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PN ROSTER: We could have sent the PN Roster to the typesetter and printer with the 100 biosketches we have received to date; but with nearly 900 PNers in all, it wouldn't have been a very useful enterprise. *Please:* Sit down (right now!) with the form on the back page of this newsletter, fill it out, and send it to us—to arrive no later than July 31. Then we will be able to produce something of more interest and value to you than just a list of names and addresses.

Please write your biosketch, and mail it today.

PN OFFSPRING: Babies seem to be coming thick and fast to PN Steering Committee members. Donna Dyer had Lowell Kevin Dyer on December 16; Gina Irene Hoch-Stall was born February 3 to Charlie Hoch; and Benjamin Fine Hartman was born April 24 to Chester Hartman.

FINANCIAL MINI-REPORT: We received \$1,452 in gifts and contributions from 59 PNers since the April newsletter. Our thanks to each of you. Remember: An extra contribution with your biosketch can help offset the additional expense of preparing the roster.

Passing the Word

HOMELESS SHELTERS: Shelters for the homeless in Washington, DC, and Brooklyn have benefited from the architectural and design work of PN Member Conrad Levenson, and his firm Conrad Levenson Architects and Planners, 41 E. 29th St., New York, NY 10016, 212/889-5100. Stories on the firm's involvement have appeared in the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*.

CO-OP BIBLIOGRAPHY: *Cooperative Housing in Canada: A Comprehensive Bibliography*, by Networker David Hulchanski (Univ. of British Columbia Planning Papers, Bibliography #4), is available for \$2.50, from: Publications, School of Community and Regional Planning, Univ. of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC V6T 1W5.

MEMBER UPDATE: From Francine Leroux Berube (570 McEachran Ave., Outremont, Montreal, Quebec H2V 3C4): After moving from Quebec to Montreal, having completed my Masters, I managed to get a few jobs, mostly writing reports for other people. The topics have ranged from rural development to

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 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, Pittsfield.

Newsletter Editor: Prentice Bowsher.

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community development corporations. I have also been teaching methodology in the urban planning department at UQAM. I hope to get a two-year contract in a CDC for the development of small businesses and the implementation of an incubator.

□ NETWORKER UPDATE: From Ira Saletan (617 Ironwood Way, Sacramento, CA 95831, 916/421-0409): I am working as a Planning Analyst for the Lodi Unified School District Department of Facility Planning. My principal assignment is to develop a long-range master plan for the District, which (like a growing number of school systems in this state) is overcrowded and underfunded. I have found others who have made a similar "career turn" (urban planning background to school planning), and would be interested in hearing from PN members who have made a transition of this kind, who work for local school districts, or who have had some experience in educational administration or policy (growing interests for me).

Previously I was executive director of a nonprofit housing corporation in Davis. I was fired as a result of nasty internal politics among the board, and for generally being uppity. I have recently written a history of the experience; those who are interested may request a copy.

□ NETWORKER UPDATE: From Ximena de la Barra (67-41 Burns St. #509, Forest Hills, NY 11375): After nearly two years in Nairobi, Kenya, with the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (HABITAT), researching on Urban Management in the Developing World and on International Development Assistance to Human Settlements, I recently returned to New York to join the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Strategic Planning Team and to teach Urban Planning and Health in Developing Countries at the Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation.

□ AWARD FINALISTS: The Bruner Foundation (132 W. 43rd St., New York, NY 10036, 212/575-5115) has announced five finalists in the first Rudy Bruner Award for creative contribution to the urban environment. The finalists are Kansas City's Quality Hill, New York City's Casa Rita, San Francisco's St. Francis Square, Seattle's Pike Place Market, and the Philadelphia Health Services Center on Fairmount Avenue.

□ NEIGHBORHOOD FUNDING is a new quarterly newsletter from the Development Training Institute (518 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21201, 301/727-5161) on funding activity in the area of community/neighborhood development. Subscriptions are \$20.

□ NEWARK 'ARK': An international response by artists, citizens, and others was developing in the face of city threats to tear down a Newark demolition contractor's three-masted ark under construction from salvaged materials in a poor center-city neighborhood. Kea Tanawa's unfinished, 98-foot construction is hailed by supporters as a "symbol of renewal," and by critics as an "eyesore." Contact: PN Member Troy West, 259 Greenhill Beach Rd., Wakefield, RI 02879, 401/783-0587.

