

PLANNERS NETWORK

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□ \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$: Well, you all came through (at least part way). Our emergency funding appeal ("you put up or we shut up") produced 70 contributions to date, totalling \$2,577.50. Thank you. It's enough to clear our debts, and pay for half the cost of this issue, but that's all. We still need money, and badly.

One member has suggested a "Dear Freeloader" note to the 65 percent of you who still haven't come up with a contribution this year, and we may adopt that idea. But we hate being pushy and obnoxious. Make life easy for us by coughing up some more bucks.

We're back in the debt column once this issue goes out, and we're still holding out the very realistic promise/threat: We won't publish the next issue unless we have the money.

Among the emergency contributions were some warm and generous comments on PN, and we hereby are sharing two favorites: "Life without PN would be life in the desert; hope this helps"; and "I have been with PN since Day One, and it is as important an organization now as it was way back then."

Finally, one contributor asked if we could code address labels with the date of the last contribution. Actually, we do that already, and have been doing it since March. Under the system, we add the month and year of your latest contribution directly after your name. We hope it's a helpful reminder.

□ FINANCIAL MINI-REPORT: Most contributions since the last newsletter were reported in the previous item, so we're including this regular feature more for continuity than eye-

catching information. Including post-SOS contributions, we received \$2,819.50 from 78 PNers since the October newsletter. Our thanks to each of you who slipped in your contribution without a special appeal; and thanks again to each of our special contributors. We need more of you (see above). Our 1989 totals include 343 contributors (out of some 865 recipients), providing \$11,122.50.

Passing the Word

□ COMMUNITY/WORKER OWNERS: PN member Jeff Shavelson is working on a publication sponsored by the National Center for Economic Alternatives, highlighting innovative worker- and neighborhood-owned enterprises. The scope of the study includes community development corporations, employee stock ownership plans, cooperatives, and programs by nonprofit energy conservation groups or public agencies. In addition, information on nonprofit groups, public agencies, and public policies supporting worker and neighborhood ownership will be addressed in the publication's appendix. Jeff is interested in suggestions from PN members for an updated edition, and can be reached at 202/462-8266. Those interested in obtaining ordering information on the soon-to-be-published first edition (or submitting written suggestions) should write: Gar Alperovitz, Institute for Policy Studies, 1601 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20009.

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.

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□ NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS: The Lilly Endowment Inc. (2801 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46208, 317/924-5471) has announced the first round of 20 action and planning grants in a \$2.3-million, three-year national initiative to forge partnerships between local religious institutions and distressed urban or rural communities. Most grants went for low-income housing or community economic development projects. In a companion grant, the Ford Foundation approved \$200,000 to the National Congress for Community Economic Development for up to eight additional planning grants to religion/neighborhood partnerships.

□ U/MICHIGAN HOUSING PANEL: From Networker Kate Warner (1804 Linwood Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48103, 313/662-1820): I am chairing a University of Michigan Housing Policy Task Force, looking into issues of student housing, faculty/staff housing, and university community relations in housing. I'm particularly interested in hearing about university or college participation with a neighboring community or with nonprofit organizations in developing lower-cost housing or special-focus housing, such as single-room-occupancy units.

□ GOLF COURSES/POLLUTION: Community and Environmental Defense Associates (Box 206, Maryland Line, MD 21105, 301/329-8194) has completed a study which showed that 11 golf courses in Baltimore County, MD, and York County, PA, had contributed to the degradation of seven streams. No price listed.

□ INSURERS/REINVESTMENT: The Woodstock Institute (53 W. Jackson Blvd., #304, Chicago, IL 60604, 312/427-8070) has issued *The Silent Partner: The Insurance Industry's Potential for Community Reinvestment*, which reports on the industry's role in community development, and urges an expanded effort. Related publications include *A Community Guide to the Insurance Industry* and *A Model State Insurance Community Reinvestment Act*. Each is \$15.

□ CHICAGO HOUSING STUDY: The Nathalie P. Voorhees Center for Neighborhood and Community Improvement (Univ. of Illinois, Box 4348, Chicago, IL 60680, 312/996-6671) has issued a 45-page report, *The Multi-Family Tax Reactivation Program*, on a Chicago program for returning tax-delinquent properties to the tax rolls by making them available to development corporations for low- and moderate-income housing. The program "works, it should be continued, and wherever possible, it should be strengthened," the study concludes. No price listed. A related study, *Fix the Worst First: Saving the Affordable Housing Stock and Renewing Chicago's Neighborhoods*, is free from: Chicago Rehab Network, 53 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604, 312/663-3936.

