□ 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 person/s 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.

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BUDGET GUIDES: OMB Watch (2001: 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 in the Washington, D.C., area around the budget. The publications include a Citizen's Guide to the 1987 Budget, a series of OMB Watch briefing sites and schedules.

ORGANIZING TRAINING: The National Training and Information Center (954 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607, 243-3035) has scheduled a series of one-week training sessions on the regulation of public utilities available from Tri-State Conference on Steel, Box 315, Homestead, PA 15120, Where Have All the Jobs Gone?, available from the California Public Utilities Commission, 325 S. Spring St., Los Angeles, CA 90013; and my Steel and Southeast Chicago: Reasons and Remedies for Industrial Renewal, available for $17 from the Center for Urban Affairs at the University of Illinois, Evanston, IL 60201.

This was a big publishing year for me—the fruits of my long-term 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 Valley start-ups came out of Silicon Valley, with William G. Runyan, 8 Winchester Place, Winchester, MA 01890 (paper, $9.95). It's an edited collection, with Peter Hall, which includes articles by Netz尔斯 Marc Westrich and Martha Feldman. And the start-ups' performance is highly critical of local 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 (1131 3rd St. N.W., Wash., DC 20005, 202/988-3369) 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 Network Member Anne Whitlock, 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." (School dropout pursuits) pursuits. Estimates of the Boston dropout rate range from 20 to 55 percent. Our view is that schools themselves contribute to the problem by neglecting concerns such as academic 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 am also interested in supporting policies which protect Central American refugees from deportation. As a member of the Jamaica Plain Committee on Central America (also including Newport News, VA, and others), I have just sponsored 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 push to get out of committee. Letters to your Members will be welcome.

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No Special Feature This Month

Lots of promises; no follow-through. Bank Nannies: very un-network-like. Probably 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 Beaugrande, Department of Urban Planning, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 08903, 201-932-4053, -3822. Please. We want this feature to continue.

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 Nuclear Disarmament and the other on homelessness) published by mass-circulation papers 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, but 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 dozens of editors out there who eagerly read and respond to short, well-written pieces, and promptly.

We're sending a sample on request.

CDBG GUIDE: Community Development Block Grant: A Basic Guidebook for Community Groups is a 50-page handbook for local community organizations: "entitlement communities. Copies are $4 (plus 67c postage), from: Center for Community Change, 1000 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash, DC 20007, 202-342-6519.

NEIGHBORHOOD CARETAKER: A Journal of Neighborhood Caretaking Efforts is a quarterly newsletter on interdisciplinary efforts in neighborhood sciences for regional joint ventures in planning, testing, evaluation, and interregional exchanges. Subscriptions are $25.


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ENTREPRISE NEWSLETTER: The Entrepreneurial Econ-
yomy (Corporations for Enterprise Reform, 730 5th St. N.W.
#1401, Wash. DC 20001, 202/293-7963) is a newsletter on
terprise development strategies. It is offering half-price
rates (39) to PN readers for the first year. The newsletter
proposes various levels of office, residential, hotel, and mixed-
use development. The only choices they have left open are how many
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DESIGN COOPERATIVE: Support is a London-based
cooperative of architects and designers that works with and
for community groups. It shares the same interests 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
extensive list of architectural projects. In San Francisco, I am
writing this letter to make contact, write: Hugo Hindley, Support Community Building
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The phone is 01-403-4638.

HOUSING MAGAZINE: Also from England, we commend
to you, Roof, a bi-monthly housing magazine put out by Peterborough,
one of England's most housing groups. Roof is of
terest on its own terms, and also as a model for something that
doesn't exist here and should be here. No one could
publish a newspaper or magazine in the United States.
Projects are selected from an open, competitive
process. Some examples include adult
literacy, job training, homelessness, sanctuary, New York
farming, and much more. Fees are affordable. A 12-issue catalogue is free.

RURAL ECONOMIES: The Aspen Institute for Humanistic
Studies (1333 New Hampshire Ave. N.W. #1070, Wash. DC
20036, 202/646-6410) is seeking an initial round of research
proposals on rural economic policy. A two-stage application
guideline is involved, and the deadline is April 15. Applications are
limited 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 labor. The film includes labor-intensive
electronics and garment industry jobs. Details, New Day Films, 22
Riverview Dr., Wayne, NJ 07470, 201-633-0412.

