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☐ HOMELESS/MENTALLY ILL: The Johns Hopkins Insti-

tute for Policy Studies (Baltimore, MD 21218) has issued an

84-page report, The Severely Mentally Ill Homeless: Housing

Needs and Housing Policy, by Sandra Newman. Copies are \$6.

□ BUSINESS STATISTICS 1963-91 is the 27th edition of this

one-volume reference on general economic activities and selected

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☐ FINANCIAL MINI-REPORT: We mailed our annual conindustries. Copies (S/N 003-010-00229-8) are \$20, from: New tribution-reminder postcard after the September newsletter, and Orders, Supt. of Documents, Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250, early returns helped fuel a reassuring climb in financial support. fax 202/512-2250. Between-newsletter contributions reached a total of \$2,582 from 74 Networkers. □ RURAL HOUSING/SENIORS: Housing Programs and This brings our year-to-date totals to \$9,341 from 275 Services for Elders in Rural America, by Joseph Belden of the Networkers (compared to some 600 on the mailing list), but still Housing Assistance Council (65 pages, \$12), is available from the leaves us trailing our 1991 comparables of \$9,974 from 296 National Resource Center for Rural Elderly, Univ. of Missouri, Networkers. Kansas City, MO 64110, 816/235-1024. To tell quickly when you last supported PN with a check, look for the date after your name on the mailing label. We suggest ☐ ENTERPRISE PUBLICATIONS: The Enterprise Foundacontributing at least once each year, and we change (or add) the tion (550 American City Bldg., Columbia, MD 21044, 301/964date whenever we get a check. The absence of a date means you 1230) has issued a catalogue of its publications. have not yet contributed financially, and we'd like a check from ☐ URBAN DISINVESTMENT: From Redlining to Reinvestyou, if possible. ment: Community Responses to Urban Disinvestment, by PNer Greg Squires (288 pages, \$42.95), includes case studies of Boston, **Passing the Word** Pittsburgh, Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, and Atlanta. It is available from Temple Univ. Press, Broad & Oxford Sts., Philadelphia, PA 19122. □ PRESERVATION GUIDE: Preserving Expiring Use Restriction Projects: A Handbook for Tenant Advocates, Nonprofit ☐ STUDENT QUERY: From Lydia Newfield (Box 85249, Groups, and Public Officials in Massachusetts, by PNer Emily P. Waco, TX 76798): For a research project on environmental Achtenberg, is a 345-page technical resource for groups seeking racism and urban renewal, I'm interested in the extent to which to become involved in the preservation process. Its focus is minority and racial demographics contribute to the location of Massachusetts, but groups elsewhere will find it useful also. toxic waste sites and environmental hazards, and how cities and Copies are \$25 for nonprofits and public agencies, \$50 for others, communities can be restructured so no one racial or class group is from: Citizens' Housing and Planning Association, 16 North St. saddled with the brunt of toxic waste or pollution. Information, 3rd Flr., Boston, MA 02109, 617/742-0862. reports, or suggestions would be greatly appreciated. ☐ PNer EXHIBIT: PNer Troy West (Wakefield, RI 02879) will ☐ FAIR HOUSING: The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights have a show December 4-20 at Gallery One (75 John St., (1121 Vermont Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20425) has issued an Providence, RI 02906) of large charcoal drawings of old factories 88-page report, Prospects and Impact of Losing State and Local and mills, and recent designs for an artist's live-work building Agencies from the Federal Fair Housing System. No price listed. prototype. All PNers are welcome, he says. Contact: Frederick Isler, 202/376-8588. ☐ DISCRIMINATION/HOUSING, MORTGAGES: Papers ☐ ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION: Transportation Exchange from the 1992 Fannie Mae Annual Housing Conference have *Update* is a monthly bulletin of the Transportation Exchange been printed in the 745-page Vol. 3, Issue 2 Housing Policy Project (c/o The Environmental Exchange, 1930 18th St. N.W. Debate, "Discrimination in the Housing and Mortgage Markets." #24, Wash., DC 20009, 202/387-2182) on local and regional Single issues are free from: Office of Housing Policy Research, solutions to automobile-based air pollution, uncontrolled sprawl, Fannie Mae, 3900 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20016. and transportation gridlock. No price listed. ☐ STATES/FEDERAL FUNDING: The American Federation ☐ FARM LOSS/NORTH CAROLINA: The Land Loss of State, County, and Municipal Employees (1625 L St. N.W., Prevention Project (North Carolina Central Univ. School of Wash., DC 20036) has issued a 220-page public policy report, Law, Durham, NC 27707, 800/672-5839) is concerned with The Republican Record: A 10-Year Analysis of State Losses of saving small farmers in North Carolina. It has a hotline, carries Federal Funding (FY 1982-FY 1991). No price listed. Contact:

> ☐ DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL: Edward L. Page (Box 237, Blue Hill, ME 04614, 207/374-5347), a retired Professor of Management, has prepared a series of concept papers on his vision for Private Village Squares, which would create new small businesses, generate a variety of jobs, reduce commuting, provide quality living, and stimulate local economies. No price listed.

out community education, and publishes a handbook, Ten Ways

To Save Your Land.

Garrett Park, MD 20896, 410/964-2553) has issued the 612-page fourth edition of <i>Minority Organizations: A National Directory</i> . Copies are \$45, prepaid. PEACE CONVERSION: From Networker Ann Markusen (PRIE, B-119 Lucy Stone Hall, Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, NJ 08903): Our Project on Regional and Industrial Economics is dedicating most of our time to working on the peace dividend and conversion from military to domestic activity. We are involved with an array of both national and local, grassroots groups. Our publications include a book, <i>Dismantling the Cold War Economy</i> , journal and magazine articles, and newspaper op-ed columns. Please contact us for publications or for community-specific research assistance.	majority on the board), and local community organizations. SUPPORTIVE HOUSING Options is a newsletter from the National Eldercare Institute of Housing and Supportive Services (Univ. of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90089), which also has other publications and cassettes. Contact: PNer Jon Pynoos, 213/740-1364. LEAD HAZARDS: The Cleveland (OH) Housing Court is looking for ways to deal with lead hazards through civil measures, such as rent deposits. Details: Randy Cunningham, Housing Court Specialist, 1200 Ontario St., Cleveland, OH 44113, 216/664-4906.
☐ MICRO-ENTERPRISES: The Aspen Institute Publications Office (Box 150, Queenstown, MD 21658, 410/820-5326) has Hopeful Change: The Potential of Micro-Enterprise Programs as a Community Revitalization Intervention, by Jacqueline Novogratz, a 47-page report from her year as a Weaver Fellow at the Rockefeller Foundation. No price listed.	☐ PANELIZED HOUSING: The National Housing Institute (439 Main St., Orange, NJ 07050, 201/678-3110) is seeking experienced suggestions and ideas on developing a low-tech factory-built system for near-site fabrication of wall panels for affordable new construction. The idea is to both create area jobs and save on production costs. Contact: PNer Patrick Morrissy.
☐ SHELTER is a newsletter from the National Affordable Housing Trust, 2335 N. Bank Dr., Columbus, OH 43220, 614/451-9929. No price listed.	☐ HOUSING UPDATE: A Decent Place To Live: Revisited is a 28-page update from the Enterprise Foundation (500 American City Bldg., Columbia, MD 21044, 410/964-1230) of U.S. housing conditions since publication of a 1987 report (A Decent Place To Live), which helped shape the National Affordable Housing Active).
□ ALL-AMERICA CITIES: The National Civic League (1445 Market St. #300, Denver, CO 80202, 800/223-6004) is accepting applications for 1993 All-America City Awards. Annual yearbooks (\$10 each) describe previous winners and finalists. □ HOUSING/MENTALLY ILL: The Fall 1992 Adult Resi-	of 1990. Single copies are free. BANKING PROPOSAL: The Southern Finance Project (329 Rensselaer, Charlotte, NC 28203, 704/372-7072) has a two-page conceptual outline of a proposed public-purpose banking system prepared by the Financial Democracy Campaign.
dential Care Journal, edited by Carol Mowbray of the Wayne State Univ. School of Social Work, focuses on "Group Homes for Adults Labeled Mentally Ill." Single issues are \$10, from: John McCoin, ACSW, 720 Ottawa St. #100, Leavenworth, KS 66048.	□ LEAD-SAFE HOUSING: The National Center for Lead-Safe Housing has been established by the Enterprise Foundation and the Alliance To End Childhood Lead Poisoning, with a \$5.5-million grant from the Fannie Mae Foundation. Details Melinda Patrician, 703/824-1765.
□ PLANT CLOSINGS: The Midwest Center for Labor Research (3411 W. Diversey Ave. #10, Chicago, IL 60647, 312/278-5418) has issued a 97-page revised second edition of Early Warning Manual Against Plant Closings, by Greg LeRoy. No price listed. □ ORGANIZING: A Guide for Grassroots Leaders, by Si Kahn,	☐ CHILDREN/ENERGY COSTS: A Boston City Hospital (818 Harrison Ave., Boston, MA 02118) study on the effects of cold weather and high energy costs on the health of low-income children found the number of clinically underweight children seen in the emergency room increased dramatically after the coldest month of the winter. Details: Deborah Frnak MD.
is available in a 320-page revised edition from: NASW Press, Box 92180, Wash., DC 20090, 800/752-3590. Copies are \$22.95.	617/534-5251.
□ UTILITIES/LICENSING: From Networker Steve Tuckerman (208 Broadway, Bangor, ME 04401): Hydroelectric projects across the country are up for relicensing through the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and changes in federal laws require the FERC to give equal weight to both non-power and power uses. Although past emphasis has been on recreational and environmental enhancements, it may be worth investigating leveraging housing or economic development projects from the utility companies. Utilities are usually willing to negotiate enhancements.	□ NETWORKER UPDATE: From Mike Zamm (Council or the Environment of New York City, 51 Chambers St. #228, New York, NY 10007, 212/788-7932): I've been intensely involved ir developing a new High School for Environmental Studies in New York City. First, I was the primary author of a concept paper or the school, which convinced the Board of Education to go forward with the project. Now, as Education Director of the Council on the Environment, I'm acting as a curriculum and program consultant to the school. Our Training Student Organizers Program will be part of the school's curriculum too.
☐ PUBLIC HOUSING/BOSTON: The Committee for Boston Public Housing (100 Terrace St. #B, Roxbury, MA 02120, 617/427-3556) is marking its 10th anniversary as a collaborative	LOAN FUND ASSOCIATION: The National Association of Community Development Loan Funds (924 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215/923-4754) provides evaluation, training (continued on page 4)