□ WORKER OWNERS: The National Center for Employee Ownership (2201 Broadway #807, Oakland, CA 94612, 415/272-9461) has a flier on publications and videos, including a new quarterly *Journal of Employee Ownership Law and Finance*, whose first issue is focused on "ESOPs in Public Companies." Journal subscriptions are \$100; single issues are \$35.

□ POLICY STUDIES: The Economic Policy Institute (1730 Rhode Island Ave. N.W. #810, Wash. DC 20036, 202/775-8810) has issued a series of new reports, often with major PNER contributions. Among the titles: *The Emperor's New Clothes: Transit Privatization and Public Policy*, by PNER Elliott D. Sclar,

K.H. Schaeffer, and Robert Brandwein; *Managed Trade and Economic Sovereignty*, by Robert Kuttner; *A Progressive Answer to the Fiscal Deficit*, by Arne Anderson (each at \$8); and *Scapegoating Rent Control: Masking the Causes of Homelessness*, by Michael Dolny, and PNERs Richard P. Appelbaum, Peter Dreier, and John I. Gilderbloom (\$2).

□ NETWORKER'S BOOK: From Networker Joe R. Feagin (Dept. of Sociology, Univ. of Texas, Austin, TX 78712): The thoroughly revised and updated second edition of *Building American Cities* (formerly *The Urban Real Estate Game*) is now available from Prentice-Hall Inc., Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632. My co-author is Robert Parker, who is beginning research on urban development in Las Vegas.

□ RURAL WORKING POOR: *Laboring for Less: Working but Poor in Rural America*, by Isaac Shapiro, is a 56-page report which profiles the rural working poor and analyzes their increase over the past decade. Copies: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 236 Massachusetts Ave. N.E. #305, Wash. DC 20002, 202/544-0591. No price listed.

□ HOUSING/ENVIRONMENT: The Cooperative Housing Foundation (Box 91280, Wash. DC 20090, 301/587-4700) has announced an experimental project to demonstrate that informal housing and urban development in less-developed countries can be environmentally sustainable, and is seeking information on successful models and supportive individuals/institutions.

□ ECONOMIC CONVERSION: *The New Economy* is a five-times-yearly newsletter from the National Commission for Economic Conversion and Disarmament (Box 15025, Wash. DC 20003, 202/544-5059). The October/November issue included reports from Italy, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and West Germany. Subscriptions are \$12.

□ PBS HUNGER DOCUMENTARY: Many PBS stations were scheduled December 12 to broadcast a documentary, *Hunger in America*, on the causes of hunger and the effects of malnutrition in children growing up hungry in the United States. The documentary focuses on selected families, and includes information from the Community Childhood Hunger Identification Project of the Food Research and Action Center (1319 F St. N.W. #500, Wash. DC 20004, 202/393-5060).

□ PLANNED PUBLICATION: *Macrocism USA: Environmental, Political, and Social Transformation for the 90s* is a planned inspirational, educational primer, empowerment and resource guide, to be published in connection with a September 1990 Green Conference. Organizers are seeking published and unpublished progressive materials on health, housing, crime, and other topics. Contact: Sandi Brockway, Box 969, Cambria, CA 93428, 805/927-8030.

□ HUMAN SERVICES NEWSLETTER: CD Publications (8204 Fenton St., Silver Spring, MD 20910, 301/588-6380) is offering a monthly newsletter for human services professionals, *Public Assistance Success*, on job training, job placement, and housing issues, among other topics. Subscriptions are \$99.

□ ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRIGADE Archives (Brandeis Univ. Box 9110, Waltham, MA 02254, 617/547-8523) is an educational institution and archives with the ongoing mission of

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Building a Progressive Agenda In Environmental Planning

by Michael S. Brown

Long ago in 1981, I helped organize an environmental section within the Planners Network at our founding national conference.

At the time, I was in the toxic substances office of the Environmental Protection Agency, and worried primarily about environmental and occupational health issues. In contrast, Rich Appelbaum, the co-organizers, was most concerned about growth management issues such as those facing the Santa Barbara, Calif., region where he lived. We had a great deal of difficulty developing a draft environmental platform to put before attendees at the working sessions.

The sessions themselves tended to drift: Interest in environmental issues ranged from our concerns to the maintenance of ecological diversity, to protection of open spaces.

When we tried to bring a document to the large group meeting that contained rather general statements about environmental protection and growth management, we found a great diversity of opinion. Probably the strongest expression was the reluctance of people, particularly those who advocated a strong housing statement, to support an environmental platform for PN. Because of concerns that growth management and environmental protection policies might be used to inhibit the development of low-income housing policies, no environmental statement was adopted.

