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THE STEERING COMMITTEE will be meeting on Sunday, May 9, 10-5, at I.P.S. (1901 Que St. NW, Washington). The meeting is of course open to all Network members, but we would very much appreciate it if you could phone us to let us know you are planning to come, to make sure we have a room of adequate size. If anyone has specific items they would like the Steering Committee to deal with, let us know immediately.

A MINI-FINANCIAL REPORT: Since our move to Washington and publication of Newsletter #30 (September 1981), 434 of you have contributed a total of \$6,835. Outlays since that date have totalled \$6157, broken down as follows: printing (3 issues of Newsletter, roster, letterhead and miscellaneous items), \$2,843; postage, \$341; mailing services, \$593; typesetting (Newsletters and roster), \$1,197; salaries (occasional office assistance and setting up new mailing system), \$541; miscellany (primarily paying some back bills of the Berkeley operation), \$642. We currently have a bank balance of \$2,703, with unpaid bills and undeposited checks, each amounting to about \$100, cancelling each other out. This is enough for 2-3 issues of the Newsletter, depending on their size. (Note that our budget includes no office rent, telephone, photocopying or usual office support expenses. These have been borne by the Institute for Policy Studies, as has been the time Chester Hartman devotes to the Network, which cost in effect is absorbed as part of the stipend he receives as a Visiting Fellow. This, both to credit IPS for its contribution and to make us realize that we are a long way from being a self-supporting organization.)

It is clear that you have to keep sending money in at least at the rate it's been coming in for the past six months, if we are to stay on top of things. The most salient fact is that over 2/3 of you receiving the Newsletter have not contributed since September. Please use the coupon we have conveniently placed nearby.

APA DALLAS CONVENTION: If any of you are planning to attend the Amer. Planning Assn. annual meeting in Dallas, May 8-12, please try to get in touch with Steering Committee member Alan Rabinowitz, who is organizing an introductory session about the Network there and could use some support and help. Try to get in touch with him before he leaves for Dallas if possible (Dept. Urban Planning, Univ. Wash. JO-40, Seattle 98195, 206/525-7941, 543-2343), or seek him out at the convention (there is a notice board). We always do some fruitful outreach at the APA meetings.

MAILING LIST: Please let us know: 1) if you are receiving more than one copy of the Newsletter at two different addresses; or 2) if you do not wish to continue receiving the Newsletter. We're trying to keep printing and mailing costs to a minimum.

THE 1982 ROSTER: We need to know whether you find the roster useful. It was terribly expensive and time-consuming to produce (in dollar terms, it cost the equivalent of three Newsletter issues), and unless there is a strong indication that people use/enjoy it, we will consider not doing it next year. Other options that have been suggested are: 1) deleting biosketches; 2) limiting biosketches to, say, 25 words; 3) doing the roster biannually; 4) making the roster available only on request and for a fee. Please let us know right away what you feel about our continuing the roster; remember, silence is in effect a negative vote.

We also have been criticized, with some justification, for not separating out in the roster listing couples who are listed together on our address cards in order to save us money. Where people living together sent in separate roster forms, they were listed as distinct individuals, but we were not careful in following this practice when we had no roster forms. Moral: Send in roster forms (but we will also mend our ways, to assure people of their rightful individuality). ■

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Address: _____

My interests: _____

A word on funding: Annual financial contributions are voluntary, but we do need funds for operating expenses. The Steering Committee has recommended the following amounts as minimums for Network members: \$10 for students and temporarily unemployed; graduated payments for the employed of \$20 plus an additional \$1 for each \$1,000 earned above \$10,000.

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Passing The Word

□ PEACE ACTIVISTS: From Linda E. Hollis (6413 Maplewood Dr., Falls Church, VA 22041): The March/April issue of *Southern Exposure* mentions two handbooks for peace activists: *The War Resisters Guide to Tax Resistance* and an *Organizer's Manual*. Each is \$6 from the War Resisters League, 339 Lafayette St., NYC 10012.

□ APA COMMENTARIES: We ran a long piece in #32 on the Directors' races in the APA and AICP from Daniel Lauber (200 S. Blvd., Suite 1B, Evanston, IL 60602) and asked for further comments. Here is a selection:

From Linda Cox (111 NW 26th St., Gainesville, FL 32607): I only wish I had seen the articles before I sent off my ballot. I am a member of APA and expect to become a member of AICP because of the very pressures that were mentioned to make it a requirement for some jobs. I'd like to continue seeing comments on APA.

From an anonymous APAer: APA's establishment-dominated, politically-inert 21-member board of directors has for too long crippled this national organization, saddling it with expensive, ineffective and misguided national lobbying efforts, self-promoting PR activities, and a host of bogus homages to the past. As Mr. Lauber says, "It's time to stand up to the reactionary Reagan Administration," instead of surrendering in the passive, hold-on-to-our-consultant-contracts-at-the-expense-of-legitimate-planning-concerns posture which the APA "leadership" seems to be following. A progressively oriented APA—with its publications, workshops, and other services—can be a boon to the movement for humane, sane, community-based planning efforts; a strong ally to the Network's own sensibly-charted course. Please, continue reporting any significant, forward-looking moves that this all-too exclusionary organization makes.

From Dan Lauber: If you're interested, I'd be glad to write a regular feature for the Newsletter giving a progressive's views of what's happening in APA. Since so many Networkers are probably APA members, this would be a good opportunity to share inside information on how APA is being taken over by the old AIP (political reactionaries) and other goodies that APA News will never print. As a member of APA's board of directors, I have access to the inner workings of the organization and would like to be able to share them with other Networkers. Please let me know if you'd like such a feature.

□ RIGHT TO FIGHT is a 45-minute color documentary which focuses on Vancouver, Canada, where the vacancy rate is 0, where "development" often translates into eviction or rent increases, and where tenants are starting to organize. The videotape's entertaining and informative mixture of fact and satire provides an ideal format for encouraging group discussion. Right to Fight features politicians, key players in the development game, tenants leaving town because of high rents, community organizers, and people who are mad enough to organize. Available from Idera Films, 2524 Cypress St., Vancouver, BC, Canada, 604, 738-8815. The producer, Headlines Theatre, is looking for an American distributor as well.

□ NUCLEAR FREEZE: From Clark H. Coan (307 Park Hill Terr., Lawrence, KS 66044): Here are some of the reasons why millions of Europeans marched for nuclear disarmament and thousands of Americans are campaigning for a nuclear weapons freeze: (1) The Reagan Administration is planning to add 17,000 nuclear warheads to the present arsenal of 25,000 (it takes just 200 to destroy most of the Soviet Union); (2) The Pentagon is replacing the Mutual Assured Destruction (MAD) scenario with the First-Strike Winnable Nuclear War scenario; (3) The Launch-on-Warning System is scheduled to go on line this year thereby increasing the chance of an accidental nuclear war; and (4) Computer errors continue to cause false nuclear alerts every few months. Soviet computer technology is ten years behind U.S. technology.

To date, over 270 communities and counties and six states have passed nuclear freeze resolutions: Californians are to vote on a freeze proposition in November. These resolutions call upon their Congressional delegations to introduce a resolution requesting the President to propose to the Soviet Union a bilateral moratorium by which the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. would agree to halt immediately the testing, production, and deployment of all nuclear warheads, missiles and delivery systems. All Network members are urged to join others in their communities to get the freeze on the ballot.

