reform bill. No price listed.

□ NETWORKER UPDATE: From PN Member Anne Wheelock (18 Cranston St., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130): I am currently engaged in an analysis of Boston's middle schools, and the relationship of school-based policies and practices to the problem of "early school leaving," i.e. school dropouts/pushouts. Estimates of the Boston dropout rate range from 35 percent to 57 percent. Our view is that schools themselves contribute to the problem through policies concerning school absence, achievement, suspension, and retention in grade. I would be interested in hearing from others who have thought or written about this issue. I would also appreciate copies of papers which focus on the economic context of dropping out, and the relationship between the economy and early school learning.

I continue to be interested in supporting policies which protect Central American refugees from deportation. As a member of the Jamaica Plain Committee on Central America (also including Networker Fran Price), I have been involved in persuading Rep. J. Joseph Moakley (D Mass.) to sponsor legislation (HR 822-S 377) with Sen. Dennis DeConcini (D Ariz.) to stop deportation of Salvadoran refugees. The bill has 171 cosponsors, and needs a

No Special Feature This Month

Lots of promises; no followthrough.

Bad, bad Networkers; very un-network-like.

Probably every one of you is doing something worthy of at least a 500- or 1,000-word write-up, as a discussion piece on substantive issues of concern to planners. Let us hear from you. We'll help with the fine-tuning and polishing, if necessary.

Get in touch with Special Feature Editor Bob Beauregard, Department of Urban Planning, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 08903, 201/932-4053, -3822. Please.

We want this feature to continue.

push to get out of committee. Letters to your Members would be welcome.

AUSTRALIA TOUR: The Cooperative Housing Foundation of Canada (56 Sparks St. #401, Ottawa, Ont. K1P 5A9, 613/238-4644) is organizing a tour to the September 28-October 3 World Planning and Housing Congress (*PN* #56, p. 9), in Adelaide, South Australia, which will feature special sessions on cooperative housing. The tour probably would run September 20-October 11: west coast departures may be in the \$2,500 range.

MOTT FOUNDATION REPORTS: The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation (1200 Mott Foundation Bldg., Flint, MI 48502, 313/238-5651) has a number of current reports: *Who's Looking Out for At-Risk Youth*, on excellence-in-education trends and the needs of at-risk youth; *Neighborhood Organizing: Nurturing Strong, Unified Voices*, on neighborhood development strategies; and *The Rebuilding of America*, on community-based economic development and job creation. No prices listed.

TOXICS GUIDE: *High Tech and Toxics: A Guide for Local Communities*, by Susan Sherry, is a 470-page report with suggested corrective strategies on chemical pollution by high technology industries. Copies are \$19.95, from: Conference on Alternative State and Local Policies, 2000 Florida Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202/387-6030.

INFORMAL ECONOMY: *From the Roots Up: Economic Development as if Community Mattered*, by David P. Ross and Peter J. Usher, is a 192-page survey of the informal economy and its role in building sustainable communities in North America. Copies are \$15.50, from: The Bootstrap Press, Box 337, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520, 914/271-6500.

MANAGEMENT SEMINARS: The Support Center (1410 Q St. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202/462-2000, and other cities) has announced its spring Management Development Institute seminars for nonprofit organizations. A range of topics is covered; most fees are under \$50.

OP-ED WRITING: From Networkers Jim and Marjorie Hope Young (1941 Ogden Rd., Wilmington, OH 45177):

Supporters of affordable low-income housing and decent housing for the homeless may feel frustrated that their writing reaches only the already-convinced: readers of academic journals with miniscule circulation, and (sometimes) more popular periodicals with 50,000 or 75,000 liberal readers.

Last fall, Marjorie and I decided to reach out to readers of daily newspapers. We had hopes, but no great expectations. To our pleasant surprise, we had two op-ed articles (one in defense of the International Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear War, and the other on homelessness) published by mass-circulation dailies in 11 cities. They ranged from the *Chicago Sun-Times*, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, *Louisville Courier-Journal*, and *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, to our local, conservative *Cincinnati Enquirer*.

It isn't easy, but it can be done. You have to query, best by phone. You have to write in a less polemical way than you might for a left-liberal periodical, and in a style less heavy than for an academic journal. But if you make the effort, there are decent editorial page editors receptive to simply written but well-planned and timely 800-word articles. We'll send a sample on request.

CDBG GUIDE: *Community Development Block Grant: A Basic Guidebook for Community Groups* is a 30-page handbook for low-income community organizations in "entitlement communities." Copies are \$4 (plus 63¢ postage), from: Center for Community Change, 1000 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20007, 202/342-0519.

NEIGHBORHOOD CARETAKER: *A Journal of Neighborhood Health Sciences* (3038 Fall Creek Pkwy. N., Indianapolis, IN 46205, 317/925-9297) is a newsletter on interdisciplinary efforts in neighborhood sciences for regional joint ventures in planning, testing, evaluation, and interregional exchanges. Subscriptions are \$25.

ESSAY CONTEST: The Council on International and Public Affairs (777 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017, 212/972-9877) has announced a 5,000-word essay contest on "universal capital ownership," with \$8,500 in prizes. A background resource, the 192-page *USOP Handbook*, is available for \$5.95. The Council has details and entry forms.

