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PN PURGE ALERT: Be aware: Another PN Purge is approaching, with its sternly enforced rule, "We don't hear from you; you don't hear from us." Purges trim PN's mailing list by dropping Pners who've failed to stay in touch with our interactive Network.

We keep records of each communication we get from you—whether it's an item for the newsletter, a check, a complaint, a compliment, whatever—anything that shows you're still out there and reading the newsletter.

Then we code your address label with a # sign. Three # signs mean you're an active PN participant in good standing. Anything less means you're heading for Purge-ville, and a PN-less life. Please check your address label now!

If you're short of the required three # signs, you still have time for evasive action, by sending us a note, a comment, a personal update, any communication—preferably accompanied by a check as well.

Otherwise, this is your last PN—a condition we can reverse whenever you come to your senses, and realize the gaping hole in your PN-less life. Take heed!

FINANCIAL MINI-REPORT: We have received \$847 in contributions from 27 Networkers, since the March *Planners Network*. Our thanks to each contributor for your financial support.

Our year-to-date figures are \$4,011 from 118 Networkers. By comparison, our second-newsletter numbers for 1991 were \$4,596 from 138 Pners.

To tell quickly when you last supported PN with a check, look for the date after your name on the mailing label. We change (or add) the date whenever we get a check. The absence of a date means you have not yet contributed financially, and we'd like a check from you if possible.

Passing the Word

HOMELESSNESS: *The Visible Poor: Homelessness in the United States*, by Joel Blau, is a 236-page book, which reviews the evolution of the crisis, illustrates and critiques current government policies, and then proposes a range of social reforms aimed at the underlying causes. Copies are \$22.95 (cloth), from: Oxford University Press, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016.

HISTORY TRIVIA, World's Fair Division: From Pner John Wengler (325 W. Belden, Chicago, IL 60614, 312-348-5650): Did you know that the Shakespeare statue on my block was first exhibited at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair? Or that an electrical generator first switched on at the Fair by Thomas Edison now resides at the Univ. of Wisconsin's Engineering College? I'm collecting stories of what has happened to such 1893 Fair exhibits, and I promise a "PN Feature," complete with suitable historical ruminations, if Networkers will send me notes on the current whereabouts and uses of other 1893 Chicago World's Fair exhibits.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: The Green Wave (1875 Connecticut Ave. N.W. #710, Wash. DC 20009, 202/387-6030) is a new movement for environmental justice and a sustainable economy, stressing multiculturalism and multiracialism. Local activists are refining a 10-plank action program, preparing for a May 1993 Green Wave Congress.

SEGREGATION/LONG ISLAND: "A World Apart: Segregation on Long Island" is a 95-page reprint of a September 1990 *Sunday Newsday* series. Copies: Long Island Housing Services, 1747 Veterans Memorial Hwy. #42-A, Islandia, NY 11722, 516/582-2727. No price listed.

TOXICS RESOURCE: The Working Group on Community Right-To-Know (215 Pennsylvania Ave. S.E., Wash. DC 20003, 202/546-9707) publishes *Working Notes on Community Right-To-Know*, regarding business use of toxic substances and their potential impact on neighboring areas.

ECONOMIC DATA: Drawing on the 1982 economic censuses, the U.S. Commerce Department has issued detailed data on the structure of the U.S. economy, *The 1982 Benchmark Input-Output Accounts of the United States* (S/N 003-010-00226-3). Copies are \$19, from: Supt. of Documents, Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250. Queries: Bureau of Economic Analysis, 202/523-0792.

ECONOMY/YOUNG FAMILIES: Northeastern Univ.'s Center for Labor Market Studies and the Children's Defense Fund (122 C St. N.W. #400, Wash. DC 20001, 202/628-8787) have completed a 36-page report, *Vanishing Dreams: The Economic Plight of America's Young Families*. Copies are \$6.50.

