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PN AND ADPSR: At the PN meeting held during the December conference in Washington, DC, we discussed the Network's continued affiliation with Architects/Designers/Planners for Social Responsibility. What our contribution was; what we were deriving from this association, etc.

In general, it did not seem that there was much connection between PN-ers at the local level and ADPSR chapters; and the principal form the association had taken was Chair Chester Hartman's membership on the ADPSR Executive Committee.

Because of schedule overload, Chester has decided to withdraw from the Executive Committee, and we are looking for and discussing with ADPSR whether and how to continue PN's membership.

Financial matters also played a role: Travel costs to the quarterly ADPSR Board meetings and dues amount to $700 or so, about 10 percent of PN's annual budget.

What we need is:
1. Feedback from you on what value you see in maintaining PN's membership in ADPSR.
2. Suggestions (including volunteering) on replacing Chester on the ADPSR Board (with their approval, of course). We might designate two or three people to play this role on a rotating basis (to reduce time and travel costs). And we would look favorably on applications that included an offer to pay part or all of travel costs to ADPSR meetings (usually in New York, Boston, or Washington, DC, with an occasional meeting elsewhere—Los Angeles, Chicago, and San Antonio, to date).

PN DUES: At the December PN meeting, we decided we should raise minimum "dues" from $10 to $15 for students and unemployed, and from $20 to $25 as the base amount for graduated payments for the employed.

FINANCIAL MINI-REPORT: Since the December newsletter, 68 Networkers contributed $1,767. Our thanks to each of you. It's a level of giving and participation that marks a hopeful start to a new year. Now, we just need to hear also from the other 771 PNers who receive the newsletter each mailing. Remember to include a "Member Update" with your check, if you can.

Passing the Word

PLANNING STRATEGIES: Strategic Perspectives on Planning Practice, edited by Networker Barry Checkoway (School of Social Work, Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109), is a

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: $15 for students and unemployed; graduated payments for the employed of $25 plus $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 Beau-regard, 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, Pittsfield.

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Our December issue contained a brief factual report on the December 12-14 conference, "Housing and Economic Development through Community Relations," which the participants seemed to respond quite positively. The conference planners had anticipated that the conference would focus on social and economic issues related to community development and housing, and that the participants would engage in thoughtful discussions and share ideas on how to address these issues.

In addition, the workshops and sessions raised and caused to be discussed a range of programs and initiatives to further progressive housing and economic development goals: housing and housing finance programs, lobbying strategies, electoral and legislative strategies, direct action as a tactic on the local level, etc. What occurred to some of us, however, was that there was a conflict between the two aspects of the conference—militancy of many of the conference participants and the range and breadth of programmatic initiatives presented.

It seemed that the majority of participants would have been more open to exploring a wider range of programs and strategies and a more comprehensive framework. The conference planners had anticipated that the conference would focus on social and economic issues related to community development and housing, and that the participants would engage in thoughtful discussions and share ideas on how to address these issues.

In the Special Feature, planners Network presents thoughtful, provocative discussions about substantive issues related to housing and economic development, and includes examples and insights relevant to the work of organizations and communities. The Special Feature is for everyone involved in the work of housing and economic development.

We are grateful for Networkers' support of this feature, and encourage continued participation in these discussions. The feature includes a special section on political lessons and strategies, which focuses on the impact of political action on housing and economic development.
©HOUSING COALITION: The National Low Income Housing Coalition (1012 14th St. N.W., #1006, Wash, DC 20005) has completed a report, State Housing Initiatives, on housing programs financed by state-generated resources. Copies are $16.50 prepaid.

- CDC REPORT: Community development corporations can effectively link public and private resources in benefiting a neighborhood, according to a report, Housing and Economic Development through Community Development Corporations, from International City Management Association, 1120 G St. N.W., #200, Washington, DC 20005; 202/626-6000. Copies are $9.

© MINORITY NEWSLETTER: Minority Trendsetter is a quarterly newsletter on black, Hispanic, Native American, and Asian communities, from Center for Third World Organizing, 3816 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland, CA 94609; 415/654-9601. Subscriptions are $20.