□ **ENTERPRISE NEWSLETTER:** *The Entrepreneurial Economy* (Corporation for Enterprise Development, 1725 K St. N.W. #1401, Wash. DC 20006, 202/293-7963) is a newsletter on enterprise development strategies. It is offering half-price rates (\$39) to PN readers who mention the *Planners Network* in writing for a subscription. Contact: Meriwether Jones, editor.

□ **GRASSROOTS HOUSING:** The Habitat International Council of the Netherlands has been working since 1983 to document community-based housing efforts around the world in preparation for the 1987 United Nations International Year of Shelter for the Homeless (IYSH). Money has been raised, cases identified, and documentation is in process. The results will include a number of publications and documentaries. Other, major international events are planned as well. A two-page update is available. Contact: John F.C. Turner, AHAS, Box 397, London E8 1BA, England.

□ **WORKPLACE DEMOCRACY:** The Cooperative Economics News Service (1736 Columbia Rd. N.W. #202, Wash. DC 20009, 202/387-1753) has a two-page bibliography of recent books and journals on workplace democracy. A copy is free, with a self-addressed stamped envelope.

□ **MUMFORD REPORT:** The New Jersey Institute of Technology *Humanities Bulletin*, edited by PN Member Stanley B. Winters (Dept. of Humanities, NJIT, Newark, NJ 07102), has a report on the lectures, films, and art exhibit at the school in October, commemorating Lewis Mumford's 90th birthday. More than 1,300 persons attended.

□ **EDUCATION OPTIONS:** The Learning Alliance (339 Lafayette St., New York, NY 10012, 212/473-3689) is offering 70 courses this spring, as creative alternatives and options for change toward a sustainable and just future. Topics include adult literacy, job training, homelessness, sanctuary, New York farming, and much more. Fees are affordable. A 12-page catalogue is free.

□ **RURAL ECONOMICS:** The Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies (1333 New Hampshire Ave. N.W. #1070, Wash. DC 20036, 202/466-6410) is seeking an initial round of research proposals on rural economic policy. A two-stage application process is involved. Grants may range from \$10,000 to \$50,000. The Institute has a one-page request for proposals, with details.

□ **LOWERING LABOR COSTS:** *The Global Assembly Line*, directed by Lorraine Gray, is a film documentary of U.S. companies' global search for low-cost workers in labor-intensive electronics and garment industry jobs. Details: New Day Films, 22 Riverview Dr., Wayne, NJ 07470, 201/633-0212.

□ **RENT CONTROL:** Networker Peter Marcuse (Dept. of Urban Planning, Columbia Univ., New York, NY 10027) has compiled a four-page fact sheet on rent control. It's focused on New York, but includes national examples as well. No charge indicated, but you might send something for copying and postage.

□ **DEVELOPMENT CHOICES:** From Jim Rosenau (2612 Benvenue #1, Berkeley, CA 94704, 415/849-3654): I am a member of the Emeryville (Calif.) Planning Commission and I need help. Emeryville is a small town in the heart of the San Francisco Bay Area that has big ideas: like a 30-story luxury

condominium across the freeway from the bayshore. But that's already built and occupied; what I need help with is planning for additional development.

We have hired consultants to prepare a plan that residents can live with and that landowners will act on. The consultants have proposed various levels of office, residential, hotel, and mixed-use development. The only choices they have left open are how much of it, and where it should go. They say certain levels are necessary to encourage developers. Yet, the indicated levels appear to be too much for the town's roads.

There is more that I and others don't yet grasp. I for one am suspicious. I am looking for two things: Is there a network or database where I can find tested alternatives, model ordinances, real-world solutions to the problem city planners face? Although we neighbor on Berkeley, we are miles apart politically. I need good examples of policy that we might look at.

□ **DESIGN COOPERATIVE:** Support is a London-based cooperative of architects and designers that works with and for community groups—in much the same way that Urban Planning Aid, ARCH, and other community design centers operated in the United States. Support has been around for 11 years, and has an excellent track record and good politics. If any of you want to make contact, write: Hugo Hinsley, Support Community Building Design Ltd., Tanner Pl., 54-58 Tanner St., London SE1 3PH. The telephone is 01-403-4638.

□ **HOUSING MAGAZINE:** Also from England, we commend to you *Roof*, a bi-monthly housing magazine put out by Shelter, one of England's most important housing groups. *Roof* is of interest on its own terms, and also as a model for something that doesn't exist here and should. *Shelterforce* is quarterly, more newspaper than magazine, and less ambitious in size and scope than *Roof* (whose last issue was 32 pages). *City Limits* is more along the lines of *Roof*, but is pretty New York-oriented, and somewhat broader in content than housing. *Roof* subscriptions are available from 157 Waterloo Rd., London SE1 8XF; the cost is \$37 a year in the U.S. (They might send you a sample issue for a small contribution.) It would be nice if we could get a publication of this sort started in the U.S. of A.

□ **I.P.S. FEATURES:** A reminder that Network Chair Chester Hartman, as part of his work at the Institute for Policy Studies, coordinates a weekly op-ed submission to 120 papers (mostly dailies, some alternative press) in the U.S. Although most are written by IPS-ers, he is happy to consider submissions by outsiders (about 800 words of informed, well-written opinion). Call or write him (1901 Que St. N.W., Wash. DC 20009; 202/234-9382) or chance sending a draft directly. Two Networkers (Tom Angotti, on the lack of a national urban policy, Richard Hatch on the relevance of the Italian experience for reindustrialization in the U.S.) have already gotten their pieces published in *Newsday* (and possibly elsewhere—clips are not always forthcoming from the papers) through *IPS Features*.