RIOT VIDEO/1991 DC: *Distrito del Quilombo* (District of Chaos) is a video documentary of the May 1991 Mt. Pleasant/Adams Morgan riots in Washington, DC. It has been nominated for the 1992 Rosebuds Awards. Contact: Dialogue Productions, Box 21549, Wash. DC 20009.

RURAL CHILDREN: *Falling by the Wayside: Children in Rural America*, by Arloc Sherman, is a 180-page report from the Children's Defense Fund, 122 C St. N.W. #400, Wash. DC 20001, 202/628-8787. Copies are \$12.95.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE: *Far from Fixed: An Analysis of the Unemployment Insurance System* is a 42-page report from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (777 N. Capitol St. N.E. #705, Wash. DC 20002, 202/408-1080), proposing comprehensive, permanent reforms for the system, to which recent emergency legislation provided only a temporary and partial fix. No price listed.

RACISM/U.S.: Resolution/California Newsreel (149 Ninth St. #420, San Francisco, CA 94103, 415/621-6196) has a number of films for rent or sale on racism and racial issues in the U.S. Among them: *Color Adjustment*, on treatment of race relations

in prime-time entertainment; *Trouble Behind*, on the origins of racism in a small Kentucky town; *The Road to Brown*, on the legal assault on school segregation; and *Ethnic Notions*, on the links between ethnic stereotypes and anti-black prejudice.

□ WOMEN'S BUDGET: The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (1213 Race St., Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215/563-7110) has issued a 64-page fourth edition of *The Women's Budget*, by Jane Midgley. Copies are \$8.50.

□ PUERTO RICAN AGENDA: *A Blueprint for Change: A Puerto Rican Agenda for the 1990s* is a 30-page free report from the National Puerto Rican Coalition, 1700 K St. N.W. #500, Wash. DC 20006, 202/223-3915. A publications list and newsletter also are available.

□ REGENERATION (formerly *Workers' Democracy*) is a quarterly discussion bulletin of the Left Green Network, which has a "Call" statement and draft "principles" (\$2), from: LGN, Box 5566, Burlington, VT 05402. Subscriptions are \$10, to: Regeneration, WD Press, Box 24115, St. Louis, MO 63130.

□ URBAN LEAGUE PLAN: The National Urban League (500 E. 62nd St., New York, NY 10021) has issued a 56-page proposal, *Playing To Win: A Marshall Plan for America*, by Billy Tidwell, the League's Director of Research. No price listed.

□ COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT: *Using the Community Reinvestment Act in Low-Income Historic Neighborhoods*, by Jennifer Blake and Stanley Lowe, is available from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20036, 202/673-4189. Copies are \$5.

□ HISPANIC AMERICA: The National Council of La Raza (810 First St. N.E. #300, Wash. DC 20002, 202/289-1380) has issued a report, *State of Hispanic America: An Overview* (35 pages, \$5). A publications list also is available.

□ NEW PRIORITIES: The Campaign for New Priorities (1601 Connecticut Ave. N.W. 4th Fl., Wash. DC 20009, 202/462-9121) is a nonpartisan citizens' campaign for reinvesting excessive military spending in schools, health care, infrastructure, housing, and nutrition.

□ PEACE DIVIDEND: Networkers Ann Markusen and Joel Yudken (Project on Regional and Industrial Economics, Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, NY 08903, 908/932-4587) have been touring and speaking about their book, *Dismantling the Cold War Economy* (Basic Books, 10 E. 53rd St., New York, NY 10022), which calls for shifting the previously military mission of the aerospace, communications, and electronics industries to more peaceful missions on environmental, health, transportation, housing, and educational fronts. On sabbatical in 1991-92, Ann has been speaking at universities around the world, writing extensively, and appearing on radio and television. She and Joel welcome contacts from others on peace dividend issues.

□ CHILDREN'S WELL-BEING: The Center for the Study of Social Policy (1250 Eye St. N.W. #503, Wash. DC 20005, 202/371-1565) and the Annie E. Casey Foundation have produced the third annual *Kids Count Data Book: State Profiles of Child Well-Being* (\$12.50).