The meeting ended with expressions of tentative interest in maintaining contact among PNers interested in environmental issues. From then on, environmental issues have seemed a peripheral concern within PN and the progressive planning agenda.

I find this extremely disappointing. Clearly, there is tremendous diversity among environmental issues. More important, there is no clear progressive position.

I suspect, however, that there are other PNers like myself who have remained active in environmental issues, and long for contact with kindred souls. This article is a brief for identifying common ground and promoting a progressive agenda.

The issues that seemed so diverse in

1981 remain—ecological diversity, growth management, environmental health, resource protection. What appears to be common among these interests is a desire to protect natural resources and public health from degradation. For some, the focus is on industrial activities and threats from pollution sources; for others, it is uncontrolled growth (and in some cases decline) of human communities and their impacts on open space. Looking for common ground among all of these concerns is not easy.

A way to bring together PNers interested in environmental issues is to focus on the relation of waste and the environment. While this proposal is somewhat self-serving, since I am involved in hazardous waste at work and solid waste in my community, at least it might afford a good platform for building a progressive environmental planning agenda.

Waste in our society takes many forms. In our homes, we generate solid wastes in

the form of trash for disposal and wastewater sent down the drain. We buy products with packaging that becomes waste as soon as we take it home, and that may be only partially consumed before disposal. We operate cars that produce toxic air wastes and toxic oil wastes. Our economic life is permeated with waste-generating activities in industry, academia, and government that are spewed out into the air, water, and land.

Little of this waste is managed so that we can protect our natural resources and public health. We rarely plan for waste management, relying on ad hoc measures.

As planners, we could offer our expertise to promote planning as an alternative. As progressives, we would not be simply serving the interests of economic and political elites.

Much of the progressive effort on waste focuses on regulating waste generation (air, water, hazardous wastes) and site cleanups (state and federal Superfund programs). The little planning that goes on is usually limited to the need for solid and hazardous waste facilities.

Progressive planners are often confronted with excruciating conflicts between technical analyses that suggest the

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TIF Projects: An Amplification

by M. Russel Feldman

I enjoyed John Wengler's Special Feature article (PN #77) on tax increment financing opportunities for community development corporations. TIF certainly provides savvy CDC's with a financial mechanism for achieving its goals.

I wish to add a few qualifications and caveats, however. By way of explanation, I originated TIF legislation in Massachusetts (favorably reported out of committees but not enacted, given our Proposition 2 1/2 property tax cap).

In his article, John Wengler, raises what he calls a possible equity issue in that taxing non-municipal bodies must bear the cost of supporting the TIF-financed development when all the tax increment is dedicated to retiring the bond. He goes on to say that an appropriate municipal response is that the local government "takes the full risk in adopting TIF" and

therefore should receive the proceeds of the bond issue.

While I am not familiar with the Illinois statute, TIF is both more flexible and less risky (for localities) in many states. Not all of the tax increment must go to retire the bond. During the planning phases of a TIF project, portions of the tax increment can be earmarked to go to specific non-municipal agencies to offset anticipated costs of the development. This can increase the costs of municipal administration and may increase the perceived risk to investors (therefore raising the bond interest rate). It can, however, assure that the costs of the project are not borne unfairly by portions of the community.

Also, a tax increment bond is a special obligation of the municipality. It is specifically not guaranteed by the "full faith

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Progressive Agenda

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need for unwanted facilities such as landfills and incinerators, and political/economic analyses that typically identify non-urban, less well-off areas as appropriate locations for siting efforts. They confront aggressive environmental organizations that advocate avoidance of particular technologies (e.g., no incinerators), but rarely find support for more progressive efforts (everyone wants recycling, but no one wants the mill for de-inking and recycling newspapers into newsprint). These are tough issues on which it is difficult for a progressive planner to maintain a consistent approach.

Part of the problem for progressive environmental planners is that we often think about environmental planning in the context of development activities: Someone wants to put a facility in some particular location.

Proposals for incinerators, waste water treatment plants, and materials recovery facilities (the fancy name for plants that separate trash into different recyclable products) will always raise issues of need and site suitability. Analysis may demonstrate a social need for some of these, forcing progressive planners to confront very real issues of balancing social needs against individual harms. Progressive planners may come to find themselves on the "wrong" side of an issue, that is, supporting the siting of a "needed" facility in a community unalterably opposed to that effort. What constitutes appropriate progressive planning in these situations requires a great deal of work.

But this is not the only way to approach a progressive environmental planning agenda. Not all decisions are locational. More and more, efforts are being made to look at processes that generate waste.