© LAND TRUST PROFILE: The South Atlantic Land Trust, one of the most successful in the country, is profiled in the Fall 1986 issue of Community Economics, from Institute for Community Economics, 131 Montague City Rd., Greenfield, MA 01301.

© MEMBER UPDATE: From John Friedmann (Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Planning, Univ. of California, Los Angeles, CA 90024): Two things keep me occupied these days: the first is a research project into barrio-based grassroots movements in Latin America, and the second is a project on production for livelihood, and processes of collective self-employment. The second project is continuing research into the effects of transnational capital on urbanization processes in the Pacific Rim. A conference by that title is being sponsored by the Center for Pacific Rim Studies in both at UCLA.


© CSBG REPORT: Community services block grants in the Dept. of Health and Human Services are profiled in Statistical Report on the Community Services Block Grant Program 1985. For a free copy: Center for Community Futures, Box 5599, Berkeley, CA 94705.

© BUDGET ANALYSIS: The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (236 Massachusetts Ave. NE, #305, Wash, DC 20002, 202/408-2000) has published a Budget Analysis of the President’s Fiscal 1988 budget: One-Third of the President’s Proposed Spending Cuts To Come from Programs for the Poor. Single copies are free.


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PN Special Feature:

- PN Conference Analysis:

Lessons, Ideas, Energy, Promise


We asked several PN members to attend one of the Saturday afternoon plenary session, in which the participants seemed to respond quite positively to ACORN President Elena Hangi’s speaking calling for building power for low- and moderate-income people through militant direct action tactics.

PN’s “Special Feature” for this issue therefore consists of post-conference re-imaginings by our correspondents: Amy Meyerson, Peter Clavel, Bill Peterman, and Peter Marcus.

We hope you will be interested enough to take the time to read the comments on these comments. We are thinking of some followup work this year, through PN’s in the form of statewide conferences on housing and/or economic development, with focus on Massachusetts, New York, California, Illinois, and New Jersey.

If you have any thoughts on state-level efforts, want to assist or want to speak to other states, please get in touch with us right away.

... Political Lessons by Amy Meyerson

Many of the Planners Network members who attended the conference felt it helped them think about substance in publications and organizing other conferences, and more important, for continuing our individual work in the areas of housing and economic development.

... PN Special Feature

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The Special Feature editor is Bob Burdick (Program Director, Dept. of Urban Planning, Rutgers, New Brunswick, NJ 08903, 201/932-4053; 932-3851). We are grateful for Planners Network’s support of this feature, and encourage continued interest and taking of this material, commenting, commentary, and dialogue.

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There were also signposts that may indicate a road ahead. The remains overwhelmingly white, mostly middle-class, focused on housing and community development issues, a little to the left. The major conference was relatively more black and Hispanic, relatively more grass-roots and community-oriented, more than PN, had gone through a transition toward a jobs-oriented economic development agenda. I would say this conference represented an opening which can't help but challenge us on all those fronts. That is, if the conference was more black than a PN grouping alone, then it opens up a chance for PN to be more black; if it was more into jobs and economics than PN, then it opens up a chance for PN to spread into that area.

It may not be like to see us broaden a bit, more the ways the contacts began at this conference suggest we might. Doing this, though, will mean some transitions at least for some of us, as for example the following:

First, we can spread our housing to economic development issues. It is clear we have a good thing going with housing both broad-scale thinkers and grass-roots level activists. The recent IPS report on housing documents promises to exert influence in the next few years.

Second, we are weaker in the economic development area. We have some academics thinking about it, but we haven't incorporated the grass-roots level in the way the community building is. Social justice advocacy groups have started to do development to create jobs, but I don't think we have a way to link up with their groups. The movement is split, and the unions are split.

I came away from this thinking there are a lot of things we can learn. If all the points can come together in a conference, maybe we can build something more general.

