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FINANCIAL MINI-REPORT: Since the June issue, we have received 88 contributions totaling \$2,478, bringing the year-to-date totals to 440 contributions totaling \$13,447.50. Our deep appreciation to each of you who have contributed. We're grateful for your support, and we need for it to continue.

To check up on when you last contributed to PN, look for the date after your name on the mailing label. No date means you are a long-time non-contributor, and we'd like a check from you.

Passing the Word

STATUS OF WOMEN: *The American Woman, 1990-91: A Status Report*, edited by Sara E. Rix, is a 446-page book documenting the social, economic, and political status of American women. Copies are \$10.95 (paper) from: W.W. Norton & Co. Inc., 500 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10110.

MILITARY CONVERSION: From PNER Fred Rose (Dept. of City and Regional Planning, Cornell Univ., Ithaca, NY 14853, 607/272-1655): I am beginning research for my dissertation on coalition-building between peace and labor organizations working for military conversion, and I am particularly concerned with how local organizing around conversion may or could be developing an infrastructure for broad citizen participation in local economic decisionmaking. I would like to find others doing

research, consulting, planning around conversion organizing, as well as conversion in general.

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY: *One-Third of a Nation: A New Look at Housing Affordability in America*, by Networker Michael Stone, has just been published by the Economic Policy Institute, and contains detailed data and analysis of affordability trends from 1970 through 1987, based on application of Stone's "shelter poverty" concept of affordability as well as the conventional percent-of-income measure. It relates the affordability problem to developments in the economy and public policy over the past two decades, and proposes approaches to addressing the problem, including the IPS housing program. Available for \$10, from: M.E. Sharpe, 80 Business Park Dr., Armonk, NY 10504.

AIRPORT EXPANSION: Network members concerned with airport issues may be interested in the final report of the Detroit City Airport Study Group, a community-based research effort that was organized in response to plans for quadrupling the size of the facility. The 70-page report addresses topics such as airport economics, airport design, displacement and relocation, noise, economic development, and fiscal impacts. One of the document's principal authors was Network member Seth Borgos. Copies are \$10, from: Angela Brown, Warren/Conner Development Coalition, 5555 Conner, Detroit, MI 48213, 313/579-4680.

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 systems.

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, Pittsburgh; Donna Dyer, Durham, NC; William Goldsmith, Ithaca; Charles Hoch, Chicago; Joochul Kim, Tempe; Judy Kossy, Buffalo; Jacqueline Leavitt, LA; Peter Marcuse, NYC; Alan Rabinowitz, Seattle; Tony Schuman, NYC; Andree Tremoulet, Pittsfield.
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□ **ALTERNATIVE SYSTEMS:** The Living Institute (RD 1, Box 192, Cochranon, PA 16314, 814/425-7510) is a two-year-old multilateral resource center in northwestern Pennsylvania, focusing on and demonstrating better-living alternatives to today's unworkable systems. A subsidiary, Highland Hills Farms Agri Tech Center, conducts applied farming technology demonstrations, and experiments with environmental constructs. Contact: PNER Anthony B. Baldwin.

□ **SCHOOLS/ENVIRONMENT:** From Networker Michael Zamm (Council on the Environment, 51 Chambers St. #228, New York, NY 10007, 212/566-0990): The Training Student Organizers Program, which I developed and coordinate, was presented with the National Environment Achievement Award in Environmental Education by the National Environmental Awards Council's Searching for Success project, coordinated by Renew America. TSO also received a Friends of the United Nations Environmental Program "500" achievement citation, as part of the Renew America project.

The program trains high school and some elementary, junior high, and college students to organize environmental action projects in their schools and neighborhoods. To date nearly 7,400 students have organized projects all over New York.

□ **NETWORKER UPDATE:** From PNER Donna C. Bird (39 Donnell Rd., Vernon, CT 06066): As planning director at the United Way of the Capital Area (Hartford), I've been involved in much of the research preceding the publication of our updated needs analysis (*Service Profiles 1990*) and environmental scan (*Forces of Change 1990-1995*). Neither document paints a very hopeful picture for human services in our region.

Now that those projects are completed, I've shifted my attention to developing a data base of indicators that can be used to monitor changes in the quality of community life (e.g. health status, housing costs, crime rates). I'm also working with staff at the Capital Region Council of Governments on forming a broad-based coalition to address some of the issues related to the growing problem of homelessness in our region. I would welcome ideas from other progressive planners who have experience getting such groups started and keeping them together through the inevitable rough times.