□ ADPSR FEEDBACK: From Networker Troy West (259 Greenhill Beach Rd., Wakefield, RI 02879, 401/783-0587): I think it is important to keep PN's membership in Architects/Designers/Planners for Social Responsibility. The NYC chapter schools committee, which I co-chair with Judy Scheine of NYIT, is planning a Fall design problem linking peace with the

International Year of Shelter. It is a marvelous opportunity for planners and architects to work together. If no one in PN is available to take Chester's place on the ADPSR board, I would be glad to consider serving.

□ HOUSING POLICY: *Breaking Ground: A Report on Boston Housing Policy and Performance* summarizes the efforts of Mayor Raymond Flynn's administration to protect and expand affordable housing. *A Housing Agenda for America*, by Major Flynn, outlines a three-part program to renew the federal role in affordable housing: emergency assistance for the homeless, protection of existing subsidized housing, and a supply program centered on community-based nonprofit sponsors. Both reports are available from Networker Peter Dreier, Director of Housing, Boston Redevelopment Authority, City Hall, Boston, MA 02201.

□ SQUATTERS FILM: *HOME* is a 28-minute, award-winning documentary on the plight of squatters in East New York, Brooklyn. It is available for rent or purchase, in film and video formats, from: The Cinema Guild, 1697 Broadway, New York, NY 10019, 212/246-5522.

□ HUMAN SERVICES: The 1987-88 edition of the *Public Welfare Directory* has been published by the American Public Welfare Association, 1125 15th St. N.W. #300, Wash. DC 20005. Copies are \$60.

□ HOMELESSNESS: *Alternatives to the Welfare Hotel* is an illustrated, 54-page report from the Community Service Society (105 E. 22nd St., New York, NY 10010, 212/254-8900) on using emergency assistance funds to provide decent transitional shelter for homeless families.

□ URBAN RESOURCES: *St. Louis Currents: The Community and Its Resources*, provides facts and interpretation as a resource on the St. Louis region. Topics include community leadership, government, human services, education, and others. Copies are \$17.50, from: Center for Metropolitan Studies, Univ. of Missouri, 8001 Natural Bridge Rd., St. Louis, MO 63121.

□ HUNGER CURRICULUM: *Exploding the Hunger Myths: A High School Curriculum*, by Sonja Williams, is a guide for using independent discovery methods to have students explore underlying causes of hunger and to develop solutions. The publisher is: Institute for Food and Development Policy, 1885 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94103, 415/864-8555.

□ PUBLIC HOUSING: Two articles about public housing are available from PN Member Peter Dreier, Boston Redevelopment Authority, City Hall, Boston, MA 02201. "Private Project: Public Housing for Sale," which appeared in the *New Republic*, criticizes the Reagan Administration's efforts to "privatize" public housing. "Get Out the Vote," which appeared in the *Journal of Housing*, describes voter registration campaigns among public housing tenants as a strategy to expand support for subsidized housing.

□ STATE TAXES: *The Next Frontier: Relieving State Tax Burdens on the Poor*, by David Kahan with Robert Greenstein, is a 66-page report from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (236 Massachusetts Ave. N.E. #305, Washington, DC 20002, 202/544-0591) on extending tax reform to include substantial

state tax relief for low-income households. No price listed.

TRUST FUNDS/PLANT CLOSINGS: The Community Information Exchange (1120 G St. N.W. #900, Wash. DC 20005, 202/628-2981) has published a 12-page overview of housing trust funds, and a 12-page report on community-based responses to plant closings. Each is \$7.

CDBG FUNDS: The Planners Network joined in a Congressional sign-on letter in support of full funding for community development block grants in the Senate Budget Resolution. Details: National Low Income Housing Coalition, 1012 14th St. N.W. #1006, Wash. DC 20005, 202/662-1530.

WORKER-OWNERS: Twin Streams Educational Center (243 Flemington St., Chapel Hill, NC 27514, 919/929-3316) has issued a report on the fifth Worker-Ownership Conference, held in June 1986 in Greensboro, NC.