Environmental Racism and Racial Justice

by Robert W. Collin

In 1979, businessman Robert Burns received PCB (polychlorinated biphenyls)-tainted oil from the Ward Transfer Company under the pretense he would dispose of it in an acceptable manner.

But because of a 1979 Environmental Protection Agency prohibition on reselling toxic oil, Burns dumped 30,000 gallons of tainted oil on 210 miles of North Carolina roads, rather than store it. Burns and Ward were later convicted on criminal charges.

When the PCB-tainted oil was picked up, it yielded 32,000 cubic yards of soil contaminated with PCBs, and the soil had to go somewhere. Despite massive and violent protest, the waste was sited in Warren County, NC.

Warren County has North Carolina's highest proportion of African-Americans, and lowest incomes. Eighty-four percent of the residents surrounding the PCB burial site were African-Americans, and 64 percent of the African-Americans in the area owned their homes. Everyone in the community drew their water from weills, and the water table was only 5-10 feet below ground level.

The community knew the risk of the landfill, fought it tooth and nail, and still lost. Now that the toxic threat is known, community residents are trapped where they live. Nobody will buy a house once it is known to be in a toxic area, and everybody in the area suffers from the same thing—involuntary assumption of multiple risks to their health.

The somber truth is the Warren County siting process is part of a larger pattern.

As reported by the U.S. General Accounting Office in 1983, and the Commission on Racial Justice in 1987, toxic waste, hazardous waste, and waste-transfer siting decisions frequently put dangerous and noxious land uses in minority communities.

Noxious land uses, when faced with organized white communities and the dynamics of LULU and NIMBY, are likely to end up in poor and minority communities. A combination of weak-to-nonexistent opposition and low land costs makes these sites attractive. The result is

PIBBY, placed in blacks' backyards.

