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.

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identical twin girls, Rebecca and Venessa. "Yes," he says, "I can tell them apart. And yes, it is possible somehow to function without sleep." (For earlier "offsprings," see the October PN.)

☐ FINANCIAL MINI-REPORT: Sixty-one PNers contributed $1,520 since the October newsletter, and we are deeply grateful for their support. Our thanks to each of you.

Passing the Word

☐ NEW YORK REVISITED: The Fall 1987 Dissent (521 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10017) is a special 240-page issue, "In Search of New York," with articles and commentary covering "Looking at Our City," "Days of the Developers," "A City Divided," "Conflicts and Constituencies," "The Culture of the City," and "Memories and Impressions," among other topics. A single issue is $5; subscriptions (quarterly) are $15.

☐ INFORMATION REQUEST: From Chuck Ogg (124 Byner St., #2, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130): I am a PhD student at Boston College in sociology, where I am working on my thesis. Its title is "Boston as a New Class City," where I plan on
PRIVATELY OWNED RENTAL HOUSING: An Owner's Case

By Dan Garr

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Nevertheless, more than two years passed before the rehabilitation was completed. And then there were many trying moments, including threats to my life (by individuals capable of carrying out their threatened intimations).

In fact, I find this book to be more than a guide to a paradigm—or should I say a "bearguard"—since comprehensive planning.

For those who can't quite place the saga of Little Bear, it is a story about children's rights: Virginia Lee Burton and the power of her books—The Little House, Maybe the Mouse, and Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel—to reconnect social history with an effectiveness that appeals to adults as much as to children.

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PN Chair Chester Hartman, for example, recalled that the one book he read in incredible detail from childhood is Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel.

Apparent other PN readers have had similar experiences. We print two accounts here. —Ed

For those who can’t quite place the saga of Little Bear, it is a series of children’s books about Little Bear playing outside as the only snowflakes appear. Going inside the cozy cottage, Little Bear tells his mother to make him a winter hat.

Later, Little Bear again returns home, and cuddles up with his mother before an increasingly wintry days. This goes on for a while, with Little Bear getting a scarf, probably some boots, etc.

Finally, in the big scene, Little Bear confronts his mother, and asks for a fur coat to stay warm. Patiently, Little Bear takes off the boots, the scarf, the mittens, the hat, leaving Little Bear with the fur coat he thought he needed.

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All this took place in Santa Cruz County, Calif., a surfing and woodland paradise, and a far cry from the festering dogdas of ghetto rhythms. Today (1980), both properties are florish-

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I view the Special Feature editor Bob Beauregard (Dept. of Urban Planning, Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, N.J. 08803), 201-352-4095; 352-3822.

We are grateful for Networkers’ support of this feature, and encourage continued ideas, suggestions, commentary, and dialogue.

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I favor the Federal Reserve Bank approach, which provides a clear advantage to low-income tenants, and will produce more housing than an administratively-costly program to manage. Why not subsidize a black market in controlled dwellings?

The lip service to a "fair return" for property owners would require the application of CPAs; each property owner faces different and complex calculations concerning this measure of equity.

Second, I see few PN scenarios to contrast with Critical Perspectives concerning the immense profitability that landlords enjoy. An exception would be declining neighborhoods in economically depressed cities.

Indeed, housing investments made since 1980 have been extremely unprofitable, as real interest rates have remained high and capital gains negligible when compared to inflation. If expressed in constant dollars, many properties whose values are determined by the surburbem states have in fact declined in value.

Local and regional influences on the real estate market can raise or lower the bottom line significantly. Most recently, the latter has occurred although the former is eventually inevitable due to the cyclical nature of real estate investment.

For the investor, the highly intensive management requirement by residential property is often completely ignored when lost calculation of $300 million.

Whether a building is profitable or not, an owner as property manager will have to change its lifestyle and limitations of a perfectly timed or spend 6-10 percent of gross rents on management. In a typical fourplex, this means in excess of $300 to $500.

Money can indeed be made, but it requires dedication, hard work, vigilance, and luck.