Rather than focusing on how and where to manage waste, planners also are seeking ways to reduce or eliminate the use of raw materials that end up as hazardous waste, air and water pollution, and solid municipal waste, methods variously known as source reduction, waste reduction, and toxics-use reduction (there are specific meanings for each of these). Planners are struggling with developing policies and programs that address structural issues as to why waste is produced in the first place.

Notwithstanding the second law of thermodynamics, we can at least posit a goal of approaching a no-waste society. It

PN Special Feature

In its Special Feature, *Planners Network* presents thoughtful, provocative writings about substantive concerns and issues in the planning professions. Essays typically highlight a single issue, and illuminate it with examples and insights.

The Special Feature editor is Bob Beauregard (Dept. of Urban Planning, Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, NJ 08903, 201/932-4053; 932-3822).

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

becomes incumbent on planners to analyze the social construction of waste-generating activities, be it the economic structure, technology, or political relationships that drive the production of waste, and work against its elimination at the source.

Setting a goal of a no-waste society also offers a means to address apparent shortcomings in regulatory programs as to the adequacy of pollution control standards. While we need standards that limit the amount of waste put into the environment, we also need to make clear that going beyond meeting standards to minimizing waste is the only acceptable behavior. The focus would be on reducing environmental harm by improving the efficiency of processes, be they industrial operations or private consumption patterns.

This approach requires a substantial reorientation of planners' training. While we always shall need skills appropriate to conducting needs analyses and locational decisions, my suggestion will require planners to be skilled also at identifying processes that generate waste, and at developing alternatives. How do we discourage non-utilitarian packaging for consumer products? Should we go back to returnable and reusable bottles? How do we eliminate toxic solvents used in industrial cleaning operations?

The skills needed by environmental planners go beyond training in land use planning and data analysis to include organizational behavior (how do firms change their approach to environmental management), marketing (how to get consumers to demand environmentally appropriate products), and engineering (is

this nontoxic alternative an appropriate substitute).

There are at least a few PNers interested in environmental issues, according to the member updates. I am not sure if this brief article will persuade you there might be common ground for a progressive approach. But I am willing to work on it, and invite interested readers to join me.

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TIF Projects

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and credit" of the local government. The only security that investors have when they purchase a TIF bond is the cash flow produced by the property tax increment within the TIF district defined at the project's inception.

This is a very important distinction: The municipality has a much lesser liability to TIF bond investors. A TIF bond's interest rate will be higher than a locality's general obligation bond (and as such is inappropriate as a financing vehicle for municipal functions such as roads and schools). The TIF project's and district's financial strength thus becomes the sole basis of investor concern. It makes TIF a very conservative financial tool, assuring a "market test" of a project's viability. It therefore becomes difficult (although not impossible) to finance not-for-profit or limited-profit land uses.

A last point: Tax-increment financing is based on increases in property tax receipts. Property taxes are under attack in many states. Fears of tax caps or ballot box referenda that will limit property tax revenues may make a TIF bond unsalable to prospective investors. CDC or other potential users of this mechanism might inquire with local bankers or bond counsels as to whether this approach is right for their project.

In addition, I would be happy to review, advise any prospective user on the technique, as may be appropriate.

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preserving the story and lessons of the Lincoln Brigade's experience in the 1936-39 Spanish Civil War. Among its projects, the Archives has produced college and high school curriculums, and is studying black participation in the Lincoln Brigade.

HOUSEHOLD WASTE: *Issues and Opportunities* suggests alternatives to household toxics and overpackaging, and examines certain consumer goods that present disposal problems. Copies are \$3, from: Concern Inc., 1974 Columbia Rd. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202/328-8160.

HOUSING CAMPAIGN: *Making Sense* is a four-page special publication on the "Two Cents for Housing Campaign" of the National Low Income Housing Coalition (1012 14th St. N.W. #1500, Wash. DC 20005). The campaign is working to get Congress to spend two cents more of every federal tax dollar on low-income housing programs. It's promoting a postcard write-in effort, and planning a February press conference at the Capitol.

HOMELESSNESS POLICY: *Homelessness Amid Affluence: Structure and Paradox in the American Political Economy*, by Michael H. Lang of Rutgers, challenges the belief that homelessness is due entirely to Reagan Administration cutbacks, and suggests, instead, reforms in housing and employment policies. Copies are \$42.95, from: Praeger Publishers, 88 Post Rd. W., Westport, CT 06881.

PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION: Univ. of San Francisco's Department of Government (San Francisco, CA 94117) has launched two new undergraduate programs in Public Service and Peace and Justice Studies. Programs feature study in a dynamic political environment, and fieldwork with Bay Area public agencies and activist organizations. Contact: PN Member Robert Elias, 415/666-6349.