□ **HEALTH CARE BULLETIN:** The Health Policy Advisory Center (17 Murray St., New York, NY 10007, 212/267-8890) is offering Networkers a 20 percent discount on subscriptions to its *Health/PAC Bulletin*, the oldest existing progressive health publication in the country. The discounted rate is \$18. Be sure to mention PN in requesting the lower rate.

□ **IYSH PROJECTS:** The U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development is seeking models of improved housing, neighbor-

hoods, and services for low-income persons to be highlighted in the 1987 U.N. International Year of Shelter for the Homeless. Projects will be documented, and a U.S. conference is planned. Contact: June Q. Koch, HUD Office of Policy Development and Research, 451 7th St. S.W. #8136, Wash. DC 20410.

FUNDING GUIDE: *Grant Seekers Guide: Funding Sourcebook*, edited by Jill R. Shellow, is a 550-page information source on progressive and social-change funders. Publication was a project of the National Network of Grantmakers. Copies are \$16.95, from: Moyer-Bell Ltd., Colonial Hill RFD1, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549, 914/666-0089.

WOMEN OF COLOR: *Between Ourselves: Women of Color Newspaper* is a national quarterly feminist tabloid, which carries news, features, essays, and graphics for and about women of color. Individual subscriptions are \$10 for six issues, from: Between Ourselves, Box 1939, Wash. DC 20013. Editorial submissions are welcomed as well.

MEMBER UPDATE: From Anne Riley (1789 Columbia St., Eugene, OR 97403): I am a planning student at the University of Oregon, and I am also a single parent. I am writing my undergraduate thesis about economic development projects that are designed specifically with consideration of the needs of single parents. If anyone has information about such projects, or about other projects that assist low-income women, especially single parents, but may not be considered strictly economic development, please send the information to me.

HOUSING REHAB: Networkers who have experience with formation of a community-based housing rehabilitation corporation serving a variety of incomes should contact Nancy Munshaw, 3949 Russell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63110.

COMPUTER LITERACY: Playing To Win is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion and implementation of programs of educational computer use, and to computer access for socio-economically disadvantaged persons. It has operated a community computing facility in a public housing basement in East Harlem for the past three years, and wishes now to assess the impact of this on community residents and service agencies. Persons interested in conducting a study of the impact of the computer center on its community are asked to get in touch with Antonia Stone, Executive Director, Playing To Win, Inc., 106 E. 85th St., New York, NY 10028, 212/650-0229.

HUD FORECLOSURES: The HUD Tenants Coalition of Boston has initially succeeded in persuading HUD to turn over 1,000+ units of foreclosure-pipeline low income housing for nonprofit rehab and ownership, rather than be sold for the highest bid to for-profit developers and speculators. The Coalition is now attempting to organize another 2,000 tenants in high risk of losing their HUD homes in Boston. We would like to hear from anyone concerned or active in saving HUD foreclosure-pipeline housing. Info packets with fact sheet and news clips are available for \$4. Contact: HUD Tenants Coalition, c/o Michael Kane, Boston Affordable Housing Coalition, 32 Rutland St., Boston, MA 02118.

CANADIAN DIRECTORY: *Connexions Directory of Canadian Organizations for Social Justice* is a reference to more than 1,500 social change organizations in Canada, with profiles, indexes, and cross-references. Copies are \$14.95, from: Con-

nexions, 427 Bloor St. W., Toronto, Ont. M5S 1X7, 416-960-3903. Connexions also publishes a quarterly newsletter, and an index of Canadian alternative periodicals.

HARVARD GRADS: Any Harvard grads in Networkland? Alumni Against Apartheid is running a slate of three candidates in the current Harvard Board of Overseers election, all committed to pulling out completely Harvard's \$400 million investments in companies and banks doing business in South Africa. The candidates are: Ken Simmons '54, an urban planner and Associate Professor of Architecture at UC-Berkeley; John Plotz '69, a Deputy Public Defender in San Francisco; and Gay Seidman '78, first woman president of *The Crimson* and a doctoral candidate in sociology at UC-Berkeley. Harvard mailed out ballots April 1. If you're a graduate of any Harvard or Radcliffe graduate school or college, vote for the Alumni-Against-Apartheid slate (only), and tell friends or colleagues who are alums to do the same.

BHOPAL BOOK: The Bhopal Action Resource Center (777 United Nations Plaza #9A, New York, NY 10017, 212/972-9877) has available a 204-page book on what really happened and what it means for American workers and communities at risk: *The Bhopal Tragedy*, by Ward Morehouse and M. Arun Subramaniam. Copies are \$15.50.

CENTRAL AMERICAN VIDEO: *Faces of War* is a half-hour documentary on the effects of American intervention in Nicaragua and El Salvador, told through the stories of six Americans working in the region. Copies are \$25 (specify format), from: Neighbor to Neighbor, 2940 16th St. #200-2, San Francisco, CA 94103, 415/621-3711.

HOUSING FILM: *Housing Court* is a half-hour documentary of the Bronx Housing Court, using case histories of three buildings for which tenants sought relief through the court. Available for rent or purchase in film and video, from: The Cinema Guild, 1697 Broadway, New York, NY 10019, 212/246-5522.