Thirdly, indications are that tax reform will put residential real estate and (commercial property even more) on a more or less permanent basis, by the severe curtailment of tax shelters.

Unless there is a major increase in rental subsidies, rents are going to increase at least 5 percent a year above and beyond normal increases. Thus the economic struggle for housing will worsen, and pressures will mount for additional rent control.

There is no question that the Administration is doing its utmost to trim down the housing spigot, in addition to clearly demonstrating its malvolent intents and across-the-board moral bankruptcy.

Even beyond that, our housing problem and its costs also stem from too many dense neighborhoods, and too many households of which a large majority are 50-60 percent of their income on a one-bedroom apartment, rather than share living together in their families.

There is no shortage of housing units; but, rather, there is a tendency to pursue an answer which exacerbate the housing problem.

Americans have lost sight of the fact that housing historically has been a very expensive item, except for two decades following World War II when a small number of homeownership and high inflation structure subsidies produced lots of expensive housing.

Today's high housing costs are the rule throughout American history, a perspective made more obvious by the environment in which most of us came of age.

The right to a decent home and a suitable living environment was, in the 1949 Housing Act, a situation characterized by two decades of neglect and inactivity, which began with the Great Depression in 1929.

It is far different from the situation of today; and I very much doubt whether the Supreme Court will declare housing to be a fundamental right.

The housing spigot should not be turned off, and rehab programs should continue; but the days of government's hidden subsidies for the 50s and 60s are behind us.

Lastly, I feel most unproductive that Messrs. Hartman and Stone should call for a compulsory buyout of the nation's entire rental housing stock (Critical Perspectives, Summer 1983).

Even though government resources are skewed and skirted in murderous directions, such a proposal can only damage the credibility of its authors and their affiliates.

Perhaps a more modest and limited alternative for PN members is to put their resources on the line, and see what can be done by the enlightened, enlightened, and politically-aware ownership.

Dan Gurr is co-author of The Suburban Environment and Women (NY: Praeger, 1977) and Suburbia: An International Assessment (NY: St. Martin's, 1986), and teaches planning at San Jose State University.

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□ TRAENT PROJECT: TRAENT (Box 567, Raleigh, ME 04070, 207/660-6932) has produced 100 books of interactive technology libraries to 93 world villages, with partial support from UNESCO. As the U.S. ended its support for UNESCO, UNICEF dropped its support for other TRAENT libraries. But the need remains, and TRAENT is seeking contributions to continue the project.

□ BANNERMAN FELLOWSHIPS: The Youth Project (2335 18th St. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202/483-0030) is accepting applications for the Charles B. and Bessie Memorial Fellowship which provide minority social activists with a $10,000 stipend for a sabbatical of three months or more.

□ PROGRESSIVE PERIODICALS: Progressive Education (Box 125754, Nashville, TN 37232) is compiling an updated directory of national progressive periodicals published in the United States, and is seeking suggested entries. A previous edition is nearly sold out.

□ UTAH HOUSING: Considerations in Utah Rural: Results of a Structural Survey of Rural Housing Units is a 53-page report of Utah Housing Coalition (235 South Lake City, UT 84111, 801/321-2035), which among other things recommends state low-income housing appropriations of at least $1 million each year and establishment of a state housing trust fund. No price listed.

□ FARMLANDS: A Community Issue is a new book from Concern Inc. (1794 Columbia Rd. N.W., Washingto DC 20009, 202/328-8160) on ecologically and environmentally sound farming. Single copies are $3.

□ CHANGING BANKS: The Bankers of Today, the Banks of Tomorrow: Services Industry and Its Role in Community Reinvestment, by Jean Pogge and David Fixx-Hutcl, describes the impact of recent changes in the banking industry on low- and moderate-income people and neighborhoods. Copies: The Woodstock Institute, 53 W. Jackson Blvd. #304, Chicago, IL 60604, 312/472-8070. No price listed.