(Plamen Plevel, Dept. of City and Regional Planning, Cornell Univ., Ithaca, NY 14853)

Legacy of Distance
by William Peterman

There is a land of lies between Washington and New York that is the consequence of traveling to conferences, as I do, by train. Sitting in my office this Monday morning after rolling through 18 hours of the hills of Maryland, West Virginia and Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Indiana, I felt far removed from the energy created Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

I believe geography works against us. I am envious of our European colleagues.

I know, for example, that leaders of the housing trusts all over Great Britain do go down to the PN Network position to discuss issues and plan strategies. And then there is the housing consultant in Holland who works with tenants groups and perhaps operates under the same rules we operate under. But in the United States, we have the problem of the 51 small government agencies that are left with precious little time to strategize.

Working in Chicago, it is easy to forget about the rest of the country, and to downplay the need for a national agenda. There is more than enough to do locally.

We know, of course, that federal policy affects us directly, but we can only spend so much time and energy. Conferences like the one just organized by the Network and the other groups are essential if we are to develop and work for a national progressive agenda. In addition to charging our batteries and giving us at least a little time to look at the broader picture, they bring together people from all across this vast country, and for a moment we can work together.

But since we can meet so seldom, the energy of the moment can easily be lost. Hopefully the conference "strengthens community organizing," and the Network and the planners Network and others can and should be doing as we point to the new Community Development movement that is, eventually to the next national election.

We need some sense of where we stand on housing and what we can do to put housing in a country where we can do something about it. We would like this issue to become one of concern by planners in the Network. We must get the issue and take the step to develop a critical paper on the subject, to encouraging Networkers to take appropriate positions.

(William Peterman, Urban and Regional Planning, University of Chicago, IL 60680)

Moving Forward
by Peter Maracek

An unqualified success in bringing people together, for sharing information, generating interest and discussion, mobilizing for action, and organizing...
conviction that ordinary people can win. But it too needs to be worked into a broader strategy and program.

"Social change" as mentioned by Elena Hancock needs to be defined and developed. In the other respects that has been developed is a broader understanding of the problems we're facing. For example, although many young people are aware of the local level, we should not lose sight of the national and international picture.

While the Reagan-Era "limited resources" propaganda, to limit our programmatic goals to what the American people want. As, Ruth Messinger pointed out, the resources are there—we don't need to take money from the middle class—the resources are simply being diverted to so-called "defense" spending (about a third of the federal budget).

In a meeting on October 20, the National Council on Economic Priorities (NCEP) was described by the National Council on Economic Priorities (NCEP) as a "government agency," but it was not mentioned by name. The Council is a non-profit organization that tracks government spending on economic issues. The meeting was attended by about 50 people, including representatives from community organizations and labor unions.

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I made a big mistake—instinct is to side with the city in these debates, even while acknowledging the need to support the neighborhood. But the city has come up with more rhetoric.

It was important to me when I made a new generalization to one of the progressive government people at the conference about how PBN ought to support its local economic policy. She replied:

"We always have this disagreement. We need to understand these principles, the one thing we need now is to figure out how to use the new tax law to benefit the neighborhood." Very constructive, specific and integrative. Not rhetoric, not theory, but something that gets into a dialogue with organizers.

I came away from this thinking why we can't build more housing where our points can come together in a conference, maybe we can build something more grassroots in our networks. (Pierre Clavel, Dept. of City and Regional Planning, Cornell Univ., Ithaca, NY 14855)

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I believe geography works against us. I am envious of our European colleagues, of the committees, of the dinners. Let the Steering Committee, by whatever process it chooses, develop the small Network position on the issue in the behind-the-scenes take our crack at it for a short time, and suggest ways in which to prioritize options. And probably before our officials and the electorate.

I don't know if this will work, but I would like to try it.

One thing, among other things, that stood out as a critical issue during the 4-H Conference was the present and future threat to existing, subsidized low-income housing.

There are insufficient funds available to maintain our public housing stock, and much of our private stock is destined to disappear as mortgages are prepaid and units converted to market-rate housing. Before the end of the century, we are likely to see a significant amount of both public and private subsidized housing.