For more information contact Karen Fierke, Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign National Clearinghouse, 4144 Lindell Blvd., 2nd Floor, St. Louis, MO 63108, 314/533-1169.

□ BALTIMORE ACTIVISTS: Activists in Baltimore have begun a project called the "Baltimore 1990: the People's Planning Project." Essentially, a network of planning groups is being formed, focusing on areas of basic need: housing, energy, environment, health care, transportation, etc. Over a period of several years, these groups will develop specific proposals for Baltimore. These will be coordinated and integrated into some kind of package, which could then be organized around, electorally, and on a grassroots basis. We would like very much to know if groups elsewhere are working on similar kinds of coordinated planning efforts. If you are, please drop a line to Judy Morgan, 4201 York Rd., Baltimore, MD 21212, 301/435-3604.

□ BUS COUPONS: Network people might be interested in an innovative transit marketing program we've implemented in Bridgeport, CT. When riders buy bus tokens or passes, they're given VALUE FARE coupons which are redeemed by local merchants for discounts. The program offers a way to offset high transit fares, to organize the local business community in directly supporting transit, and to provide a highly attractive and tangible marketing campaign. The idea of "merchant reinforcement" has other applications, I'm sure; properly adapted, it could be a practical tool for better integrating all sorts of social programs with local or neighborhood businesses, with benefits for all. For more information: Richard Oram, Greater Bridgeport Transit Dist., 525 Water St., Bridgeport, CT 06604, 203/366-7070.

□ DISARMAMENT RACE: From Tertius Chandler (2500 Buena Vista, Berkeley, CA 94708): I have a suggestion on the danger of war. Mutual negotiations get nowhere. So one side must start disarming first. We can be in touch with the Soviet Peace Committee, 10 Kropotkin St. #24, Moscow; and we can race them to see which of us can get his government to make the first move in arms reduction.

□ **LIBRARY RESOURCES:** From Charles Shain (Environmental Design Library, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720): I have been the city & regional planning librarian in this library since 1963. Our collection has evolved from one emphasizing the general plan and physical planning to a more diversified one, including: Housing design and economics; Social policy; Regional planning; Economic development; Urbanization and development in Third World and other countries; Rural development in more developed countries; etc. To represent new, non-mainstream ideas, I solicit copies of papers, theses, paperbacks and less available books from contributors to *P.N.* Within our budget I can purchase some of this material, but voluntary contributions are critical to develop this area more adequately. On behalf of the Council of Planning Librarians I am always looking for bibliographies on planning-related topics that would be useful to planning practitioners as well as to academic planning libraries. Annotated bibliographies are especially useful. An honorarium of \$100 is available. I am concerned about democratic planning and equity in all countries—east and west, north and south. I am active as a shop steward and officer in our librarians' union, once the AFT, now the independent union: California State Employees' Association.

□ **BEYOND REAGANISM:** From Bill Ellis (TRANET, Box 567, Rangeley, ME 04970, 207/864-2252): Reagan came to power with a mandate which included reducing the intrusion of government into people's lives—a feeling shared by many members of the Planners Network and other alternative groups. But Reagan's approach has been one-sided, turning the power of big government into the power of big business, and the knee-jerk reaction to him has been to oppose every step he takes. We need a creative dialogue on how it can be done right. How does the USA restore power to the people? Decentralists need to put forward their alternative plan for governmental renewal. Among specific legislation might be: 1) the elimination of industrial development bonds for large corporations, 2) elimination of federal insurance for overseas ventures, 3) requirements for early notification of plant closings which affect community well being, 4) increased loan guarantees for small businesses, and 5) promotion of employees stock ownership plans, co-ops, and community enterprise trusts. This is by no means a definitive list. I would like to hear from Network members who have developed measures for going beyond Reaganism.

□ **SELF-DESTRUCTING CITIES:** From Robert Giloth (Dept. City & Regnl Plng, Cornell University, W. Sibley Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853): Infrastructure deterioration in older cities has received increased attention in recent months. We are treated to visions of physical collapse, social expenditure cuts, and new capital budgeting techniques. Most broadly, the issue involves the deterioration of the public resources that underpin city organization, and the opportunity (and necessity) that this deterioration provides for public discussion about city futures. That is, how do we relate infrastructure to production and consumption activities, energy use, lifestyles, and technology? Furthermore, within situations of "fiscal austerity," how do we make decisions about infrastructure location. I would appreciate comments, references, and ideas on this subject.

□ **UK SELF-HELP DIRECTORY:** SHARE Community Limited (177 Battersea High St., London SW11) has developed a directory of mutual aid self-help (MASH) groups, which explains self-help principles and practice as well as listing known mutual aid self-help groups.

□ **ALTERNATIVE MEDIA RESOURCES:** The Media Network has developed some 900 subject headings under which it has catalogued films, videotapes, and slide shows which present public interest alternatives to corporate-sponsored efforts at social issue media for education and organizing. Some of the headings include agriculture, arms, disarmament, housing, food, human rights, sex roles, and welfare. There are many, many more. Contact: Media Network, 208 West 13th St., NYC 10011, 212 620-0877.

□ **ASSISTED HOUSING DATA:** HUD has stepped up efforts to sell some of its assisted housing projects, threatening the homes of low-income families; and the National Housing Law Project is preparing to respond. It is presently collecting data from both HUD and Legal Services field offices to determine exactly how these matters are being considered and resolved by HUD. Only with this information can it convince HUD to modify its policies to emphasize the maximum retention of units for low-income people. The Law Project requests that, through investigation if necessary, you collect and send it information on (1) projects near foreclosure or foreclosed upon, (2) HUD-owned projects subject to its disposition, and (3) projects which are about to be sold by a nonprofit owner to a profit-motivated entity. Please direct inquiries and information to John Calmore and Cathy Bishop, National Housing Law Project, 2150 Shattuck Ave., Suite 300, Berkeley, CA 94704, 415 548-9400.

□ **ENVIRONMENTAL ROUNDUP:** *Re:sources* is a helpful quarterly tabloid from the Environmental Task Force for strengthening the environmental movement through cooperative action. The 28-page spring 1982 issue includes reports on the 10 worst work environments, the case against the Reagan environmental record, and lots of grass roots and national reporting. Editorial submissions are welcome; the next issue will appear in summer 1982. Subscriptions range from \$9 for students to \$18 for for-profits. Contact: The Environmental Task Force, 1346 Connecticut Ave. N.W. #918, Wash. DC 20036, 202 296-0798.

□ **GRANNY FLATS** are attracting attention as an imaginative way to meet some housing needs of the elderly. The idea is Australian, and involves a small, fully equipped cottage placed in the backyard of a family member. Now the cottages are being tried in America. They provide privacy and proximity at relatively low cost; and they drive zoning boards crazy. The February 1982 *Planning* reported on their use in Lancaster, Pa. For further details, contact the author: Patrick H. Hare, 2027 Que St. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202 234-1219.

□ **FIRED PLANNERS IN PR:** From Janet Scheff (Box 22212, Univ. of Puerto Rico Station, San Juan, PR 00931): As I am sending you this, 100 planners, primarily at the PRPB, have been fired. What is the progressive planners organization's response? Are you into second careers, or are you leaving that concern to more operational concerns. I am really asking, since I have no solution.