TOURISM/RURAL SOUTHEAST: *Behind the Glitter: The Impact of Tourism on Rural Women in the Southeast*, by Michal Smith, examines the underside of tourism development in one area, and finds that returns for the working poor are minimal. Copies are \$9.50 for individuals, from: Southeast Women's Employment Coalition, 140 E. Third St., Lexington, KY 40508.

BOOK LIST: *The Poverty of Affluence: A Psychological Portrait of the American Way of Life*, by Paul L. Wachtel, is the 336-page feature publication in the newest, 12-page publication list from worker-controlled New Society Publishers (Box 582, Santa Cruz, CA 95061, 408/458-1191). The list's other books, calendars, and other publications also explore and support fundamental social change through nonviolent action. Copies of *Poverty of Affluence* are \$14.70 (paper).

NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING STUDY: PNers Pat Hare and Michael Replogle have spent much of the past year working with a team of other planners on the *Montgomery County, Maryland, Comprehensive Growth Policy Study*. The study analyzes the fiscal and traffic implications of different development patterns. Best performance comes from a circumferential light rail system around Washington, DC, connecting all major activity centers and the Metro system, with a balanced mix of jobs and houses clustered near transit in pedestrian- and

bicycle-friendly neighborhoods. For free copies: Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Community Relations Office, 8787 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910, 301/495-4500. For more information: Pat Hare, 301/589-4559, or Michael Replogle, 301/495-4703.

BOOK LIST: *The Great U-Turn: De-Industrializing Society*, by Edward Goldsmith (224 pages, \$13.50), argues that economic growth is the cause of the problems confronting our industrial society, and not their solution. It is featured in an eight-page publication list from: The Bootstrap Press, Council on International and Public Affairs, 777 United Nations Plz. #9-A, New York, NY 10017.

STUDENT QUERY: From: Ron N. Voss (1100 E. 55th St., Chicago, IL 60615, 312/324-8146): I am a student of planning at the Univ. of Illinois at Chicago, and am interested in information about progressive community planning, in general and in Chicago. I also am interested in any such planning going on in the Bay Area of California, Seattle, Portland, Tucson, South Carolina, and North Carolina. Basically, I have two agendas here. The first is to learn more about progressive planning, who's doing it and what it looks like. I'm looking for models. Second, I am looking for contacts. When I finish my master's, I want to leave Chicago, and either go back to the west coast (my home) or try something new.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING: The Rural Development Leadership Network (Box 98, New York, NY 10012, 212/777-9137) is accepting applications for its 15-month 1990-91 program of training and support in community-based development in poor rural communities.

APPALACHIA FILMS: *Strangers & Kin*, a history of the hillbilly image, and *Long Journey Home*, about migration and a people's desire to maintain their homeplace, are two films on Appalachian history from Appalshop, 306 Madison St., Whitesburg, Ky 41858, 606/633-0108.

NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT: *Organizing for Neighborhood Development*, by Alan Twelvetrees, is a 224-page evaluation of community organizations and community development corporations in revitalizing ghettos in the U.S. Copies are \$46.95, from: Gower Publishing Co., Old Post Rd., Brookfield, VT 05036, 802/276-3162.

PLANNING/POLITICS: *Planning in the Face of Power*, by PNER John F. Forester of Cornell, is a 304-page study of the politics of professional practice in the arena of city planning, which shows how planners can work to advance both a vision of the broader public good and the interests of the least powerful members of society. Copies are \$14.95 (paper), from: Univ. of California Press, 2120 Berkeley Way, Berkeley, CA 94720.

REGIONAL PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT: *Las Economias Regionales de la Argentina: Crisis y Politicas de Desarrollo*, by Mabel Manzanal and Alejandro Rofman contains alternative strategies for development in Argentina. The aim is to further development policy-making to address the acute economic crisis. Write: Center for Urban and Regional Studies, Av. Corrientes 2835, Cuerpo A. Piso 7, (1193) Buenos Aires, Argentina. Copies are US\$ 10, including postage charges.

