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☐ PRRAC BROCHURE: Enclosed with this newsletter is a brochure for the Poverty & Race Research Action Council (1875 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Wash, DC 20009, 202/387-9887), the new organization that PN Chair Chester Hartman will be leading. (PN still will be housed at the Institute for Policy Studies, where Chester still will be a Fellow, although the PRRAC position is full time.)

Please get in touch with PRRAC if you are involved in race and poverty issues, either as an activist or as a researcher, or become part of the PRRAC network. And if you have research projects in the race and poverty area that are connected with an ongoing or potential advocacy project, please also apply for funding.

Chester in addition would like to get from you suggestions for further outreach to organizations, individuals, publications that might run a notice of PRRAC’s existence, etc. Planners Network in some ways is a model for the kind of networking PRRAC hopes to do, and PN’s work and contacts were among the things that the PRRAC board found attractive in hiring Chester.

☐ NEW PN ROSTER: Our last Planners Network: Membership Roster was published in June 1989, and now it’s time for a new one. We seem to be fixing on a biannual schedule (the pre-1989 Roster came out in 1987), which, given the Roster’s production costs, seems about right organizationally.

A PN Roster Biosketch Form appears on the back page of this issue. We’d like you to complete it and return it, together with a special Roster financial contribution, by March 25, 1991.

The Roster has been one of our most useful and interesting products, enabling people to make one-to-one contacts with people working in similar areas, or when traveling.

Ideally, a short biosketch should appear for each of our roughly 750 members, but in practice only about half of you submit one. We don’t know why, whether from laziness, inappropriate feelings of inadequacy ("no one really would be interested in what I’m doing"), or equally inappropriate feelings of arrogance ("everyone in the planning field or Network knows who I am and what I do").

We will include the Roster—the 1989 version ran 28 pages—in our next issue; so please get busy with a typewriter and a stamp—and a check (the 1989 version cost $4500).

☐ FINANCIAL MINI-REPORT: We have received 48 contributions totaling $2,001 since the December newsletter. Our thanks to each of you who supported PN in this way.

To tell quickly when you last supported PN with a check, look for the date after your name on the mailing label. We add (or change) the date when we get a check. No date means you are a non-contributor, and we’d like a check from you.

☐ PN INCOME/EXPENSES: Following our practice of reporting on PN expenses as well as income, the following covers

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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 Achenberg, Boston; Eve Bach, Berkeley; Bob Beaugard, Pittsburgh; Donna Dyer, Durham, NC; William Goldsmith, Ithaca; Charles Hoch, Chicago; Joculun Kim, Tempe; Judy Kossy, Buffalo; Jacqueline Leavitt, LA; Peter Marcuse, NYC; Alan Rabinowitz, Seattle; Tony Schuman, NYC; Andree Tremoulet, Pittsfield.

Newsletter Editor: Prentice Bowsher.

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the 12 months ending December 16, 1990 (the closing date of our bank statement).
Our total income was $16,680, including $15,846 in contributions and $234 in bank account interest. Total expenses were $10,713, including $4,094 in administrative and editorial services, $2,716 in printing, $1,919 in addressing and labeling, $1,511 in typesetting and layout, and $473 in postage. We finished the year with a $5,357 surplus.
However, the surplus may be more fragile than it appears, because contributions are down sharply. After a surge in late 1989-early 1990 to help pay for the 1989 Roster and in response to our anti-freeloading campaign, contributions income dropped to $2,104 in the third quarter and $2,123 in the fourth quarter.
The current level is so low that if it holds for a full 12-month period, we would need every bit of our 1990 surplus to meet ongoing expenses. So please look for the date after your name on the mailing label of this issue. If it's more than a year ago, please send in a contribution. Ditto, if there's no date at all. And please include a special additional contribution with your PN Roster biosketch (to help meet the Roster mailing costs).
**PN NONPROFIT STATUS:** One of our members recently asked if Planners Network ever had become a 501(c)(3) organization under the Internal Revenue Code, permitting contributions to be tax deductible. The answer is no: we never have. Partly because it's a somewhat tedious process, requiring a skilled lawyer, and we're not sure we'd qualify; partly because of our preference for a somewhat loose style; and partly because we didn't think it would make a lot of difference to members.
But if we're wrong on this last point—that is, if people think they would give more up front as a way of voluntary contributions, if Uncle Sam were picking up part of the tab—then we'd certainly look into it. So let us know if you think we ought to pursue 501(c)(3) status.
**PN MAILING DATE:** While we never hear about timely delivery of PN, we do get occasional complaints/queries about late deliveries (the October 25, 1990, issue arriving December 31, for example), and so we offer the following explanation of the date-selection process for each issue. It usually is about 6 weeks after the copy deadline (to allow for editing and production), and it is supposed to be the date the newsletters are mailed (hence a specific date, rather than merely the month and year). We may miss by a few days, but it usually comes out pretty close. The October 25 issue, for instance, was mailed October 29. Beyond that, we're at the mercy of postal procedures, the Postal Service's non-profit bulk mail. If anyone has suggestions for an improved system for PN mailings, please let us know.