□ **STUDENT ALIENATION:** "The Alienation of Planning Students" is a new paper available from Bob Beauregard (Dept. of Urban Plng, Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, NJ 08903) which he delivered at the 1981-82 Annual Conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. The paper is a call for a more critical planning education, which will lead to more critical practitioners who are aware of the positive and negative aspects of working as planners.

□ GRANTSMANSHIP TRAINING: In earlier issues, we began a dialogue on the value of grantsmanship training. Here it is continued by Jackie Van Anda (Drawer N, Clintwood, VA 24228): The grantsmanship training program is excellent, and has set the standard for proposal writing for nonprofits to foundations and others. I would recommend it highly to any group needing funding and intimidated by the foundation world.

□ SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP: From John Schlosser (1242 17th East, Seattle WA 98112): I work as an advisor to nonprofits which are involved or are becoming involved directly in business activities: co-ops, community-owned buildings and companies, housing, cable TV, low-power TV, food etc. Mostly I have worked in the Pacific Northwest, but also have been involved in Nigeria and Costa Rica. I like the struggle of dealing with financial entrepreneurial tasks from a social purpose point of view. I'd enjoy hearing from others with similar interests, and especially folks who've been involved with successful ventures.

□ JOHN F.C. TURNER writes from London on the past year for AHAS (5 Dryden St., London WC2E 9NW), an agency for self-managed housing and local development. The main conclusion from our past year's activities is that our work on "building communities" must be recognized as three "spheres of action": local action by people; support services for local action; and conceptual work influencing policy. Individually, most of us are and should be working in all three spheres. This does not apply, however, to institutions. When the sphere of local responsibility is invaded by central agencies which local residents can neither control nor veto, then people become dependent and alienated instead of being fulfilled. Both human and material resources are wasted and inflation or impoverishment inevitably follow. All concerned with these issues are therefore taking part in finding better ways of explaining the world; this search for meaning, we believe, should be a consciously programmed activity like the others.

By identifying three distinct and complementary projects, we have a program which will help to contribute to both the theory and practice of Another Development: Starter Kits, to promote self-reliant and self-managed groups building communities; Core Sections of more technical, professional teaching and training references and materials; and a series of Working Papers on the basic and common issues of "building communities," to be published separately and then revised as chapters of a book. We have decided to use the phrase "building communities" instead of "housing" whenever possible, as it is more descriptive of our field. Too many people assume "housing" to be something separate from all other elements of a neighborhood and continue to use the word as a noun. This obscures our real interest and our perception that specific activities of building and improvements are instruments for the larger purpose of discovering and establishing a new paradigm and Another Development or way of life.

□ THIRD-WORLD WOMEN: From Betsy Diétel (220 Fall Creek Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850): Presently I am finishing my Masters of City Planning at Cornell. My thesis is on women traders in Kenya, and will assess the notion of extending credit to existing informal associations rather than individuals. The hypothesis is that this will lead to more equitable distribution, and help strengthen women's solidarity. Would like to know if other people are doing work in the third world on issues pertaining to women and more equitable economic development strategies.

□ COMPUTER NEWSLETTER: *Computer Use in Social Services* is a newsletter and network developed by Networker Dick Schoech (Box 19129, Arlington, TX 76019) for persons interested in exchanging information and experiences in using computers in the social services. The spring 1982 issue reports on the development of an automated resource reference file, and on an analysis of Chicago area management information systems, plus other helpful features. The newsletter appears quarterly, and subscriptions are \$5 for students and the poor, \$10 for individuals, and \$10+ for others.

□ RADICAL GEOGRAPHY: *Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography* has been printing radical analyses of spatial and environmental issues since 1969. Some articles would interest planners, as well (see below); and *Antipode's* editors are interested in ideas and proposals for a future radical planning issue. Subscriptions are \$12 for three issues: *Antipode*, Box 339, West Side Station, Worcester, MA 01602. An article sampler: Vol. 5, No. 2, 1973, *Destruction and Exploitation in the Third World*, \$2 each; Vol. 7, No. 3, 1975, *Rural America*, \$2 each; Vol. 11, No. 2, 1979, *Human-Environment Relations*, ed., Richard Walker, \$4 each; Vol. 13, No. 2, 1981, "Transnational Corporations and Regional Restructuring," Paul Susman: "World Supply of Cheap Labor," Barbara Stuckey and Margaret Fay, \$4 each.

□ ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT: We're grateful to TRANET's Bill Ellis for the accompanying note from IFDA Dossier #27 by John Knesl (535 East 14th St., #4F, NYC 10009): The questions of alternative planning and design of city regions have not really come up. I feel, with the same critical awareness as that evident in relation to more global issues. On the other hand, the alternative concepts have not penetrated to the levels where physical planning design commissions are formulated. There is, therefore, a need for research and policy formulations that would help to make alternative development objectives embodied in physical space. In fact, development "from below" is territorially oriented and spatial planning could do much to integrate development policies in various dimensions (economic, cultural, ecosystem . . .) Further, what is probably needed, is the formulation of a coherent body of alternative development principles, appealing to various strata, that can be brought to the rural and urban populations. The difficulty here is the need for generalized principles, concrete enough for application, while making true on the avowed appropriateness of alternative approaches to local and historical specificity.

□ ARTS IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Neighborhood Arts Programs National Organizing Committee (NAP-NOC) is a national membership organization of neighborhood arts workers who share a conviction that the arts are a powerful tool for community development. For those who agree, the address is: NAPNOC, Box 11440, Baltimore, MD 21239, 301 727-6776.

□ REVITALIZING CITIES is a new 84-page publication by H. Briavel Holcomb and Network Steering Comm. member Robert Beauregard. In addition to an excellent bibliography, it has chapters on geographical aspects of urban revitalization; urban decline and redevelopment; extent and causes of revitalization; commercial redevelopment; residential revitalization; image, sentiment, and the revitalizing city; and social justice and urban revitalization. Available for \$5 from the Amer. Assn. of Geographers, 1710 16th St. NW, Wash. DC 20009.

□ **NEW CUNY CONCENTRATION:** John Mollenkopf is the Director of a new concentration in the study of public policy at the City University of New York, leading to an MA degree in political science. The program is designed for those who aspire to careers in public service, whether in government, or outside of it as analysts and advocates. For details: John Mollenkopf, Political Science Program, City University Graduate Center, 33 West 42nd St., #903, NYC 10036, 212. 790-4275.

□ **LOW-INCOME HOUSING:** Everyone who cares about decent housing for low-income people must stand up and say so, declares the National Low Income Housing Coalition, and it is offering organizations and key public officials a chance to do just that in a sign-on letter to Members of Congress. The NLIHC's targets are 5,000 organizations signed by April's end and another 5,000 by June's end. Groups wishing to sign on (the letter appears below) should write the NLIHC, 215 Eighth St., N.E., Wash. DC 20002. The letter's text:

The undersigned organizations urge Congress to reject the low income housing budget proposals of the Reagan Administration. These proposals amount to a rejection of the longstanding, bipartisan commitment to providing housing assistance to low income people.

This is a time of housing crisis, especially for low income people. New production is at its lowest level in two generations. Rents in the private market are beyond the reach of millions of low income households. An ever-growing number of people are homeless—unable to find any accommodations whatsoever. Almost 20% of all construction workers are unemployed.