EASTERN CARIBBEAN: From PN Member Katharine Coit (42 Rue du Moulin Vert, 75014 Paris, France): I was interested about the SINA network in Africa (PN #56) as it is concerned with problems similar to those I am studying in the Eastern Caribbean. I would be glad to hear from any one with experience in upgrading human settlements in the Lesser Antilles, Jamaica, or Haiti. I'm working on a publication for the human settlements division of Unesco on strategies for improving low income communities in that region.

I'm looking forward to seeing Planners Networkers in New York this summer, where I'll be teaching at Columbia University Summer School.

NYC GENTRIFICATION: Networker Peter Marcuse (Division of Urban Planning, Columbia Univ., New York, NY 10027) has written an article, "To Control Gentrification: Anti-Displacement Zoning and Planning for Stable Residential Districts," on the causes of gentrification and its form and consequences in New York City. It appears in the New York University *Review of Law and Social Change*, Volume 13, Number 4. It includes language for a model ordinance on anti-displacement zoning.

CARIBBEAN BASIN Working Group Newsletter is a periodical from a network of grantmakers concerned with

developing, supporting, and implementing progressive political and funding strategies in the Caribbean Basin. A recent 24-page issue included articles on Cuba, Puerto Rico, Guatemala, and women's activism in Central America, in addition to resources and a networking bulletin board. Subscriptions are for a contribution, from: CBWG Newsletter, c/o Vanguard Public Foundation, 14 Precita St., San Francisco, CA 94110.

□ UDAG GUIDE: *UDAG: A Basic Guidebook for Community Groups* is a 141-page comprehensive explanation of the urban development action grant program, written primarily for lower-income community organizations. Copies are \$15 (\$10 for nonprofits), from: Center for Community Change, 1000 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20007, 202/342-0519.

□ ARTS FOR CHANGE: Two organizers from Easterhouse, a low-income housing project in Scotland, will be in the United States April 21-May 5, sharing their experience with creative arts to stimulate innovative approaches to the problems of drugs, crime, and unemployment. They will be in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C. Details: Mark Horowitz or Jennifer Ladd, c/o The Resource Group, 16 Gowell Ln., Weston, MA 02193, 617/358-5291.

□ CAMPAIGN FINANCING: *The New Gold Rush: Financing California's Legislative Campaigns* is a report on an 18-month study of campaign financing in the California state legislature. The state requires disclosure of campaign contributions, but has no restrictions on contributions or campaign expenditures. Election costs are soaring, exerting great pressure on fundraising. The report, by the California Commission on Campaign Financing, proposes a combination of expenditure ceilings, contribution limits, and limited public matching funds. Report copies are \$24.45, from: Center for Responsive Government, 10951 W. Pico Blvd., 3rd Flr., Los Angeles, CA 90064. A report summary is free.

□ SOCIAL EXPERIMENTS: Networker Leland Neuberger (Statistics Center, M.I.T. E40-112, Cambridge, MA 02139) has a 14-page article, "What Can Social Policy Analysts and Planners Learn from Social Experiments?" in the winter 1986 *APA Journal*.

□ DISPLACEMENT STUDY: From PN Member Gunther Stern (8202 Houston Ct. #1, Takoma Park, MD 20912): I am doing a case study of Alexandria, Va.'s planned displacement of about 3,000 tenants in a small low-income community. I wonder if others have seen similar occurrences, in other cities, of city planners taking a heavy role in the overhaul of low-income neighborhoods, causing large-scale displacement.

□ COMPUTER GUIDES: *The Computer Resource Guide for Nonprofits*, third edition, is a two-volume resource for information on software and computer-related grants. *The Nonprofit Software Directory* (326 pages) is \$95; *The Computer Funding Directory* (319 pages) is \$95; the set, \$175, from: Public Management Institute, 358 Brannan St., San Francisco, CA 94107, 415/896-1900.

□ LABOR POLICY: The Center for Third World Organizing (3861 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland, CA 94609, 415/654-9601) has prepared *Labor Policy in the Age of Reagan*, the first in a planned series of quarterly "Issue Pacs," with information on the issue's background, facts, trends, and resources. Subscriptions are \$25.

□ MEMBER UPDATE: Bo Yerxa (Community Health Services, Box 301, Indian Township, Princeton, ME 04668) has announced as a Democratic candidate for the Maine Senate, and has taken on a new job as field coordinator in the University of New England's Katadin Area Project. He will be working in communities where English is a second language (to French, Passamaquoddy, Malicite, Mic Mac, or Penobscot). The Project's goal is to bring more youth into health and human services fields through increased educational opportunities (outreach, external degree programs, etc.), so they will better serve their home communities.

□ SUBURBAN PERSPECTIVE: From Marge Harrison (1845 Voshage St., Baldwin, NY 11510): As Co-Chair of the Long Island Progressive Coalition, I'm looking for material that analyzes suburban development and politics, not only in terms of describing the particular character of the suburbs, but also trying to figure out what it all means for politics and progressive organizing. The unique problem of planning in areas of suburban sprawl is also of interest. Incidentally, we also publish a newsletter, *The Long Island Progressive*. Subscriptions are \$20, from: Long Island Progressive Coalition, Box 384, Hicksville, NY 11802, 516/546-9868.