### Passing the Word

**HOUSING RESEARCH:** Journal of Housing Research is a new periodical, published on an occasional basis by the Office of Housing Policy Research, January 15, 1990 (390 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Wash., DC 20026, 202-752-4422), to provide an outlet for theoretical and empirical research on a broad range of housing issues, including housing policy, home mortgage finance, and international housing finance. The 186-page first volume has a special eight-article series, "Mortgage Markets in the Year 2000." No price listed.

**VOTING RECORDS: HOUSING:** The National Housing Institute, 439 Main St., Saratoga, N.Y. 12866, 518-283-9110, has completed a "Congressional Report Card on Housing," which ranks the voting records of 385 House members on 20 key pieces of housing legislation over the past 10 years. Voting records for all sitting House members are listed, with members ranked from "F" to "A." State delegations also are ranked, and the key votes are explained. Copies are $5.

**NETWORKER UPDATE:** Networker Woody Widrow (17 Westview Rd., Boardman, NJ 07444, 201-239-7332) is leaving the staff of Shelterforce after 16 years (the last six of which as Editor) to pursue other activities. For the short term, he will provide consultation services to groups in need of training and organizing, organizational development, research, writing, and editing.

**HOUSING INTERNATIONAL:** International Handbook of Housing Policy and Practices, edited by Willem van Vliet, is a major work of reference for comparative studies of housing issues and policy problems. Includes chapters on Western Europe, eastern Europe, North America, the Caribbean and Middle America, South America, the Middle East, Africa, and Australia. Contributors include David A. Elson, Peter Marcuse, and Jill Hamborg. Contact: Greenwood Press, Inc., 88 Post Rd. W., Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881, 203-226-3751, for price list.

**EFFECTIVE SOCIAL SERVICES:** From Pnro Howell Baum (Institute for Urban Studies, Univ. of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742, 301-455-6792). I am beginning research on social service migration: that work, and I am particularly interested in programs that connect individuals, groups, or organizations. I am looking for contacts, case materials, and references on programs that are unusually effective in preventing or solving problems, that serve or create communities, or that perform governance activities. I'll send eventually products to anyone who can help.

**HOMELESS HEALTHCARE:** The United Hospital Fund (55 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10001, 212-645-2500) has issued two publications that focus on addressing the health care needs of the homeless. Housing and Healthcare: Urban Development Challenge, by Susan L. Netburner ($5), and Under the Safety Net: The Health and Social Welfare of the Homeless in the United States, edited by William F. Schaefer MD and others ($27.95, from W.W. Norton & Co., 500 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10110, 800-233-4830). Each describes the experience of programs in New York City and across the country.

### PN Special Feature

**Lessons in Housing From Eastern Europe**

by Peter Marcune

We spend a lot of time complaining about what we think of as our "modest" housing. Our experience is that the market serves those well with money, but hurts poor people, and leads to speculation and rent gouging, segregation, and abandonment and substandard housing.

Yet in Eastern Europe, in overcoming systems claiming to be socialist, almost everybody, from conservative politicians to dissident leaders, correctly "democratized" or "privatized" the housing market: they were making of the wrongs in their housing system.

Is there something we in the United States should learn from that? I think there is.

Evaluating East European housing policy is not easy. "Housing policy" (there like here) is not a single policy, but a set of often contradictory policies.

In East European housing policies were shaped by three separate events:

- **A strong ideological commitment to equality and public ownership.**
- A tremendous shortage of housing in the aftermath of the war, and continuing tremendous shortage of encorages to produce more housing (largely as a result of the cold war);
- A very centralized, undemocratic, and, in a few cases, corrupt political structure.

Simply looking at the bare statistics doesn't tell us much. If standards are lower there than here, living space per person might be limited by inadequate general of general economic limitations as well as, or perhaps rather than, housing policies. It may be necessary indeed to understand housing policies themselves, and try to visualize how they might work in a market system such as ours.