JOB QUERY: An outstanding graduate of Columbia's Ph.D. program from Zambia, with extensive experience in the housing ministry and in housing finance there and with the United Nations, is looking for a teaching/research position in the United States for all or part of next year. If anyone knows of possibilities, please contact: Peter Marcuse, Division of Urban Planning, Columbia University, 410 Avery Hall, New York, NY 10027, 212/280-3322.

TNW HONORED: *The Neighborhood Works*, published 10 times yearly by the Center for Neighborhood Technology (570 W. Randolph St., Chicago, IL 60606), has been selected as a winner in the annual Peter Lisagor Journalism competition. The magazine was cited in the public service category for a special supplement, "Working Neighborhoods: Taking Charge of Your Local Economy."

DISPLACEMENT BIBLIOGRAPHY: *Displacement: An Annotated Bibliography* is a 34-page resource prepared by Networker Cindy Roeser for the Research, Planning, and Evaluation Division, City of New York Commission on Human Rights (52 Duane St., New York, NY 10007). It includes citations on planning theory and the history of displacement, as well as on legal and grassroots strategies against displacement. No price listed.

NICARAGUA NEWSLETTER: *Nicaragua Through Our Eyes* is a 10-times yearly newsletter published by the Committee of U.S. Citizens Living in Nicaragua. The May issue included a range of short features and a special supplement profiling U.S. engineer Ben Linder and his development work. Linder was killed April 28 in a Contra attack on a village hydroelectric plant he had helped build. Newsletter subscriptions are \$15, to: Through Our Eyes Publications, Distribution Committee, Box 4403-159, Austin, TX 78765.

DESIGN COMPETITION: The National Park Service is holding a design competition for a Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls, N.Y., the site of an 1848 women's rights meeting. The competition program package is \$45; registration closes July 1. Contact: Competition Manager, Women's Rights National Historical Park, National Park Service, Box 70, Seneca Falls, NY 13148.

Upcoming Conferences

JOB SAFETY: The University of North Carolina will present its 10th annual Occupational Safety and Health Summer Institute August 17-21 in Charleston, SC. Registration is \$390. Details: OSHERC, Univ. of North Carolina, 109 Conner Dr. #1101, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, 919/962-2101.

LAND TRUSTS: The Institute for Community Economics (151 Montague City Rd., Greenfield, MA 01301, 413/774-7956) will hold a national conference for community land trusts September 10-13 in Atlanta.

GREEN MOVEMENT: The Committees of Correspondence, a national federation of local Green groups, will sponsor a national conference for a new policies July 2-7 in Amherst, Mass., on the theme, "Building the Green Movement." Registration is \$130 before June 30; \$170 afterward. Details: National Green Gathering Working Group, c/o New England Committee of Correspondence, Box 703, White River Junction, VT 05001, 802/295-1544.

Jobs

JOBS WITH PEACE: The National Jobs with Peace Campaign (76 Summer St., Boston, MA 02110, 617/338-5783) has two positions open—National Field Coordinator, and National Program Coordinator. Salary for the Field Coordinator is \$22,000-\$28,000. Contact: Jill Nelson, Executive Director.

MUTUAL HOUSING: The National Mutual Housing Network Project, a project of the Low Income Information Service (1012 14th St. N.W. #1006, Wash. DC 20005, 202/662-1530) is seeking an experienced nonprofit administrator as Director. Salary base is \$2,500-\$3,333 monthly.

DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR: East Central Community Legal Services (5 W. Hargett St. #600, Raleigh, NC 27602, 919/828-4647) is seeking an experienced community economic development practitioner to develop and carry out a community economic development project in Wake County, N.C. Salary is up to \$20,000. Contact: Gregory C. Malhoit, Executive Director.

PRINCIPAL PLANNER: The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (110 Tremont St., Boston, MA 02108, 617/451-2770) has an opening for an experienced, senior housing planner to provide technical assistance to communities, and research and prepare reports on housing issues. Salary is \$28,000-\$32,000.

Etcetera

AUGUST PN DEADLINE: The arrival deadline for copy for the August *Planners Network* is Monday, August 3. 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 PN #65 copy: Monday, August 3.

