DECEMBER PN CONFERENCE: A PN conference, "Housing and Economic Development: State, Local and Grassroots Initiatives," is now on. It is set for December 12-14 at the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C., a terrific and incredibly cheap (as low as $31/night for dorm rooms with 3 meals) place to meet.

We expect upwards of 500 people. And our list of co-sponsors is impressive. Please post or circulate the enclosed "Hold-The-Date" flyer (make as many copies as you need); and also, please come.

We'll have the final program ready about October 1, and lots of Networkers are planning and will be participating in workshops. We also will have some sort of gathering for PNers only. Put it on your calendars.

You all will automatically get the October final program.

HARVARD DIVESTMENT: Any Harvard degree-holders out there? As mentioned in a previous Newsletter (PN #57), Harvard-Radcliffe Alumni Against Apartheid ran a slate of three candidates for the Board of Overseers on a platform of complete divestiture of the $416 million the university currently has invested in companies doing business with South Africa. One of the anti-apartheid candidates won; and in the coming year, plans are for a much bigger, better-organized campaign to fill all five open Board seats with pro-divestment candidates. If you are a Harvard-Radcliffe degree-holder, please contact PN Chair Chester Hartman, who is coordinating the upcoming campaign, for information on how to help.

FINANCIAL MINI-REPORT: We've received 110 contributions totaling $2,349 since the June newsletter. Our thanks to each of you.

Instead of the June newsletter, 258 Networkers received postcards, saying they were being dropped from the mailing list because we had not heard from them in more than a year. Already, the postcards have provoked pleas for reinstatement, such as, "Threaten me with anything, but not deNetworkification." We're grateful for such enthusiasm. We're always glad to welcome back wavering Networkers.

HOMELESSNESS BILL: The Homeless Persons Survival Act of 1986, described in a previous Newsletter (PN #56), has now been introduced by 44 Representatives and two Senators as HR 5140 and S 2608. Current efforts are focused on getting more Congressional sponsors, as well as additional organizations, to endorse the bill (there are now over 60). Organizational endorsements are extraordinarily important, as they are a key to getting support from Representatives and Senators.

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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.

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Burlington is Vermont's largest city, and home to the state's largest academic, banking, real estate, medical and professional centers. Yet, unemployment rate, over $200 million in current development proposals, and 10 percent of the working poor have "substantial purchasing power, our city economy is booming. As development marches forward, the resulting gentrification, commercial encroachment on old residential neighborhoods, and rising land values, and higher rents have given rise to a severe housing crisis.

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Beginning in the fall, a dedicated corps of volunteers, representatives of housing cooperatives and nonprofit contractors, bankers, realtors, lawyers, public and private housing professionals, religious leaders, elected officials, tenants and low-income homeowners formed working committees, and met at least weekly into the spring.

In May 1984, the Burlington Community Development Corporation and its organizational meeting a nine-member board of trustees was elected, representing the leaseholders, general members and broader community. Four standing committees were established: finance, outreach, acquisition, and legal.

The following February, the Trust received its tax-exempt status.

We put property in August 1984: an existing house that became available at a below-market cost. Our first homeowners, a young family, paid the asking price, which was about to lose her Section 8 rental subsidy.

Building the land trust requires the separation of land and buildings in order to place the land in trust and ensure perpetual tenure. Under the cooperative equity provisions, we had to develop legal instruments that would be acceptable to mortgage lenders.

At considerable expense and with extensive in-kind donations from legal volunteers, we achieved a voluntary lease that was accepted by the Vermont Housing Finance Agency, which not only protected the equity in our homes but also let us acquire mortgage insurance in Burlington but also is our most conservative lender. Acceptance by VHOA opened the doors to all local lenders to low-income leaseholders. Our second acquisition highlights the broad-based community participation and benefits of Land Trust projects. The Bank of Vermont was about to foreclose on a duplex occupied by a low-income family in the Old North End. We loaned the Burlington Youth Employment Project $5,000 towards the purchase and rehabilitation of the property in exchange for a first option upon completion of the rehab.