□ POLITICAL ACTION: "The Best Political Action Newsletters from Around the Country" is a two-part special issue (Fall 1989, Winter 1990) of the quarterly *Social Policy*, 33 W. 42nd St. #1212, New York, NY 10036. Copies are \$5; annual subscriptions are \$22.

□ ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN: The spring 1992 *Places: A Quarterly Journal of Environmental Design* (Vol. 7, No. 4) included five essays from the New York Architects/Designers/Planners for Social Responsibility 1991 conference on "Designers and Social Responsibility." Also in the issue is an extensive analysis of how a plan by architect Christopher Alexander for the Univ. of Oregon influenced a campus expansion project. Copies are \$14 prepaid, from: Places/Design History Foundation, Pratt Institute, 200 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11205, 718/399-6090. Contact: Todd W. Bressi, a PN spouse.

□ HUNGER/U.S.: *The Medford Declaration To End Hunger in the U.S.* was released at an April 6 press conference, with more than 1,000 organizational and individual endorsers. Copies: Center on Hunger, Poverty, and Nutrition Policy, Tufts Univ., Medford, MA 02155, 617/381-3223. No price listed.

□ NEIGHBORHOOD FUNDING: The Development Training Institute (4806 Seton Dr., Baltimore, MD 21215, 301/764-0780) publishes a quarterly newsletter, *The Neighborhood Funding Bulletin Board*. Annual subscriptions are \$20.

□ EVICTION STUDY: The Southern Arizona People's Law Center (314 E. Congress #236, Tucson, AZ 85701, 602/623-7306) has issued *Justice Denied: A Study of the Rights of Low-Income Tenants in Eviction Proceedings in Pima County Justice Court* (29 pages, \$5).

□ COMMUNITY CHANGE/25 YEARS: The Center for Community Change (1000 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20007, 202/342-0519) has published an illustrated and compelling 72-page history of its 25 years of helping poor people develop the power and capacity to improve their communities and change policies and institutions that affect their lives. No price listed.

□ LAND TRUSTS: *Community Land Trust Legal Manual* is a 235-page legal resource, including model documents, for using a community land trust to preserve housing affordability over the long term. Copies are \$100, from: Institute for Community Economics, 57 School St., Springfield, MA 01105, 413/746-8660.

□ HOUSING CODE/ENFORCEMENT: The National Housing Institute (439 Main St., Orange, NJ 07050, 201/678-3110) is looking for examples of good housing code enforcement programs, for a planned article in *Shelterforce*. Contact: Patrick Morrissy.

□ BANNERMAN FELLOWSHIPS: The Charles Bannerman Fellowship Program (c/o Partnership for Democracy, 2335 18th St. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202/483-0030) has set December 1, 1992, as the deadline for its next awards' round, honoring outstanding social activists of color, and enabling them to take sabbaticals. Details, applications: Madeline Adamson.

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Including Energy Issues in CHAS Planning

by Roger D. Colton

The 1990 National Affordable Housing Act provides individuals and institutions concerned about low-income energy needs with a unique opportunity to merge the new federal initiatives in housing with energy considerations.

Along with a number of new housing programs, and a considerable potential amount of new money, Congress now requires all local jurisdictions to engage in an annual planning process for housing, resulting in preparation of a Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS). Submission of a CHAS is a prerequisite for funding for states, urban cities, and counties.

The purpose of a CHAS is to assure that jurisdictions receiving federal housing assistance plan for the housing and related needs of low-income people, and use such money to improve the availability and affordability of decent, safe, and sanitary housing. Further, the new Act recognizes the cost of home energy as an essential component of affordable housing.

As a planning tool, CHAS offers a means to ensure that all critical housing needs are identified, that priorities are set which reflect those needs, and that money is distributed according to agreed-upon priorities.

