

# PLANNERS NETWORK

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The major event since #18, Network-wise, was the Cornell conference. Over 250 people were there, about  $\frac{2}{3}$  academics (including students), a pretty good geographic cross-section (although naturally Northeasterners predominated, given the location), a fair number of students (including a sizeable contingent from Chapel Hill), probably  $\frac{1}{3}$  women,  $\frac{2}{3}$  men, very few nonwhite participants. A great deal (perhaps too much) was packed into 2½ days, many interesting papers and presentations/panels, and lots of seemingly unresolvable tension between the "theory-oriented" people and the "practice-oriented" people. Everyone gave lip service to the need for "bridging the gap," and at times the gap was indeed bridged. But often the writings and language of the theory-folk made their important work inaccessible, while, either due to that or inadequate understanding of the importance of putting activism into a framework for understanding and guiding practical work, many activists seemed impatient with and hostile to those not out there in communities. It's something we all have to work on.

The proceedings (including many of the papers) are going to be published by Pergamon Press, under the editorship of the Cornell folk (Bill Goldsmith, John Forester, Pierre Clavel, Pat Cross). A broadly representative Steering Comm. was set up to carry through the plenary session's unanimous mandate to work toward a founding conference for a permanent socialist planners' organization a year from now. The Network is represented on that committee (through me), and if and when the questions of functional ties between the two efforts (ranging all the way from communication to absorption) arise, they will be fully discussed in these pages. About  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the conference participants are already in the Network, so an inherent overlap now exists.

It would be very useful to have people's commentaries on the conference, particularly what it holds for the future of radical planners and the Network. We devoted a lot of space to good discussion of last year's Blacksburg conference and can devote as much space as is needed to similar discussion of the Cornell conference.

Jean Louis Sarbib of UNC has been good enough to submit a summary of the plenary session, reproduced below. He also has available for distribution verbatim transcripts of the plenary session and pre-plenary preparatory workshop (write him at Dept. of City & Reg. Plng., 033A New East Bldg., UNC, Chapel Hill 27514).

## Summary of the plenary of the Cornell Conference on "Planning Theory and Practice: Economic Context, Emerging Coalitions and Progressive Planning Roles." (Ithaca, April 29, 1979)

For the past three years, meetings have taken place which brought together progressive planners. Although directed to the planning community at large, these meetings have for the most part attracted academic planners.

The first was organized at Rutgers by Bob Beauregard and was attended by 20 or 30 people. The second took place at Blacksburg's Virginia Polytechnic Institute in the Spring of 1978. This conference on "The Structural Crisis of the 70's and Beyond: The Need for a New Planning Theory" attracted about 70 people. It dealt mostly with the emerging radical paradigm for planning theory (proceedings of this conference can be obtained from Sara Rosenberry, Div. of Urban Studies, VPI, Blacksburg, VA 24061).

The need to involve practitioners was greatly felt at Blacksburg and a more practice-centered emphasis was chosen for the Cornell Conference, held April 26-29.

This year's conference was attended by 280 people, coming from different geographic areas. The conference was divided between plenary sessions (addressing issues such as the economic context of planning, emerging coalitions and delineating progressive planning roles) and workshops dealing with more specific topics (economic development, planning theory, planning education, etc.). Over 40 papers were presented and discussed in 2½ days.

Besides the paper and workshop sessions, a plenary meeting was held to review the conference and decide on steps to be taken to carry forward the momentum of the past few years. The conference agreed on the need to establish a formal organization.

**I. Organization building:** Two proposals were presented (complete texts blow) and the session moved to start work toward establishment of an organization of socialist planners in the Spring of 1980. The purposes, functions, structure, principles, membership, name and degree of explicit socialism of such an organization would be discussed over the coming year. Various proposals were made concerning the structure and content of these preparatory discussions. The following points were raised and discussed:

1. Regional focus vs. a focus on places where we currently have strength. The need for a national organization, which implies a regional focus, was emphasized.

2. The role of universities as focal points.

3. Should the content of the organizing discussions be issue-specific (housing, environment, economic development) or should it focus on the role of the socialist planner? Some felt this was a false dichotomy, to be avoided.

4. It was emphasized that these discussions should remain open and not make the assumption that there exists a uniquely correct way of practicing.

5. The point was made several times to distinguish carefully between an organization of planners as opposed to a political party. The session insisted that we should build a planning organization and not a political party.

6. The need to articulate an explicit alternative vision that would guide this organization was emphasized.

7. At next year's founding convention, each region/place will be represented by two or three delegates. The participation of women, minorities, and non-academics was seen as essential. The mandatory composition of the regional delegations will have to be decided.

II. The ideas discussed at the conference and the motion to start organization-building will be acted upon by a **steering/implementation committee**. This committee will have two areas of responsibilities: (1) establish the meeting dates and site for the next year's conference; (2) serve as a clearinghouse and coordinating organ for region/place groups. The steering/implementation committee will meet in Philadelphia on June 8-10. People interested should contact Robert Brand, 4210 Spruce Street, Phila., PA 19104, (215) 387-1322.

III. Other (more specific) proposals for action were also presented:

1. Peter Marcuse (Columbia Univ.) reported on the group's decision to have a "radical" presence at the **APA Baltimore Conference**. **Two formal panel discussions** (one on Progressive Planning, one on Women in Planning) will be organized. **Two mobile workshops** (one on women's issues, the other on Baltimore communities affected by current policies) will be organized. These actions will be coordinated with local planners and local communities in the Baltimore-Washington area. Proper publicity will be given at the APA meeting to these various activities.

2. A proposal was made for the establishment of a national progressive consulting group (contact R. Applebaum, Dept. of Sociology, UC, Santa Barbara, CA 93106).

3. A housing workshop proposed to organize a conference on housing, 6-8 months hence. Such a conference would critically evaluate housing as an area for organizing and propose organizing strategies of a socialist nature.

IV. All our future endeavors should be informed by the criticisms that were addressed to this conference.

1. The "women in planning" workshops offered the following criticisms: not enough participation because of the size of the workshops and plenary sessions; not enough women or minorities represented on the panels; no day-care facilities; too much theory; lack of a plenary session dealing directly with feminist theory as it relates to planning.

2. The students also criticized the lack of enough interaction in the meetings. They would have liked to see the papers made available earlier. Substantively, they criticized the lack of discussion of an end-state, of transitional strategies and the lack of a sufficient level of detail in the papers and discussions. The students felt a need to discuss further the role of the planners and their relationship to various types of communities; the nature of planning tools; the role of radical community-based organizations. They called for more papers by practitioners and found the conference helpful in gaining a better view of the dissensions within the planning profession.