□ IYSH PROJECTS: Settlements Information Network Africa (Mazingira Institute, Box 14550, Nairobi, Kenya) is coordinating information on nongovernmental organizations and community groups which have contributed to the improvement of shelter for the poor in Eastern and Southern Africa. The project is part of the UN International Year of Shelter for the Homeless.

□ MILITARY INSIGHTS: *The Military and the South* and *How to Research Your Local Military Contractor* are available for \$2.50 from Highlander Publications, Route 3, Box 370, New Market, TN 37820, 615/933-3443.

□ CHURCH FUNDING: *Church Funds for Social Change* is available for \$8 plus postage from the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, 122 W. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55404.

□ HOMELESS GUIDE: *Housing for the Homeless in Los Angeles County: A Guide to Action*, a report by students at the UCLA Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Planning, has been selected for an award by the American Institute of Certified Planners. Copies are \$8.50, from: Ets Otomo, Publications Coordinator, GSAUP, Univ. of California, 405 Hilgard Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90024.

□ HOUSING VIDEO: *There's No Place Like Home, There's No Place Like Home* is a one-hour television program of community video on housing issues. It's part of a 10-part policy issues series available to cable and public TV stations. Details: Paper Tiger TV, 165 W. 91st St. #14F, New York, NY 10024, 212/420-9045.

□ TRANET RETREAT: From Networker Bill Ellis (Tranet, Box 567, Rangeley, ME 04970, 207/864-2252): Tranet, the Transnational Network for Appropriate Technology, held its first open retreat series last summer to let supporters see what they had in common despite their diverse interests. The retreats were run without lectures, papers, leaders, or agendas. There were morning and evening discussions; afternoons were free. Topics included social investing, economics, and the thoughts of Ivan Illich, among others. Conversations ranged widely. We felt the

retreats were a success because of the deep personal relationships and mutual support that developed among participants.

Networkers' Reports

Rural Reform in China

by Joochul Kim
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I am engaged in on-going research on Chinese reform and regional development policies. As part of my research, I've made field trips to China in 1984 and 1985.

One of the things I've noticed is a change in the way farmers work. Gone are the uniform images of farmers working in the fields. In their place is a mixture of images: Some farmers are tending their fields, but others may be off playing cards in a corner.

There is a more relaxed atmosphere, and it is a result of reform policies instituted by the government in the wake of its doing away with collective farming, communes, and other centrally controlled agricultural programs.

The government is introducing a more flexible household contract system, along with market mechanisms and incentives. Farmers are encouraged, for example, to raise their own chickens, pigs, and other small animals, and to seek jobs in small towns and rural communities.

Rural reform is affecting the whole social fabric of China, and it has had tremendous impact on rural housing and what I call the "mobile population." The mobile population is a phenomenon caused not only by the present rural reform policy but also by the Cultural Revolution.

As wages, living standards, and non-agriculture employment opportunities have been increasing in some rural areas, many young people have been moving to medium and large size cities. Often they are part of enterprise teams organized by rural brigades or collectives. Rural brigades and collectives may send a group of selected personnel or an available pool of workers to open up a number of different businesses. Restaurants, taxi companies, small stores in open or state controlled markets, and motels represent some of the businesses.

Still, there are other people who have been just moving to cities without any job prospects or proper papers. These are the less fortunate ones who can be categorized into two groups. There are returning young urbanites, who had been sent to rural areas against their wishes during the Cultural Revolution; and there are young people from not-so-flourishing rural areas who want to take part in the rapidly changing arena of national urban and rural reform. Regardless, their prospects for a "comfortable living" in the city are not promising, actually almost impossible.

Unlike most of the western world, migration in China is not freely possible for the general public. Movement from rural areas to large cities, for example, is virtually impossible without what Chinese call a "household registration card." Only with this certificate is it possible to find employment and to receive coupons for food and other urban amenities.

The most recent government statistics indicate that China's mobile population is ever increasing (with an estimated one million in Shanghai, for instance), and has put heavy burdens on urban housing, transportation, and other services.

Housing in China is critical in both urban and rural areas. For some time, Chinese policy makers have been reluctant to consider housing as one of the main issues facing their country. As a result,

solutions to the ever-increasing housing crisis have been slow in coming. What has emerged has often been incremental, without a clear understanding of the total picture. Housing supply has not kept pace with rapidly increasing demand, and existing housing has been deteriorating.

Present reform policies do recognize the critical situation, and have put heavy emphasis on increasing the supply of housing in large cities as well as in rural towns.

Since the 1949 revolution, housing has been generally owned by the state and the collectives. This is particularly true in urban China. However, in rural China, private ownership has always been allowed.

Under current rural reforms, most housing construction has been accomplished by individual owners rather than by state collective units. The state owns the land; and farmers own the structure.

In many large cities, it is common to observe a family of three generations sharing a two- or three-room apartment or house. Often they are left with no other option, as urban housing supplies are extremely limited, and the waiting period for another unit is many years long.

The average, living floor space for urban families is about 36 square feet per person. It is often accepted that a family of five lives in a one-room or one-and-a-half-room house with shared kitchen and bathroom.

In rural China, the situation is not so bleak, due to the present rural reform. Many farmers have accumulated enough savings to upgrade their housing. Some rehabilitate their house, while others build a new house.