□ **CITY PLANNING/CLEVELAND:** *Making Equity Planning Work: Leadership in the Public Sector*, by PNERs Norman Krumholz and John Forester, is a 288-page book reporting and commenting on a 10-year experiment in equity-oriented planning by Cleveland's city planning staff under Norman Krumholz's leadership. It was controversial, but also achieved impressive objectives. Copies are \$16.95 (paper), from: Temple Univ. Press, Broad & Oxford Sts., Philadelphia, PA 19122, 215/787-8787. Krumholz also is profiled in a book-related article in the July 12-16 *Cleveland Edition*, a weekly tabloid.

□ **PNER UPDATE:** From Dee Rossman: I am Executive Director of HOME Corp. (51 Elm St., Montclair, NJ 07042, 201/744-4141), a community-based nonprofit housing corporation, which uses volunteers in rehabbing small multi-family properties. A six-unit building, for instance, is nearing completion.

□ **HOUSING NOMINEES:** The National Housing Institute and *Shelterforce* are seeking nominations for the best local or state elected officials, or those in key policy positions, on housing. Individuals can be mayors, councilpeople, state legislators,

governors, elected county officials, or those working for local, county, or state agencies directly involved in housing. Send name and phone number of person and if possible one-two paragraphs on why you think that person deserves to be honored.

□ **JOBS WITH PEACE Campaign** (76 Summer St., Boston, MA 02110, 617-338-5783) has a four-page resource catalogue of posters, brochures, and other materials for a just economy in a peaceful world.

□ **BUDGET/DEFICIT POLICY:** *Investing the Peace Dividend: How To Break the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Stalemate*, by Jeff Faux and Max Sawicky, is a 26-page policy paper from the Economic Policy Institute (1730 Rhode Island Ave. N.W. #812, Washington, DC 20016, 202/775-8810) which demonstrates that shifting spending from military consumption to civilian public investment has the twin effects of decreasing the federal operating deficit and increasing federal capital investment by 100 percent of the shifted amount. This argues against a tax cut and uncertain private investment. No price listed.

□ **COMPUTERS/HUMAN SERVICES:** A conference planning group has been formed for a June 1991 international conference in New Brunswick, NJ, on human service information technology applications. One planning session was held June 15 in Baltimore. The Planning Chair is Marcos Leiderman, School of Social Work, Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, NJ 08903, 201/932-8096.

□ **PLANNING EDUCATION:** *Breaking the Boundaries: A One-World Approach to Planning Education*, edited by Networker Bish Sanyal of MIT, is a 270-page book in which Third World academics and professionals, educated and teaching in major western planning schools, challenge much of the conventional wisdom and international planning for development, and propose a radically changed curriculum based on a comparative, one-world approach to planning education. No price listed.

□ **MANAGING CONSULTANTS:** Resnick Development Services (234 Colony Rd., New Haven, CT 06511, 203/776-9084) offers a program to train government officials to select and manage consultants effectively, working primarily but not exclusively with Third World countries.

□ **CO-OP RESEARCH:** The University of California's Center for Cooperatives (Davis, CA 95616, 916/752-2408) has allocated \$198,700 for 13 research projects that focus on cooperative finance and capitalization, education, organization, and cooperative performance in a range of co-ops including marketing, production, and housing.

□ **SCHOOLS/BOSTON:** *Locked In/Locked Out: Tracking and Placement Practices in Boston Public Schools* is a 190-page report on a project headed by PNER Anne Wheelock, which demonstrates how the majority of Boston students who are screened out of the "high" track are essentially abandoned to a state of undereducation by fourth grade. Copies are \$10, from: Massachusetts Advocacy Center, 95 Berkeley St., Boston, MA 02116, 617/357-8431.

In an accompanying note, Anne writes: "I urge Network members to become more involved in educational issues. This systematic under-education is common in many cities; surely it has great impact on community development. So, as our report

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Public Squalor under Thatcher

by James Simmie

The modern British welfare state owes much of its inspiration to the Beveridge Report of 1942. Beveridge argued that the community as a whole should combat the "Five Giants" of Want, Disease, Ignorance, Squalor and Idleness.

A series of measures were enacted by the post-war Labor government to do just that. They included legislation on national insurance, national assistance, family allowances, war pensions, health, education, welfare and housing.

The post-war measures formed the relatively unchallenged bases of the British welfare state, until the Conservative administration led by Margaret Thatcher was elected in 1979. Since that time, the welfare state has been under continual ideological and financial attack.

In the 1990s, it is all too easy to experience the cumulative effects of this attack at first hand.