Instead of expanding housing assistance to meet the growing needs of low income people as the affordable supply of rental housing dwindles, the Administration proposes massive rescissions and recaptures of already appropriated funds. Moreover, proposed rent increases and arbitrary ceilings on the amount of assistance frustrate the purpose of low income housing programs, both by making subsidized housing unaffordable for millions of low income households and by jeopardizing the continued operations of hundreds of low income housing projects.

In place of these draconian measures, we urge Congress to maintain this nation's commitment to meeting the housing needs of low income people by:

1. Preserving the present stock of assisted housing, in viable condition, without ruinous rent increases.

2. Producing the housing now in the pipeline as rapidly as possible by rejecting any proposed rescissions or deferrals of already appropriated funds, and effectively opposing any arbitrary efforts by the Administration to terminate commitments for low income housing assistance.

3. Supporting production and rehabilitation programs which will benefit lower income people. This includes the present Section 202 housing for the elderly and handicapped, Farmers Home 515 rental housing program, low rent public housing, and other approaches which are compatible with this objective.

4. Maintaining an adequate level of rural housing programs, including rental assistance, home ownership, farm labor housing, self-help housing and the water and sewer programs which are required for development in rural areas.

□ **THE LONG DEFAULT** is the name of a new book on New York's prolonged financial crisis, written by Networker William Tabb (Dept. of Economics, Queens College, Flushing, NY 11367). In the 144-page book, Tabb recounts the

unfolding of the city's crisis, examines its impact on city residents, and explains how the solution imposed on New York is being adopted on a national scale. Finally, he proposes an alternate urban policy that would not punish the poor to benefit the rich. *The Long Default* is available for \$16 plus \$1 for postage from Monthly Review Press, 62 West 14th St., NYC 10011.

□ **LONDON SUMMER SCHOOL** in planning is available from June 7 through June 18 with the Polytechnic of Central London (35 Marylebone Rd., London NW1 5LS). Offered by the oldest planning school in London, this short course is designed to give planners, students, and those involved in community struggles in North America a chance to gain some insight into London's inner-city problems and attempts to tackle them by government, and community and trade union organizations. The course includes a week's core session and week-long options in either housing or employment.

□ **NOTES FROM UNDERGROUND** is an interesting monthly newsletter from the Committee for Better Transit, an independent citizens organization bringing together users and experts to promote and improve public transportation. Recent issues included reports on a new San Francisco transfer that acts as a fare receipt and system pass, on scattered fare hikes and service cuts across the country, and on changes to reduce confusion in bus destination signs. Subscriptions are \$10 for individuals, \$20 for organizations, from the Committee for Better Transit, Box 3106, Long Island City, NY 11103.

□ **FARM AGENDA:** A model agenda for state legislators on farm and agricultural issues has been developed by the Conference on Alternative State and Local Policies (2000 Florida Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20009). The agenda suggests specific legislation based on successful programs already in existence, and concludes that a sound state and local food policy must address assistance to beginning farmers, preservation of agricultural land, marketing of farm products, large scale agriculture and absentee investment, research and extension, soil and water conservation, legal rights of farmers, and agricultural labor.

□ **LOW-INCOME SOLAR:** State and local solar financing programs for low-income users are examined in a new report by Alan Okagaki from the Conference on Alternative State and Local Policies (2000 Florida Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20009). The 38-page report, *State and Local Solar Energy Policy: Meeting Low-Income Needs*, concludes that state and local financing programs hold enormous potential for meeting the needs of the poor. Copies are \$4.95 (\$9.95 for institutions) from the Conference.

□ **NEW SF NONPROFIT:** Independent Housing Services (25 Taylor St., SF 94102, 415, 441-6781) is beginning its second year. We are a nonprofit, multiservice agency providing: direct services to disabled clients, design services to developers, architects and contractors on new projects and rehab work, advocacy on public housing policy and financing programs, educational seminars and workshops to the public. A 102-page workbook on adaptability, accessibility is available for \$5 + \$1 postage. The book includes policy-making activities, housing programs, information on financing and design, and product research. IHS is currently working for the adoption of state HCD adaptability regulations in 1982.

□ **WOMEN PLANNING BIBLIOGRAPHY:** The Council of Planning Librarians has published *Women and Planning: A Bibliography*, which for the first time brings together sources on two distinct facets of women and planning. The first is concerned with planning for and with women, and focuses on valid though often overlooked needs which affect women as urban dwellers. The second deals with women in planning, and focuses on the status of female planners and their perspective in the profession. The bibliography covers the historical period 1840-1965, as well as the contemporary period post-1960. Copies are \$8 (plus \$1 for postage and handling) from the Council of Planning Librarians, 1313 East 60th St., Merriam Center, Chicago, IL 60637.

□ **CED INTERNSHIPS:** Public/Private Ventures of Philadelphia is currently recruiting candidates for its national program of Internships in Community Economic Development. The Internship is a 13-month program for executive directors and senior development staff of community groups involved in housing, real estate, and business development. The goal is capacity building for the groups' staffs, and the program is designed to allow interns to stay at their staff positions with their present groups during the Internship. Neither the intern nor the intern's group will be required to provide a direct financial contribution; some release-time will be required; and Interns must agree to stay with their groups for at least a year after the Internship. Applications are available from P/PV Development Training Institute, 914 W. 36th St., Baltimore, MD 21211.

□ **CED GRADUATE PROGRAM:** New Hampshire College will offer a new program in the fall allowing a specialization in community economic development under its Masters Program in Community Organization and Community Development. The 16-month program, costing \$4,000, is geared to providing both basic skills and technical and managerial competence for people involved in the development process. Classes will meet twice a month. The program is geared to working adults from community-based organizations, unions, local and state government, and to other individuals involved in building and developing their communities. For details contact: Michael Swack, School of Human Services, New Hampshire College, 2500 North River Rd., Manchester, NH 03104.

□ **LAND-USE REFORM** is the topic of a new book by Frank J. Popper from the University of Wisconsin Press (114 North Murray St., Madison, WI 53715). The book, *The Politics of Land Use Reform*, analyzes the land-use reform movement both in itself and in light of the experience of centralized regulations as applied to other fields. Copies are \$7.50, paper; \$20, cloth; from the Press.

□ **MARKET STUDIES MANUAL:** PN members Wim Wiewel and Rob Mier, from the Center for Urban Economic Development at the University of Illinois at Chicago, have recently published a manual on undertaking preliminary retail market studies, with emphasis on low-income and minority neighborhood markets. The manual, *Analyzing Neighborhood Retail Opportunities*, is available for \$10 as PAS Report #358 from APA Publication Division, 1313 E. 60th St., Chicago, IL 60637.

□ **URBAN AFFAIRS JOURNAL:** *The Journal of Urban Affairs* is a multidisciplinary journal devoted to contemporary urban issues and directed to practitioners, policy-

makers, scholars, and students. Manuscripts are welcomed. Subscriptions are \$15 for individuals, \$25 for institutions. *The Journal of Urban Affairs*, Division of Environmental and Urban Systems, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061.

□ **CED DIRECTORY:** The National Congress for Community Economic Development (2025 Eye St. N.W., #901, Wash., DC 20006) has revised and updated an annotated bibliography and resource list on community economic development that was originally prepared by the National Center for Appropriate Technology. The 44-page publication lists printed and organizational resources for business development, job training and creation, physical development, energy development, and housing. Copies are \$10 from NCCED.