3. A general discussion took place. The size of the conference was a mixed blessing (general sense of overload). There was a tendency to discuss the traditional questions raised by marxist analyses, sometimes at the expense of planning issues. The dichotomy between theory and practice has to be addressed and reduced.

**A PROPOSAL FOR BUILDING AN ORGANIZATION** (signed by Bruce Dale, Michael Stone, Mary Vogel, Marc Weiss, David Wilmoth)

We propose that an organization of socialist planners be established in the spring of 1980.

During the coming year the following aspects of such an organization should be discussed and debated in preparation for its founding conference: purposes; functions; structure; principles; membership; name; how explicitly socialist.

The conference steering committee should define regions within which meetings should be organized to discuss the above aspects and choose delegates to a committee which will draft a proposal to be submitted to the founding conference.

There should be two delegates from each region, at least one of whom should be female or non-Anglo.

The decision to establish such an organization and the ensuing discussion on various aspects of the organization should be communicated as widely as possible through the Network and other media.

**A POSSIBLE FORMAT FOR ORGANIZING** (signed by: J-L Sarbib, Harvey Goldstein, Ed Bergman, Linda Hollis, Chris Cotant, Donna Dyer, John Nettleton, and Thierry Noyelle)

The people present at this conference could constitute the organizing core of a broader based movement which should reach field practitioners, academic practitioners as well as local community representatives.

The practical base of such a movement could be located, for next year, around radical academics in planning schools for infrastructural reasons (xerox, libraries, meeting facilities, alumni lists...). The goal of such an organizing drive would be to prepare a set of issues and/or a manifesto to be discussed at next year's meeting.

A possible model could be the following:

1. That people present at this conference take the initiative in contacting like-minded people in their area.

2. To organize locally a series of mini-discussions around questions which appear important in view of this conference:

• an analysis of the **autonomy of the capitalist state**; in what institutions are there a maximum number of degrees of freedom. Discuss these questions with practitioners in these institutions.

• Discussing the **class structure of advanced capitalism** and our place in it so as to evaluate better potential allies for coalition building.

• Analyze (in class terms) a series of case studies: preferably locally based on substantive planning questions (housing, environment, energy)

• Study the **unionization of professionals** (review examples, U.S. and foreign strategies)

3. These discussions involving practitioners, academics and local community leaders could help form "**ad hoc**" consulting groups working on local issues. Such discussions could result in the **publication** of short, issue-oriented papers in a special "**Organizing Forum**" section of the Network's newsletter. These papers could help build a **common and non-esoteric language**.

4. These issues would constitute the agenda to be discussed at next year's Organizing Conference.

In parallel, some of us could start writing a paper on "organizing a professional union." This paper would circulate among interested people for discussion at the conference. It may constitute the basis of a **manifesto** setting forth our goals and principles. Its various evolving stages would be published in the "Organizing Forum."

The Next Newsletter will have a report on the June 8-10 Philadelphia meeting and a listing of Steering/Implementation Comm. members.

People interested in the specific action proposals approved at Cornell should make sure they contact the relevant folks right away: Baltimore APA presence—Peter Marcuse, Div. of Urban Planning, Columbia U., NYC 10027; national progressive consulting group—Rich Applebaum, Dept. Sociology, UC, Santa Barbara 93106; next year's conference/organization establishment and the proposed housing conference—for the time being, funnel comments to me (or attend the June 8-10 Philadelphia meeting.)

If you have further thoughts about all this—whether you were at Cornell or not—send them in.

**PLANNING STUDENTS OF THE U.S. UNITE:** From Steve Herzberg: "Several students who attended the Cornell conference on Planning Theory and Practice in April felt a need for a larger, more comprehensive and better organized student presence to be felt in future conferences and in the deliberations of those in the profession. I would like to propose the establishment of a 'sub-network' of progressive and radical students and student organizations. The purposes of this sub-network would be to share our ideas, experiences, misgivings, frustrations, responses to and ideals about our society, the planning profession, planning education, our roles in our schools and society, and how we can change them both; to address the concerns of those just entering the profession; and to help organize such students within and between departments and universities. A short-term goal is to give at next year's conference workshops about planning education and the role of students and faculty in shaping each other and the profession, and to have ourselves, as students, felt in some formal way in the next conference and in whatever organization might spring from it. This idea is still in its infancy, but anyone interested in such a group, or its direction or organization; or who has something to offer on issues involving planning students; or who would like to organize progressive students in their departments and need help or support from other who have already tried; contact me c/o Dept. of City and Regional Planning, Univ. N. Carolina, New East 033A, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514."

Mary Vogel (2805 E. 16 Ave. #11, Denver 80206) has sent in a short paper titled "Continuing the Cornell Conference Dialogue on Housing Organizing." In it she describes her work with the Colorado Housing Finance Authority, the thesis she did on it employing some of analytic and programmatic writings of Michael Stone and Chester Hartman, and her attempts to follow up on that thesis with further organizing efforts. Contact her for further information.

## JOBS:

- 1) The Natl. Trng. Inst. for Comm. Dev. (505 Hamilton Ave., #101, Palo Alto CA 94301, 415-326-5632) has a Curriculum Specialist position open, to design and conduct workshops for CDC staff and board and produce training materials. Salary up to \$22,800. Inquiries to Deborah Roth there.
- 2) The Dept. of Design & Env. Analysis at the NY St. College of Human Ecology (Cornell) is looking for a chair. Inquiries (immed.) to Prof. Marion Minot there, Ithaca 14853.
- 3) The Georgia Tech. Planning Prog. is looking for a new director. Applications (again immed.) to Eldon Miller and Catherine Ross, Search Comm. Chs., Atlanta 30332. Salary around \$30,000. Network member Larry Keating (404-894-2351, same mailing address) can supply information.
- 4) The Trust for Public Land is looking for a Regional Field Rep. out of their NY office, to cover Boston, Wash., Phila., and Cleve. "The new staff person will be required to become proficient in two areas: 1) community control or ownership techniques (land trusts, cooperatives, community associations, land banks); 2) non-profit land acquisition techniques. It is of first importance that this position is filled by a Third World person." Salary \$17,500-19,500. Inquiries to Peter Stein, Eastern Dir., TPL, 95 Madison Ave., NYC 10016 (212) 689-8833.
- 5) Housing Dev. Specialist, San Mateo (Cal.) County. Calls for carrying out the County's assisted housing dev. prog., about \$1 mil. in CDBG annually for next 3 years for site acquisition and improvements. Possibility of a 2nd position focussing on rural areas and FMHA programs. Applications (immediately) from San Mateo Cty. Personnel Dept., 590 Hamilton St. Redwood City CA 94063, (415) 364-5600 x2355. Inf. from Network member Cathy Siegal, 247 Mullen Ave., SF.
- 6) The Monterey County (Ca.) Supervisors have voted funds to hire nine new planners to update the county general plan. Inf. from Rick Hyman, Box 1214, Santa Cruz, CA 95061.
- 7) Director, Colorado State Div. of Housing. This position is being readvertised. Needs 7 years' experience minimally. Further inf. from Network member Mary Vogel, 2805 E. 16 Ave. #11, Denver 80206, (303) 377-0141.