On one recent evening, for example, I was forced to conduct a small qualitative survey on the subject. This was brought about by the collapse of the entire University College telephone system, partly due to the lack of adequate funding for maintenance.

I decided to call it a day, and started to leave for home.

My move was initially thwarted by another breakdown, this time of the lifts in the building. This again was partly attributable to the same cause as the failure of the telephone system. On reaching the street, I had to walk around a large piece of coping stone which had recently fallen several stories from the student union to crash in the street below.

Further down the street, I was accosted by a beggar. Although it was difficult to assess her real age underneath the grimy exterior, she was no more than eight or 10 years old. She was "working" for her mother, another bundle of rags, sitting on the pavement nearby with a young baby in her arms. They were a small sample of London's growing army of homeless people who now have their own city-within-the-city, made of cardboard next to the Royal Festival Hall.

This encounter was followed by the now regular entreaties by teenage beggars

in the tube station. They, of course, have been forced to the streets by the ending of benefits for 16- to 18-year-olds. This places them in a Catch-22 situation, as their begging cards point out, of "no home, no job; no job, no home."

The tube was delayed. This time it was because an earlier points failure had brought the entire line to a standstill. When the train arrived, it was covered from end to end in graffiti, and was packed. Pushing and shoving others, I joined the sweaty crowd.

The doors opened at one station to reveal a deranged person urinating on the platform. This looked very like the sort of community care which has "replaced" institutional help over the last few years. Among other things, it provides a constant odor in many stations, which no amount of scented sachets can disguise.

The final straw was to arrive at the railway station to be met with yet another string of excuses as to why trains were late or not running. Passengers or "customers," as they now are called, greet these with resigned derision. This is not a public transport service that can be taken too seriously.

In the space of some 30 minutes, a whole series of squalid public services were

revealed. Higher education has been underfunded and cannot afford to maintain its existing plant and equipment. The number of homeless people in London is possibly higher than at any time since the Victorian era. Begging is common on the street. Community care for the mentally handicapped is virtually non-existent. London's public transport system is clapped out, overpriced and inefficient.

The city at street level is poised between becoming more like New York and some Third World cities.

These problems are a direct result of Thatcherite policies. Public services of all kinds are sinking into underfunded disarray.

A modern Beveridge Report is needed to redefine the minimum living standards and conditions that the British state should maintain, thereby supporting its less-fortunate members. Such a report could do worse than start again with the contemporary manifestations of Want, Disease, Ignorance, Squalor and Idleness.

Three major difficulties must be overcome before an effective attack can be mounted on the "Five Giants" in the 1990s.

The first is ideological. No attack will be successful as long as Thatcherite market ideology dominates government thinking. Therefore, Thatcherism must be defeated at the next general election.

Second, existing government spending patterns must be re-arranged. Together with Britain's oil and peace dividends, the total amount of such resources is enough to provide an adequate welfare state. That their current distribution does not do so indicates that major changes in central government priorities are needed. More should be spent on welfare programs than on defense. This is already the case in some other European countries and, at least as regards education, used to be so in Britain during the 1970s.

Third, economic growth is needed. Under the Thatcher government, Britain's rate of economic growth has effectively stood still. The decline at the start of the 1980s was so sharp that only at the end of the decade has the restructured output regained the level of the late 1970s. Despite claims to the contrary, Britain has not been the home of an economic miracle but a slow and painful return to Victorian misery. This, together with Thatcherite ideology, has been a primary motive for

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 (Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, Forbes Quadrangle, Univ. of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260, 412/648-7600).

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

pushing down relative expenditures on public services.

The German and Japanese economies provide object lessons on how to generate economic growth which creates opportunities for redistribution, particularly in the form of public-service dividends. Both spend low proportions of their gross national product on defense, and undertake major efforts in long-range planning. In neither case have markets "decided" what

policies are followed and thus what outcomes result.

In order to have opportunities to provide better public services, markets and "short-termism" need to be modified by long-range planning. Federal and state governments in the United States, the European Parliament and Commission, and national governments in Europe need to heed this opportunity.

In Europe, there are hopeful indications

that the European Commission is doing just that.

James Simmie (University College, Wates House, 22 Gordon St., London WC1H 0QB, England) teaches, researches and writes on the future of cities and local economic planning, among other topics.

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shows, tracking is harmful not just to individuals but also to communities. Sadly, it also is unnecessary, since we now have effective alternatives."