The high cost of home energy—heating oil, gas, electricity—often leading to non-payment and loss of such services, and thus potentially of homes themselves, should consistently be set forward in CHAS planning as such a “critical housing need.”

A CHAS includes seven distinct components—needs identification, housing market conditions, public policies, institutional structure, resources, planning, and goals—and each can and should include a discussion of energy issues.

Consider:

- **Needs Identification:** Utility terminations are “clearly a precipitating factor in housing abandonment,” recent research in Philadelphia has found.

According to a joint study over five years by the Philadelphia Energy Coordinating Agency and Temple University’s Institute for Public Policy Studies, an

average of 32 percent of the homes of residential electrical customers in Philadelphia became abandoned within one year following service termination.

The average abandonment rate for termination of gas service was 22.4 percent.

Using CHAS as the vehicle, increasing a household’s ability to control its utility costs, and therefore increasing its ability to pay on a full and timely basis, might thus appropriately be raised as a “housing” concern.

The unaffordability to low-income households of home energy, in fact, has been well chronicled by low-income energy advocates.

After paying winter heating bills, for example, the average Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program recipient had roughly \$75 or less remaining a week to pay for all other household expenses, including housing, food, transportation, medical care, and clothing, according to a study by the National Consumer Law Center. The study, *The Forgotten Crisis*, examined 16 states for which average-income data were available.

- **Housing Market Conditions:** A recent NCLC study found that households in

North Carolina on certain public assistance programs (AFDC and SSI) were overwhelmingly likely to live in unweatherized homes.

Ranging from 50 percent of all AFDC households which lack any attic insulation, to 60 percent which lack caulking and weatherstripping, to 80-90 percent which lack storm doors and storm windows, these households cannot have good control over their utility bills.

- **Public Policies:** Utility-financed conservation targeted to high-use/high-arrears households can make housing more affordable.

Wisconsin Gas Company, for example, recognized the legitimacy of low-income conservation and weatherization programs when it implemented a pilot program explicitly designed to use conservation measures as a means of reducing the costs associated with delinquent payments and bad debt.

For single-family homes, Wisconsin Gas produced an overall single-family heat-load savings rate of 30.7 percent. Two-family homes achieved similar results.

Wisconsin Gas found that the program not only reduced arrears for households, but also provided significant savings for the company as well.

According to the company, its weatherization program reduced the number of households having arrears of \$100 or more by two-thirds, and the number of households with any arrears by three-fourths.

- **Institutional Structure:** From the above examples, it is possible to see that not only “housing” agencies have a role in pursuing affordable housing, but also public utilities, Public Utility Commissions, state LIHEAP agencies, and other “energy” agencies.

- **Resources:** The centerpiece of the new federal housing Act establishes the HOME program, which (after 1992) requires state and local jurisdictions to provide matching funds to be eligible for federal money. But given the budget crises most state and local governments are facing, generating matching public funds might be very difficult.

Even so, a number of energy-related sources exist that could be used in making a match. They include private utility fuel funds; unclaimed utility deposits, and interim rate increases collected subject to refund; dedicated utility late payment revenues; a variety of private (non-utility) energy investment funds; and existing

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; Fax: 412/648-2605).

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

utility-financed conservation programs.

● **Planning:** Conservation targeted to high-use/high-arrears utility customers can make housing more affordable for low-income households.

One Cleveland State University study, for example, of households with high utility arrears in the Ohio Percentage of Income Plan found that the prime cause of growth in Ohio's PIP arrears was excessive consumption by a small group of customers.

While 80-90 percent of PIP households "are managing to keep their debt at reasonable levels," 11-12 percent "is accumulating debt at a very rapid pace."

According to the Cleveland State study, this small group accounted for 40 percent of total gas PIP debt and 34 percent of total electric PIP debt. Moreover, the group's annual bills were 1.6 times higher than the mid-range segments.