RENT CONTROL: Network Peter Marcuse (Div. of
Urban Planning, Columbia Univ., New York, NY 10027) has
completed a four-page study on rent control in New
York, but includes national examples as well. No charge
indicated, but you might send something for copying and
postage.

DEVELOPMENT CHOICES: From Jim Rosene (2192
Berkeley Ave., Suite J, San Francisco, CA 94118) and 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
a lot of maintenance. What I need help with is planning for
additional development. We have hired consultants to prepare a plan that residents
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At least 50 subscriptions are $10..tests, reviews, and experimental art, from
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LAVORO POLICY: The Center for Third World Organizing (3861 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland, CA 94609, 415-982-8012) has published a Labor Policy in the Age of Reagan, the first in a planned series of pamphlets, with information on the background, facts, trends, and resources. Subscriptions are $25.

MEMBER UPDATE: Bo Ye-xa (Community Health Services, P.O. Box 231, Kalispell, MT 59901) 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 Katsel Awd Project. He will be working in communities where English is a second language (to French, Pasaranoq, Mallicite, Mic Mac, or Penobscot). The project's goals are to bring more youth to 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 (1455 Vine St., North Hollywood, CA 91607), of the Long Island Progressive Coalition, I'm looking for material that analyzes suburban development and politics, not only in terms of desegregation and the invasion 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, 516-546-9680.

IYSH PROJECTS: Settlements Information Network Africa (Mainzgirga 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, 615-933-8443.

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 Otono, Publication Coordinator, AICP, 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 on community housing issues. It's part of a 10-part policy issues series available on video for $250 to public and nonpublic libraries, schools. The video has been used by the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. It can be ordered by calling 800-6219676.

TRANET RETREAT: From Networker Bill Ellis (Transnet, Box 567, Rangeley, ME 04970, 207-864-2225), Tranet, the Transnational Software Information, held its first open retreat session last summer to let supporters see what they had in common despite their diverse interests. The retreat was held on Cape Cod, in a house owned by a couple who had an est with an estimated one million in Shanghai, for instance, and has put heavy burdens on urban housing, transportation, and other services. Solutions in housing 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. In some cases, this has led to an understandable lack of clear understanding of the total picture. Housing supply has not kept pace with rapidly increasing demand, and existing housing has become overcrowded. Until 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 undertaken by farmers and their owners rather than by state or collective units. The state owns the land; and farmers own the structure. In cities of 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 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 to rural houses. Average living floor space is about 72-90 square feet per person.

China's rural reform policy is clearly having a tremendous impact on Chinese housing. While the average living floor space of rural areas is enjoying the same improvement. There is a regional gap. The government is striving to narrow the gap by introducing more financial and tax incentives. 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 that includes persons who do what urban planners do) has invited Architects (Designers) for Social Responsibility to send a delegation of four to the USSR, to discuss, among other things, establishing an international network of architects similar to International Physicians to Prevent Nuclear War.

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RURAL REFORM IN CHINA

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I was engaged on-going research on Chinese reform and regional development policies. As part of my research, I’ve made field trips to Shangdong, Beijing, and other places. 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, carrying the same tools. Instead, what I see are farmers tending their fields, but others are not 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, communities, and other centrally controlled cultural practices. Reform policies have been introduced over the past five years and it has made farming more flexible and less controlled.

The government introduced 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.

There is also a whole new emphasis on farming, reorganization of social and political organizations. The result has been an overall increase in productivity. In the initial stages, farmers were not always paid for their work, but now they are.

After the communist party took over in 1949, the country's economy was a total mess. The average income per person was about $150 per year, and the country was plagued by poverty and hunger. The government implemented a series of policies aimed at increasing agricultural productivity, and they were largely successful.

In recent years, the Chinese government has continued to focus on rural development, and the country has made significant progress. The average income per person in rural areas has increased dramatically, and the country is now one of the world's leading agricultural producers.

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Regional Roundup

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Upcoming Conferences

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APPROPRIATE TRANSPORTATION: The Bicycle Network presented an International Conference on Appropriate Transportation March 7-1 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: Mohammad Eghedari, 703/988-0610.

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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 $22,741-$43,219. 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 LoFinto, 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 are not essential. Contact: Michael Replogle, MNCPPC, 8787 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910.