As reported by National Public Radio in September 199I, the government will literally move white communities, once toxicity has been established. Yet, the government does not move communities of color, no matter how toxic the land may be.

As environmentalists seek enduring solutions, and as they come to the site of sources that pollute whole regions, they find themselves in minority neighborhoods.

In turn, environmentalists are confronted with a legitimate and important demand for racial justice by people of color, a demand foreshadowed by this country's momentous history of racism. The current context of racial isolation and social policies that disenfranchise communities of color cannot be ignored by environmentalists.

The equity issues are complex and pervasive. Is it fair, for example, to place toxic wastes near communities that are powerless to resist the siting? Is it fair to the poor, minorities, future generations, or the earth?

Once, everyone assumed that if toxic and hazardous waste sites were dangerous, they were dangerous only to those who

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, Pttsburgh, 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.

worked or lived nearby. The primary reason for local resistance to such uses was their perceived danger, and the concomitant loss of fair market value in residential property.

But "dumps" can be dangerous to an entire region, and landfill sites are becoming scarce in the face of an increased need for them (often due to site contamination and the increased post-fill longevity of landfills that do not leak).

As a result, more and more people are opposing landfills, in any area, and in any airshed or watershed.

Employee right-to-know union agreements, community right-to-know state statutes and local ordinances, environmental impact statements, supplemental environmental impact statements, court cases, media coverage, and actual experience have made minority communities aware of the dangers of "dumps."

Minority communities are also aware of the rippling effects of siting such uses near their homes. Such sites decrease the tax base, which in turn decreases funds for education and municipal services.

Non-minority communities in a region, while also sensitive to the regional impact of toxic wastes, are better able to resist a nearby siting.

An important dynamic is the reaction of African-American communities to what they consider "the toxic assault." In terms of opposition tactics, they seldom engage in governmental legal action, which is the mono-strategy of mainstream environmental groups, because minority communities lack the resources necessary for extended court cases.

Instead, minority communities opt for multiple approaches: demonstration/protest, petition/referenda, and press lobbying (See R. Bullard, Dumping in Dixie, 1990).

The emerging dynamic is a merger of environmentalism and racial justice. The benefits of U.S. capitalism in terms of industrial growth, business development, and economic growth are not equally distributed. The burdens of U.S. capitalism in terms of pollution, health risks, and overcrowding are disproportionately carried by those who do not receive many of capitalism's benefits.

In a pluralistic society, where issues of racial equity are often concerns of a minority of people, issues of justice can be thrust aside by the majority.

Unlike anthropocentric issues of hous-

ing, education, and economic opportunity, the environment is a solemn judge, which accepts full and complete results as proof of racial justice. If we continue to create toxic waste dumps which affect entire regions, then we will continue to spread and eventually experience the effects of that toxicity.

For too long, we have allowed communities of color to be on the receiving end of toxic waste, hazardous waste, and landfill sitings. This is environmental racism.

Now that minority communities know about the dangers, and less vulnerable communities know about the regional dangers of such sites, a basis exists for a planning approach that integrates all communities when making environmental decisions.

Some people do have a choice in how we plan with the environment, but many

of the vulnerable segments of our society do not. Without comprehensive and just planning, this division will continue to be exacerbated to the detriment of democracy and justice.

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Passing the Word

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and financial services for its 42 member-funds, which supply capital for community-based projects in both urban and rural areas.