The study concluded: "Targeting wea-

therization and energy education to the high-debt group seems to hold the greatest potential for minimizing the growth in debt."

● **Goals:** NCLC's North Carolina report also found that a whopping seven percent of all households in the state lost their primary heating service in the last winter; and 38 percent of the service-terminated households lacked an alternative heating source, thus going without heat for some period during the winter.

Even households which didn't lack heat altogether faced major disruptions in their ability to keep warm.

Of households losing their primary fuel last winter, nearly one in four (24 percent) used either portable kerosene heaters or portable electric heaters as their (expensive and very dangerous) replacement source of heat.

A nearly equal proportion of households (20 percent) relied on either their

cooking stove or fireplace as their primary heating source.

Individuals and institutions concerned with low-income energy problems need to take advantage of the CHAS "housing" planning process. The utility-payment problems of low-income households are directly related to the quantity and quality, as well as to the affordability, of housing.

Unless utilities, Community Action Agencies, and others affected by low-income energy problems become involved with the CHAS planning process, the connection between affordable housing and affordable home energy may well be missed by state and local housing planners.

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Passing the Word

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□ **HABITAT RESOURCES:** The United Nations Center for Human Settlements (Habitat) (Box 30030, Nairobi, Kenya, Fax 254-2-226473) publishes a number of free resources on Habitat activities, including *Habitat News*, the official newsletter, *NGO News on Human Settlements*, focusing on nongovernmental organizations, and *Bibliographic Notes*, on books, periodicals, and reports.

□ **TENANTS' RIGHTS:** *A Manual for Tenants Who Live in Privately Owned Federally Subsidized Housing*, by Erica Silverberg and Gina Cherry, is a 170-page resource from the Low Income Housing Information Service, 1012 14th St. N.W. #1200, Wash. DC 20005, 202/662-1530. Copies are \$10 for residents' groups; \$20 for others.

□ **ADVOCACY FELLOWSHIPS:** The Advocacy Institute (1730 Rhode Island Ave. N.W. #600, Wash. DC 20036) has accepted its first class of 12 Fellows in its Leadership Development Program, comprised of seminars, workshops, and participatory experiences.

□ **FAIR HOUSING:** The Fair Housing Information Clearinghouse (Box 6091, Rockville, MD 20850, 800/343-3442) has a free one-page list of print, video, and audio resources on fair housing issues.

□ **DISPLACEMENT/HIGHWAYS:** The Institute for Southern Studies (Box 2690, Durham, NC 27705, 919/490-5125) is seeking numerical and demographic information on residential displacement from highway construction, both nationally and in North Carolina. Contact: Barry Yeoman.

□ **HOUSING/CDCs:** *HOME: A Guide for CDCs*, by Mindy Leiterman and Benson Roberts, is a 79-page guide to the new federal housing block grant program, HOME, which includes a set-aside for community development corporations as affordable housing developers. Copies: Local Initiative Support Corp., 1825 K St. N.W. #909, Wash. DC 20006, 202/785-2908. No price listed.

□ **HOUSING/RECOVERY:** *Housing Initiatives for Homeless People with Alcohol and Other Drug Problems* is a 170-page report, with appendices, of a 1991 San Diego, CA, conference (of which PN Chair Chester Hartman was co-chair) which explored relationships and possible linkages between the historically separate fields of housing and recovery. Copies: National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information, Box 2345, Rockville, MD 20857, 800/729-6686. No price listed.

□ **PUBLIC HOUSING DEMONSTRATION:** *Public Housing Homeownership Demonstration Assessment* (266 pages), and *PHHDA Case Studies* (189 pages), both by William Rohe and Michael Stegman, were prepared for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Policy Development and Research, Wash. DC 20410. No price listed.

□ **AWARD COMPETITION:** The National League of Cities (1301 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W. #600, Wash. DC 20004) has announced its 1992 Innovation Awards Competition on "Improving Service Delivery through Community Collaboration." Details: Gail Jackson, 202/626-3130.