□ **BIOREGION NEWS:** *Raise The Stakes* is the tri-annual newsletter of the Planet/Drum Foundation of San Francisco for those interested in developing, analyzing, and communicating the concept of a bioregion, exploring cultural, environmental, and economic forms appropriate to the places in which they live. Articles in the 16-page winter 1982 issue included "Oakland Report: A Voice from Corridor 17," by Rufus Daimant; "Notes and Reflections of an Old New Yorker," by Murray Bookchin; and "The Wisconsin Street Site," by Fred Stout. Subscriptions are \$10 to Planet/Drum Foundation, Box 31251, San Francisco, CA 94131.

□ **WARM AND DRY:** From Errol Hess (CCLS, Box 147, Castlewood, VA 24224) came a story from the Kingsport (TN) *Times-News* on a new housing concept developed by the Federation of Appalachian Housing Enterprises, Inc. of Berea, Ky. The concept is the "warm and dry" house, a down-size version of a 1-4 bedroom house that is super energy-efficient. Sizes range from 528-square feet for one bedroom up to 816 square feet for four bedrooms. Insulation totals nine inches in the side walls, and 10 inches in the attic. Prices range from \$16,000 to \$22,000, excluding lot. The houses' biggest drawback may be their failure to meet minimum living-space standards required by government agencies. That problem aside, "we think these houses have great potential," says Deputy FAHE Director Dave Lollis.

□ **TA TRAINING:** "Student Workshops and Neighborhood Revitalization" is the title of a paper by William Cahill and Barry Checkoway (Dept. Urban Planning, Univ. of Illinois, Urbana, IL 61801, 217/333-7127) in the winter 1981 *Alternative Higher Education*. The paper describes an effort to integrate neighborhood technical assistance and student field training through student workshop with the South Austin Realty Association in Chicago.

□ **CANADIAN PLANNERS:** *Communique* is the name of a periodic newsletter among progressive planners in Canada produced on a shoestring by Andy Melamed, 2149 Mackay St., Montreal H3G 1M8. A recent issue included reports on Quebec housing co-op experiences, and a Montreal citizens movement among renters. Special stories were included *en francais*. When writing for copies or seeking a subscription, please ask for rates; we couldn't see any on the issue we looked over.

□ **ANTI-NUKE WORK:** The Steering Committee at its May 9 meeting will take up the question of how the Network can begin to organize the planning profession against nuclear war. If you have any ideas on specific actions, let us know immediately.

Karl Linn is involved in planning a session at the June 4-6 conference "Social Scientists and Nuclear War," to be held at the CUNY Grad. Ctr. in NYC; the session will be an effort to bring together leaders in the architecture, landscape architecture and planning professions around nuclear war issues. For more information, contact Karl at 324 W. 101 St. NYC, 212/864-5530.

The following response from Morris Zeitlin (5600 Munhall Rd., Pittsburgh 15217, 421/521-1013): In reference to the peace item in #32 of the PN Newsletter. It seems odd, indeed, that we are not doing anything about the danger of nuclear war and go on playing our little fiddles while the insane arsonists in Reagan's Washington are preparing to set the world on fire. It is equally odd that we, with our presumed analytical insights and vocal radicalism, fail to see and boldly state that the rationale behind the mad Reaganite policies, the much trumpeted "Soviet threat," is the very same brazen lie Hitler used to stampede the West's lunatic Right to set off World War II. There are a number of things we should do and waste no time doing them: 1) Join and support the peace coalition now forming in the country; 2) Give support and leadership in local initiatives for the nuclear freeze campaign now sweeping over cities and towns across the country; 3) Give a prominent place in the PN Newsletter to peace activities Networkers may be engaged in. Use it to encourage and coordinate such activities; and 4) Use the PN Newsletter to inform Networkers on election activities to defeat Reaganism in the November elections.

Two more resources: Council for a Livable World, 11 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108, 617/742-9395; and People's Action Campaign for Peace, Box 9685, Marina del Rey, CA 90291.

□ DIXIE ORGANIZERS: Southern Neighborhoods Network, in conjunction with the Center for Community Change and other southern groups, is developing an economic education campaign for community organizers in the South. The campaign has two major areas of emphasis: workshops on analyzing particular elements of the present economic crisis and proposed political solutions; and workshops examining the tax giveaway policies currently pursued by southern states, and alternative means of providing jobs and economic development. We need several types of help from the Networkers: 1) References to popular materials to help organizers and community people understand various economic issues. We would be interested in hearing from others who have developed action-oriented curricula/materials; 2) Names of folks in academia and other institutions in the South who would be willing to lend their expertise, either in workshops or helping groups with research; 3) References to research, action campaigns of unions, community groups, etc. on the tax giveaway/corporate rip-off campaigns. Particularly needed is research data showing activities of southern corporations, mergers, relocations, etc. to link with organizing. Contact: Carter Garber or Marty Collier, 2025 Eye St., N.W. Suite 901, Washington, D.C. 20006, 202/722-0646.

□ UNEMPLOYED IN PHILLY: I am writing because of the compelling situation I face. This is a situation I've never seen mentioned in any Network newsletter, and I am writing to find out if any other Networkers are in the same boat. In June, 1980, I received my Master's in Planning from one of the "top tier" schools. Yet, since that point, I have not been able to get a Planning job. Admittedly, I have limited my search to the Boston-Washington corridor, since my friends and family are in the area. I live hand-to-mouth, doing odd jobs. I wonder if I

will ever get to work as a planner. (I also wonder if I will be able to work in a situation consistent with my progressive ideals, but that may be asking for too much when I don't even have a job.)

Is this my personal problem, or am I merely the tip of the iceberg? If it's the latter, what's going to become of this huge army of people who've dedicated years of their lives and made financial sacrifices to become planners and who now are not able to practice? Above all, I wonder whether employed Planners, even progressive ones, care about us?

I do not feel comfortable revealing my identity at this time, but let me assure you I am bona fide. I hope other Networkers will write in to address this problem, and maybe we can get a dialogue or even a taskforce going. Maybe if I knew there were other people out there in the same boat, I would feel more comfortable in saying who I am. ■

Project Updates

□ ENERGY PROJECT: From Thomas Davis (Dept. of City and Regional Planning, UNC-CH, New East Bldg., O33A, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, 919/962-5204): I am interested in joining or possibly starting an energy project, and would appreciate the names of others already involved in energy issues.

□ STUDENT ORGANIZING: From Priscilla Cobb (103 Pine Hill Dr., Carrboro, NC 27514, 919/929-8692): I have not received much in the way of reports on progressive student planning organizations. I thought for the next Newsletter these three could go in and maybe they will encourage others to write. There may just not be many such organizations.

At UCLA: Planners Network student group. Activities: speaker series, seminar on progressive planning jobs, forum on marxist theory, organization of panel on community organizing in L.A. for local conference. Contact: Ron Wandel; UCLA School of Architecture and Urban Planning, 405 Hilgard Ave., L.A., CA 90024.

At Harvard and Tufts: Planners Network student group. Activities: PN affiliation and familiarization, study groups, projects in research and community organizing (planned). Contact: Edward Feigen, Dept. of Urban and Environmental Policy, Tufts University, Medford, MA 02155.

At UNC at Chapel Hill: Radical Planning Alternatives. Activities: speakers series, co-sponsorship of campus conference on Sunbelt econ. development, group subscriptions to progressive publications (*Southern Exposure*, *Dollars and Sense*, *Southern Neighborhoods*), movies, discussions.