□ GOVT ASSISTANCE GUIDE: The Government Assistance Almanac 1988 is a guide to federal domestic assistance programs. Copies are $24.95, plus $3.25 handling, from Regency Gateway Inc., 950 N. Shore Dr., Lake Bluff, IL 60044, 800/448-8311.


□ CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTS Quarterly is a new

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journal designed to improve the relationship between children and the physical environment. Subscriptions are $28, from Children's Environmental Research Group, CUNY Graduate School and University Center, 33 W. 42nd St., New York, NY 10036, 212/944-2335.

One Socialist Scholar's Invitation to a New Yorker:

I am invited by a Socialист scholar to a meeting with New York's new governor, Mario Cuomo. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the future of the state and its policies. The governor is expected to announce his plans for the next legislative session. The meeting will be held at the State Capitol building in Albany, New York. The meeting is expected to start at 9:00 AM and end at 11:00 AM.

Networkers' Reports

Reflections on the APA Presidency

by Norman Krumboltz

College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University

(Norman Krumboltz is Immediate Past President of the American Planning Association.)

I ran for the APA Presidency with three objectives in mind:

1. First, I wanted to reduce the friction that was then wreaking the organization.

2. Second, I wanted to remind APA's membership of the progressive roots of our profession—that the idea of a "good" and "just" city is at least as powerful an idea in the origin of city planning as "best city planning." But I am only enough to say "just social planning." Third (and this is related to the second), I wanted to have more planners begin to address seriously the most vexing problems of our society, the destructive effects on cities and people of concentrated poverty and racial discrimination. To some extent, I guess my year as President has been successful.

With respect to internal friction at the APA board, it is lower than it has been in years. In the recent past, board meetings were long and bitter, with constant clashes of personality and friction,bubbling over on the floor. By contrast, our last four board meetings (two annual, two mid-year) have been harmonious and pleasant. Meetings have moved as scheduled, and members have been cordial and respectful of one another. This cordiality is not because the board has swept the more serious problems under the rug. We've acted on a wide range of issues, such as open housing, economic conversion, war production, and, more recently, internal issues of the organization. The board has engaged in a wide range of issues, such as open housing, economic conversion, war production, and, more recently, internal issues of the organization. The board has engaged in a wide range of issues, such as open housing, economic conversion, war production, and, more recently, internal issues of the organization.

Roundup: Columbia

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Networkek Saska Sassen-Koo! is the new Director of the Columbia Urban Planning Program. She is completing a research project on the telecommunications and earthquake industries in New York, California, and also has begun a new project on the impact of the 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act, focusing especially on the impact on the development of discrimination and on the impact on the development of discrimination.

Networkek Charles Downs of Columbia's Urban Planning Program has been working in Mozambique, Haiti, and New York. He is in Mozambique to review institutional aspects of planning for urban rehabilitation. Research conducted since 1986 in Haiti will be published in early 1988 in Democracy, Development and Basic Needs: Decentralization in Haiti, co-authored with Leslie Voltaire. This research will also serve as basic material for a conference scheduled for Port-au-Prince in January.

He is developing a comprehensive book on the transformation of urban planning during periods of revolutionary change, based on his experience in Portugal, Nicaragua and Haiti.

Networkek Rob Burton, who teaches in Columbia's Urban Planning Program and who 20 years ago founded Health PAC, was honored by about 200 health professionals, policymakers, and community and consumer activists at a benefit dinner at Riverside Church in October for the Health Action Resource Center and the Public Interest Health Consortium for New York City, for "his contributions to health and urban planning teaching, planning, advocacy and analysis.

He has just completed a joint report on "Changing Big City Academic Center Complexes in a Proprietary Health Care Market Environment."

Networkek Elliott Scoler and Saska Sassen-Koo! lead Columbia University students in a studio project "Chelse Today, Chelsea Tomorrow: A Plan for Preservation and Development," commissioned by the Chelsea Planning and Preservation Committee of Community Board 4 in Manhattan.

The project received the American Institute of Certified Planners 1980 Honor Award.