□ **DISCRIMINATION/HOUSING:** The Massachusetts Law Reform Institute (69 Canal St., Boston, MA 02114, 617/742-9250) is seeking ideas and/or materials on documenting and illustrating racial discrimination in public and subsidized housing, for a forthcoming issue of its quarterly, *Housing Matters*.

□ HOUSING RESOURCE: The McAuley Institute (8300 Colesville Rd. #310, Silver Spring, MD 20910, 301/588-8110) has compiled a *Catalogue of Information Services and Technical Assistance for the Development of Low-Income Housing*. Copies are \$10.

□ HOUSING/DRUGS: The April 1992 *Housing Matters*, the quarterly tabloid of the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute (69 Canal St., Boston, MA 02114, 617/742-9250), is a special issue on "The War on Drugs Targets Tenants." Articles highlight government anti-drug policies and tactics, and explore what tenants are doing to deal with substance abuse and drug-related violence. Copies are \$2.25; subscriptions are \$15 from individuals.

□ PNER UPDATE: From PNER Karen Rebecca Brown (80 Parkway Rd. #2-B, Bronxville, NY 10708, 212/590-0101(w)): In February, I became program coordinator for Women Building The Bronx, a construction and building maintenance training program for single parents, operating out of the MOSAIC Center, a school-based community center in the Highbridge section of the Bronx. The program includes both a hands-on shop class and an Adult Basic Education class. I would appreciate hearing from other PNERs with experience in implementing integrated basic skills and occupational training programs.

□ HOUSING/BATTERED WOMEN: The Housing Reform Project (3409 Michigan Union, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, 313/936-0836) has available a 17-page report, *From Emergency Shelter to Permanent Housing: The Obstacles to Safe, Decent, Affordable Housing Encountered by Battered Women*. Copies are \$2.50, payable to "Student Legal Services."

□ POVERTY/EMPOWERMENT: *Empowerment: The Politics of an Alternative Development*, by PNER John Friedmann, focuses on the social and political empowerment of people excluded by the new global processes of capital accumulation, and argues that poverty is a form of systematic disempowerment. Case studies are drawn from Latin America, but structural poverty in rich nations also is explored. The publisher is Basil Blackwell. No price listed.

□ EMPTY THE SHELTERS is a 70-page guide and resource for student groups interested in joining the Empty-the-Shelters campaign of the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness. Copies are \$9.95 (payable to "Jobs with Peace"), from: Empty the Shelters, 246 Arch St., Philadelphia, PA 19106.

□ WOMEN/DEVELOPMENT: *Equal Means: Women Organizing Economic Solutions* is a new quarterly from the Ms. Foundation for Women (2512 Ninth St. #3, Berkeley, CA 94710, 510/549-9931) on women and economic development. The April 1992 issue addresses the recession and related issues. Individual subscriptions are \$24. Contact: Kalima Rose, Editor.

□ TRANSITIONAL HOUSING: The National Alliance To End Homelessness (1518 K St. N.W. #206, Wash. DC 20005, 202/638-1526) has formed a Transitional Programs Network for sharing information among operators of transitional housing programs. Annual membership is \$25.

□ NETWORKER UPDATE: From Jon Pynoos (Andrus Gerontology Center, Univ. of Southern California, Los Angeles,

CA 90089, 213/740-1364): I have been named Director of a National Eldercare Institute on Housing and Supportive Services, to be headquartered at USC, which will include the Andrus Gerontology Center, Fannie Mae, and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging. Our efforts will be focused on linking health and social services with housing in new and unconventional ways, for older persons who are frail, of low and moderate income, and members of minority groups. I would be interested in hearing from other PNERs who are involved in housing for older persons.

□ HOMELESS LEGISLATION: PNER Maria Foscarinis of the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty (918 F St. N.W. #412, Wash. DC 20004, 202/638-2535) has convened a group on developing a legislative initiative to improve the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, the basic federal legislative authority.

