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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 unemployed; graduated payments for the employed of $20 plus $1 for each $1,000 earned above $10,000.

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ECO-TOURISM: From Networker Katharine Coit (42 rue du Moulin Vert, 75014 Paris, France, 41/453-9717). Next summer, I am organizing an unusual trip to Dominica in an effort to develop a form of tourism that combines the agreeable and the useful. It will include a week’s cruise on a replica of a Colm Archer wooden sloop, hiking to hidden waterfalls, boiling lakes, through tropical rain forests, swimming on deserted beaches and the like. It will also encourage a new ecologically minded tourism, and give participants an introduction in the field to the development problems of less-developed countries. There will be discussions with local leaders, and visits to housing projects, farmers cooperatives, women’s cooperatives, and different develop- ment projects. We may meet some of the best Caribe Indians, and other local farmers. Write or call for details.

CIVIL RIGHTS FILM: You Got To Move in a prize-winning, hard-nosed retrospective retelling of the Southern civil rights struggle; told by southern blacks and whites, and updated to deal with contemporary issues; Available for sale or rent in a variety of formats. Contact: First Run Features, 153 Waterford Pl., New York, NY 10014, 212/243-0600.

HUNGER NETWORK: The End Hunger Network (4221 Wilshire Blvd., 170, Los Angeles, CA 90010, 213/930-2023) needs leads for a video documentary on grassroots anti-hunger efforts, and also needs updates for its resource action handbook, on international development, Yes, We Can.

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letter, American Commonwealth, on its efforts to further the revitalization of public life and public participation in America. The most recent issue was 20 pages, and included articles essay, notes on a range of topics, including community boards, the church and the public, American voluntarism, and citizenship.

SLIDE/TAPE SERIES: World Microfilms Publications (62 Queen Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1JF) offers a range of English-language taped lectures by prominent authorities and related slides on architecture, planning, design, and related fields. Each lecture cassette and related slides is packaged separately. Prices are in the $80-$85 range. Detailed catalogues are available.

Upcoming Conferences

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW: The Environmental Law Institu-
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Conference Reports

PEACE TAX: Eighty persons from 12 countries, including the United States, attended the first international conference on individual conscience and taxation to support war. The conference was held at York University, Toronto, 1986. The three-day conference heard reports on national campaigns to re-channel military taxes for peacemaking, and explored the
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