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MONEY FIRST: The lead item in this issue has to be MONEY. We're coming close to the edge bucks-wise. Issue #38 was bigger than usual; we've had to get layout done professionally the past few issues, due to lack of volunteer aid; and typesetting, printing and mailing costs just keep rising. We don't often plead financial difficulties, and when we do, we mean it. If you haven't sent money in lately, please do so right away. If you have done so recently, try to send a bit more. Remember: There's no source of support for this whole venture other than what you folks send in; and lots of volunteer labor goes into doing this all.

MINI-FINANCIAL REPORT: Since the last issue, we've received 55 contributions, totalling \$1,033. We've got less than \$1,000 in our account at this moment, enough to get out this issue only.

PROMOTE PN: Some of you, when writing articles of various types, include in your biosketch something like: "... is also a member of the Planners Network (1901 Que St. NW, Wash. DC 20009), a national organization of progressive urban and rural planners." You'd be surprised how helpful that

is in getting word around of our existence; we get lots of inquiries and membership requests as a result of such items. Try to include something like this wherever possible when you publish.

STEERING COMMITTEE: We're happy to announce that Joochul Kim of the Arizona St. Univ. Urban Planning Dept. has just joined the PN Steering Comm.

Passing the Word

URBAN REPORT: *Urban Conservation Report* is a twice-monthly newsletter on rehabilitation, reinvestment, and neighborhood preservation. A recent issue ran six pages, and included items on syndicating a middle-income co-op, the jobs bill in Congress, and a Cincinnati neighborhood's opposition to becoming a historic district. Subscriptions are \$85 prepaid, (\$98 billed), from Preservation Reports, Inc., 1620 Eye St. N.W. #508, Wash. DC 20006.

The Planners Network

The Planners Network is an association of professionals, activists, academics, and students involved in physical, social, economic, and environmental planning in urban and rural areas, who promote fundamental change in our political and economic system.

We believe that planning should be a tool for allocating resources and developing the environment to eliminate the great inequalities of wealth and power in our society, rather than to maintain and justify the status quo. We believe that planning should be used to assure adequate food, clothing, shelter, medical care, jobs, safe working conditions, and a healthful environment. We advocate public responsibility for meeting these needs, because the private market has proven incapable of doing so.

We oppose the economic structure of our society, which values profit and property rights over human rights and needs. This system perpetuates the inequalities of class, race, sex and age which distort human relationships and limit the potential for a decent quality of life. We advocate a shift in current national budgetary priorities to favor human services, social production and environmental protection over military and other nonproductive expenditures.

We seek to be an effective political and social force, working with other progressive organizations to inform public opinion and public policy and to provide assistance to those seeking to understand, control, and change the forces which affect their lives.

The Planners Network Newsletter is published six times a year as the principal means of communication among Net-

work members. 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.

Members of the Steering Committee: Chester Hartman, DC, Chair; Emily Achtenberg, Boston; Eve Bach, Berkeley; Bob Beauregard, New Brunswick, NJ; Pierre Clavel, Ithaca (sitting in for Bill Goldsmith, on leave in Brazil); Donna Dyer, Durham, NC; Charles Hoch, Chicago; Joochul Kim, Tempe; Judy Kossy, DC; Jacqueline Leavitt, NYC; Jackie Pope, NYC; Alan Rabinowitz, Seattle; Pat Wilson Salinas, Austin.
Newsletter Editor: Prentice Bowsher.

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□ **CO-OP BANK GUIDE: *NCCB Eligibility: How Co-ops and Community Organizations Can Use the Co-op Bank*** is a 56-page manual on borrowing from the National Consumer Cooperative Bank. The report, from the Conference on Alternative State and Local Policies, provides guidance on applying for funds as well as policy analysis of the Bank's present loan efforts, with suggestions for developing a clearer and more coherent loan policy. Copies are \$4.95 (\$9.95 for institutions) plus 10 percent postage from: Conference Publications, 2000 Florida Ave. N.W. #408, Wash. DC 20009.

□ **DEVELOPMENT IN SOHO:** The Soho Alliance is a coalition of six New York groups fighting plans for two large residential developments which the Alliance says would compromise the historic nature of the lower Manhattan neighborhood's cast iron architecture. For details and membership: The Soho Alliance, 22 Wooster St., New York, NY 10013, 212/903-4302.

□ **BUILDINGBLOCKS** is a quarterly newsletter from the National Center for Urban Ethnic Affairs, 1523 O St. N.W., Wash. DC 20005, which reports on the Center's advocacy for the ignored and neglected populations of older, industrial cities in America. Subscriptions are \$10. A recent issue included reports on organizing in Kansas City's Westport community and on an NCUEA unemployment self-help and support group project.

□ **SMOKE DETECTORS: *To Save a Life*** is a report from the Massachusetts Tenants Organization and the Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group that proposes uniform, state-wide requirements for smoke detectors in residential rental buildings and units. A survey for the report of 500 renters from 12 cities and towns and interviews with officials from 40 fire departments across the state turned up a poorly enforced patchwork of state and local requirements that leaves many tenants unprotected. Copies are \$3.50 from MASSPIRG, 37 Temple Pl., Boston, MA 02111.