□ HOUSING/RACE: PNER Dennis Keating (Dept. of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State Univ., Cleveland, OH 44115, 216/687-2136) has completed two pioneering studies on pro-integrative mortgage incentives in suburban Cuyahoga County (Cleveland). One study questioned 188 participants in programs provided by four fair housing agencies; almost all had had positive experiences. The other study questioned 385 county residents about such programs; black support was higher than white support, 71 percent to 49 percent.

□ YOUTH PROJECT/DETROIT: Detroit Summer '92, modeled after the 1964 Mississippi Voter Registration Project is planned to bring some 300-400 young people from around the country to work this summer with young Detroiters on community-based projects. Contact: Guy Chichester, Coordinator, Box 102, Rye, NH 03870, 603/964-9833.

□ POVERTY RESEARCH: The Institute for Research on Poverty (Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706, 608/262-6358) publishes a three-times-yearly newsletter, *Focus*, an occasional research bulletin, *Insights*, and an extensive publications list.

□ SEPARATE SOCIETIES: *Poverty and Inequality in U.S. Cities*, by PNER William Goldsmith and Edward Blakely, has been published by Temple Univ. Press. Copies are \$19.95.

□ COMPUTERS/SOCIAL CHANGE: Vol. 8, No. 1 of *Computers in Human Services*, edited by PNER Dick Schoech of the Univ. of Texas-Arlington, is a special issue on "Computers for Social Change and Community Organizing," profiling highlights from New York Computer Activists' conferences. Individual subscriptions (four issues) are \$35, from: The Haworth Press Inc., 10 Alice St., Binghamton, NY 13904, 607/722-5857.

□ STATE WELFARE CUTS: Two sources of materials and organizing around state welfare budget cuts are the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (777 N. Capitol St. N.E. #705, Wash. DC 20002, 202/408-1080; Susan Steinmetz) and the National Legal Aid and Defender Association (1625 K St. N.W. 8th Flr., Wash. DC 20006, 202/452-0620; Bristow Hardin).

□ MOVING RESOURCE: *Moving and Relocating Sourcebook* is a roughly 700-page resource on the 100 largest U.S. metropolitan areas, with maps and appendices, for the one-in-five families (according to the Census Bureau) which moves each

year. PN has a review copy, and will auction it off to the highest bidder. Otherwise, copies are \$140, from: Omnigraphics Inc., Penobscott Bldg., Detroit, MI 48226, 800/234-1340.

□ STATE BUDGET POLICIES: The Massachusetts Law Reform Institute (69 Canal St., Boston, MA 02114, 617/742-9250) has an 18-page pamphlet, *The Other Side of the Coin*, contrasting Massachusetts policies which cut services for low-income elderly and disabled persons while providing tax breaks for wealthy individuals and profitable businesses. No price listed.

□ DESIGN/SOCIAL CHANGE: New York Architects/Designers/Planners for Social Responsibility, Pratt Institute, and the CUNY Ph.D. Program in Environmental Psychology are co-sponsoring an exhibition and catalogue/book of student projects in interior design, architecture, landscape architecture, urban design, and city planning which explore issues of social responsibility and social change. Details: Schafler Gallery, Pratt Institute, 200 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11205, 718/636-3517.

□ TOXICS GUIDE: *The Truth about Where You Live: An Atlas for Action on Toxics and Mortality*, by Benjamin Goldman, is a 416-page resource, which includes a chapter on the disproportionate impact of environmental health problems on minority and lower-income communities in the U.S. Copies are \$17; the publisher is Random House/Times Books.

□ SUSTAINABLE CULTURE: *In Context* (Box 11470, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110) is an award-winning quarterly of humane sustainable culture. It finds and prints the mounting evidence for optimism about a positive future. Subscriptions are \$24.