- ☐ HEALTH CARE CRITIQUE: Lives in the Balance: A National, State, and County Profile of America Medically Underserved, by Daniel Hawkins and Sara Rosenbaum (48 pages, plus Appendices), is available from the National Association of Community Health Centers, 1330 New Hampshire Ave. N.W. #122, Wash., DC 20036, 202/659-8008. No price listed.
- □ COMMUNITY/ENVIRONMENT FUNDING: Getting Strategic: A Retreat for Funders in the Environment and Community Development is a 22-page report of a 1991 meeting sponsored by the Neighborhood Funders Group and the Environmental Grantmakers Association. Copies are \$5, from: John Cimarosa, Neighborhood Funders Group, 22 Oak St., Westport, CT 06880.
- □ HOUSING/INDIA: The National Campaign for Housing Rights in India (Flat 117, Bldg. 8, 1st Flr., Dr. Baliga Nagar, Jasmine Mill Road, Mahim (East), Bombay 400017) has prepared two publications in its ongoing campaign for constitutional and statutory guarantees of decent, affordable housing and living conditions: Sapping India, Sapping the Indian People: The Impact of the IMF Structural Adjustment Package on Housing and Living Conditions in India (64 pages, \$5 US); and The Housing Rights Bill, July 1992 (22 pages, \$5 US).
- □ PLANT CLOSING RESOURCES: The Federation for Industrial Retention & Renewal (3411 W. Diversey #10, Chicago, IL 60647, 312/252-7676) has two publications, *FIRR Notes and FIRR News*. No prices listed.
- □ HOMELESSNESS/LEGAL CASES: The National Housing Law Project and the Legal Services Homelessness Task Force have issued *The Homelessness Docket*, a 170-page collection of legal cases involving homelessness issues. Copies are \$15 (free for Legal Services staff), from: National Clearinghouse for Legal Services, 407 S. Dearborn, Chicago, IL 60605, 312/939-3830.
- ☐ PNer UPDATE: From Theresa Kilbane (Casa Alianza, Apartado 2401, Tegucigalpa, DC, Honduras): After working and studying in New York for the past several years, my husband,

David Calvert, and I have moved to Tegucigalpa, where David is working with Casa Alianza Honduras (sponsored by Covenent House of New York), a housing and service program for street kids. I am exploring Tegucigalpa, and looking for work in cooperatives and community development. We would welcome PN visitors.

- □ HOMEWORDS is the quarterly newsletter of the Homeless Information Exchange (1830 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20009, 202/462-7551), which now has merged with the National Coalition for the Homeless.
- □ NEW YORK STUDY: Dual City: Restructuring New York, edited by PNer John Mollenkopf and Manuel Castels, is a 477-page collection of essays on such topics as the ethnic/racial division of labor, the informal economy, and the geography of employment and residence since 1950. Copies are \$16.95, from: The Russell Sage Foundation, 112 E. 64th St., New York, NY 10021, 212/750-6000.
- □ PUERTO RICAN NEIGHBORHOODS: The National Puerto Rican Coalition (1700 K St. N.W. #500, Wash., DC 20006, 202/223-3915) has issued a report, Community Economic Development in Puerto Rican Neighborhoods, by PNer Lois Athey. Copies are \$10.
- □ INSTITUTE IN FORMATION: The Living Institute (RD 1, Box 192, Cochranton, PA 16314, 814/425-7510) is seeking Advisory Board volunteers as it prepares to become a multilateral resource center for reducing the burdens of government by posing "better living systems," based on research and technological advancement.
- ☐ HOUSING/CHURCHES: World Vision (919 W. Huntington Dr., Monrovia, CA 91016, 800/448-6479) has published Rebuilding Our Communities: How Churches Can Provide, Support, and Finance Quality Housing for Low-Income Families, by Alice Shabecoff, a 280-page guide with case studies and further references. Copies are \$15.50.
- □ NETWORKER UPDATE: From Greg Hise (School of Urban and Regional Planning, Univ. of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90007, 213/743-3739): I have accepted a tenure-track position here, teaching urban and planning history. I also am offering an introductory course on physical design, in which students are evaluating re-use of the General Motors Van Nuys plant, and implications for community and economic develop-