According to the AICP Committee, the report represents an instance, even in the largest U.S. metropolitan area, where a community took a stand to protect the future of its neighborhood.

Elliott reports that the Chelsea Community Board has used the study, examining housing, population, economic, real estate, and land use policies, as the basis of a comprehensive neighborhood plan, the first to be reviewed by the City Planning Commission under a City Charter provision for such community-based master plans.

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- CONSUMER ASSESSMENT: The Consumer Federation of America (1424 16th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, 202-783-6121) will hold a conference February 4-5 in Washington on the theme "Consumer Choices: Old Challenges, New Opportunities." Registration is $75 for CFA members, $95 for academics and other public interest groups, and $295 for others.


- ELDERS HOUSING: The National Association of State Units on Aging and the Council of State Housing Agencies (44 N. Capitol St. N.W., Washington, DC 20001, 202-624-7792) is sponsoring a conference January 27-28 in San Francisco, "State Initiatives in Elderly Housing." Registration is $725 for nonprofits and government, $325 for others.

- SOLID WASTE: The New York State Legislative Committee on Solid Waste Management (at State Capitol, Albany, NY 12224) sponsored a conference on waste management, recycling, and solid waste management, recycling, and solid waste management, recycling, and solid waste management.

- DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH: The Research Committee on Urban and Regional Development will hold a conference September 26-30 in Rome on the theme "Trends and Challenges in Urban Restructuring." Details: Edmond de Rothschild Foundation, 39-41 rue Pouget, 75640 Paris Cedex 17, France.

- INFORMAL DEVELOPMENT: The Community and Regional Planning Program of the Univ. of New Mexico is organizing a conference April 7-8 in Albuquerque on "Establishing Linkages: The Informal Development Sector—Mexico.
journal designed to improve the relationship between children and the physical environment. Subscriptions are $28, from Children's Environments Research Group, CUNY Graduate School and University Center, 33 W 42nd St., New York, NY 10036, 212/944-2353.

Networks' Reports

Reflections on the APA Presidency

by Norman Krumboltz

College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University

(Norman Krumboltz is Immediate Past President of the American Planning Association.)

I ran for the APA Presidency with three objectives in mind: First, I wanted to reduce the friction that was then wrecking the organization.

Second, I wanted to remind APA's membership of the progressive roots of our profession—that the idea of a "good" and "just" city is at least as powerful an idea in the origin of city planning as "best." Third (and this is related to the second), I wanted to have more planners begin to address seriously the most vexing problems of our society—the destructive effects on cities and people of concentrated poverty and racial discrimination.

To some extent, I guess my year as President has been successful. With respect to internal friction at the APA board, it is lower than it has been in years. In the recent past, board meetings were long and bitter, with constant clashes of personality and friction bubbling over on the floor.

By contrast, our last four board meetings (two annual, two mid-year) have been harmonious and pleasant. Meetings have moved as scheduled, and members have been cordial and respectful of one another. This cordiality is not because the board has swept the more serious problems under the rug. We've acted on a number of critical dues increase in a way which has strengthened the organization; we're moving to decentralize some of our services to the chapter level; we've provided funding for the accreditation process in planning schools. And we've lobbied Congress on a range of important issues, including open housing, economic conversion of war production, and centralization of low-income housing.

Past President Dan Lauber (PN) deserves a lot of credit for this progress. But I think APA is now in excellent shape. And with respect to the second objective, I think we did some things to remind our profession of its progressive roots. For example, we set up an annual award honoring and commemorating Paul Davidoff, and over the past two years we gave recognition awards to a unique and outstanding group of planners.

When APA honors people like Cushing Dolbear, who has spent her life lobbying for low-income housing; Marcy Bentstock, who stopped NYC's Westway virtually by herself; Delores Hayden and Jackie Leavist, who have researched and written extensively on housing, homelessness, and feminist issues, we are reminding planners of the need to consider moral values and ethics as well as planning techniques and to do "good" as well as "well."

These awards suggest that at least some members of the planning profession may be interested in more than simply good site plans and improved zoning ordinances. I'm afraid not too much was accomplished on the third objective.