I feel that progressive planners must start working now to see that this does not happen. We need to do a number of things. Among them are:

1. For example, that any housing be removed, by whatever means, from the public sector, it is left at once on a lost-and-found.

2. To work to ensure that adequate federal funding is made available to rehabilitate the existing stock of public housing.

3. To work to ensure that state housing finance agencies become involved in the development of the PBN Networks and others can and should be as done as the state law requires for new communities to eventually go to the next national election.

We need confidence on this point. We worked on developing a position paper that we could be able to do about them. Even if only one or two things can be accomplished, it will be a step forward.

I would like to suggest another conference, next year, but I am reluctant to do so.

The 767 miles between Chicago and Washington work to keep us apart both physically and conceptually. If I knew that there was something to meet about and if my travel to Washington (or somewhere else) would help change the course of a public policy, I would sign up now.

Perhaps if we take some action based on the present meeting, we will indeed have the motivation.

Let me suggest that we take a couple of items that seem important to those at

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1. Moving Forward

by Peter Marcuse

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tions, solidarity.

For example, speakers were by and large outstanding, format well designed, times allowed adequate and adhered to. Range of subjects had something for everyone, and individual sessions probably reached in mini-networks that will last.

Much good individual thinking and good points made and specifics on perspectives.

Possibly a success in moving towards a national concern. Sensory on the importance.

Weaknesses: Plenary speakers did not contribute substantially, except Ruth Messinger for the insight into the reflection on what participants were doing, but did not provide an example. Issues were not raised, or ducked when raised.

Perhaps "next time" it would be wiser to get a much more substantial and more thoughtful self-critically or openly contro-

versial active participants or newer faces. People tend at conferences to get there already know something, and talk with those with whom they agree. That happened here.

In particular, economic development/ housing common concerns or differences were not very developed, or stated at a conference organizing issue. It would have taken pushing to bridge the gap, pushing that the people staying.

But I think it goes beyond format.

My own sense (I could only attend or sample one session) was that the energy was more aware of the limitations, in practice and in theory also, of what they were doing, and that it is time, in Europe, that could take over private de-

velopments as they become available and open for development.

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(William Peterman, Visitor Center, Univ. of Chicago, Chicago, IL 60660)
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NETWORKER UPDATE: John Wengler (415 Fullerton Pkwy #003, Chicago, IL 60614, 312/348-5600) I recently moved from Rhode Island back to Chicago, where I am finishing my Masters in planning. I have spent a good deal of time editing the American Planning Association's Student Planner newsletter. The APA's chief student representative, fellow-NetWorker Gary Goodwin of Iowa, and I also arranged a "burn-out" prevention seminar for this spring's APA national conference in New York. I would enjoy hearing from others, especially those with information about planning-related activities in Chicago's "migration." 

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AFRICA NUTRITION SECURITY: The Hunger Project (1308 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94109, 415/928-3141) has reprints of a World Food Council lecture by D.S. Swaminathan, Director General of the International Rice Research Institute, on "Sustainable Agriculture: Lessons from Indira Gandhi." A key point: An African version of the Indian green revolution can be built economically and ecologically if African political and professional leaders use wisely known knowledge in the past 20 years in India and other Asian countries.

OXFAM CATALOGUE: Oxfam America (115 Broadway, Boston, MA 02116, 617/574-8801) has an illustrated, 16-page catalogue of resources on hunger, women and development, Latin America, and other topics.

SANTA CRUZ UPDATE: Two court actions provided split results for area progressive 4-1 majority. One majority was threatened by a state Appellate Court ruling that overturned Mayor Jane Wood's 1983 election, and awarded the seat to a conservative opponent. At issue were voter registration requirements for pro-Weed UC-Santa Cruz student voters. Weed has continued as Mayor, pending a state Supreme Court appeal. In a separate action, a Santa Cruz Superior Court judge upheld the county's growth control initiative against a suit by the Santa Cruz County Builders Exchange. A Builders Exchange appeal is possible. (Previous Santa Cruz update, PN 905, p. 7.)