To begin with, housing has been seen in virtually every East European country as something to be used by socialists, essentially only for personal use.

In that sense, ownership that once was used but also fostered: They call it (in the East German constitution, for instance) "personal ownership," as a distinction from the ownership. It gives the right to occupy (indeedly, to have children or close relatives occupy, essentially do with whatever they want—except sell without permission).

Sales are permitted, but only at non- speculative prices charged by the state, with return on investment—although since historically there was no recognized inflation, no adjustments were made—and only to persons on the publicly maintained waiting list entitled to that size unit by the computation of their housing needs.

Private landlordism continued to exist in most countries, but it was, until recently, a dwindling sector, bringing little profit since rents were fixed, often below real costs, and tenant selection was publicly handled even for privately owned rental housing.

Land was either publicly owned, or its use tightly controlled by government. Land speculation was not possible.

A second system, in principle, from that envisaged in the IPS's A Right to Housing. Second feature of most East European systems has been the extent of public subsidy.

Rents in new housing in East Germany, for instance, run at 3-4 percent of income; the subsidy covers the entire construction costs and about three-fourths of operating costs.

**PN Special Feature**

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

The Special Feature editor is Bob Beauregard (Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, Forre Quadrangle, Univ. of Pitts- burgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260, 412-648-7600; Fax: 412-648-6005).

The Special Feature editor's support for this feature, and encour- age continued ideas, suggestions, commentary, and dialogues.

That is a pretty expensive subsidy, of course, and explains in part why the housing of the urban poor (almost all is built with pre-cast concrete panels, limited in room sizes, and not well maintained). This has been a problem for every housing system. It also led to an over-emphasis on new construction, and a neglect of rehabilit- ation. In other words, people really needed to have their roofs, the logic went.

But the policy also explains a third feature of East European housing. Why it is so unregulated.

Rents are the same for all, regardless of income, and assignment is from a waiting list based on need, with a point system such as we use in public housing, with points assigned: Members of the ruling party, officials, etc. often—but not in all cases—got a special treatment.

The kind of small-town or single-color neighborhoods we have in the U.S., whether in the ghettos or in the suburbs, simply do not exist in most of Eastern Europe.

If everything in the cities had been as rosy as the theory called for, there might have been no political upheavals.

Two characteristics, I believe, led to the greatest unrest.

One, the low quality of much housing, came from a combination of the general resources and a very cumbersome and ineffi- cient centralized planning mechanism that allowed for little, if any, variation in the basic elements of a housing unit that were built, often years in advance, and with minimal local control.

The second local input was part of the second great dissatisfaction: the lack of control, of choice, of freedom to move and express oneself in the location or style of housing.

These disadvantages, the centralization of decision-making in the hands of the state, the lack of control, of choice, of freedom to move, of freedom to express oneself, of choice to relate to each other, and made very much worse by the lack of democracy.

How people would feel about the housing system had the political system been open, democratic, and participatory is a matter of speculation.

There might have been a third way, combining advantages of theocracy with a socialist economic structure. That is not a road currently being pursued in any country. In East Germany, at least, the experience of West Germany for uni- fication with its private-market system has been overwhelming.

In all of the countries involved, the experience with centralized and undemo-
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COMMUNITY DESIGN Primer, by Randolph T. Hester Jr., is a 116-page resource on community design, with practical exercises on creating places that are loved and used back, that provide for private and collective action, and that are just, meaningful, and sustainable. Copies are $17, from: Community Design Primer, Box 90, Mendocino, CA 95460, 707/964-8465.

DEVELOPMENT INTERNS: The Development Training Institute (4800 Seton Dr., Baltimore, MD 21215, 301/764-0780) is accepting pre-interns for 12-month Internships in Community Economic Development.

PNC BOOK: Knowledge and Public Policy: The Search for Meaningful Indicators, by Judith Innis, looks historically at the public and media ideological processes of design for selected indicators in national policy making. The arguments are strong in terms of standards and budgets. It contends that effective indicators are constructed through participatory social and political processes. Copies are $23.95, from Transaction Books. This is a second edition, in paper, of Social Indicators and Public Policy, by Judith de Neville, with a new introduction and updated research.

LEGISLATION/CALIFORNIA: The California Family Act is a 12-page brochure on an omnibus state legislative proposal, also called The California Family Act, prepared by the Legislature-created Joint Select Task Force on the Changing Family (State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814, 916/324-0939). The proposal covers housing, health care, work-family conflicts, family-care giving concerns, and other topics.