I don't think many planners are likely to change their basic approach to their jobs unless their mayors or governors ask them to.

But I am very encouraged by the "linkage" and "extension" work that is being done by such planners as Rob Mier (Chicago), David Bassett, Sam Frishman, and Michael S. Cohen.

And for me, the peak of the New York APA Conference was Rick Cohen, Jersey City's Redevelopment Director, talking about low-income housing set-asides, as well as aesthetics, in the striking new developments on Jersey City's shoreline.

I think we've only scratching the surface of the possibilities of extension and I think planners will be creatively involved in developing this progressive policy.

I hope more PN members who are not also APA members will join APA, get to know APA and its policies, and try to move the organization in a more progressive direction.

Roundup: Columbia

The following items came from our friends in the good folks in the Urban Planning Department at Columbia University. It's a nice idea—to get a weekly report on things among people at a certain institution. Who's next? — Ed.

Networke: The Mobility of Labor and Capital, is coming out in January from the Cambridge University Press.

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Research conducted since 1986 in Haiti will be published in early 1988 in Democracy, Development and Basic Needs: Decentralization in Haiti, co-authored with Leslie Voltaire. This research will also serve as basic material for a conference scheduled for Port-au-Prince in January.

He is developing a comparative book on the transformation of planning during periods of revolutionary change, based on his experience in Portugal, Nicaragua and Haiti.

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He has just completed a joint report on "Changing Big City Academic Medical Center Complexes in a Proprietary Health Care Market Environment."

Networke: Elliott Selar and Saskia Sassen-Kooib led Columbia University students in a studio project "Chase Today, Chavez Tomorrow: A Plan for Preservation and Development," commissioned by the Chase Planning and Preservation Committee of Community Board 4 in Manhattan.

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**Jobs**

It would be awfully good to get some feedback from you on how you think we are doing with our coverage. We are trying to be sure we have a good mix of Tech openings and employers who seek progressive planners. Our latest issue should get you a good feel for this.

So, whether you've inserted a notice here in order to fill a position or are a job-seeker, please let us know what kinds of results have occurred (we promise not to keep a finder's fee). — Ed.

- **PN REMINDER:** Some of the jobs we list may have application deadlines earlier than when you receive the Newsletter. But deadlines can be adjusted sometimes. So we urge you to phone first, if a number is listed, and check on the deadline schedule.

- **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** The Citizens' Research Education Network (32 Elm St., Hartford, CT 06106), which provides technical assistance to community groups, is seeking an Executive Director. Salary is $20,000-$23,000.

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☐ PUBLICATIONS/MEMBERSHIP: The National Association of Housing Cooperatives (2501 M St. N.W. #451, Wash. DC 20037) is seeking a Director of Publications and Membership Services. Salary is $15,000-$20,000.

☐ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: The Coalition of Peninsula Organizations (1211 Wall St., Baltimore, MD 21230) has an opening for an Executive Director, with grassroots organizing and fundraising experience. Salary is $19,000-$25,000.

☐ PROJECT ADMINISTRATORS: A Springfield, Mass. citywide nonprofit that works with community development corporations has openings for two Project Administrators to provide technical assistance, fundraising, neighborhood outreach, and government liaison. Salary is $30,000-$50,000. Contact: Linda Bradford, 927 15th St. N.W. #1000, Wash. DC 20005, 202/626-9292.

☐ HOUSING STAFF: The Neighborhood Reinvestment Corp. (1325 G St. N.W. #800, Wash. DC 20005) is seeking a Field Service Officer to help develop mutual housing associations in selected cities. Salary is $24,000. Contact: Beverly Heggard.

☐ DEVELOPMENTAL SPECIALIST: The Center for Community Change (1000 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20007) has an opening for a Development Specialist with experience in housing and physical development, to provide on-site technical assistance to low-income community groups in the eastern U.S. Salary is competitive. Contact: Andy Mott.

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☐ 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 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; adn 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 Profession,” 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.