ANTI-GENERATION FILTER: From Chuck Valentine, Staff Organizer, Kensington Joint Action Council (1818 E. Huntington St., Philadelphia, PA 19125, 215/425-8030). We are fighting gentrification with a state Senate bill that would allow property tax relief and forgiveness for long-time occupants. Now an amendment would have the tax relief reflect negatively on the state's allocation of public school funds. To gain support from property owners for a needed alternate revenue-producing ideas. We need vital information that works.

DEVELOPERS/PAN-PLANNERS: The Rise of the Community Builders, by Pner Marc A. Weiss, is a 2-page book on the evolution of modern real estate developers and land development from the 1980's to the 1990's. Published in the Columbia History of Urban Life series, copies are $24.


HOUSING GAZETTE is a quarterly newsletter on low-income housing at the Macaulay Institute, 1320 Fenwick Ln., Silver Spring, MD 20910, 301/588-8110.

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT: The summer/fall 1986 issue of On the Home Front features "10 Years After Passage of the Community Reinvestment Act: A Resurgence of Interest." For more information, call Federal Home Loan Bank Board, 600 California St., San Francisco, CA 94120, 415/393-1300.

FORD AWARDS: The Ford Foundation (Office of Reports, 330 E. 43rd St., New York, NY 10017) has published Innovations in State and Local Government, 1986, a report on awards recognizing new programs and policies at state and local levels.

INDIAN AFFAIRS is a newsletter of the association on American Indian Affairs, 95 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. Copies are free to members and featured articles on child welfare and legislative developments, among other items. The newsletter is a membership service; memberships begin at $25.

NUCLEAR BLACKMAIL: Deadly Connections: Intervention and Nuclear War explores the relationship between U.S. nuclear policy and global intervention. It is available as slides, a book, or a film, from: American Friends Service Committee, 2161 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA 02140, 617/661-6130.

MINORITY SCHOLARSHIPS: The MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning offers up to $5,000 in minority scholarships for students completing the M.S.U.P. program. For more information, call: 617/253-6252.

MEMBER UPDATE: From Troy West (60 Union St., Newark, NJ 07105, 501/593-3793) In the New York area, we all have been working on plans for a Center for the Study of Peace, a student design project for alternatives to the Navy's Staten Island nuclear power plant, and a series of talks and exhibits on a student community project, and we exhibited the entries in December in New York.

In addition, I've recently completed working drawings and specifications for the new bottles for the project. The shopping through 70 events, but I would like to share my research in this and other areas of alternative social housing.

LIVABLE CITIES: The Return of the Liveable City, by Robert R. McHuna, R. Lea Penne, Dorothy R. Jacobson, and Partners for Livable Cities, is a valuable introduction to the questions of land use, revitalization in more than a score of cities across the country. Copies are $21.95, from Aeropola Books Ltd., 2001 17th St. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202/387-6805.

NEIGHBORHOOD WORKS: The 32-page January-February issue of The Neighborhood Works (Center for Neighborhood Technology, 570 W. Randolph St., Chicago, IL 60606) marks the beginning of the 10th year of publication for this award-winning resource for urban communities. Subscriptions are $18.


SCHOOL REFORM: The Way Out: Student Exclusion Practices in Boston Middle Schools is a 109-page report from the Massachusetts Center for Public Education and Management, 101 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02110, 617/357-8431 (on policies and practices that contribute to a 43-percent dropout rate in Boston. Copies are $9.

NETWORKER UPDATE: From Gunther Stern (3072 Farragut Ave., Kensington, CA 90805): I have started working with the Multi-Cultural Coalition in Maryland. I have joined the local chapter of the Coalition for Housing and it is slowly becoming a vocal advocacy group. I would enjoy hearing and sharing with others working with and for the homeless.

PN MEMBER SERVICES: From NetWorker Roger Montgomery (2824 Cherry St., Berkeley, CA 94705): In response to the first item in PN 906, the discount books and stuff doesn't do much for me, though I vaguely understand the interest of others; but the travel idea does interest.