NETWORKER UPDATE: From PNC Alan Mallach (City Hall, Trenton, NJ 08625, 609/695-3000) have been heavily occupied recently, having started in October as Director of Housing and Development for the City of Trenton, where a new African-American mayor was elected last summer. We now begin to find out if it is possible to carry out any of the ideas I’ve been talking about for the last many years, in an impoverished city with a recession coming on.

RENEWAL REDEVELOPMENT: Fragments of Cities: The New American Downtowns and Neighborhoods, by PNC Larry Bennett, places downtown revitalization and gentrification in historical context, and looks at the neighborhood movement in relation to urban physical restructuring. Copies are $29.50 (cloth), from Ohio State Univ. Press, 1070 Cramack Rd., Columbus, OH 43210, 614/292-6930.

HOUSING/JOURNAL AWARDS: The National Housing Institute (439 Main St., Orange, NJ 07050, 201/678-3110) is accepting applications for journal awards to up to 10 reporters and editors on housing, urban affairs, and urban policy topics, with special emphasis on housing. The awards are for one-time reports on topics. Applications are due October 31. Contact: National Housing Institute, 510 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60612, 312/243-3035. A companion report of background data is $25.

NETWORKER UPDATE: From PNC Patrick Morrissy (439 Main St., Orange, NJ 07050, 201/678-3110): I am the new editor of Shelterforce magazine, published by the National Housing Institute. I am also continuing to develop affordable housing, as Director of the NIH-sponsored C.H.A.N.D.S. Inc. In addition, I chair the NJ Citizen Action Committee on Housing. As a personal note, my wife, Jean Campbell, gave birth January 12 to twins, Timothy and Claire.

CELECTED OFFICIALS/J HOUSING: The National Housing Institute (439 Main St., Orange, NJ 07050, 201/678-3110) is seeking nominations of elected officials with exceptional records on housing issues. It needs only an official’s name, phone, and one or two paragraphs on why you think the official should be honored.


SINGLE PARENTS/SCHOOLING: The Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Program (2325 N. Greg St., Fayetteville, AR 72703, 501/321-1394) was founded in 1990 by PNC member Ralph Neeson, with the intent of developing grassroots support of impoverished single parents throughout the state. The Program provides matching grants on a county basis to groups which foster scholarship funds, and offers technical assistance to groups in setting up funds. To date, 16 counties have become actively involved in the Program, and 211 $500 scholarships have been awarded.

MACROCMS USA: Environmental, Political, and Social Transformation for the 90s, a planned $5-$11, 400-500-page paperback designed to be a progressoive solutions handbook on the major challenges facing humanity, is seeking contributions on appropriate sources. Contact: Macromc USA, Box 969, Cambridge, CA 93428, 805/927-8030.

NETWORKER UPDATE: From W. Bill Barlow (5466 Leon Cir., Orlando, FL 32810): I have just finished a two-year contract as an International Municipal Advisor on infrastructure investment strategies (Capital Improvement Programming called I.U.I.D.P.) for urban centers in the Indonesian province of West Sumatra. I have much to share about "Intermediate Development," and would love to talk with other PNCers about the Westernization of the developing countries.

HOUSING SOURCES: The National Low Income Housing Coalition (1014 12th St. N.W. #100, Wash, DC 20005) has issued a fall report on the stability, accessibility, and affordability of housing. Copies are free, from: National Low Income Housing Coalition, 110 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60612.

CHICAGO LENDING: Partnerships for Reinvestment: An Evaluation of the Neighborhood Lending Program, by PNC Calvin Bradford, reports on the first five years of community reinvestment agreements between the Chicago Reinvestment Alliance and three Chicago banks. Copies are $15, from: National Housing and Information Center, 810 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60622.

HARVESTING PEACE: The Arms Race and Human Need, by Arthur Simon, describes events in the Soviet Union and his own personal change which led him to create this opportunity program for ending the arms race and directing resources toward peace and development. Contact: Bread for the World, 802 Rhode Island Ave. N.W., Wash, DC 20001, 202/280-0200. No price listed.

ULI BOOK LIST: The Urban Land Institute (625 Indiana Ave. N.W., Wash, DC 20004) has issued a four-page tabloid of publications focusing on real estate development. Titles include Real Estate and the RTC: A Guide to Asset Purchasing and Contracting and City Deal Making, by Terry Jill Lassar.

ACTIVISTS’ DATABASE: Oko (RT 1, Box 322, Afton, VA 22920, 703/456-8232) is an alternative database, with summaries of articles, books, and documentary films, to link environmental activists across the country with activities in other fields.


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