## A FEW COMMENTS ON ISSUES IN RECENT ISSUES:

From Gary Kitahata (Assembly Office of Research, 1116 Ninth St., Rm. 111, Sacramento 95814): "On the Great Bulletin Board and Library Subs Question: I strongly support the widespread posting and distribution of the newsletter. I've talked about the Network with a number of former classmates and present colleagues, and although I understand the rationale behind word-of-mouth only publicity, I think it is more important to be as open as possible. People not interested in the political/ideological direction of the Network will sort themselves out, and the process might do much to clarify what the Network is and ought to be. Besides, I get some of my best stuff from bulletin boards."

I support John Friedmann's proposal to provide an annotated list of radical journals, as I'd like some help in sifting out what I'd like to read in the time I have available."

From John Jones (5511 Three Mile Dr., Detroit 48224): "Like the newsletter as it currently is (although a larger type and some degree of grouping would be appreciated). As an URPE member for almost a decade, I can't think of anything I need less than another URPE-style journal to clutter up my wastebasket. Doesn't the **APA Journal** offer enough challenge for planners who go for that kind of BS?"

Like John Friedmann's suggestion for some reading ideas in #18. Would be glad to help put together an issue or a special publication covering this."

From Judith Bernstein (28A Woodland Ave., SF 94117): "I am not in favor of a Journal per se. Lets stick with the current govt. (so stated) attempt to cut down on paper work and put out a good newsletter that is thought provoking and linking without being massive and academic (or even slim and academic). I need news!"

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From Jay D. Jurie, (Rt. 1, Box 78A, Prairie Point, Miss 39353) (doing community development work in east-central Mississippi) on 'Whither the Network': "We already have plenty of theory. We'll do fine if we can master and implement the relevant theoretical points now available. The outstanding task before us is the development of strategy (praxis, if you will)."

Two major strategic approaches currently stand out: 1) work with a specific community group and/or social problem, e.g., neighborhood improvement associations, rent control; and 2) creating the new society piecemeal, e.g., co-ops, appropriate technology projects. There is, indeed, nothing inherently wrong with either style of work; what I am raising is a question of scope. Frequently, neither coexisting approach is programmatically interrelated with the other. They both usually rely on a single cause or issue. They do not adequately address that old bugaboo of left politics: community vs. labor organizing. Most significantly, neither approach systematically outlines a wider vision of social reconstruction.

The liberal comprehensive planners of streamlined capitalist development ought to be confronted with the radical planner's comprehensive alternative.

Where comprehensive planning does not yet exist. Then let's beat the establishment to bat with our own plans. The basis for this local alternative social reality is derived from research into the economic history of the region—particularly tying control of natural resources and other factors of production to the power structure and its plans for expansion.

This strategy is not meant to supplant or be superimposed on preceding struggles; rather, it is designed to situate these struggles in the context of an enlarged 'war of position.'"

**WHY DO WE SPEND SO MUCH MONEY?** (3rd ed) and **WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR JOBS?** (2nd ed) are understandable, well illustrated texts for schools, unions, community groups, etc. \$1.75 and \$2.30, respectively, from Popular Economics Press, Box 221, Somerville, MA 02143.

**NEIGHBORHOOD & REHAB REPORT** is a monthly, put out by the same people who do the **Housing Affairs Letter** and **CD Digest**. It's \$60/yr, but they've got a special charter subscriber rate of "only" \$40 (thanks a lot). 399-F Natl. Press Bldg., Wash. 20045.

**CLINICAL SOCIOLOGY NEWSLETTER** is a new informal network open to anyone interested in sociological practice. Sample issue from Charles Cleveland, 2745 Douglas Ave., Des Moines 50310.

**SUDBURY 2001** is a center for appropriate technology, "a mutipartite coalition of business, labour, government, academic and cultural leaders plus involved citizens with only one mandate—to diversify our economy and create jobs especially through appropriate technology." Sudbury is a resource dominated, one-industry town that has lost 4,000 mining jobs due to layoffs, suffered a 14,000 person summer shutdown and has just come out of a 7-month strike against INCO, involving 11,700 workers. Inf. from William Bradley, Box 1313, Sudbury, Ontario P3E 4S7, Canada.

"**GREAT BOOKS IN PLANNING**" (2nd round) is a list produced by Paul Niebanck and his students at UC Santa Cruz. Available to Networkers on request.

A **DISPLACEMENT TASK FORCE** of Legal Services attorneys, their community clients and others concerned and involved with the new displacement/"revitalization" problem is being formed. Network member Jack Cann is co-chair, along with David Bryson of the Natl. Housing Law Project. For inf. contact Bryson at the Law Project, 2150 Shattuck, Berkeley 94704.

**ON PARTICIPATION**, a network/newsletter for people involved in participatory planning, design, research and education, has available a directory of its network members. From the Working Group on Participation, Ctr. for Human Environments, CUNY Grad. Ctr., 33 W. 42 St., NYC 10036.

New York Area Report (Bruce Dale, 56 W. 22, NYC 10010):

Network/Forum #3 confronted squarely the practical and ideological questions of public responsibility for housing. The issue is very real in New York as the City continues to foreclose on residential property which is a year or more in tax arrears. A recent reduction in the grace period for arrears from 3 years to one led to the taking of 37,000 occupied units of low and moderate income housing. This total is expected to reach 83,000 units by 1980, with no reliable means of determining when this process will end....abandonment breeds more abandonment.

Ron Schiffman, our moderator for the evening, outlined the scope of the problem and introduced Philip St. Georges, Asst. Commr. at the Dept. of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD). Philip presented the current alternative management options within the context of the City's overall housing policy, designed to return the buildings to the tax rolls with rents restructured (raised) so that the buildings can be self-sustaining.