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Full employment has been on the nation's political agenda at least since the Great Depression and World War II. In 1946 Congress passed an Employment Act which declared it to be public policy to assure maximum employment compatible with price stability. With the apparent lack of coordination, the employment was not carried out.

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Supportive testimony was presented at public hearings by several concerned organizations and individuals, including the Municipal Human Service Coalition, the Massachusetts Catholic Conference, the Unitarian Universalist Association, and the Urban League. The state Secretary of Labor supported the resolution on behalf of the state government.

To build support for the proposed constitutional amendment, a public forum was convened on April 26 in Boston's historic Faneuil Hall. The forum, part of a conference on "The Future of Work," was endorsed by over 50 organizations. Mel King, founder of the "Rainbow" and a recent candidate for Mayor of Boston and now a candidate for the U.S. Congress, was the keynote speaker.

The passage of S 139 in Massachusetts is only the first step on a long road toward constitutional guarantees of unconditional rights for all to participate in production and share in the fruits of work. This road, which has to pass through every state legislature and through the Congress, requires considerable educational and political effort to be made. We should broadly base this movement which will work locally and nationally for passage of the proposed constitutional amendment.

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In sum, a combination of donated expertise, sweat equity, and public funds transformed $200,000 into $1 million of housing preservation and development funds for low-income families who otherwise would be displaced.

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**MEMBER UPDATE:** From PN Member Mike Kam (Council on the Environment, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706, 608/262-1014). At the October 10-12 meeting of ACSP in Milwaukee, I have organized a panel on “Exploiting Progressive Planning.” Papers will be given by Netters Biller Tolson, Frank Pepper, and Marsha Ritzeder on progressive issues in rural, regional, and urban land use planning. I will offer extensions of my thoughts as expressed in my December 5th 2005 paper on progressive land use planning.

**INTERNATIONAL REVIEW: Revue Internationale d’Action Communaute: **1986/1987, international review of community development, the latest issue of which (Savoy in Crisis) includes some papers on planning. One of the writers is PN Member Pierre Hamel of the University of Montreal. Copies are $10 (including postage) from: Editions Saint-Martin, 4073 rue St. Hubert, Montreal H2L 4A7, Canada.

**LEFT ALTERNATIVES: Analysis and Policy Review** (Box 374, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010, 215/565-3300) is a new venture publishing policy papers from a Left perspective. It is seeking feedback from social movements and organizations. Plans call for distributing papers to a nationwide list of more than 50,000 contacts. Contact: Joan D. Mandle, Executive Director.

**NETWORK UPDATE:** From National Network of Local Urban Activist Centers (NNL, In April 1986, the Network was joined by the Massachusetts Chapter of theることができる Beautiful Places to Stay in the United States, which has an office in Boston, MA 02114) We will be there from August 15 to June 25, 1987, If you have a chance to come to Poland, please look us up.

**NETWORK UPDATE:** From Networker Debbie Smith (732 Greenfield #3, Los Angeles, CA 90004) I am working for the community organizing firms of Statistics R. Hoffman. Assists of charter members include green politics, territorial justice, sustainable agriculture, ecological wilderness policy, and creative and responsive leadership. Over the years, members hope to develop a program that will support a regular newsletter, an occasional paper and reprint series, and a newsletter that will present findings and views before community groups. Contact: Harvey Jacobs, 2238 Eton Ridge, Madison, WI 53705.

**HOUSING REHAB:** The city of Chicago has appointed a committee to revise its municipal code. Committee members would like to know what code would make it economically feasible for nonprofit housing organizations to participate in substantial rehabilitation of the city’s housing stock. If you know of any municipal code provisions elsewhere that address such issues, please send copies (or excerpts) to: PN Member Rohn Drayer, Corporation Counsel, Housing Division, 180 N. LaSalle St. #501, Chicago, IL 60601.

**HOUSING NEWSLETTER: Housing Matters** is a new bi-monthly in five affordable housing in Massachusetts (e.g., the Mass. Poverty Law Center, 69 Canal St., Boston, MA 02114, 617/742-9250. Its focus is on regional, legal, and financial developments pertaining to housing. Individual subscriptions are $12.