□ **CHEMICAL WASTE CONTROL:** The Toronto Public Health Department has published a 60-page illustrated guide, *Our Chemical Society: A Manual for Action*, on grassroots participation in controlling the use and disposal of toxic chemicals. Copies are \$4 (payable to Toronto City Treasurer), from: Health Promotion and Advocacy Section, Department of Public Health, 7th Floor East Tower, City Hall, Toronto, Ont. M5H 2N2.

□ **WORKPLACE SAFETY:** The Western Institute for Occupational and Environmental Sciences Inc. (2520 Milvia St., Berkeley, CA 94704) has a series of pamphlets, factsheets, slide-tape presentations, and audio-cassettes on workplace health and safety. Special emphasis appears to be on asbestos, PCBs, and fiberglass. A publications list is free.

□ **ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT:** From Frank Lee, Architect (1251 Knox Ct., Baltimore, MD 21230, 301 547-0111): I am researching and developing ideas to carry out a progressive residential development project in Baltimore County. I see it as a transitional model for family community, an alternative to suburban tract developments. I intend to have the project underway within the next three years. The major features include a 10-20-acre parcel, with most construction on 1-2 acres; 10-15 attached, superinsulated, compact 2-3-bedroom dwellings; a commons building; managed woodlot; parcel gardens; and a fruit orchard. I need information and

professional resources, including models of similar communities elsewhere, and potential pre-sale customers. All who write me will receive further information: I'll maintain a mailing list.

□ **PLANT CLOSINGS: *Plant Modernization and Community Economic Stability*** is a July 1982 University of Oregon conference summary addressing three major topics: plant modernization and its relation to mill closures in the forest products industry, the economic and social consequences of mill closures, and public policies and programs to deal with the problem. Conference participants were from the wood products industry, labor, finance, government, and academia. Copies are \$7, from: Bureau of Governmental Research and Service, Box 3177, Eugene, OR 97403.

□ **WOMEN'S BUDGET ISSUES:** The Coalition on Women and the Budget has prepared an 82-page report, *Inequality of Sacrifice: The Impact of the Reagan Budget on Women*, which concluded that continuing cuts are "devastating . . . diminishing the opportunity for women and threatening the stability and health of their families." For copies (inquire about price): The National Women's Law Center, 1751 N St. N.W., Wash. DC 20036, 202/872-0670. A companion grassroots manual is available from Wider Opportunities for Women, 1325 G St. N.W., Wash. DC 20005, 202/638-3143.

□ **SOVIET TOUR:** A two week professional research tour of the Soviet Union for architects, planners, and architectural historians will take place June 13-27. The tour is being organized by Friendship Travel in New York through the cooperation of the Union of Architects of the Soviet Union. The approximate cost of \$1,750 includes hotels (double occupancy), meals, and all travel, including round trip to and from New York. The tour will include Moscow, Leningrad, and Tashkent, a cotton/textile center in the southeast. Morning meetings with design and planning agencies will be followed by afternoon visits to historic buildings, the early revolutionary experiments of the 1920s, and contemporary construction. The tour will be led by Networker Tony Schuman, an architect teaching at the School of Architecture, N.J.I.T. For further information, write him at 56 W. 22nd Street, New York, NY 10010.

□ **SYNDICATION STRATEGIES for Community-Based Development Organizations** is a 184-page book from the National Congress for Community Economic Development (2025 Eye St. N.W. #901, Wash. DC 20006) that provides "state-of-the-art" information on how to utilize syndication techniques for promoting community development and economic development objectives. Copies are \$10 from NCCED; bulk rates are available.

□ **ALCOHOL TAXES:** The Center for Science in the Public Interest (1755 S St. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202/332-9110) has organized the National Alcohol Tax Coalition to push for an increase in the federal excise tax on alcohol to help fund public alcohol prevention and rehabilitation programs. Membership currently stands at 70 organizations, and is growing. For a factsheet and further details, contact the Center.

□ **RURAL DEVELOPMENT:** From PN Member Maria Varela (Box 7505, Albuquerque, NM 87194): I am a rural community organizer and developer working in northern New Mexico, and will be teaching a short course titled "Dissent on Rural Development" this fall at the University of New Mexico's School of Planning. I am looking for references,

APA Elections: What Is the Role of Racism?

(In PN #38, Networkers Daniel Lauber (200 South Blvd. #1-B, Evanston, IL 60602) and William Toner (2306 McDonald, Flossmoor, IL 60422) provided a perspective on the board elections for the American Planning Assn. Here PN member William M. Harris (UVa School of Architecture, Campbell Hall, Charlottesville, VA 22903) provides an alternative perspective, and Lauber and Toner reply. Note: Both letters have been edited for length.)

'This Racist Practice'

Some years ago, my first note to PN warned of the racist nature of its posture. It's necessary to again raise that issue. This comment was written *prior* to final APA election results.