- RETHINKING MARXISM** is a quarterly journal of political economy and social analysis, committed to publishing work that discusses and extends Marxism in all areas: aesthetics, biology, literature, and philosophy, as well as political economy and other areas of social analysis. Subscriptions are \$24, from: Rethinking Marxism, Box 85, Newton Centre, MA 02159.
- ARTISTS/GENTRIFICATION:** Artists' Television Access (992 Valencia St., San Francisco, CA 94110, 415/824-3890) is sponsoring an "Ungentrification Project," which will examine artists' roles in the process of gentrification, and investigate positive models for neighborhood preservation and progress.
- DRUGS/PUBLIC HOUSING:** The Office for Drug-Free Neighborhoods of the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development has established a Drug Information and Strategy Clearinghouse (Box 6424, Rockville, MD 20850, 800/245-2691) focused on controlling drugs and related activities in public housing.
- MORTGAGE LENDING/MILWAUKEE:** *The Milwaukee Plan* was released by Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson and Mayor John Norquist. The recommendations call for 5 percent of mortgage, commercial real estate, and business loans in the metropolitan area to go to racial minorities in 1990, and 13 percent (the minority population in the metro area) by 1992. A variety of low-interest mortgage programs, fair housing training, marketing, and employment recommendations are included to increase lending to minorities and to facilitate home ownership. The report was prepared by a committee of lenders, regulators, civil rights and community activists, public officials and other housing activists, including PNER Gregory D. Squires. For copies: Mike Brady, Dept. of City Development, 809 N. Broadway, Milwaukee, WI 53202.
- SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:** The Policy Planning Section of Richmond's Planning Dept. (6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1, Canada), has compiled two documents related to sustainable development: *A Bibliography of Resource Materials Related to Sustainable Development*, and *A Compendium of Local Initiatives Contributing to Sustainable Development Objectives*. These can be obtained for \$3.
- ENVIRONMENT PROJECT:** The Geography/Geology Department at the Univ. of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (Stevens Point, WI 54481, 715/346-4177) is seeking visual source material, especially colored slides, for a proposed educational videodisc on the environment for 5th-8th graders. One issue is the social and environmental effect of sound and unsound planning. Contact: Thomas Detwyler, Director, Environment Videodisc Project.
- ADVOCACY REPORT:** The Alliance for Justice (600 New Jersey Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20001, 202/662-9548) has completed a 30-page report, *Charting a Course for Advocacy*, which proposes to institutionalize the two-year-old Advocacy Forum as an early warning system and defense against threats to public interest advocacy. No price listed.
- HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRAINING:** The New England Consortium (Work Environment Laboratory, Univ. of Lowell, Lowell, MA 01854, 508/934-3257) provides health and safety training courses for workers and supervisors who handle hazardous wastes.
- STUDENT QUERY:** From Karen Brown (Box 1200, Brown Univ., Providence, RI 02912, 401/274-1613(h)): I am a Brown senior, preparing an honors thesis on women's issues in urban planning; and for the empirical component of my thesis, I am preparing a participatory planning exercise on women's perceptions of their safety and security in downtown Providence (modeled after a more ambitious project, "Women Plan Toronto"). I am especially interested in advice on organizing the participatory planning workshops (suggested formats, etc.) in literature on participatory planning exercises, and in communities involved with participatory planning.
- MEMBER UPDATE:** From John T. Metzger (3222 Kennett Sq., Pittsburgh, PA 15213, 412/681-2673): I have deferred pursuit of a Ph.D. in planning (as indicated in my PN roster bio) to be Coordinator of the Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group. PCRG is a coalition of 21 community development organizations that negotiates reinvestment programs with banks and thrifts under the Community Reinvestment Act. It has a five-year, \$109-million neighborhood lending agreement with Union National Bank of Pittsburgh, one of the largest agreements in the country. I am principal investigator for a study we are doing of private lending in Pittsburgh from 1984-88.
- URBAN DEVELOPMENT/POLITICS:** *Unequal Partnerships: The Political Economy of Urban Redevelopment in Postwar America*, edited by Networker Gregory D. Squires, looks at the political and economic assumptions and interests shaping redevelopment, the social and economic costs of development for the vast majority of urban residents, and alternative approaches that are emerging. PNERs turn up often as essay authors. Copies are \$14 (paper), from: Rutgers Univ. Press, 109 Church St., New Brunswick, NJ 08901.
- REUSING CLOSED SCHOOLS:** PN Member Dan Carlson is producing a guidebook for elected officials, community activists, developers and design professionals on adapting surplus school property to revitalize communities. Dan is looking for examples from around the country. Of special interest are cases where school boards, city government and community groups have worked together to meet local needs, such as affordable housing, new business generation, etc. Send information to Dan, at: Institute for Public Policy and Management, Univ. of Washington, 324 Parrington Hall DC-13, Seattle, WA 98195; 206/543-0190.
- S&L BAILOUT FOLLOW-UP:** The Resolution Trust Corp. (550 17th St. N.W., Wash. DC 20429) expects to complete by December 31 its first catalogue of available residential properties on which nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and low- and moderate-income homebuyers have a "right of first refusal" under the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act. To get on the RTC mailing list: Lamar C. Kelly Jr., Director, Asset and Real Estate Management Division.
- CDC DIRECTORY:** *1989 NCCED Membership Directory* is available from the National Congress for Community Economic Development, listing over 200 organizations, with a brief description of each group, their current projects and major accomplishments. Cost: \$10. Contact: NCCED, 1612 K St. N.W. #510, Wash. DC 20006; 202/659-8411.
- HISTORIC/AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** *Affordable Housing in Older Neighborhoods: Multiple Strategies* is a 140-page