**STEELE WORKER JOBS:** From PN Member Linda Hollis of Washington, D.C., a nonprofit, self-help organization of the Tri-State Conference on State’s Pittsburgh office. Jay Weinberg is Tri-State’s only staff member in the Steel Valley, which has been recently targeted by the steel companies to save jobs in the area (Ann Marquen’s Networker Update in PN #57). PN workers can support Tri-State as members ($25 up to $20, $150, $50, $100, $50); or contributions (Capuchin Office of Peace and Justice, Fr. Rich Zikl, 412/681-6050).

**DEVELOPMENT FUNDS:** Metropolitan Life Foundation has awarded a $2 million loan to the Trust for Public Land (60 Broad, New York, NY 10012, 212/677-7117) for community revitalization and conservation projects in urban areas. In turn, TPL awarded $50,000 of the funds to a Pittsburgh nonprofit to help convert a former brewery site into a small business development center.

**NEA GRANTS:** The National Endowment for the Arts (101 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, DC 20506; 202/682-4547) has created a new 1987 grant category for Design and Advancement, with awards of $5,000 to $15,000. Urban and Rural Cities. Design Advancement grants are available for individuals and organizations; amounts range from $5,000 to $40,000.

**NIGERIA BOOK:** Nicaragua: A Revolution under Siege, edited by Richard L. Harris and Carlos M. Vilas, is available at $20 to $25 to working with the Jewish community in the Boston area. North Holland, CA 90066, 818/986-9698. Copies are $12.

**JOURNALISM GRANTS:** The Alicia Patterson Foundation (655 13th St. N.W. #320, Washington, DC 20005) has announced the 1987 fellowship competition for print journalists. One year grants are awarded for pursuit of independent projects of significant interest. Write for application details.

**MEMBER UPDATE:** From PN Member David Sobeck (108 Town Bridge St., Cambridge, MA 02138). I am an urban historian, on the faculty of the Committee on Urban and Institutional Development at Harvard University. I am collaborating with PJ, a team of social scientists, on a study of the political environment and policies of planning and development in late 19th century New York City. Beginning in September, I’ll be teaching urban, social, and working-class history in the Brandeis History Department.

I am also active in New Jewish Agenda, a national, grass-roots organization of progressive Jews engaged in work on a range of issues from the Middle East to gay rights. Our new chapter has taken on housing and community development as its major priority for economic justice work. We have joined two coalitions which other Netters in the Boston area are engaged in: a referendum movement to guarantee the right to safe, stable, affordable housing in the state constitution; and a coalition of neighborhood and grassroots organizations for democratic, neighborhood-based control of development. In the long run, we want to organize a network of progressive Jews in the Boston area and possibly in the parts of larger coalitions on housing and development issues. We are interested in working with us should contact me.

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Networkers' Reports

Progressive Progress in Montreal

by Andy Melamed, Montreal

In these times of doom and gloom, every glimmer of hope shines brightly.

After 29 years in office, Mayor Jean Drapeau of Montreal left his throne, and polls indicate that the Montreal Citizens Movement will move from opposition to control in the November elections. The move will come for the MCM after 12 years of building a credible force on the left, and having survived revolts from both political extremes.

The MCM will go into the elections with a membership of 15,000, with all debts paid, with an opening campaign kitty of $175,000, with 14 elected councillors, and with an experienced, impressive candidate for mayor in Jean Dore. Dore is a 41-year-old lawyer who won 36 percent of the vote in the 1982 elections, and won his seat on Council with 75 percent of the vote two years later.

Whoever wins will be facing a host of problems: a waiting list of 12,500 households for public housing; unemployment above 10 percent; thousands of low-income tenants displaced by condo conversions and gentrification; and serious environmental pollution of air and water (the St. Lawrence River still serves as an open sewer for a million people until a new treatment plant is completed).

In addition, the Quebec government is already ahead of the city in a participatory democracy, rather than a spectator society, and they have already built a new zoo, full of "white elephants" to draw the tourists.

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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.

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