□ CED PROJECT: "What Do PN Members Need To Be Effective in Community Economic Development Efforts?" From Donna Dyer (3409 Hope Valley Rd., Durham, NC 27707): We are now 40 folks and growing! Since I mailed out a progress report, I got two responses from you about the direction this project should take. Therefore, as a good planner should, I'm going to decentralize this project. The group divides this way: California, Chicago area, Northeast (mostly N.J.), and Southeast-D.C. Without further discussion, I'm appointing the following liaisons: California: Larry Sheehy (Box 4585, Fresno, CA 93744); Chicago area: Lynne Cunningham (Greater SW Development, 6249 S Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60636); Northeast: Jennifer Pierson (339 Ridgewood Ave., Glen Ridge, NJ 07028); Southeast-DC: Me.

unless somebody else will do it.

Each contact person needs the following info from you: your specific skills in CED; other resources in your area that may be able to offer training; your specific needs, or the community's needs, for skills training in CED. Please write your contact person today. If you sent a survey form, I have forwarded it to your liaison.

David Stea suggests a first step toward workshop modules is developing a skills bank. Let's make that a goal for the June PN newsletter. Once we know our own skills, then we can try to match needs with skills, as well as begin to look for resources to fill the gaps we identify.

Another goal for June can be in a substantive area. I think one point of extreme need among planners is in financing. So, please concentrate your resource search on financing info. One good beginning would be for somebody from Philadelphia to transcribe the ideas expressed in the March 12 seminar on Financing Worker-Owned Enterprises.

Stay tuned for info or requests from your liaison. Other Networkers are encouraged to write their liaisons as well.

SPEAKERS CATALOGUE: Vincent Leveque has put together a catalogue of Network members available to speak at planning departments, for community groups, etc. The listing has background information, topics, and other information. Write us for a copy. ■

Regional Roundup

TA IN NEW YORK: From Steve Boss (526 W. 112th St., NYC 10025, 212/666-4397): At the March 13th NY Network's working session, six of us signed up as interested in providing t.a. to community groups. We've already received a request for assistance from a group and we are mutually exploring the types of help that we could provide. If anyone is interested in joining us, let me know. If you have a few hours to spend with a community group and have a particular skill to share, please contact me. Any suggestions would be welcome. We'd also like to hear from any NYC area groups interested in our assistance.

ATLANTA MEETING: A regional meeting for all Network members in the Southeast will be held in Atlanta May 22. Bill Goldsmith will be the featured speaker, offering "A Critique of Reagan's Urban Policy." Time will be set aside to discuss Network business, including: local and/or regional chapter formation; a report from the D.C. Network Steering Committee meeting on May 9; plus other topics. A complete schedule and announcement will be sent to members in the following states: Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. For information, contact Nicki L. Belville, 734 Argonne Ave. #3, Atlanta, GA 30308, 404, 874-7886. Yes, this time it really will happen.

N.C. RESEARCH TRIANGLE: From Donna Dyer (3409 Hope Valley Rd., Durham, NC 27707): The Triangle Area Planners Network had a well attended session at the N.C. APA annual conference. About 25 folks showed up to hear a panel titled, "Community Participation through Community Control: 3 Case Studies." I moderated; panelists were Chris Cotant, Rob Addelson, and Nimian Beall. ■

On Our Organization

ROSTER RESPONSES: We wanted to give our readers the opportunity to tell us what they thought of our new organization as outlined in #29, so we asked for comments on the roster forms in #32. Here are some of the comments we received.

"I've never been too enthusiastic," Takuya Nakamoto of Chapel Hill wrote, "about the idea of a national organization, given the status of local/regional Planner's Network groups. In my experience, the local chapters are not well developed. The danger is that Planner's Network is establishing itself as a "national" organization with extremely thin roots at the ground level. In other words, I think that it could become, perpetually, a "paper" organization. I would rather that Planner's Network remain solely a means of communication between regions and that the primary effort of Planner's Network chapters be devoted to local issues and local organizing. Without a stronger base, I don't see how Planner's Network can assert itself nationally. It is just too easy to deceive ourselves about the efficiency of what we do. It is nice and exciting to feel that a large number of planners share our own sympathies, but our numbers are really small when put in comparison, to, say, APA. (APA, while larger, is also ineffective on its own terms!) I think that the only way in which progressive planners will have any effect outside of our own group, is through concrete work with other local groups. This will likely lead to long-term political alliances and perhaps later to effective power. Finally, I doubt that "planners" are a reasonable category of people for political organizing. Broader categories of public employees would appear to make more sense."

Andree Tremoulet of Roanoke wrote: "I feel that the strength of the national organization should be derived from the strength of local chapters; during this early organizational stage it is important to stress local chapter formation in areas where there are enough Planner's Network people. I also feel that it is important to do some simple, visible and enjoyable projects that have a direct relationship to planning practice (as opposed to research) early on; perhaps these are the types of projects local chapters may choose to develop. This strategy would help build momentum behind the organization at the local practitioner level."

"I hope it can result in effective community organizing, carried out around clear analysis of issues. The issues we as planners are concerned with are basic survival issues; it should be possible to present them in a way that makes people realize their importance as political issues," wrote Thomas Gottheimer of Lansing, MI.

"Sounds good. Keep up the good work!" John Ingram Gilderbloom of Santa Barbara.

"As an Executive Committee member, NCAPA (particularly since all funds come through me!)" wrote Spurgeon Cameron of Raleigh. "I have suggested to UNC's Minority Planning Students Association and the Triangle Planners Network (to which I belong) how they can become more involved in allied organizational affairs without losing our respective identity. Hopefully, results will flow from "Thoughts on our local chapter," putting on a workshop at the Spring meeting. Network is a necessary tool of continued professional growth and development. Organizational reaction are immaterial to me, but let's not succumb to the general malaise found among many soldiers. Oppression, arbitrary decision

making, etc. are rampant. A sane society, and ultimately a world, demand our continuance."

"Worth a try. Old measures which haven't fulfilled their promise need revision or scrapping. This one seems to be energizing many concerned people." Stanley Winters, Newark.

"Given the mood of the country, and the planning profession as well," wrote Daniel Lauber of Evanston, IL. "I just hope that Planners Network does not become solely a sounding board for theorists—the planning field desperately needs progressive leadership and I hope Planners Network will help provide it."

"I am against changing the name of the organization," wrote E. Barbara Phillips of Berkeley. "I am against any policy which will lead to divisiveness (further divisiveness) on 'the left' which, in my view, needs a few concrete successes at this moment in history more than it needs ideological purity. 1981 is not an auspicious time to be presenting ourselves as radicals, a rather discredited currency. I see no strategic or tactical gains and heavy potential losses in this stance."

Jeff Unsicker of Stanford wrote, "The projects seem important, but they also appear to be overlapping and overstretched for a network as young as the Planners Network. The above said, I'd be interested in seeing a work group linking (perhaps first comparing) radical/progressive planning in the U.S. and in other nations. An emphasis might be on critiquing U.S. foreign policy relevant to Third World development and constructing alternative policies."

"Now that I'm on the West Coast," wrote Nathan Landau of Oakland. "I understand how important local and regional structures are, and hope they can be rapidly developed. It also seems urgent to me to get our ideas, in forms (from the most scholarly to the most popularized (bumper sticker slogans!) into not only the progressive media, but the straight media and the world beyond. And let's be genuinely democratic not democratic centralist. I'm glad this organization is around."