□ **MEMBER UPDATE:** From James Carras (Carras Associates, 43 Commercial Wharf #9, Boston, MA 02110, 617/742-0532): As my development finance consultancy nears the decade mark, some of my recent community investment work includes a multi-faceted program designed for the Massachusetts Bankers Association, collaborative investments in affordable housing and minority businesses, and community economic development financing studies in Cincinnati and Austin, TX. A Carras Associates newsletter, *Initiatives*, provides details.

□ **PLANNING STANDARDS/INDIA:** From Mihir R. Bhatt, Director, Institute for Habitat and Environment (Centre for Development Studies and Activities, PB 843 Deccan Gymkhana Poona 411004, India): We are working on a study, "Reviewing Planning Standards for the Preparation of Development Plans and Area Development Plans" in 42 towns in the state of Madhya Pradesh, a project funded by the World Bank. I am writing to ask help in collecting copies from selected U.S. cities of planning standards, area development standards, and building by-laws and regulations.

□ **COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP/CONTROL:** *A Third Way: Innovations in Community-Owned Enterprise* is a 132-page source book with profiles of 54 innovative community-owned enterprises from across the U.S., which preserve local control through institutions anchored in and accountable to the community. Copies are \$15, from: National Center for Economic Alternatives, 1000 Connecticut Ave. N.W. #9, Wash. DC 20036.

□ **FUTURE POLITICAL VISIONS:** "Building a Living Democracy: A Whole New Way of Thinking About Politics and Economics," by Gar Alperovitz, is a provocative essay in the July *Sojourners* magazine, which poses the central elements of a new vision beyond socialism and capitalism that honors equality, liberty, democracy, ecological rationality, and community. Single copies are \$2.75, from: Sojourners Magazine, Box 29272, Wash. DC 20017, 202/636-3637.

□ **BRUNER AWARD ENTRIES:** The Bruner Foundation (244 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10001, 212/889-5366) has

announced it is accepting entries for the \$25,000 1991 Rudy Bruner Award of Excellence in the Urban Environment. Any project demonstrating urban excellence may apply. The application deadline is November 30.

□ **HOUSING READINGS:** The National Housing Institute (sponsors of *Shelterforce* magazine) and the Planners Network will be publishing a collection of reading lists of progressive housing courses. If you teach (at the undergraduate or graduate level) housing policy, housing and community development, housing finance, housing history, or related subjects from a progressive perspective, please send your course outlines and reading lists. We will compile and publish them as a teaching and organizing resource for progressive planners, economists, social workers, sociologists, historians, and others. If we use your material, we'll send you a copy of the publication free. Contact: Housing Courses, c/o National Housing Institute, 439 Main St., Orange, NJ 07050.

□ **GLOBAL LINKS:** Worldlink North America (formerly ATI Telecommunications) is offering a specialized data communications service, called a governmentgram, for human rights, environmental groups, and others, who want to express concerns directly to world leaders and governments. Details: Worldlink North America, Box 1484, Levittown, PA 19058, 800/827-2831.

□ **RESEARCH/ARGENTINA:** The Center for Urban and Regional Studies (Av. Corrientes 2835, Piso 7, Cuerpo A, 1193 Buenos Aires, Argentina) has issued four books on research carried out in Latin America, especially Argentina, during 1989: *Decentralizacion del Estado: Requerimientos y Politicas en la Crisis: Grandes Inversiones Publicas y Espacio Regional: Experiencias en America Latina; La Microempresa en una Estrategia de Crecimiento;* and *Las Economias Regionales de la Argentina. Crisis y Politicas de Desarrollo.* Copies are \$10 plus \$5 airmail (shipping and handling) each.

□ **DRUGS REPORT:** *Intricate Web: Drugs and the Economic Crisis* is a 78-page report, including major contributions from the Institute for Policy Studies, on the dynamics of the drug trade, the dimensions of the current crisis, and the U.S. policy response. Copies are \$3.50, from: Service Center, General Board of Global Ministries, 7820 Reading Rd. Caller #1800, Cincinnati, OH 45222.

□ **HUNGER BILL/PN SIGN-ON:** PN has joined a Congressional sign-on letter urging full funding of the Mickey Leland

Memorial Domestic Hunger Relief Act in any White House/Congressional budget agreement. The Leland Act would aid families with children, the homeless, and those on the brink of homelessness. Details: Ed Cooney, Food Research and Action Center Inc., 1319 F St. N.W., Washington, DC 20005, 202/393-5060.