resource binder on historic preservation and affordable housing published by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. It includes information on funding sources, current legislation, tax incentives, and building codes; cost: \$15. Also available is *A Self-Assessment Guide for Community Preservation Organizations*, which provides tips on how to conduct community assessment interviews, broad attitude surveys, community profiles, etc. Contact: NTHP, 1785 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20036; 202/673-4000.

□ HOUSING TRUST FUNDS: *A Guide to Housing Trust Funds*, by Charles E. Connerly, examines 19 funds operating in the U.S. It lists ways to finance the trusts, including alternative revenue sources such as real estate transfer taxes, surcharges on local property taxes, impact fees on condominium conversion, deed recording fees, etc. Available early 1990. Contact: Neighborhood Preservation Project, Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, 1325 G St., N.W. #800, Wash. DC 20005; 202/376-2400.

□ FUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS: *Supporting Low Income Neighborhood Organizations*, by Steven Mayer and David Scheic, is a guidebook for community foundations regarding neighborhood groups and neighborhood grantmaking programs. Commissioned by the C.S. Mott Foundation, it draws from the experience of eight community foundations. Cost: \$15. Contact: Rainbow Research, 1406 W. Lake St., Minneapolis, MN 55408; 612/824-0724.

□ HOUSING/WELFARE: *The Housing Component in Welfare Reform*, a report of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials and the American Public Welfare Association, urges joint efforts by the welfare and housing sectors to promote self-sufficiency for welfare families with children. Cost: \$11.50. Contact: NAHRO, 1320 Eighteenth St., N.W., Wash. DC 20036, 202/429-2960.

□ CONGREGATIONS/DEVELOPMENT: *Economic Home Cookin': An Action Guide for Congregations on Community Economic Development (Second Edition)*, by Kim Zalent, includes a step-by-step process for religious congregations to assess community needs and resources they can bring to assist economic and community development. Cost: \$15. Contact: Community Workshop on Economic Development, 100 S. Morgan St., Chicago, IL 60607; 312/243-0249.

□ CITIES/HOMELESSNESS: *Homeless Assistance Policy and Practices in the Nation's Five Largest Cities*, by HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research, focuses on the efforts of New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Houston, and Philadelphia to provide homeless assistance by using a comparative information base. Cost: \$3. Contact: HUD User, Box 6091, Rockville, MD 20850; 800/245-2691.

□ ADVOCATES' VIEWS: *Come See What I'm Sayin': The Tenants are Turning Public Housing Around* is an Occasional Paper published by Chicago's Community Renewal Society featuring the thoughts of Bertha Gilkey of Cochran Gardens in St. Louis, MO. Also available is *Moving into Power: Reinvigorating Public Life for the 1990s*, which features a lecture by author Harry Boyt. Contact: Nina Ahmed, CRS Office of Studies, 332 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60604; 312 427-4830.

□ LEGAL STUDIES: *CLS Newsletter* is a publication of the Conference on Critical Legal Studies (SUNY-Buffalo Law School, Buffalo, NY 14260). The November 1989, 108-page issue included workshop and conference reports, a special feature on teaching techniques, and shorter items. Subscriptions are \$35.

□ FUNDRAISING RESOURCE: *Revolution in the Mailbox: How Direct Mail Fundraising Is Changing the Face of American Society—and How Your Organization Can Benefit*, by Mal Warwick, is a 300-page compilation of the author's 10-year fundraising experience. Copies are \$65, from: Strathmoor Press, 2550 Ninth St. #1040, Berkeley, CA 94710.

□ SUSTAINABLE SOCIETY: *Envisioning a Sustainable Society: Learning Our Way Out*, by Lester W. Milbrath, is a 400-page examination of the environmental crisis, why science and technology will fail to solve it, and how society must change to avoid catastrophe. Copies are \$18.95 (paper), from: SUNY Press, State University Plz., Albany, NY 12246.

Social Responsibility

□ NY SCHOOLS COMMITTEE: From Networker Troy West (60 Union St., Newark, NJ 07105, 201/589-3973): The Architects/Designers/Planners for Social Responsibility N.Y. Schools Committee was able to send eight architecture students and three faculty to Moscow in early summer for 10 days, as part of the fourth annual interschool project, "Childhood in the City: Design Visions." We visited with Soviet architecture faculty and students, took long walking tours of Moscow, met with staff of the Moscow Architectural Institute, visited artists' studios, and also traveled briefly to Leningrad. We also discussed issues of housing and neighborhood development, and shared ideas for a fifth project, "Houses and Gardens: The Lower East Side," and for possible further international exchanges.