The alternate management programs are aimed at tenant control and ownership of the properties, with the city paying for initial repairs. William Willis, a tenant in one of the buildings in the City's Interim Lease Program, gave vivid testimony to the virtues of a highly organized tenants association. His tenant group has been managing their building successfully for four years, converting it through their own sweat and voluntary rent increases into a comfortable home which they hope to buy from the city.

Tony Schuman, Co-coordinator of the NY Area Network, offered a less optimistic evaluation of the process. He noted that all of the alternate management projects taken together represent at best only 25% of the tenants in city-owned buildings; the rest face more uncertain futures...consolidation, demolition, higher rents, and a possible return to private ownership. Tony emphasized the structural nature of the housing problem, pointing to recent statistics showing that median incomes in New York have risen only 7% in the last three years, compared to a 23% increase in median rent. More than 57% of all renters in NY now pay over 25% of their gross income in rent, and nearly half pay over 30%.

Bob Martin, another tenant in city-owned housing and a member of the Chelsea Coalition on Housing, argued strongly for tenant control with government ownership. His tenants' association has already raised rents to their limit to accomplish repairs and maintenance. They insist it is the government who must bear the cost of additional necessary repairs, noting that the government allowed the buildings to deteriorate by not enforcing the Building Code.

The Network/Forum series is fast establishing a regular audience of knowledgeable housing activists from the community, the university and from public agencies. Their involvement and awareness produced an animated discussion.

Peter Marcuse spoke from the floor to argue that it is only realistic to recognize the scale of the collapse of the private housing market and to begin to look at the bulk of In Rem buildings as permanent city property in need of permanent public subsidy. This position, and Tony's remarks, reflect the analysis offered in a 'draft' position (hereafter called discussion paper #1) paper circulated at the forum for discussion and response from the New York Area Network members. The taking of a position by the Network is seen as a way of increasing the Network's potential impact on professional and urban affairs by establishing a public voice. We are enclosing a copy of the draft and ask anyone wanting a copy to send \$1 to Tony Schuman, 56 W. 22nd St., NYC, 10010. We invite comments, either on the paper or on the question of taking public positions on important issues.

My sense of the Friday evening discussion is that it was a big success. The NY housing movement, facing some difficult contradictions, is attempting to define an effective practice through open discussion of the issues. One problem is that we are removed from the real forces responsible for the plight of New York's tenants. An observation from Luis Aponte Paris raised the constructive criticism that the focus had gotten too narrowly on housing, omitting issues such as racism, health services, education and unemployment.

To address the broader economic questions this raises, Network/Forum #4 was scheduled to examine the political and economic aspects of community-based development. Since that discussion we have been informed of a conference on the subject being held at NYU May 4-6 organized by the Caucus for a New Political Science and the Center for Marxist Studies, which includes a workshop on housing organized by Shelterforce. Rather than duplicate efforts we have changed our subject. (Further information on that conference from the Caucus, Columbia U., 420 W. 118 St., #733, NYC 10027.)

As for Network/Forum #4, we turn to an old friend and our continued interest in Architecture: C. Richard Hatch, who has recently returned from studying participatory architectural projects in Western Europe and Cuba, will give a slide talk analyzing the role of architecture as form, content and process, in transforming reality. (That event was held May 18.)

**REQUEST FOR HELP FROM ENGLAND:** Ken Grainger (Coventry Workshop, 40 Binley Rod., Coventry, CV3 1JA England) writes: "Can you assist us in a piece of research for a group of stewards who are facing redundancy? We wish to obtain as much information as is available in the States about: (a) John Brown Ltd., as a UK-based conglomerate, operating in America; (b) its activities stateside, in the sale and production of machine tools—both generally, and particularly related to (c) a subsidiary of one of John Brown's machine tool companies, Wickman Machine Tool, Inc., Elk Grove, Illinois.

Our interest in these questions arises from nearly two years' work with a locally-based group of stewards, the Machine Tool Workers' Committee, who are delegates from five of the main machine tool plants in Coventry. With them, the Workshop investigated the recent loss of jobs in the machine tool industry. Our research showed that the corporate strategy of 'rationalisation' (which included the chronic under-investment in research and development) pursued during the 'sixties had made the British machine tool firms technically backward and thus seriously disadvantaged in competition for the shrunken markets of the 'seventies.

A consequence of our work was that when the stewards at the Coventry plant of Wickman Ltd. were forced to negotiate redundancies, they asked for our assistance. At first, they wanted us to check the financial statistics produced by management. Now they are concerned to broaden the investigation. Their aim is to assess the strategies of John Brown Ltd., the parent company, so that they have an informed basis for a campaign to defend jobs which will not allow the conglomerate to play off the workers at one plant against those of another. Preliminary research show: (i) the parent company has begun the phased closure of Wickman's plant at Coventry; (ii) some capital is being transferred to the States (the Elk Grove plant is rapidly developing the capacity to build Wickman machine tools); (iii) but this activity is seen as part of a gradual and total withdrawal of capital from the sale and production of machine tools (viz., Elk Grove has built-in obsolescence!)

Can you help us to push our investigation further? Do you have any information relevant to the questions raised at the beginning of my letter? Or, can you suggest who we may contact?"

**TENANT SECURITY IN RENTAL HOUSING:** The Isla Vista Legal Clinic (970 Embarcadero del Mar, Suite E, Isla Vista, CA 93017) is developing regulations and materials on the requirement of demonstrably secure window and door locking devices. Anyone with information that would help them should write Sandra Jones or Victor Obeso there.

**TAX EXEMPT BONDS:** From Marc Weiss (Dept. City/Reg. Png., U. Cal., Berkeley 94720): "Anyone who has worked with, researched, or is interested in issues surrounding tax-exempt municipal and public authority revenue bonds, particularly industrial revenue bonds, please contact me."

**TEACHING HUMAN DIGNITY: SOCIAL CHANGE LESSONS FOR EVERYTEACHER**, eds. Miriam Wolf-Wasserman and Linda Hutchinson, is a compilation of over 60 firsthand accounts of lessons and school experiences that "worked." Available (\$7.95 paper, \$14.95 hardback) from Educ. Exploration Ctr., PO Box 7339, Powderhouse Sta., Minneapolis 55407.