□ PHA OVERSIGHT QUERY: From Networker Hans Jovis-hoff (4129 First Ave. #3-D, San Diego, CA 92103, 619/298-7005): I would be interested in feedback from Network members about the operation and functioning of their Housing Authorities or Housing Commissions. Our local commission consists of some members of the public and some council members. They act largely as a rubber stamp, and staff writes its own ticket. As an example, during the last three years, our commission's personnel budget jumped from \$4,437,500 to \$8,440,700, an increase of 90% without any explanation. Personnel increase was only 37%. There is an urgent need for meaningful oversight, and I am particularly interested in this aspect. How do other agencies handle this?

□ RENT CONTROL/CONGRESS: Both the House and Senate now have passed omnibus housing legislation, and low-income housing advocates are searching for restrictions on federal assistance to communities with rent control and other "barriers to affordable housing." With initial floor action over, the focus shifts to House-Senate conference committee consideration. It's not over till it's over. Details: Christine Minnehan, State Capitol #413, Sacramento, CA 95814, 916/445-1848.

□ HOUSING '90 CAMPAIGN: A range of national organizations concerned with housing has formed the Housing '90 Campaign to coordinate and stimulate grassroots effort for federal action on the low-income housing crisis. Planned events include local mass public hearings, tours of key housing sites, special Labor Day events, an event focused on shelter issues, and selected press conferences on local examples. Details: Tim Briceland-Betts, Campaign Director, 1012 14th St. N.W. #1500, Wash. DC 20005, 202/662-1530.

□ HOUSING/CHICAGO: The Regional Housing Study and Action Group is a long-standing informal monthly forum in Chicago for individuals and organizations interested in housing policy issues related to equality and affordability. Recent topics have included pre-purchase counseling, preserving affordable units, and resident initiatives in public housing. Contact: PNER Bill Peterman, Voorhees Center (M/C 256), University of Illinois, Box 4348, Chicago, IL 60680, 312/996-6671.

□ SERVICE AWARDS: The MidAmerica Leadership Foundation (122 S. Michigan Ave. #1220, Chicago, IL 60603, 312/427-2017) has announced its third annual \$1,000 Leadership Awards program for unsung urban heroes. Awards are for Student Leader Scholarship, Servant Leadership, and Resourcing Leadership. Nominations closed August 1; awards will be presented at a November 1 banquet in Chicago.

□ GROWTH MANAGEMENT/CA: The California Residents Association (2265 Westwood Blvd. #235, Los Angeles, CA 90064, 213/472-5454) is working to pass effective statewide growth management legislation and protect California neighborhoods. Details: William K. Barth, Director.

□ NONPROFITS/ADVOCACY: The Alliance for Justice (1601 Connecticut Ave. N.W. #600, Wash. DC 20009, 202/332-3224) has an audio cassette of a June Advocacy Forum panel on how nonprofits can get their issues into the election process. Copies are \$10, and include two guidebooks published by Partnership for Democracy: *Handbook on Tax Rules for Voter Participation Work and Nonprofit Organizations, Public Policy, and the Political Process.*

□ WAGES v. HOUSING: *The Affordability Gap: Employers Must Face Housing Squeeze* is a working paper from the National Housing Institute (439 Main St., Orange, NJ 07050, 201/678-3110) which shows that the average annual wage in nearly every U.S. geographic area is inadequate for purchasing the average home. Even recent dips in prices have provided little relief, according to the paper. No price listed.

□ RURAL DEVELOPMENT: The Rural Development Leadership Network (Box 98, New York, NY 10012) supports community-based development in poor rural communities through hands-on projects, education, leadership development, and networking. It also publishes a tabloid periodical, *Network News*. No price listed.

□ PNER GRANTEE: PNER Maria Varela (Box 7505, Albuquerque, NM 87194), who founded the Ganadas del Valle sheep-ranching and weaving cooperative in Los Ojos, NM, and who now heads the New Mexican development organization Rural Resources, has been awarded a 1990 MacArthur Foundation fellowship for gifted people. Our heartiest congratulations and encouragement!

□ GENDER/PLANNING THEORY: *Gender: A New Agenda for Planning Theory*, by Leonie Sandercock and PNER Ann Forsyth, is a 51-page working paper from the Institute of Urban and Regional Development (Univ. of California, Berkeley, CA 94720), which examines the absence of gender-awareness in planning theory, and proposes a six-part research agenda. Copies are \$5.50.

□ FAIR HOUSING/GROUP HOMES: *Community Residence Location Planning Act Compliance Guidebook*, by PNER Daniel Lauber, provides one of the first thorough reviews of the 1988 amendments to the federal Fair Housing Act, and of the first four court decisions under the Act on community residences or group homes for people with disabilities. A set of model zoning provisions is also included in a newsletter that updates the guidebook. Copies (while they last) are \$2.50 for shipping and handling, from: Planning/Communications, 7215 Oak Ave., River Forest, IL 60305, 708/366-5200.