Early last summer I was in the USSR with a small group of architects mainly. We spent most of our time in Central Asia, but we were in Moscow for a bit where the Architects Union was enthusiastically friendly towards us than an immediately prior visit. I should certainly like to return to the Soviet Union with a planner group that could move beyond the packaged Intourist intinerary. For starters, how about the incredible subterranean and expansion of Tashkent from a wrecked, mud brick, Asian regional center in 1966 to a nationally important, modern, industrial city in 1966? I visited it in a quick pass but it got me more interested than Brazilia or Chandigarh. That's just a start. I'm sure PN could generate all sorts of attractive possibilities.

REFUGEE RESOURCE FROM: Pner Charles M. Wilhelm (568 E. 82nd St., New York, NY 11236) A good publication on refugee issues is RICHER Refugees Among Us, published by the British Refugee Council and the Refugee
I have been serving as information coordinator for the Bank for Socially Responsible Lending. In addition to regular banking services, I work on low- and moderate-income neighborhood housing developments, community-based businesses, credit unions, and so on. The founder and principal organizer is Lynden Couston, formally active in Berkeley's 1970's rent strikes, food, and housing co-ops.

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PASSENGS THE WORD (continued from page 2)

There were many opportunities for exposure to unfamiliar ideas, major initiatives, and the development of new housing policies. The conference was well attended, with numerous sessions and workshops, and a lively exchange of ideas. The conference planning committee will apparently review all the proposals for inclusion in the final agenda, and decide on new common steps, if any. The enthusiasm and initiatives started by this conference were great. It could be a solid beginning.

Good luck to the committee in building on it.

(Peter Marcuse, Division of Urban Planning, Columbia Univ., New York, NY 10027)

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ANTI-GERMINTATION BILL: From Chuck Valentine, Staff Organizer, Kensington Joint Action Council (1818 E. Huntington St., Philadelphia, PA 19125, 215/425-8303). We are fighting gerritization with a state Senate bill that would allow property tax relief and forgiveness for long-time occupants. Now an amendment would be the tax relief reflect negatively on the state's allocation of public school funds. To gain support from the state, we need alternate revenue-producing ideas. We need vital information that works.

DEVELOPERS/PLANNERS: The Rise of the Community Builders, by Pnner Marc A. Weiss, is a 280-page book on the evolution of modern real estate developers and land development from the 1970s to the 1980s. Published in the Columbia History of Urban Life series, copies are $24.

ORGANIZING GUIDE: The Basics of Organizing, by Shad Trapp, is available from: National Training and Information Center, 954 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607, 312-243-3035. No prior fee.

HOUSING GAZETTE is a quarterly newsletter on low-income housing at the MacAuley Institute, 1320 Fenwick Ln., Silver Spring, MD 20910, 301/588-8110.

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT: The summer/fall 1986 issue of the On the Home Front features "10 Years After Passage of the Community Reinvestment Act: A Resurgence of Interest." For more information, contact the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, 600 California St., San Francisco, CA 94120, 415/393-1300.

FORD AWARDS: The Ford Foundation (Office of Reports, 320 E. 43rd St., New York, NY 10017) has published Innovations in State and Local Governmental reform, a report on awards recognizing new programs and policies at the state and local levels.

INDIAN AFFAIRS is a newsletter of the Association on American Indian Affairs, 95 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10001. Subscription information is included in the quarterly issues.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS is a newsletter of the Association on American Indian Affairs, 95 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10001. Subscription information is included in the quarterly issues.

NUCLEAR BLACKMAIL: Deadly Connections: Intervention and Nuclear War explores the relationship between U.S. nuclear weapons policy and peace in the world. It is available as slides, a book, or a film, from: American Friends Service Committee, 2161 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA 02140, 617/661-6130.