"I agree with it." Dennis Keating, Oakland.

"The Network should strike a balance," Nabil Kassatly of New York wrote. "less of a technocratic guild association—less centralism from top down—more involvement at the local level (grassroots, community-labor progressive coalitions, minorities, women)—more educational and informative role at the national level—no rear guardism behind liberal-demagogic politicians—backing intelligently progressive alternatives from the bottom up (not the other way around). Also we should be pluralistic—encouraging debates within a larger public for progressive alternatives and initiatives."

Vivian Kahn, Seattle: "Statement of Principles is long overdue and definitely to the point. Should provide the focus we've been needing to help planners et al. decide if they're interested in the Network. Vital importance of retaining a public planning function, at a time when public agencies seem all too willing to shift this responsibility to the private sector as a way to save money, should also help to attract new network support."

"I think it's great that we're getting organized. I'd like to get active in the environmental group." Susan Jones, Winchester, Massachusetts.

"It's been exciting to see the ideas we have had for six years begin to take organizational shape," wrote Jerry Horovitz of San Francisco. "The principles, purpose and structure statement in #29 provides a broad enough base from which to build support. The challenge to the organization is to hone down these easy to agree with generalities into more controversial positions and activities which will more clearly define where we stand and how effective we can be. Our role must be to

present innovative approaches to planning problems, to propose 'visionary' solutions which incorporate our ideology and present alternatives that transcend the beaten path of mainstream planning."

"I know the declaring of an organization was a risky step," Steven Herzberg of Cambridge, MA. wrote. "but an important and timely one. If anything is going to change in this country, we cannot keep hiding behind the fragmentation and chaos the left has a tendency to cultivate. This, at least, makes a beginning in the right direction."

"Wow, what a group!" William Goldsmith, Ithaca.

"Great—should bill for dues, though, and suggest amount." John Bergan, Boston.

"I strongly support the new organization, but think we should call ourselves social-democrats or socialists," wrote Norman Fainstein of New York. "It is time to legitimize a left alternative in the U.S. The right knows what 'progressive' means. It is the center which must be pushed left, and 'progressive' is not far enough."

Rob Burlage, New York: "Vital and timely is the solidification of the newsletter, dues support, shared interest project groupings, and national meetings. We become an organization, appropriately predominantly of professionally tracked people, as we make real projects and local groups of the Network happen. We become a political organization as we make real local unions, predominantly of planners and activist professionals, and as we seek direction explicitly as part of rank and file labor, working class, and working community coalition and party-building, locally and nationally. The merger with practitioner groups, such as the health planners caucus, and cooperation with activist national labor-community coalitions, such as Consumer Coalition for Health, and centers/projects, such as Health-PAC, help mutually strengthen convergent political base and mission."

"I like getting the newsletter—not particularly in need of an organization, per se." Bethe Hagens, Park Forest South, IL. ■

Upcoming Conferences

□ PROGRESSIVE FUTURE: The Planners Network Upstate New York is organizing a regional conference June 25-27 at Cornell University in Ithaca on the theme, "After Reagan—What? Strategies and Programs for a Progressive Future." Contact Paula Ford, 307 Hudson Ave., Albany, NY 12210, 518. 474-5246.

□ CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT: The 1982 National Conference on Citizen Involvement, sponsored by Volunteer: The National Center for Citizen Involvement, will be held June 6-10 at Yale University in New Haven. Scheduled speakers include Marlene Wilson, Henry Grunwald, Karl Hess, Robert Woodson, and C. William Verity. Topics include volunteers, fund raising, managing nonprofits, and others. For registration form and fee information: Kris Rees, Volunteer, 1111 N. 19th St., #500, Arlington, VA 22209, 703 276-0542.

□ SINGLE AUDIT: Accountants for the Public Interest—New Jersey will sponsor a one-day conference May 12 on the single audit, a concept that would eliminate the current practice of multiple audits in an agency which receives funds from several federal agencies, or under several federally assisted programs. The conference will be held at Hickman Hall, Douglass College, New Brunswick, NJ. Contact: Kathy Hall, Rutgers University, Conklin Hall #145, 175 University Ave., Newark, NJ 07102, 201 624-7446.

□ **WOMEN'S STUDIES:** The Simone de Beauvoir Institute will hold an international conference on research and teaching related to women on July 26-August 4 at Concordia University in Montreal. Topics include research and teaching related to women, resources and networking, and research and social action. Contact: National Women's Studies Association, Special Committee-Montreal, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742, 301 454-3757.

□ **URBAN AMERICA:** The University of Cincinnati School of Planning will host a Symposium of Social Change April 28-29 on "The Changing Face of Urban America." Speakers include Manuel Castells of Berkeley and Janet Abu-Lughod of Northwestern. Topics include population movements, federal economic policies, urban revitalization and disinvestment, and urban impacts of regionalism and federalism. The conference fee is \$5 for students, \$40 for faculty. Contact: Prof. Charles E. Ellison, Mail Location #16, Univ. of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH 45221, 513/475-4943.

□ **PLANNING FOR WOMEN:** "Planning for Women and the Changing Household" is the title of a one-day conference April 24 at the School of Architecture and Urban Planning, UCLA. The conference is free and childcare is available. Speakers include Judy Chu, Jan Peterson, Yolanda Moses, and Carol A. Brown. Topics include "Special Needs of Non-Traditional Households," "Neighborhood Women Putting It Together," and "Alternative Approaches to Housing Design." The conference is cosponsored by the UCLA Women's Studies Program, the School of Architecture and Urban Planning, and the Fine Arts Council.

□ **DEVELOPING COUNTRIES:** The MIT Laboratory of Architecture and Planning, in collaboration with the Development Planning Unit, University College, London, is presenting a two-week seminar-workshop at MIT August 2-13 on "Design and Housing in Developing Countries: Professional Practice and Alternative Roles of Users and Institutions." Seminar topics include economic factors, physical alternatives, social impacts, and alternative views of users, professionals, and government. The workshop will focus on design and lab work. Participants can attend either, or both, weeks. For further information: Laboratory of Architecture and Planning, MIT Room 4-209, 77 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, MA 02139, 617/253-1350.

□ **URBAN REVITALIZATION:** Enterprise Zones and Beyond" is a half-day conference being held Saturday, April 24, 1-5 pm, at Hayes Hall, 3435 Main St., SUNY-Buffalo. A pro-con debate on enterprise zones will feature a representative of Cong. Jack Kemp's office vs. Network Steering Committee member Bill Goldsmith. Ed Humberger, also a Network member, will present a model state development bill he is working on with Rob Mier. No registration fee. Cosponsored by the Upstate NY Planners Network and the Dept. of Environmental Design & Planning, SUNY-Buffalo. Further information from Bob Kraushaar at SUNY-Buffalo's Dept. of Env. Design & Planning. ■

Ex Conferences

□ **ACTION FOR LIFE:** A California version of the highly acclaimed Action for Life Conference was held April 16-19 in the San Francisco area. The event was designed to train and mobilize concerned individuals to promote animal rights, vegetarian, and other life-enhancing objectives. Further information from M. Marks, Action for Life, Box 5888, Bethesda, MD 20814.

□ **ENTERPRISE ZONES:** The National Association of Neighborhoods presented a conference March 16-17 in Washington on Enterprise Zones: Making Them Work. Workshop topics included venture capital, neighborhood benefits, zone management, model legislation and neighborhood development success models. Further information from the National Association of Neighborhoods, 1651 Fuller St. N.W., Wash., DC 20009.