A typical new house usually has two bedrooms, a separate kitchen, a living room, and a separate entrance hall. It is spacious compared with houses in urban areas; on the average, the living floor space is about 72-90 square feet per person.

China's rural reform policy is clearly having a tremendous impact on rural housing, but not all rural areas are enjoying the same improvement. There is a regional gap. The government is striving to narrow the gap by introducing more financial and tax inducements in lagging regions.

How well and how long the government will adjust to the remarkable developments stemming from its reforms, and will continue its present course, are questions still to be answered.

Social Responsibility

□ **USSR INVITATION:** The USSR Union of Architects (a group/profession that includes persons who do what urban planners do in the US) has invited Architects/Designers/Planners for Social Responsibility to send a delegation of four to the USSR, to discuss, among other things, establishing an international group in our professions similar to International Physicians to Prevent Nuclear War.

Network Chair Chester Hartman (who is on the ADPSR Executive Committee) will be one of the four delegates. The others are Rose Marie Rabin, APA, of Southern California Institute of Architecture in Los Angeles; Tician Papachristou, a New York architect who is President of ADPSR; and Sidney Gilbert, also a New York architect, who was one of the founders of Architects for Social Responsibility, predecessor to ADPSR. Network member Kathryn Kasch of Boston (also on the ADPSR Executive Committee) is an alternate delegate.

The trip will be May 9-19. Anyone with ideas, contacts, etc. for the trip should contact Chester at once.

Regional Roundup

□ **ADPSR NETWORKING:** ADPSR has joined the Professionals Coalition for Nuclear Arms Control, a DC-based education and lobbying group that has as its other members Physicians for Social Responsibility, the Union of Concerned Scientists, and the Lawyers Alliance for Nuclear Arms Control.

□ **ADPSR AT THE APA:** The Southern California ADPSR chapter put on a session at the American Planning Association convention in Los Angeles (April 9) titled "Planning and the Arms Race." Jay Stein, Langley Keyes, and others were featured. (We'll try to have a report on it in the next issue.) The AIA convention in San Antonio (June 8-11) and the ASLA convention in San Francisco (November 22-25) will also have a considerable ADPSR presence. Contacts are: (for the AIA) Jack Hartray, 230 N. Michigan, Chicago, IL 60601; and (for the ASLA) Karl Linn, PO Box 174, Collegeville, PA 19426.

□ **ADPSR CHAPTERS, DUES:** PN Members should strongly consider joining ADPSR (\$30/year regular, \$10 student). The following chapters now exist (for those not in a chapter area, contact the national chapter, 225 Lafayette St., New York, NY 10012, 212/431-3756):

Boston: Kathryn Kasch, 27 Temple St., Boston, MA 02114, 617/367-3437; or Klaus Muller, TAC, 46 Brattle St., Cambridge, MA 02138, 617/868-4200.

Chicago: Jack Hartray, Jr., 230 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60601, 312/263-6990.

Delaware Valley: Ralph Hirsch, PO Box 42001, Philadelphia, PA 19101, 215-386-1270; or Phil Cipolla, 1429 S. Mole St., Philadelphia, PA 19146, 215/336-2651.

Los Angeles: Sam Hurst, 803 Bramble Way, Los Angeles, CA 90049, 213/478-1606; or Rose Marie Rabin, SCI-ARC, 1800 Berkeley St., Santa Monica, CA 90404, 213-829-3482.

District of Columbia: Chris Findlay, ASLA, 1733 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202/466-7730.

New York: James Stewart Polshek, 320 W. 13th St., New York, NY 10014, 212/807-7171; or Magda Salvesen, ADPSR/NY, 225 Lafayette St., New York, NY 10012, 212/334-8104.

Northern California: Bill Olin, 1204 Neilson St., Berkeley, CA 94706, 415/526-7217.

Phoenix: Jeffrey Cook, Arizona State Univ. School of Architecture, Tempe, AZ 85287, 602/965-6210.

Tucson: Robert Nevins, 2042 E. 5th, Tucson, AZ 85719, 602/624-3216.

Seattle: Mauri Tamarin, 3630 Evanston Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98103, 206/632-2189.

□ **NETWORK/FORUM:** The Network/Forum spring series concludes May 9 with films and discussion on urban design and economic development issues in New York's West Midtown. The topic: "Redevelopment: Times Square." The films include *Manhattan*, a 1921 silent, and *Times Square: Keep It Alive*, a 1985 work by the Municipal Art Society. Speakers include Frederic S. Papert of the 42nd Street Development Corp., Lauren Otis of the Department of City Planning, and Michael Sorkin, architect and critic, with moderator Susan Fainstein of Rutgers. The time is 6 p.m., at City University Graduate Center, 33 W. 42nd St., 3rd Flr. Studio.

Upcoming Conferences

□ **WOMEN & SHELTER:** The Voorhees Center for Neighborhood and Community Development (Box 4348, Chicago, IL 60680, 312/996-6671) is a principal co-sponsor of a conference April 25-26 at the University of Illinois at Chicago, on "Women and Safe Shelter: Creating and Recreating Community." Details: Susan Stall, conference coordinator, 312/996-2441.

□ **COOPERATIVES:** The National Cooperative Business Association (1401 New York Ave. N.W. #1100, Wash. DC 20005, 202/638-6222) will hold its 1986 annual meeting April 28-30 in Washington, D.C. The theme is "Cooperatives: A Time of Challenges and Change." The format includes workshops, plenaries, and special events. Registration is \$200.