MINORITY SCHOLARSHIPS: The MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning is offering the following 12 full fellowships plus $5,000 stipends for minority graduate students, beginning with the 1987-88 academic year. Details: Thomas Stokes, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, MIT, 9-521, 77 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA 02139, 617/253-0525.

MEMBER UPDATE: From Troy West (60 Union St., Newark, NJ 07105, 201/589-3973). In the New York area, we all have been working on plans for a Center for the Study of Peace, a student design project for alternatives to the Nacky's Staten Island nuclear power plant. We are also working on a very timely and exciting new teach-in project, and we exhibited the entries in December in New York.

In addition, I've recently completed working drawings and specifications for a new shelter project that I've been working on through the last at the moment, but I would like to share my research in this and other areas of alternative housing.


NEIGHBORWORKS: The 32-page January-February issue of The Neighborhood Works (Center for Neighborhood Technology, 570 W. Randolph St., Chicago, IL 60606) marks the beginning of the 10th year of publication for this award-winning resource for urban communities. Subscriptions are $18.


SCHOOL REFORM: The Way Out: Student Exclusion Practices in Boston Middle Schools is a 109-page report from the Massachusetts Center for Research on Education, Urban laptop Boston, MA 02110, 617/357-8431) on policies and practices that contribute to a 43-percent dropout rate in Boston. Copies are $9.

NETWORK UPDATE: From Gunter Stern (3702 Farragut Ave., Kensington, MD 20895): I have started working with the American Friends Service Committee in Maryland. I have joined the local chapter of the Committee for a variety of reasons. The Committee is becoming a vocal advocacy group. I would enjoy hearing and sharing with others working with and for the homeless.

PN MEMBER SERVICES: From Networker Roger Montgomery (2824 Cherry St., Berkeley, CA 94705) in response to the first item in PN #61, the discount books and stuff don't do much for me, though I think I understand the interest of others; but the travel idea does interest.

Early last summer I was in the USSR with a small group of architects mainly. We spent about four weeks in Central Asia, but we were in Moscow for a bit where the architect was enthusiastic friendly toward us thanks to an immediately proved useful in a As a USGPPIA generated survey of contemporaneous work.

I should certainly like to return to the Soviet Union with a planner group that could move beyond the pacified Intourist intinerary for starters, how about the incredible rebuilding and expansion of Tashkent from a wrecked, mud brick, Asian regional center in 1966 to a nationally important, modern, industrial city in 1987? The next time, in a quick pass I found it more interesting than Brazilia or Chandigarh. That's just a start.

I'm sure PN could generate all sorts of attractive possibilities.

REFUGEE RESOURCE: From Pnner Charles M. Wilhelm (638 E. 82nd St., New York, NY 11236) a good publication on refugee issues is RQR/RCF Refugee Quarterly, a bi-annual publication, published by the British Refugee Council and the Refugees.
Upcoming Conferences

- PESTICIDES: The National Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticides (530 7th St. S.E., Wash., DC 20003, 202/543-5450) is held in the ninth National Pesticide Forum March 20-23 in Washington, D.C. The theme includes workshops and plenaries. Registration is $30.


Calls for Papers

- SOCIAL WORK: The National Association of Social Workers (7961 Eastern Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910, 301/365-0333) has issued a call for presentations at its September 9-12 conference in New Orleans, on the theme: "Social Work '87: On the Leading Edge."

- COMPUTERS/HUMAN SERVICES: Presentation proposals are being requested for the first International Conference on Human Service Information Technology Applications, to be held in September in England. The conference theme is "A Technology to Support Humanity." Contact: Walter LaMen- dona, Information Technology Center, GSSW-Univ. of Denver, Denver, CO 80208, 303/871-2886.

Ex Conferences

- APPROPRIATE TRANSPORTATION: The International Conference on Appropriate Transportation (49 E. Houston St., New York, NY 10012, 212/925-8505) is held for a conference February 6-8 in New York, with special attention to human-powered utility vehicles and the delivery of messengers, commuters, and disabled who depend on them.