□ HOUSING VIDEO: The award-winning PBS hour documentary, *Locked Out of the American Dream*, produced by KERA-TV of Dallas, is now available in VHS. Copies are \$45, from: Roy Dunn, KERA-TV, 3000 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas, TX 75201, 214/871-1390. The video examines the shortage in affordable housing, and profiles hopeful responses in a number of cities.

□ PNER UPDATE: From Matthew R. Lawrence (EOCD, 100 Cambridge St. 17th Fl., Boston, MA 02202, 617/727-7130): I am a Housing Policy Analyst for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, working on public housing development policies that might best meet the needs of low-income persons, especially

families, the elderly, and those with special needs or disabilities. I was also recently ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church by Bishop Barbara Harris. Very interested in hearing from others involved in public housing development, or who combine housing and church interests.

□ REAL ESTATE/COLLEGES: *The Directory of Real Estate Development and Related Education Programs* is an 84-page, second-edition guide to academic programs in U.S. colleges and universities from the Urban Land Institute (1090 Vermont Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20005, 800/462-1254). Copies are \$15 for ULI members, \$19 for others.

□ STATES/DEVELOPMENT: From PNER Scott Chazdon (Community Development Project, National Conference of State Legislators, 1050 17th St. #2100, Denver, CO 80265, 303/623-7800): A two-year project I'm helping staff, "Community Development: Creating a Legislative Role in a Comprehensive Strategy," has compiled an enormous amount of information for a clearinghouse on state policies and programs, ranging from minority business development to housing trust funds. We also will be providing technical assistance to state legislators on urban and rural community development proposals. I'm interested in hearing from PNERs who have worked with state-level housing and development policy, or who have an interest in affecting the legislative process in their states.

□ BIKING NEWSLETTER: *Pro Bike News* is a monthly newsletter of the Bicycle Federation of America (1818 R St. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202/332-6986), with a round-up on developments from around the country. Subscriptions are \$18.

□ NEW DIRECTOR: The Institute for Southern Studies (Box 531, Durham, NC 27702, 919/688-8167) has named as Executive Director Isaiah Madison, formerly Legal Counsel and Coordinator of Economic Programs for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Atlanta.

□ HOUSING ACTIONS/OCTOBER: Housing Now! The Next Step (c/o The McAuley Institute, 1320 Fenwick Ln. #600, Silver Spring, MD 20910) will be sponsoring a series of grassroots events October 1-7 in communities around the country in support of the Mickey Leland Peace Dividend Housing Assistance Act (HR 4621).

□ PNER BOOKS: The Haworth Press Inc. (10 Alice St., Binghamton, NY 13904, 800/342-9678) has issued two books by Networkers on computer applications in human services and community organizing. *Human Services Computing*, by Dick Schoech (\$17.95, paper), is designed to assist human service professionals and students in becoming better users of computing technologies. *Computers for Social Change and Community Organizing*, edited by PNER Terry Mizrahi and others (\$22.95, hardcover), presents a perspective on using computers in community-based and social change organizations.

□ NETWORKER UPDATE: From Networker Scott Chazdon (Dept. of Sociology, Univ. of Denver, Denver, CO 80210): I am working on my Ph.D. in Sociology, and plan to do my dissertation research on community reinvestment disclosure, under the Community Reinvestment Act. If anyone else is interested in reinvestment disclosure issues, please drop me a note so we can exchange ideas.

□ TRANSIT/LAND USE: Metro America is an organization in formation to help promote innovative solutions to local transportation, land use, and community design problems growing from the emergence of population shifts to large metropolitan regions, with fragmented political structures, which are over-dependent on automobiles, while discounting pedestrian space. This at a time when technology is changing the relationship of home and work, and male/female roles are changing also. Follow-up: Elliott Sclar, Division of Urban Planning, Columbia Univ., New York, NY 10027.

□ TRANSIT PRIORITIES CAMPAIGN: The Campaign for New Transportation Priorities (236 Massachusetts Ave. N.E. #603, Wash. DC 20002, 202/546-1550) is a coalition of national environmental, labor, and public interest groups working to broaden federal support for mass transit, ridesharing, bicycle and pedestrian facilities in connection with upcoming highway and transit legislative proposals.

□ PUBLIC HOUSING: The summer *Community Change* newsletter of the Center for Community Change (1000 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20007, 202/342-0567) is a 16-page special issue on the efforts of public housing residents across the country to save and improve their homes. Copies are \$3.