"**MANAGEABLE SPACE: PROPOSALS FOR CRIME PREVENTION IN SUBSIDIZED HOUSING**" by Network member Donald Perlgut, done for the 1st Bldg. Security Symposium of the Natl. Bur. of Standards, is available (free) from him c/o Sedway/Cooke, 325 Pacific Ave, SF 94111. The paper focusses on both management and design; is critical of present housing policies relating to security; puts forth a crime prevention theory that emphasizes environmental protection; and presents 7 specific strategies of crime prevention (public policy; social and comm. services; policing services; physical design and site layout; hardware; mgt. policies; tenant organization and education.) Don also would like to hear from anyone who has done similar work in this field.

**THE NATL. LOW INCOME HOUSING COALITION**, which has been mentioned in previous newsletters, now has a new chair (former Sen. Edward Brooke) and is soliciting individual and organizational memberships (215 8th St. NE, Wash. 20002).

**POWER STRUCTURE RESEARCH: Self Reliance** (the newsletter of the Inst. for Local Self-Reliance, 1717 18th NW, Wash. 20009) recently published a short piece describing the better guides for such research. Herewith the titles:

**Raising Hell** by Dan Noyes, avail. from Mother Jones, 625 3rd St., SF, \$2.25.

**People Before Property**, by Urban Planning Aid, avail. from Midwest Acad., 600 W. Fullerton, Chicago 60614, \$5.90.

**Open the Books: How to Research a Corporation**, also by UPA, avail. from Midwest Academy, \$4.40.

**How to Research Your Local Bank [or Savings and Loan]** by the Inst. for Local Self-Reliance, \$2.

**Tactical Investigations for People's Struggles** by The Youth Project, 1555 Conn. Ave., NW, Wash. 20036, 25¢.

"**FAIR MORTGAGE LENDING: A HANDBOOK FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS**" is a pamphlet put out by the Ctr. for Natl. Policy Review (Cath. U. School of Law, Wash. 20064). Available free, along with flyers for individual homebuyers (in Spanish as well as English).

**CITIZENS ENERGY PROJECT** (1413 K St. NW, 8th flr., Wash. 20005) has available a publications list.

**10TH ANNUAL EDRA (ENV. DESIGN RESEARCH ASSN.) CONFERENCE** is being held June 6-10 at SUNY Buffalo. Inf. from Andrew Seidel and Scott Sanford, co-chairs, Dept. Env. Design & Plng., SUNY, Buffalo 14214 (716) 831-2133.

**COALITION FOR BETTER HOUSING** (426 Cross, Ann Arbor 48104) is involved in electoral work around the housing issue and has produced some useful campaign materials.

**PANDORA & CO.** is a new bi-monthly communications/education magazine on women's activities. PO Box 9730, Fresno CA 93794. \$6/yr.

**THE END OF THE ROAD: A CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMSOLVING** (159 pp) is available for \$3.50 from the Env. Action Found., 1346 Conn. Ave. NW, Wash. 20036.

**NATL. ASSN. OF HOUSING COOPS** is holding two workshops series: I on Coop Conversion (LA May 3-5, Boston May 17-19, Cinn. May 31-June 2). II on Troubled Coops (LA May 5-7, Boston May 19-21, Cinn. June 2-4). Inf. from A.E. Dreyfuss. NAHC, 1828 L St. NW, #1100, Wash. 20036, (202)872-0550.

**THE NO. AMER. STUDENT COOP. ORG.** is holding its 3rd annual Coop. Educ. and Trng. Inst. Oct. 19-21 in Ann Arbor. Inf. from Debra Dunn or Stewart Kohl, NASCO, Box 7293, Ann Arbor 48107.

**CHAIN** (Calif. Housing Inf. & Action Network) held its annual statewide conf./renters' rally in Sacramento April 29. Inf. from them at 1107 9th St., #910, Sacramento 95814.

**NEW SCHOOL FOR DEMOCRATIC MANAGEMENT** is offering its 3rd annual W. Coast Community Business Training Prog. in SF Aug. 5-10. Inf. from Mara Liasson, NSDM, 589 Howard St., SF 94105.

**THE OTHER ECONOMY: THE INTERNAL LOGIC OF LOCAL RENTAL HOUSING**, by Roger Krohn, Berkeley Fleming, and Marilyn Manzer (Peter Martin Assoc., Toronto) comes highly recommended by Lisa Peattie, as a study of the interactions of landlords and tenants in five neighborhoods.

**NUCLEAR INF. AND RESOURCE SERVICE** held a Funders Conf. on Alternatives to Nuclear in Wash. April 19-20. Inf. from NIRS, 1536 16th St., NW, Washington 20036.

**PARTICIPATORY PLANNING AND NEIGHBORHOOD CONTROL**, the proceedings of the conf. held last Nov. 2-3 at the CUNY Grad. Ctr., will be available sometime this spring, \$6 pre-pub. price, from the Working Gp. on Partic., Ctr. for Human Envs., CUNY, 33 W 42 St., NYC 10036.

**THE WOMEN'S SCHOOL OF PLANNING & ARCH.** will be holding their 4th summer session, Aug. 9-23 in Denver. This year's theme is "Transitions: Designing for the Future as if Women Mattered." Inf. (with SASE) from WSPA, Box 102, Palomar Arcade, Santa Cruz CA 95060; or phone Charlotte Strem (408) 423-8428 or Sue Aitcheson (617) 731-0957.

"**LOCAL PLANNERS—GLOBAL CONSTRAINTS**" is a paper by Robert Ross, Don Shakow and Paul Susman, available from Bob at the Sociology Dept., Clark Univ., Worcester MA.

**THE (CALIF.) GOVERNOR'S HOUSING TASK FORCE REPORT** (Network member Cary Lowe served on it) is available, free, from Mike Bledsoe at the Governor's Office of Planning & Research, Sacramento 95814.

"**URBAN POVERTY AND DISTRIBUTIVE JUSTICE**" was a conference sponsored by the Suburban Action Inst. May 3-4 in NYC. Inf. from them at 257 Park Ave. S., NYC 10010.

**URPE: The summer conference of the Union for Radical Political Economics** will be held August 26-30, 1979 at Camp Caesar near Webster Springs WV. If anyone is interested in participating in a panel of radical planners—discussing what radical planners do, . . . contact Rick Simon, Div. of Env. & Urban Studies, VPI, Blacksburg, VA 24061.

"**IF WOMEN PLANNED THE WORLD . . .**" was a conference held May 12 at USC. Inf. from The Planning Inst., School of Urban & Reg. Plng., USC, LA 90007.