- CREATIVE FINANCING: The National Development Council (1300 Convention Plaza, St. Louis, Mo. 63103, 314/241-3622) is held for a conference "The Creative Financing Symposium" January 26-30 in Washington, D.C. Topics included revolving loan funds, business incubators, and business retention.


- FULL EMPLOYMENT: New Initiatives for Full Employment (33 W. 42nd St. #620, New York, NY 10022, 212/840-1259) sponsored a conference January 30 in New York on reaffirming the importance of full employment in building a strong and just economic order.

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- APRIL PN DEADLINE: The arrival deadline for copy for the April Planners Network is Monday, April 6. We look forward to hearing from as many Networkers as possible. Our thanks always to those who type their notes. It's a great help in production, and it reduces our chances of misreading what you write. Arrival deadline for #63 copy: Monday, April 6.

- 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 campaign. Salary is $20-$2250. Contact: Howard L. Simon, Executive Director.

- STAFF ATTORNEY: The National Housing Law Project (950 Addison St., Berkeley, CA 94704, 415/548-8400) is seeking an experienced attorney, preferably with Legal Services experience, as a Staff Attorney. Salary is based on experience. Contact: David B. Blyson, Acting Director.

- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: The Southwest Germanstat Community Development Corp. (Box 29591, Philadelphia, PA 19144) is seeking an experienced executive, and motivated nonprofit executive to direct and revitalize a nonprofit organization with programs in housing rehabilitation, youth employment, and economic development. Salary commensurate with experience.
Social Responsibility

- DESIGN COMPETITION: Northern California Architects, Designers, Planners for Social Responsibility (120 Howard St., #8-726, San Francisco, CA 94103) is sponsoring a design competition in line with a Federal Emergency Management Agency proposal to build 600 "radiation-proof emergency operating centers" for government officials. The intent of the ADPSR competition is to elicit thought-provoking images on the paradox of nuclear blast and survival.

Upcoming Conferences

- PESTICIDES: The National Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticides (530 7th St. S.E., Wash. DC 20003, 202/543-5450) will hold a follow-up National Pesticide Forum March 20-23 in Washington, D.C. The format includes workshops and plenaries. Registration is $30.

- SOCIAL INVESTING: The Social Investment Forum will sponsor a conference April 3 in New York on "From Divestment to Reinvestment: Ethical Investing in the '90s." Admission is $25. Details: New York Open Center, 63 Spring St., New York, NY 10012, 212/219-2527.


- REVITALIZATION: The American Institute of Certified Planners (1313 E. 60th St., Chicago, IL 60637, 312/955-9100) is sponsoring a workshop March 19-20 in Chicago on "Preservation as a Tool for Revitalization." Registration is $275 for AICP members, $300 for APA members, and $335 for others.

- MAINSTREET: The National Main Street Center (National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20036) will sponsor a conference March 25-27 in Tempe, Ariz., and April 28-30 in Lansing on "Revitalizing Downtown: Creating Economic Opportunity on Main Street." Registration is $270.

- WORKER/OWNERS: Twin Streams Educational Center (243 Flemimgton St., Chapel Hill, NC 27514, 919/323-3100) will hold its sixth Worker-Ownership Conference in North Carolina June 6-7. Location will be announced. Details: Wes Hare.

- DEMOCRATIC ALTERNATIVES: Democratic Alternatives (15 Dutch St. #500, New York, NY 10038, 212/626-0390) will hold a regional conference February 27-28 in Albany on a progressive national agenda for the Democrats. Registration is $25. Details: Jo-Anne Mort.

- DISPUTE RESOLUTION: The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy (1000 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA 02138) is sponsoring a conference March 16-20 in Boston on "Dispute Resolution and Land Use Planning." Registration is $600 for nonprofits, $750 for others.

- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: The National Congress for Community Economic Development (1612 K St. N.W., #510, Washington, DC 20006, 202/659-8441) will hold its 17th annual conference March 12-15 in Altamonte Springs, Fla., on "Building a Broader Perspective on Community-Based Development." Registration is $195 for NCCEC members, $250 for others.

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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.