Upcoming Conferences ☐ COMPUTERS/SOCIAL CHANGE: January 21-22 in New York City are the dates and location for the seventh conference on "Computers for Social Change: Information Technologies for Our Communities," cosponsored by the Education Center for Community Organizing, the Community Service Society, and Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility. Registration is \$35. Details and site: Hunter College School of Social Work, 129 E. 79th St., New York, NY 10021, 212/452-7112. ☐ HOUSING: The American Friends Service Committee (1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102, 215/241-7123) is sponsoring a conference December 4-6 in Chevy Chase, MD, outside Washington, DC, on "Inclusive Communities: Strategies for Achieving Fair and Affordable Housing for Everyone," focusing on homelessness, fair housing, civil rights, and disability rights. ☐ ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: The Southern Community/Labor Conference for Environmental Justice will be held December 4-6 in New Orleans, LA. Details: Box 10518, Atlanta, GA 30310, 404/622-4991. Calls for Papers ☐ PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH: A special section of *The* American Sociologist is planned on participatory research. Prospective manuscripts should be sent to co-editor Randy Stoecker (Dept. of Sociology, Univ. of Toledo, Toledo, OH 43606, 419/537-2791. 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. ☐ TRANSPORTATION PLANNING: The Urban Planning Program in the UCLA Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Planning (Los Angeles, CA 90024) is seeking 1993-94 candidates for a tenure-track position at the assistant professor level, teaching and conducting research in Urban Transportation Planning. Contact: Marsha Brown, fax 310/206-5566. ☐ HOUSING WRITER/EDITOR: Aspen Systems Corp. (1600) Research Blvd., Rockville, MD 20850, 301/251-5000) is seeking a Writer/Editor, experienced in urban planning, housing policy and programs, and community and economic development, for its housing information clearinghouses. Contact: Elaine F. Jaye, Manager, Editorial Services.

and underwriting affordable housing and economic development projects. ☐ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Delaware County (PA) Jobs with Peace (Box 725, Chester, PA 19016, 215/872-7565) is seeking an Executive Director. No salary listed. ☐ PROGRAM ASSOCIATE: The Development Fund (1107 Oak St., San Francisco, CA 94117, 415/863-7800) is seeking a Program Associate, to serve as the lead staff person with the Fund's community economic development lending initiative, a joint project with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. Salary is in the \$40,000-\$50,000 range. Contact: Kathy Kenny, Deputy Director. □ PROJECT MANAGER: The Trenton, NJ, Dept. of Housing and Development (Trenton, NJ 08608) is seeking an experienced Project Manager for major development or redevelopment projects, involving housing, open space, and commercial revitalization. Salary to the mid-\$40s; city residency required. Contact: PNer Alan Mallach, Director, 609/989-3504. ☐ ICE STAFF: The Institute for Community Economics (57 School St., Springfield, MA 01105, 413/746-8660) has openings in two positions: Loan Officer in its revolving loan fund; and Technical Assistance Provider. Salary for each is \$16,200-\$18,500, rising in six months to \$18,000-\$20,500. ☐ TUFTS FACULTY: The Tufts Univ. Dept. of Urban and Environmental Policy (Medford, MA 02155, 617/627-3394) is seeking candidates with experience in social welfare, poverty, community development, and policy analysis for a tenure-track position (junior or senior level) in social policy, starting Fall 1993. Contact: PNer Rachel Bratt. □ POLICY ASSOCIATE: The National Alliance To End Homelessness (1518 K St. N.W. #206, Wash., DC 20005, 202/638-1526) is seeking a Policy Associate. Ex Conferences ☐ BICYCLE PLANNING: Velo Quebec (3575 Blvd. Saint-Laurent #310, Montreal, Quebec H2X 2T7, Canada, 514/847-8356) hosted in September the joint 1992 Pro Bike/VeloCity Conference Velo Mondiale for cycling planners and activists from throughout the world. Conference proceedings, more than 575 pages, are \$75 US, \$89.95 Cdn. Details: PNer Rick Hyman, 408/425-1580. □ COLUMBUS LEGACY: Project South and the Howard

Univ. Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology (Box 987, Wash.,

DC 20059, 202/806-6853) sponsored an international conference

November 13-15, "500 Years of Resistance: The Columbus

Legacy and the African-Searching for Truth and Fighting for

the Future."

for an Assistant Grants Administrator.

☐ GRANTS ASSISTANT: The Local Initiatives Support Corp. (733 Third Ave. 8th Flr., New York, NY 10017) has an opening

□ PROGRAM OFFICER: Greater Miami LISC (1390 Brickell #270, Miami, FL 33131) has an opening for a Program Officer, to work with community development corporations in structuring

Etcetera

☐ JANUARY PN DEADLINE: The arrival deadline for copy for the January Planners Network is Monday, January 4. We look forward to hearing from as many Networkers as possible. As always, our thanks to those who can type their notes. It's a great help in production, and it reduces our chances of misreading what you write.

Arrival deadline for PN #97 copy: Monday, January 4.

☐ 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 the method of calculating 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 "Address Correction Requested"), 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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