□ **COMMUNITY ENERGY:** The Duluth Energy Resource Center sponsored a conference March 26-27 on Duluth's Energy Future: Shaping the Vision. The conference involved the active participation of people concerned for and committed to a healthier economic and social climate in Duluth. In addition to sharing ideas on preferred futures, the conference identified realistic strategies for changing the city's energy direction. Speakers included David Morris, Algernon Johnson, Ron Lippitt, and Carlotta Collette. Further information from the Energy Resource Center, Duluth Public Library, 520 W. Superior St., Duluth, MN 55802. ■

Conference Report

□ **WESTERN PERSPECTIVES:** During March 26-28 the first regional conference for academic and professional planners in the Western region (broadly defined to include Hawaii and Texas) was held on the campus of Arizona State University. The conference brought together about 160 participants, ranging from local planners in Arizona to community organizers and activists, and academic planners in almost every state in the western region.

Manuel Castells, in delivering his keynote speech on "Managing the New Historical Relationships between Space and Society," argued that our present system is an epoch of crisis—not only economically, but culturally and politically as well. He said that social perception of crisis often takes the form of collective feelings about the deterioration of the quality of life. One of the fundamental processes at work in the current world crisis is the formation of a new relationship between space and society, he said. Castells emphasized that we need, therefore, to control the development of a new history, based on the creative expression of a diversity of social actors, and on the dynamic management of the conflicts arising in the process.

Other issues were debated also. One such issue was Reagan's New Federalism. Alan Rabinowitz, James Kushner, Jennifer Wolch, and Daniel Cohen argued that Reagan's economic programs will entrench already existing patterns of poverty in the nation's large cities and will establish permanent patterns of racial and economic segregation. Jennifer Wolch further argued that the need for private donations to fund public programs once budget cuts take effect would reinforce more fragmentation of metropolitan areas along racial, cultural and economic lines.

Etcetera

The political economy of Migration and Western Regional Development was discussed by Ann Markusen, Dudley Burton and others. In addition, other discussions included energy development, grassroots planning, and resource development in the West.

The final day of the conference examined Native American issues at one of the many existing Indian reservations in Arizona. The Fort McDowell Indian Reservation gained national attention when the native Indians on the reservation were fighting for their rights to keep their own destiny and rich culture against the proposed location of Orme Dam. They argued that Orme Dam, if constructed as proposed, would flood the entire reservation, thereby forcing the scattering of the natives to other areas in Arizona. Local activists, along with local residents, presented us with their frustration experienced with biased local press coverage, and insensitivity of elected politicians throughout the entire process. In addition, David Stea and Dan Aiello discussed appropriate housing design concepts for Native American communities.

It is planned to continue a similar type of conference next year, possibly in New Mexico.

For further information, please contact Joochul Kim at the Department of Planning, College of Architecture, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287, 602/965-5898. ■

Jobs

□ MIT URBAN STUDIES: Four Assistant Professorships in the following areas are available for the Fall of 1982—Environmental Policy and Science, Real Estate Development and Finance, Public Management, and Neighborhood Community Development. All are tenure-track positions and require a Ph.D. in related field. Send description of availability and resume to: Professor Lawrence Susskind, Head, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, Room 7-344, M.I.T., Cambridge, MA 02139.

□ VA TECH URBAN STUDIES: Assistant or Associate Professorship in undergraduate courses in the process and pattern of contemporary urbanization is available from Virginia Tech. The position is a full-time, tenure-track appointment for two years beginning September, 1982. A Ph.D. in urban studies or related social science is required. Applications and names of three references should be sent to: Leonard J. Simutis, Assistant Dean and Chairman, Environmental and Urban Studies, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA 24061.

□ STAFF DIRECTOR: Santa Ana Neighborhood Organizations (S.A.N.O.) is a coalition of several organizations of low-income neighborhoods in Santa Ana, CA, a multi-racial, predominantly Hispanic city of 200,000 plus. It is seeking a staff director whose general duties would include training neighbors and staff, formulating strategies for neighborhood issues, coordinating neighborhood activities, supervising staff, assisting in planning, and coordinating fund-raising activities. The position requires experience in Alinsky-style organizing and fluency in Spanish is preferred. Salary \$18,000 per year. Send resume to S.A.N.O., P.O. Box 12065, Santa Ana, CA 92712. For further information, call 714 547-9168. ■

□ GRATEFUL THANKS: Our heartfelt thanks go to Mara Heiman for her cheerfully volunteered time and effort in assembling project interests from roster forms and in helping to prepare key sections of this newsletter for the printer. Belated thanks (and awe) to Judy Kossy and Joel Friedman for laying out last issue's Roster. We do rely heavily on volunteers to help us stretch those dollars you send in, and the response of PN members in the Washington area has been gratifying. Even so, we still have some administrative-type tasks that need the attention of careful, patient volunteers—especially during the day. If you might be available to help out, whether only once or on some regular basis, please let us know. Contact Prentice Bowsher, 265-8522.

□ 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 ones. Names (like luggage) sometimes are identical, 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 out and send both old and new addresses.


□ TALK UP PN: Let people know about the Planners Network. Probably the best means of outreach we have in bringing people into the Network who ought to be there is when you yourselves inform and recruit people you work with and meet. We have a good two-page introductory sheet (write us for a copy or copies), and you can show back newsletters to people. Or just sit down and make a list of people you think ought to be in the Network and we'll send them the information sheet.

□ NEXT DEADLINE: The deadline for receiving materials for the next issue will be Monday, June 14 (Flag Day). It sure helps if your notes are typed.

□ CORRECTION: Our apologies to ACORN for garbling its address in the last issue. The correct address is: ACORN, 1638 R St. N.W., Wash., DC 20009.

□ LOST SOULS: We appreciate the time many of you take with each issue to look through this list of lost souls. The updated addresses (with zip codes, old and new) we get from you, or the messages you give them to get back in touch with us, are much appreciated. Following are the returns for #32, February 17, 1982.

Christina Platt, Boston
 Betty Hepner, Cambridge
 Steven Coe, NYC
 Lester Wooten, Albany
 Andrew McClurg, Ithaca
 Raymond Barnes, Baltimore
 Jennifer Bass, Carrboro, NC
 Howard Glassman, Tallahassee
 Michael J. Kortendick, Ames, IA
 Ruth Murphy, Minneapolis
 Mike Moore, San Diego
 Rand Clark, Santa Barbara
 Terry Parker, Los Angeles
 Jeremy Graves, Santa Barbara
 Sandy Sanderup, Oakland
 Marilyn Neufville, Oakland
 Richard Register, Berkeley
 Ann Wheelock, Boston
 Jerome Rubin, Somerville
 Karla M. Sykes, Brooklyn
 Frances Viggiani, Alfred Sta., NY
 Thomas R. Madeira, Philadelphia
 Jeffrey Welch, Blacksburg, VA
 John Hancock, Gaylord, MI
 Ellen C. Casey, Green Bay
 Pat Serendipity Sheen, Little Rock
 Louise Baker, Redlands, CA
 Meredith Meek, Santa Barbara
 Laura Chase, Los Angeles
 Carl Ruskin, San Francisco
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 Kathy Blaha, Chapel Hill, NC



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