□ COMMUNITY LOAN FUND: *WACIF Times* is a new newsletter from the Washington Area Community Investment Fund (2201 P St. N.W., Wash. DC 20037, 202/462-4727), a growing community loan fund focusing on low-income housing projects throughout the metropolitan Washington region.

□ DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE/MN: The Minnesota Dept. of Trade and Economic Development (900 American Center Bldg., 150 E. Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55101, 612/296-5005) is compiling a Community and Neighborhood Development Organization Resource Guide to financial, technical, or information assistance for community and neighborhood development organizations statewide.

□ ICE RESIGNATION: The Institute for Community Economics (57 School St., Springfield, MA 01105, 413/746-8660) has announced the resignation of Chuck Matthei, who served as the group's Executive Director for 10 years. He will become Director of the Equity Trust program in a new nonprofit organization.

□ RURAL STUDY: *Searching for the Way That Works* is a report from the Center for Community Change (1000 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20007, 202/342-0519) which concludes the federal government does not adequately respond to the needs of low-income rural communities, particularly in terms of water and sewer issues. No price listed.

□ SOCIAL CHANGE FUNDING: *Social Change Philanthropy in America*, by PNER Alan Rabinowitz, is a 248-page book which examines the system for funding social change activities in the U.S., assesses its effectiveness, and presents future challenges and prospects. Copies are \$39.95, from: Quorum Books, 88 Post Road W., Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881, 203/226-3571.

Upcoming Conferences

- **CITY MANAGEMENT:** Education Extension (Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA 30332, 404/894-2547) will present a course, "Entrepreneurial City Management," October 24-26 in Portland, OR, and November 12-14 in Orlando. Registration is \$475.
- **HOUSING CO-OPS:** The National Association of Housing Cooperatives (1614 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314) will hold its 38th annual conference October 24-28 in San Francisco. Registration by October 15 is \$325 for NAHC members, \$360 for others; after October 15, \$385 and \$420.
- **GOVERNMENT ETHICS:** The Housing and Development Law Institute (1614 20th St. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202/265-8102) will hold its seventh annual conference October 9 in Minneapolis, on "Agencies and Ethics: Making the Right Decisions." Registration is \$195 for HDLI members, \$250 for others; lower fees for NAHRO conference attendees. Contact: P. Scott Darrell.
- **EXPIRING USE-RESTRICTIONS:** The National Housing Law Project (1950 Addison St., Berkeley, CA 94704, 415/548-9400) will sponsor a workshop October 17-19 in Danvers, MA (outside Boston) on acquiring low-income housing threatened by expiring use-restrictions. Registration is \$525.
- **BICYCLES:** The Bicycle Federation of America (1818 R St. N.W., Wash. DC 20009) will sponsor September 12-16 in Arlington, VA (outside Washington), the sixth International Conference on Bicycle Programs and Promotions, with the theme "Bicycling's Bright Future." Registration is \$225.
- **LOAN FUNDS:** The National Association of Community Development Loan Funds (Box 40085, Philadelphia, PA 19106) will sponsor October 2-7 in Chevy Chase, MD (outside Washington), its sixth annual training and conference. Registration is \$150 for NACDLF members, \$200 for others.
- **MENTAL DISABILITIES/HOUSING:** The HUD Offices of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity and of Public and Indian Housing will sponsor a conference September 5-6 in Arlington, VA (outside Washington) on "Mental Disabilities: Section 504 and the Fair Housing Amendments Act."
- **LABOR/LATIN AMERICA:** The Center for Urban and Regional Studies (Av. Corrientes 2835, Piso 7, Cuerpo A, 1193 Buenos Aires, Argentina) will hold its third international seminar beginning November 1 in Buenos Aires on "Labor Force Trends Regarding the Effects of the Economic Restructuring and the Adjustment Policy in Latin America."
- **PEDESTRIANS:** The 11th International Pedestrian Conference will be held October 3-6 in Boulder, CO, and Bellevue, WA, and will include a live video teleconference between the two sites. In Boulder (Patricia Archibald, Box 791, Boulder, CO 80306, 303/441-4260), the theme is "The Road Less Traveled: Getting There by Other Means." In Bellevue (Nicholas K. Matz, Box 90012, Bellevue, WA 98009, 206/455-6864), the theme is "Designing the Urban Village: The New Pedestrian Paradigm." Registration at either site is \$195.

Resources for Women and Housing

The following list of resources was compiled by Shelterforce, 439 Main St., Orange, NJ 07050, 201/678-3110.