Upcoming Conferences

□ SUBSIDIZED HOUSING: The National Housing Law Project (1950 Addison St., Berkeley, CA 94704, 415/548-9400) will sponsor a conference March 28-30 in Berkeley on "Acquiring Subsidized Housing Threatened by Expiring Use Restrictions." Registration is \$300 before January 31; \$350 after then.

□ NHS ORGANIZATIONS: The Neighborhood Reinvestment Corp. (1325 G St. N.W. #800, Wash. DC 20005, 202/376-2400) will hold a "NeighborWorks '90" conference January 18-21 in Washington for Neighborhood Housing Services organizations.

□ LOW-INCOME HOUSING: The National Low-Income Housing Coalition (1012 14th St. N.W. #1500, Wash. DC 20005, 202/662-1530) and the Low Income Housing Information Service will hold their annual conference February 24-26 in Washington.

□ COMMUNITY ORGANIZING: Organize Training Center (1095 Market St. #419, San Francisco, CA 94103, 415/552-8990) will sponsor a workshop March 1-4 on the values, strategy, and methods of grassroots, multi-issue community organizing. Contact: Mike Miller.

COMMUNITY-BASED DEVELOPMENT: The National Congress for Community Economic Development (1612 K St. N.W. #510, Wash. DC 20006, 202/659-8411) will hold its annual conference March 21-24 in Phoenix on the theme, "Community Economic Development: An International Perspective."

URBAN DEVELOPMENT: The National Council for Urban Economic Development (1730 K St. N.W. #915, Wash. DC 20006, 202/223-4735) will hold its annual conference April 22-25: "Tomorrow's Changing Economy: Implications and Opportunities for Economic Development."

Jobs

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT: The Santa Cruz Community Housing Corp. (105 Cooper St. #219, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, 408/423-1318) has an opening for a Housing Development Specialist to work in converting low-income mobile-home parks and apartments to resident ownership, and in advising resident-owned mobile-home parks and apartment buildings. Salary is \$23,000-\$32,000, depending on experience.

CITY PLANNER: The City of Chino, Calif. is seeking a City Planner to manage an innovative, cooperative, award-winning planning team for a community in the Los Angeles urban-rural fringe in the highest growth area in the nation. Contact: Personnel Division, Box 667, Chino, CA 91708, 714/627-7577; or Earl Nelson, Director of Community Development, 714/591-9816. Salary is \$3,945-\$5,129 a month.

TUFTS INSTRUCTORS: The Dept. of Urban and Environmental Policy at Tufts Univ. (Medford, MA 02155, 617/381-3394) is seeking part-time instructors for graduate-level courses in "Quantitative Reasoning," "Hazardous Materials Policy," and "Theory and Politics of Poverty." Appointments would be for Spring 1990.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: The Chicago Rehab Network (53 W. Jackson St., Chicago, IL 60604, 312/663-3936) is seeking

an Executive Director for its new Property Management Resource Center, which will provide technical assistance, educational, and networking opportunities for community-based housing groups and others who manage low-income housing. Salary is \$33,000-\$38,000. Property management experience is required.

DALLAS NHS: Neighborhood Housing Services of Dallas (Box 5226, Dallas, TX 75208) is seeking an Executive Director and a Controller. No salaries listed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: The Mississippi Home Corp. (c/o Ott & Purdy Ltd., 200 S. Lamar #1100, Jackson, MS 39201), the state's housing finance and housing policy arm, is seeking an Executive Director. No salary listed.

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR: The National Association of Service and Conservation Corps (1001 Connecticut Ave. N.W. #827, Wash. DC 20036) is seeking an Associate Director, with responsibilities for its Urban Corps Expansion Project, including national policy efforts. Salary is \$35,000-\$45,000.

HOUSING MANAGEMENT: The SRO Housing Corp. (311 S. Spring St., Los Angeles, CA 90013, 213/229-9643) has an opening for a Director of Housing Management, with responsibility for daily operation of the SRO Corp.'s housing programs. Salary is \$39,000. Fluency in Spanish is desired. Contact: Vera Moeller.

Etcetera

FEBRUARY PN DEADLINE: The arrival deadline for copy for the February *Planners Network* is Monday, February 5. We look forward to hearing from as many Networkers as possible. As always, our thanks to those who type their notes. It's a great help in production, and it reduces our chances of misreading what you write.

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