□ JOBS/ENVIRONMENT: *Sustainable Manufacturing: Saving Jobs, Saving the Environment*, by Valjean McLenighan, is a 67-page special report from the Center for Neighborhood Technology, 2125 W. North Ave., Chicago, IL 60647, 312/278-4800. Copies are \$10.

Upcoming Conferences

□ MS. FOUNDATION INSTITUTE: The fifth annual Ms. Foundation Institute on Women and Economic Development (141 Fifth Ave. #6-S, New York, NY 10010) will be held September 10-13 in Peachtree City, GA, with some 16 classes and workshops, and many other activities. Details: Danielle Burnside, 212/353-8580.

□ HUNGER/HOMELESSNESS: The National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness (29 Temple Pl. 5th Fl., Boston, MA 02111, 617/292-4823) will hold its sixth annual conference, "Seeds of Change," October 15-18 at the Univ. of Virginia.

Jobs

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

□ URBAN POLICY RESEARCH: The Center for Urban Policy Research (Rutgers Univ., Box 489, Piscataway, NJ 08855) is seeking to fill two positions: Associate Director (tenured or tenure-track academic rank is open), with substantial responsibility in organizing and running research projects, and in the Center's internal management; and Post-Doctoral Fellow (12-month stipend of \$35,000), with competence in regional economic analysis, housing and land use, and/or state and local government finance. Contact: PNEr Norman Glickman, Director.

□ DEVELOPMENT OFFICER: Accountants for the Public Interest/New Jersey (127 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, NJ 07060, 908/561-7979) is seeking a Financial Development Officer, with fundraising, membership, and conference experience. Salary is to the mid-\$30s.

□ INVESTOR RELATIONS: The National Equity Fund of Chicago, an affiliate of the Local Initiatives Support Corp., is seeking a Director of Investor Relations for its limited partnerships of major corporations which invest in affordable housing built by community development corporations. Salary is competitive. Contact: Doug Guthrie, NEF President, 547 W. Jackson #601, Chicago, IL 60661.

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JULY PN DEADLINE: The arrival deadline for copy for the next *Planners Network* is Monday, July 6. We look forward to hearing from as many Networkers as possible. As always, our thanks to those who can type their notes. It reduces our chances of misreading what you write.

Arrival deadline for PN #94 copy: Monday, July 6.

TALK UP PN: Please don't be shy about sharing news of the Planners Network with others. Let them know about us. Probably the best outreach we have is when you educate and recruit your friends, co-workers, acquaintances, and others. We have a good, one-page introductory sheet, "The Planners Network—What It Is," which we can send you in any quantity you wish. "What It Is" includes a statement of our principles, a brief organizational history, a list of Steering Committee members (who double as regional contacts), and how to calculate contributions.

MOVING? TELL PN: When you move, please let us know directly. A thoughtful change-of-address postcard will cost you just 19 cents. On the other hand, if the Post Office returns our (non-forwardable) Third Class newsletter with your new address, which is how we often learn of PNers' moves (we mark the

newsletter "Return & Forwarding Postage Guaranteed"), it costs us far more. So please help us cut our costs, send us a postcard.

PERSONAL UPDATES: There are a number of short communications in this issue from Network members, letting us know about new jobs, projects, what's happening in their lives, etc. We encourage this. Sharing this kind of "where-I'm-at" information helps create a sense of community, provide contact, and generate support.

ADDRESS CHANGES: Many Networkers seem to move around a lot. When you do, please let us have your old address and zip code as well as your new one. Names (like luggage) sometimes look alike, and we want to be sure we change the right address card. Moreover, our cards are maintained in zip code order (because that's the way the Post Office wants the mail); so if we don't have your old zip code, we can't find your old card, and we wind up paying postage for phantom recipients. So please help us, and send both old and new addresses.

"CALL" STATEMENT: We have a one-page, broadside version of the "Call for Social Responsibility in the Planning and Building Profession," which appeared in PN #49. Copies are available on request. It makes a good addition to "The Planners Network—What It Is" in recruiting members.

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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