National Congress of Neighborhood Women. Works with women from poor and working-class communities across the country to overcome problems affecting families and communities and to promote decent, affordable housing. 249 Manhattan Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11211, 718/388-6666.

Sheltering Ourselves: A Women's Learning Exchange. An association of women in the U.S. and Canada meeting since 1987 to create an educational forum on women's housing issues. c/o Leslie Kanis Weisman, Box 1280, Southold, NY 11971.

Women's Development Corporation. The first woman's development corporation, owns and manages over 160 units of low-income housing and provides consultant services for interested groups and individuals. 861-A Broad St., Providence, RI, 02907, 401/941-2900.

Women and Environments. Published quarterly, includes coverage of Canadian and international housing and community development issues. Subscription rates: \$13/year for individuals, \$20/year for institutions. Centre for Urban and Community Studies, 455 Spadina Ave., Toronto, Ontario M5S 2G8.

Women and Housing Task Force. Comprised of organizations and individuals concerned with housing issues affecting single women and women-headed households. National Low Income Housing Coalition, 1012 Fourteenth St. N.W. #1500, Wash. DC 20005, 202/662-1530.

Women's Housing Coalition. Advocates for decent, affordable, permanent housing with appropriate services for women and their families. Activities include direct action, education campaigns, development of model housing packages, and technical assistance. 625 Broadway, 2nd Flr., New York, NY 10012, 212/677-8861.

Women's Institute for Housing and Economic Development Inc. Provides development services and information to community organizations which seek to expand housing and economic opportunities for low-income women and their families. Assists groups with program development, financing and acquisition. 179 South St., Boston, MA 02111, 617/423-2296.

Women's Research and Development Center. Sponsors home maintenance and repair workshops for women, as well as assistance in initiating affordable housing and economic development projects for women. 727 Ezzard Charles Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45203, 513/721-1841.

ROADS/AIRPORTS: Education Extension (Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA 30332, 404/894-2547) will present a course November 14-16 in Orlando on "Techniques for Resolving Transportation Conflicts: Airports, Roadways, and Other Transportation Systems." Registration is \$595.

Jobs

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.

UC-SANTA CRUZ: The Board of Studies in Environmental Studies at the University of California-Santa Cruz (Santa Cruz, CA 95064), is seeking Assistant Professor candidates for two full-time tenure-track positions. One is in the fields of community or population ecology; the other is in social anthropology (with a specialization in environmental issues) or cultural ecology. Contact: Michael Soule.

PROJECT DIRECTOR: The Energy Conservation Coalition (1525 New Hampshire Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20036, 202/745-4874), a project of the Environmental Action Foundation, is seeking an Executive Director with experience in energy issues and fundraising. Salary is \$28,000-\$32,000.

LABOR PROGRAM: Cornell University's New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations (146 State St. 4th Fl., Albany, NY 12207, 518/449-4161) is seeking candidates for Labor Program Coordinator in the Capital District (Albany) office. Salary is based on experience.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: The National Coalition for the Homeless (1621 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202/265-2371) is seeking an Executive Director. Salary is based on experience.

POLICY ANALYST: The Policy Unit of the Office of the Bronx Borough President (851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451) is seeking a Policy Analyst with background and interest in urban policy issues, especially those affecting the Bronx. Salary is \$26,000+. Contact: PNER Melissa Murphy.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Clarendon Hill Towers Tenant Association (1374 Broway #4-B, Somerville, MA 02144) is seeking an Executive Director, as it moves into a tenant purchase of its 500-unit low- and moderate-income complex. Salary is \$30,000-\$35,000. Contact: Mary Louise Daly.

PROJECT DIRECTOR: Shelter Partnership (1010 S. Flower St. #500, Los Angeles, CA 90015) is seeking a Project Director for its Shelter Resource Bank. Salary is \$33,000-\$35,000. Contact: Paul Tepper.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Neighborhood Housing Services of Rochester, NY (c/o Neighborhood Reinvestment Corp., 2604 Elmwood Ave. #231, Rochester, NY 14618), is seeking an Executive Director for its citywide effort. Salary is mid-\$30s to mid-\$40s.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: The Neighborhood Finance Corp. of Des Moines (c/o Des Moines Chamber of Commerce Federation, 309 Court Ave., Des Moines, IA 50309) is seeking an Executive Director for a \$19-million neighborhood revitalization effort involving 600 housing units over three years.

Etcetera

OCTOBER PN DEADLINE: The arrival deadline for copy for the October *Planners Network* is Monday, October 8. 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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