□ **NEIGHBORHOODS:** Neighborhoods USA will hold its 11th annual conference May 28-31 in St. Paul, Minn. The theme: "The Neighborhood Movement Comes of Age." The format includes workshops, panels, and special events. Registration is \$130 before May 1; \$150 afterwards. Contact: Judith Gabriel, 1400 City Hall Annex, 25 W. 4th St., St. Paul, MN 55102, 612/292-1577.

□ **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH:** The Society for Occupational and Environmental Health (2021 K St. N.W. #305, Wash. DC 20006) will hold its 1986 annual meeting April 28-30 in Washington, D.C. The theme: "Occupational and Environmental Hazards to Reproduction." The format includes speakers and a keynoter. Registration is \$175.

□ **DEVELOPMENT IMPACT:** The Center for Urban Policy Research (Rutgers Univ., Box 489, Piscataway, NJ 08854, 201/932-3133) is sponsoring a conference May 6-7 in Washington, D.C., on "Development Impact Analysis: Feasibility, Design, Traffic, Fiscal, Environment." Registration is \$250. Contact: Mary Picarella.

□ **GREEN MOVEMENTS:** The UCLA Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Planning (Los Angeles, CA 90024) is sponsoring an April 17-19 conference at UCLA on "International Green Movements and the Prospects for a New Environmental/Industrial Politics." Registration begins at \$15 for students. Contact: Margaret FitzSimmons, 213/825-1446.

□ **BIOREGIONS:** The second North American Bioregional Congress will be held August 25-31 at Camp Innisfree in northern Michigan. The conference is a project of New Life Farm Inc.,

Box 3, Brixey, MO 65618. General contributions begin at \$25; sponsoring donations begin at \$50.

Jobs

□ **LIVING EARTH:** Boulder College (2235 Broadway, Boulder, CO 80302) and the World Peace University are sponsoring Gaia Synthesis April 18-20, a conference to advance understanding of the relationship of an evolving humanity to the planet as a living organism. Registration is \$90. Contact: Karin DiGiacomo, 303/449-4676.

□ **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** The Community Development Society will hold its 18th annual conference July 28-31 on the theme, "Capturing Community Initiative: Issues, Needs, Challenges." The conference will be at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. Contact: Marie Malinauskas, 618-536-7751.

□ **NEW DIRECTIONS:** New Directions (15 Dutch St. #500, New York, NY 10038, 212/962-0390) is sponsoring a conference May 2-4 in the Washington, D.C., Convention Center, convened by Michael Harrington, co-chair of the Democratic Socialists of America. Speakers include Jesse Jackson, Robert Kuttner, Ruth Messinger, Gloria Steinem, Barbara Ehrenreich, Frances Piven, Michael Manley, and Congressmen Lane Evans, Charles Hayes, and Ron Dellums.

Conference Report

□ **BOSTON HOUSING:** From Networker Emily P. Achtenberg (47 Halifax St., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130, 617/524-3982): One hundred housing activists, community-based housing sponsors, and progressive policy-makers met February 22 to formulate an agenda for achieving "housing as a basic human right" by the year 1996. The conference was framed around the concept of developing a stream of non-speculative, social housing, through strategies to regulate and convert the private rental stock, promote homeownership without speculation, salvage government-assisted housing, and expand opportunities for social production and financing. Topics of discussion included the Boston Community-Wide Land Trust, co-op conversion of HUD-subsidized housing, linkage and inclusionary zoning, a proposed state housing trust fund, establishment of an "eviction-free zone," community control of development in the Dudley Street area, and efforts to amend the state constitution to establish a universal right to housing.

The conference was convened by the Episcopal City Mission, and was stimulated, in part, by the work of local PN members involved in developing a progressive national housing program.

Separately in Boston, the Roxbury Technical Assistance Project has prepared a five-page strategy paper on non-speculative homeownership. For a copy, send a self-addressed stamped envelope (and perhaps a contribution for copying) to: Michael Stone, Center for Community Planning, UMass/Boston, Dorchester, MA 02125.

□ **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.

□ **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** Common Space Mutual Housing Association (2529 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55404, 612/872-0550) is accepting resumes for an executive director to start June 1. Common Space provides training and other services to housing co-ops in the Twin Cities, and operates the Common Space Investment Fund, offering a range of financial services to member co-ops and non-profit developers. Salary is \$25-30,000. Contact: Executive Committee.

□ **ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING:** The Evergreen State College (Olympia, WA 98505, 206/866-6000) has an opening for a faculty position to teach on a regular basis in a Master's program in environmental energy studies and undergraduate programs. The position requires demonstrated experience in working with environmental problems and their solutions, and demonstrated strengths in quantitative analysis, including use of computing machinery. Planning work with local communities. Ph.D. strongly preferred. Closing Date: May 5. Contact: Dean Barbara Smith.

□ **SENIOR PLANNER:** Plainfield, N.J., has an opening for an experienced senior planner in the Planning Division. Responsibilities: reviews site plan and subdivision applications and prepares technical reports for both the Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment; prepares six-year Capital Improvement Program; assists with traffic issues; prepares grant applications for state and federal programs. Requirements: excellent writing skills and ability to work with the public; Master's degree in Planning with one year experience; New Jersey driver's license. Salary range is \$20,000 to \$25,000. Send resume to: G. Sondhi, Planning Division/C. Carmichael, Human Resources Division, 515 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, NJ 07061, 201/753-3394.