**N.A.M COMMUNITY ORGANIZING SCHOOL** will be held June 8-10 in Chicago, to deal with socialist approaches to community organizing. Inf. from NAM, 3244 N. Clark St., Chicago 60657 (312) 871-7700.

"**TECHNIQUES FOR PLANNING FOR NEIGHBORHOOD CHANGE**" is a summer course being held July 16-20, as a Harvard/MIT Continuing Ed. Course. Faculty will be Rob Hollister and Tunney Lee (both Network members), Robert Yin and Deborah Auger, all of MIT. Inf. from Hollister at the MIT Dept. of Urban Studies and Planning, Camb. 02139 (617) 253-3964.

**THE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ECON. DEV.** (639 Mass. Ave., Suite 316, Cambridge 02139) has a publications list available.

**WE'VE ALWAYS DONE IT THIS WAY** is a 52 min. color film which "documents the innovative efforts of the Lucas Aerospace Combine Shop Steward Committee to preserve useful employment by intervening in the corporate planning process to link workers' skills with social needs. Initiated as a response to lay-offs, the alternative Corporate Plan which the shop stewards designed profoundly challenges many assumptions about the possible relationships between workers, their work and society as a whole." Rental inf. from Calif. Newsreel, 630 Natoma, SF 94103.

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT: Nathan Weber (NYC Commn. on Human Rights, 52 Duane St., NYC 10007) has available an article on anti-redlining and anti-displacement, plus a Q&A sheet on administration of CRA, plus a response to Bob Adams' request for assistance in #18.

MASS APPRAISAL SYSTEMS: From Bryan Maranhao (6 Rosemary St., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130): "I have taken a job with the City of Boston's Office of Property Evaluation and am wondering if any Networkers have had any experience (good or bad) with Mass Appraisal Systems. The City must re-evaluate all 105,000 parcels of tax-property under a court ruling in order to reach 100% evaluation by 1981-2. If anyone has any experience with such an ambitious project, please contact me."

SKID ROW DEVELOPMENT: From Gilda Haas (6348 W. Sixth St., LA 90048): "I'm now working as Planning Director of Skid Row Development Corporation, a new economic development corporation established to redevelop the LA Skid Row without displacing residents—in fact, we're trying to provide housing, jobs and services to current residents even though we're pretty new (12/78), we have a lot of pressure to move fast. The C.R.A. has left a geographically defined downtown area called 'Skid Row' 'alone' for our non-profit to develop, while property values are sky-rocketing as the redevelopment agency moves into immediate surrounding areas. Local developers, investors, etc. have also, included Skid Row as a good investment prospect and are rapidly developing the area and displacing community without C.R.A. assistance. For example, within the last few months, the county auctioned off a building appraised at one million and collected over two million at auction. We've contacted activists in San Francisco 'Skid Row'—and any other shared experience, advice, references, & referrals will be appreciated."

"RECLAIMING OUR FUTURE: A CITIZEN'S CONFERENCE ON THE CRISIS OF THE INDUSTRIAL STATES" was held April 27-28 in Columbus, sponsored by the Ohio AFL-CIO, Ohio Public Interest Campaign and Ohio UAW Community Action Program. The focus was on plant closings. Inf. from Ohio Public Interest Campaign, 16 E. Broad St., Rm. 908, Columbus 43215.

"GRASSROOTS PARTICIPATION FROM NEIGHBORHOOD TO NATION" is an article by Janice Perlman (Dept. City/Reg. Plng., U.C. Berkeley 94720), published in *Citizen Participation in America*, Stuart Langdon, ed. (Lexington Books). It contains a listing of support networks, newsletters and organizer-training schools in the US.

OPEN SPACE, RECREATION SERVICES/OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS: From John Jones (5511 Three Mile Dr., Detroit, 48224): "Planners interested in open space, recreation services, etc., would do well to contact their regional Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service office, Dept. of Interior, 440 G St. NW, Wash. 20243, and try to get the draft planning requirements for participation in the new Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program. Like a lot of Federal programs, the planning requirements are far in excess of what will actually get built, but the planning process HCRS is laying out has some interesting points.

Could you ask Networkers to let me know of any Overall Economic Development Plans (the local plans which HUD and Commerce jointly use) which they think are especially good? Detroit's stinks, and I'm interested in getting some local action going to raise questions and suggest alternatives to the worthless economic development policies the City is currently following."

WORKSHOP ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY was held March 31 at the Univ. of Mich. Inf. from IAAATDC, 603 E. Madison, Ann Arbor 48109.

QUEENS VILLAGE: THE ECLIPSE OF COMMUNITY by Paul Levy is a 99 pp. case study of gentrification and displacement in a S. Phila. neighborhood. Levy also has available a short "Why is it happening?" piece he co-authored with Roman Cybriwsky, published by *Vital Issues* (Ctr. for Inf. on Amer.). Levy is at the Inst. for the Study of Civic Values, 401 N. Broad St., Phila. 19108.

"OPTIONS FOR PLANNERS: INTEREST IN PART-TIME JOBS" is a report on a survey undertaken by Bay Area Women Planners. Available from Joyce Chelouche, 1565 Madison St., #403, Oakland 94612.

"WOMEN IN PLANNING AND DESIGN." Jackie Leavitt (Div. of Urban Planning, Columbia U., NYC 10027) has available a bibliography on the subject.

LAND PLANNING AND AIR QUALITY: Jeremy Graves (241 San Nicolas, Santa Barbara, CA 93109) writes: "I'm interested in any info. people may have on new ways land use planning tools have been used for air quality purposes; the application of dispersion modeling to land use patterns and/or sensitive receptors; efforts to ban drive-up restaurants or banks; and innovative methods of financing bikeways.

THE 4TH NATIONAL CONF., INTERAGENCY ENERGY/ENVIRONMENT R&D PROGRAM (sponsored by EPA's Office of Energy, Minerals & Industry) is being held June 7-8 at the Shoreham Americana in Washington. Inf. from Kathleen Dixon, Automation Industries, Inc., Vitro Labs Div. (4-2109), 14000 Georgia Ave., Silver Springs MD 20910 (301) 871-4711.

LARRY SHEEHY (PO Box 4585, Fresno 93744) writes: "Through my work with KFCF Radio I'm seeking resources for a future program I'm putting together called *New Directions for the Valley* and was wondering if you knew of any radio programs or sets dealing with the issues PN covers (setting public policy, approp. tech., political economics, etc.). Sure would appreciate any feedback"

PLUTO PRESS LTD. (Gail Chester, unit 10, Spencer Ct., 7 Chalcot Rd., London NW1 8LH) mentions several new books of theirs Network people might be interested in: *Demystifying Social Statistics*, eds. John Irvine, Ian Miles and Jeff Evans (\$8.50 incl. postage); *The Road to Alto* by Robin Jenkins (a sociologist turned subsistence farmer) "an account of peasants, capitalists, and the soil in the mountains of southern Portugal, a community study, also an analysis of the relationship between ecology, class structure and economy;" *The Workers' Report on Vickers*, by Huw Beynon and Hilary Wainwright, a report by the Natl. Shop Stewards Combine Comm. of Vickers Ltd., giving the workers' view of the company, "how multi-national corporations handle their workforces, what rationalisation, efficiency, technical advance and so on means for the people on the shop floor." Ordering inf., review copies and the Pluto catalogue from Gail Chester.

THE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY CHANGE (1000 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Wash. 20007) is a group Network folks should know more about. It assists local community development organizations in low-income urban and rural areas; publishes a monthly *Federal Programs Monitor* (\$10/yr.); publishes various citizens action guides (on CDBG monitoring, influencing local budgets re general revenue sharing, CETA, citizens involvement in CD and the local budget process.) Write them for their full publication list.

PLANT CLOSINGS/CETA: From Michael Redmond (Human Resources Adm., Dept. of Employment/MCDA, 220 Church St., NYC 10013): "I'm currently helping establish an evaluation system for the city's CETA programs; mundane, but necessary work. Previous to this I lived in N. Carolina and worked with folks in Chapel Hill on worker ownership, self-management, and industrial plant retention projects. With Rick Carlisle of Chapel Hill, I worked on a research contract for the Federal Trade Commission on the community costs of plant closings. The report includes pieces on published case studies of the community costs, ways of measuring the costs and legislative and regulatory efforts in the U.S. and Western Europe to reduce or prevent those costs. If anyone is interested in receiving a copy of the report I could find out the procedure for having it released by the FTC.

I am also interested in hearing from anyone in the NYC area with similar interests in alternative forms of economic development."

BAYOU LA ROSE is an anarchist/feminist/working class/ecology paper out of New Orleans (inf. and sample copy from 2115 Esplanade Ave., N.O. 70119.)

"DISPLACEMENT: A NOT SO NEW PROBLEM" by Chester Hartman is in the March-April issue of *Social Policy*. They're at 33 W. 42 St. NYC 10036 (it's a most worthwhile journal to subscribe to, at \$10 a year); or I'll send you a reprint, if you'll send a SASE and possibly a bit for reproduction.

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**RENTAL HOUSING IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK, SUPPLY AND CONDITION 1975-1978** is a 350 pp. study by Peter Marcuse and associates at the Columbia Univ. Div. of Urban Planning (NYC 10027). Write for inf. about obtaining it.

**THE CENTER FOR NATIONAL POLICY REVIEW** announces the resumed publication of its **CLEARINGHOUSE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS RESEARCH**, a quarterly summarizing social science research of concern to policymakers and others connected with civil rights and minority interests. The current issue is titled "School and Residential Desegregation." Future topics will include housing discrimination and redlining, an examination of the alleged urban renaissance and gentrification, and other topics of interest to Network members. Subscriptions are \$8/year; perhaps Network members can encourage institutional libraries to subscribe. The Center also solicits articles from Network members on topics like those above. Address Dr. James Loewen, Editor, CLEARINGHOUSE, Center for National Policy Review, Catholic U. Law School, Wash. D.C. 20064.

**SWISS AND PARISIAN CONTACTS:** I am participating in a study of the role of citizen participation in the provision of urban services in Europe. My focus is on transportation policy, and I will be studying the transit users' federation in Paris and use of the referendum in Switzerland. I will be going to both places in September and am looking for contacts who might be familiar with these areas (or names of people who might know such contacts.) If anyone has names and addresses to pass on, I'd appreciate it. (H)

Russel Feldman [9 Eldredge Street, Newton, MA 02158 (617) 265-0930(h), 727-7127(o)] writes: "I am an architect/policy analyst for the Mass. Exec. Office of Communities and Development. I provide various types of technical assistance to cities and towns around the state and would be interested in any information the Network could provide on ways to make several of my projects come about, or the pitfalls or misconceptions under which I may be operating.

One project relates to a half million sq. feet of vacant industrial space in a handsome granite 19th century mill complex. I want to keep the buildings industrial, both to create jobs for the city and hopefully diversify its economy. The city is scared of the costs in heat and maintenance that the complex represents, but the low vacancy rates for similar space indicate to me that they are undervaluing this resource. I want to explore development as an industrial condominium and also have the city manage ancillary services such as day care and a cafeteria. This would enable factory workers to bring their children with them to work and eat lunch with them as well. I think likelihood of development is good and would be grateful for any information on similar development, ideas for other ancillary services for this future community of between 900 and 1,200 workers, ways of marketing the space and targeting industries that might be attracted, etc.

"A second project relates to school building reuse. Many Massachusetts towns are encountering declining enrollments, and the local governments are under pressure to demolish or sell neighborhood schools which, needless to say, have tremendous impacts on surrounding communities and the lifestyles of children now forced to be bussed. As an alternative I would like to explore, through a prototype redevelopment, a mixed use of several neighborhood school buildings: community services, offices, or other sympathetic uses would occupy a portion of a building while the remainder stays a school. These smaller schools would have circuit-rider type administration, say, with one principal for two or three schools. Bus the administration, not the children! The benefits to the neighborhood are obvious. An added plus is that if enrollments increase again (and it appears they will 5 to 10 years from now) the buildings can be reexpanded. In this way the public investment in structures is not thrown away because of immediate short-term pressures for contraction. I would be particularly interested in thoughts or references on how school services could be administered in this fashion and ideas for other mixed uses."

**SLIDESHOW/COURSE MANUAL.** (From Mary Vogel, 2805 E. 16 Ave., #11, Denver 80206): "Shaping the American City is the title of an outstanding six-hour slide show (four modules, 90 minutes each) by Laurence Gerckens, Prof. of City and Reg. Planning and former Dir. of the School of Architecture of the Ohio St. Univ.