□ **FACULTY POSITIONS:** The School of Urban Planning and Policy of the University of Illinois at Chicago (Box 4348, Chicago, IL 60680, 312/996-8722) has three faculty openings to be filled by September 1. One is in land use/physical planning; one in social/health services planning; and one is a visiting position in urban economic development. Details: Elyse Bari Peritz, Assistant to the Director.

□ **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:** The Southeast Women's Employment Coalition (Box 1357, Lexington, KY 40590, 606/276-1555) is seeking an experienced Director for its Leadership Development Program, which provides educational workshops for predominantly low-income women organizing around economic justice issues. Salary is \$20,000. Contact: Barbara Ellen Smith.

□ **RESEARCH/ADVOCACY:** From PN Member Gunther Stern (8202 Houston Ct. #1, Takoma Park, MD 20912): I am graduating this spring with a Master's degree in Urban Studies from the University of Maryland. I am looking for a socially meaningful position in either research or advocacy planning. I have a strong microcomputer background.

FOUNDATION DIRECTOR: The Capp Street Foundation (211 Gough St. 3rd Flr., San Francisco, CA 94102) is seeking an executive director, with responsibility for administration, fund-raising, and fiscal management. Salary is \$25,000-\$27,000. Contact: Search Committee. The foundation is particularly interested in Central America, Native American rights, lesbian/gay rights, immigrants' rights, and grassroots labor.

HOUSING DIRECTOR: The Ann Arbor Housing Commission is seeking a vigorous advocate of public housing and tenant interests as an executive director for its 343 units of senior and family housing. Salary is \$32,741-\$43,319. Contact: Personnel/Human Rights Dept., 100 N. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48107.

CHD STAFF: The Campaign for Human Development is seeking an associate director for special programs and projects. Salary is mid-\$30,000. Contact: Father Al LoPinto, CHD Executive Director, 1312 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20005.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING: The Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission seeks advanced undergraduate or graduate student interns for summer and fall positions part/full time. The Transportation Planning Division for Montgomery County (Maryland) in particular seeks interns with interests in transit planning and computer modeling using advanced interactive graphics software. Knowledge of Unix, Lotus 1-2-3, and microcomputers is desirable but not essential. Contact: Michael Repogle, MNCPPC, 8787 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Ex Conferences

SOCIAL WELFARE: The Institute of Public Policy Studies (Univ. of Michigan, 440 Lorch Hall, Ann Arbor, MI 48109) sponsored a conference at the University March 13-14 on "Social Welfare Policy in a Market Economy: The Visible Hand." The format included speakers and panels. Contact: Jennifer Boulanger, 313/763-2318.

LECTURE SERIES: The UCLA winter series of Thursday evening lectures concluded March 13 with Rudy Acuna on Chicanos in East Los Angeles. Earlier speakers had included Margit Mayer on Green politics, and Mary Brooks on housing trust funds. Details: UCLA Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Planning, Los Angeles, CA 90024, 213/825-8957.

APPROPRIATE TRANSPORTATION: The Bicycle Network presented an International Conference on Appropriate Transportation March 7-11 in New York. The format included films, panels, exhibits, workshops, and events. Contact: Steve Stollman, 49 E. Houston St., New York, NY 10012, 212/925-8505.

IRANIAN PERSPECTIVES: The Center for Iranian Research and Analysis sponsored its fourth annual conference April 5-6 at American University in Washington, D.C., on "Iran Before and After the Revolution." Contact: Mohammed Eghtedari, 703/698-0810.

Etcetera

JUNE PN DEADLINE: The arrival deadline for copy for the June *Planners Network* is Monday, June 2. We look forward to hearing from as many of you as possible—especially you "three-asterisk" folks, facing our upcoming PN purge. Our thanks always to those who take the time to type their notes. It's a great help in production, and it reduces our chances of misreading what you write.

Arrival deadline for #58 copy: Monday, June 2.

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 contact, 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.

"CALL" STATEMENT: We have a one-page, broadside version of the "Call for Social Responsibility in the Planning and Building Professions," which appeared in PN #49. Copies are available on request. It makes a good addition to "The Planners Network—What It Is" in recruiting members.

Critical Perspectives on Housing

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Most studies of housing today—and its crisis—are based on the assumptions that the nation's housing problems are not overly serious or persistent and that adjustments in market mechanisms and modifications of government housing policies can correct current problems. *Critical Perspectives on Housing*, a collection of 33 articles, 16 of which have been specifically written for the volume or are being published for the first time, attempts to dispel these illusions, define the real sources of our housing ills, and set forth concrete proposals for change.

Some of the country's leading scholars and activists examine such diverse elements of the housing picture as the construction industry, gentrification, the homeless, abandonment, the market's ability to serve minorities and women, the income tax system, rural housing, suburbanization, and the actions of the Reagan administration. The studies fall into three sections: The Workings of the Private Housing Market, The Role of the State, and Strategies for Change.

Critical Perspectives on Housing moves beyond the analytic perspective, however, by advancing a range of alternative courses for solving the housing crisis. These approaches are augmented by a survey of historical and current actions taken by other governments and societies to address the crucial problems of their people's housing needs.

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