Gerckens traces the development of American cities relating the built environment to the political thought and values of the times through extensive coverage of names, dates, organizations, movements, books, court decisions, legislation and other government actions, trend-setting developments in the US and abroad, etc. He puts a great deal of emphasis on how these developments have affected working class Americans (although his analysis sometimes seems to get lost in all the facts he presents). Gercken pays considerable attention to racism in the development of American land use patterns; however, missing from his analysis is the role of sexism and patriarchal attitudes in shaping American cities and the emerging efforts of women (and men) to change such past development through such groups as the Women's School of Planning and Arch. and the Div. on Planning For Women of the Amer. Planning Assoc. Since he has revised his slide show/course manual nearly every year since 1970, perhaps Gerckens will improve his work in this regard as feminist planners critique it.

Complementing Gerckens' slide show is his two-inch thick course manual titled *American City Planning Since 1900 A.D.* It consists of ten modules with a multiple choice review after each and was designed to be used with computer testing in Gerckens' introductory planning classes. Gerckens can be reached at: Rm 105 Brown Hall, School of Arch., Ohio St., Columbus, (614) 422-6806."

"**A RADICAL ANALYSIS OF THE CALIF. COMMUNITY COLLEGE CRISIS**" was a conf. held April 28 at the College of Marin. Inf. from Network member David Bodis, 5 Ward St., Larkspur CA 94939.

"**BACK TO THE CITY**" is holding its 6th annual conf. June 7-10 at the Louisville Hyatt Regency. Inf. from the Louisville Comm. Design Ctr., PO Box 752, Louisville KY 40201.

**INSURANCE REDLINING: FACT NOT FICTION** (Feb. 1979) is a 66 pp. report prepared by the Illinois, Indiana, Mich., Minn. Ohio, and Wisc. Advisory Comms. to the US Civil Rights Comm. Available free from the Midwest Reg. Office of the Commn., 230 S. Dearborn St., 32 Flr., Chicago 60504.

"**THE PRODUCTION OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT: CHANGING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LAND, CAPITAL AND CONSTRUCTION IN CITIES**" is a 2-week summer school, Sept. 2-15, at the Bartlett School of Arch. & Plng., Univ. College London (inf. available from them at 22 Gordon St., London WC1)

"**PUBLIC POLICY AND ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY: STRATEGIES FOR THE 21st CENTURY**" is the title of the third annual National Black United Fund Conference, June 28-July 1 at the Sheraton Boston. The program and participants look pretty impressive. Inf. from NBUF, 3741 Stocker St., Suite 211-212, LA 90008.

**CONDOMINIUM CONVERSION ORGANIZING PACKET:** Ruth Schwarz (P.O. Box 2166, Sta. Barbara 93120) and her colleagues have prepared a case history of a tenant organizing project to oppose condo conversion and ordinance provisions plus underlying rationale for an anti-condo conversion law. \$3.

**INVITATION FOR TALK/OUTDOORS:** "I'd like to invite Network folks coming through Colorado this summer to look me up for some discussion and possibly some weekend backpacking or bike riding. I find the Rockies a great source for renewal of energies and I'd love to share them with others working on radical planning issues. I can be contacted at one of two addresses this summer: 2805 E. 16th Ave., Apt. 11, Denver, Co. 80206 (303-377-0141) or 380 So. 39th St., Boulder, Co. 80303 (303-499-7847). Mary Vogel."

"WHERE HAS ALL THE HOUSING GONE?" is a 145 pp. book of readings on the housing crisis and what's being done on it, produced by the SF NAM chapter; about half the readings are SF-oriented, half general. Available for \$2 plus postage from Jim Shoch, who put it together, 2568 Bryant, SF 94110.

**REDLINING:** From Jon Ausman (610 Truett Dr., Tallahassee FL 32303): "The Florida Department of Community Affairs is gearing up to do a major study on redlining in Florida's major metropolitan areas. Anyone aware of redlining or related studies along this line, methodologies to be used, strategies to deal with the lenders, please forward a copy or citation to me at the above address."

**GROWTH MANAGEMENT:** Santa Cruz, Cal., passed a measure last June requiring that at least 15% of all newly constructed housing units be affordable by people with average and below average incomes. The specific ordinance passed by the Board of Supervisors implementing that measure, plus other implementation documents, are available from Network member Andy Schiffrin, Bd. of Supervisors, Gov. Ctr., 701 Ocean St., Santa Cruz 95060.

**ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS CALENDAR** is put out (quarterly) by EPA. Free from Kate Bouve, Office of Public Awareness, EPA, 401 M St. SW, Wash. 20460.

**THE SOUTH END PRESS** is an excellent new radical publisher; write them at Box 68, Astor Sta., Boston 02123 for their catalogue.

**8TH ANNUAL NATIONAL PEOPLE'S ACTION CONFERENCE** is being held June 17-18 at the Shoreham Americana in Washington. Inf. from NPA, 1123 W. Wash. Blvd., Chicago 60607, (312) 243-3038.

**CONNECTIONS: WAYS TO DISCOVER AND REALIZE COMMUNITY POTENTIALS** by Jim Burns is a participatory community planning book (\$28) just published by McGraw-Hill.

**CDBG/ENERGY TRAINING WORKSHOPS**, funded by HUD and DOE, are being run by the Natl. Citizens Participation Council (1620 Eye St. NW #517, Wash. 20006, (202) 293-7351). They're all over the country, most have taken place, some still to come.

**THE OHIO FAIR TAX INITIATIVE** is an attempt at a progressive version of California's Prop. 13, but it's running into some legal troubles courtesy of the Ohio Manufacturer's Assn. Further inf. from the Ohio Public Interest Campaign, 340 Chester-12th Bldg., Cleveland 44114.

**NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR RENT CONTROLS:** Network member Mark Goldowitz, an attorney with Bronx Legal Services, has been putting together a network/organization to support a tenant/rent control movement. Next meeting is Sat., June 2, 2 pm, at the Met Council on Housing, 24 W. 30, NYC. Further inf. from Mark at 579 Courtlandt Ave., Bronx NY 10451, (212) 292-9204.

**"HOUSING DECISIONS AND NEIGHBORHOOD DYNAMICS"** is a conf. held May 18-19 at Georgia St. U. Further inf. from Div. of Public Service, Georgia St., U., Atlanta 30303.

#18 returns (let us know if you know where they are): Jan Dickey (Cleve.), Jonathan Merrill (NYC), Steven Solomon (San Jose), Billy Feiflinger (Madison), Carla Jacobsen (Madison), Steve Tilly (Hastings-on-Hudson, NY), Pat McGuigan (Boston).

Thanks to Amy Fine for helping with the mailing of #18. And be seeing y'all again sometime in the summer. Have a good one.



Chester Hartman

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