Currently, no African Americans sit on the APA Board. Two blacks were nominated to at-large positions. It has been a practice for several years for whites to petition white candidates to run opposite nominated African Americans, following announcement of the nominating committee selections. White-controlled media are then exploited to rally support for the white candidates. Interestingly, white women have joined this racist practice once dominated by men.

In #38 PN, Daniel Lauber and William Toner encourage support for two white at-large candidates. Significantly, no effort was made to contact either African American PN member running for an at-large APA Board position. Both the intent and effort were calculated to diminish the voice and contribution of the least represented planning community in the APA membership.

Racism is both holding a prejudice and possessing the means for its implementation. In the finest display of this reality, PN exploited issue #38 to fulfill these criteria. PN is in step with the times, without innovation. It stinks!

- William M. Harris

'Progressives of Any Race'

We aren't quite sure on what information Mr. Harris bases his conclusions: but whatever it is, it certainly isn't accurate. No one even knows the race of the candidates on

the ballot. We still don't know who the other African American was in the 1983 APA election.

The process that has been followed is to wait for the position statements of the nominated candidates to appear in *APA News*, and then to ask progressive candidates to run against the nominated candidates out of APA's conservative establishment. There was nothing in the position statements of any of the nominated candidates for the at-large positions (both APA and AICP (American Institute of Certified Planners)) to suggest that any of them were African Americans or members of PN. All of them, including Mr. Harris, sounded like the usual conservatives that the in-bred Nominating Committee selects. (Mr. Harris was a member of that committee for the previous election.)

Consequently, we supported Earl Finkler, Edith Netter, Dudley Onderdonk, and Karen Smith—who all won. We also supported Bob Leary, who lost the race for President by about 125 votes to petition candidate Bruce McClendon, and Professor Paul Marr, who lost to Carol Thomas.

It's what is in someone's head, not their sex or race that determines whom we support. It's a person's ideas that qualify him/her for the APA Board, not physical characteristics.

We are always on the lookout for progressives, of any race or sex, to run for the APA Board of Directors. We'll continue to support those candidates with whom we agree on the matters which the APA board addresses. And we would be most happy to hear from progressives who are interested in running for the board.

- Daniel Lauber, William Toner

(From PN Chair Chester Hartman: *The Planners Network does not take, and never has taken, any position on, or role in, the APA elections, or any other APA activities. We regard ourselves not as competitive with them but as serving a very different function for a different group of people. Likely no more than 10% of PN members also belong to APA (and the figure may be considerably lower than that). PN members who are active in APA have raised in the past, and will continue to raise, APA-related issues in the Newsletter, which all are free to respond to (or ignore) as they see fit.*)

audio-visual aids, manuscripts, papers, theses, etc. that treat critiques of Western development concepts and practices by North American and Third World development planners, economists. We are particularly interested in international and domestic case studies on the impact of traditional development in rural countries and communities vis-a-vis loss of land, rise of poverty indices and disruption of self-reliant economies and cultures.

□ **DEVELOPMENT IDEAS SOUGHT:** From Networker Russel Feldman (M. Russel Feldman & Associates, 139 Sumner St., Newton, MA 02159, 617 332-4800): One of my current contracts is with the Town of Whitman, Mass. Whitman (population 13,000) has lost 1,000 jobs over the last several years as a result of the region's declining textile and shoe manufacturing sectors. My associates and I have been brought on board to administer a state grant, and to provide design services for the rehabilitation of a 200,000-square foot mill building, presently owned by the Town's local development

agency, for incubator industrial space. The Town accepted the vacant colossus for \$1; when it is fully occupied, the LDA will gain about \$150,000 net revenue to further its economic development efforts.

What can we do with the money? Right now we are exploring using it as seed money on other projects, setting up day care and employee training programs within the complex or nearby, interest wriotedowns for tenants' business expansion needs, and a number of business services such as bookkeeping, financial planning and computer access. I would very much welcome any information the Network can provide on approaches taken across the country, names of people to contact who have done it, examples of successes or failures, etc.

□ **PUBLICIZING JOBS:** From Networker Martin Pressman (110 Cherry St. #7, Lafayette, LA 70506): I'd like to see the Jobs section expanded. It is important for Network people to advertise job openings (and to hire other PN members). This is important because there are few jobs available, particularly in

the Northeast, and because not all Networker members belong to the APA, which does have jobs.

Conference Board, 845 Third Ave., New York, NY 10022, 212 759-0900.

□ **ANIMAL RIGHTS:** *Agenda* is a bimonthly newsmagazine from the Animal Rights Network, Box 5234, Westport, CT 06881, covering the rapidly growing animal rights liberation movement. Subscriptions are \$15; sample issues \$2.

□ **DULUTH-AREA CDC:** People's Community Enterprises is a nonprofit community development corporation serving the residents of south St. Louis County near Duluth. It operates a business assistance program, offering technical assistance to new and existing businesses. Venture capital and a revolving loan program are also available for low- and moderate-income entrepreneurs. Details: People's Community Enterprises, 215 N. Third Ave. W., Duluth, MN 55802, 218 727-6690.

□ **PROGRESSIVE PERIODICALS:** Progressive Education (Box 120574, Nashville, TN 37212) has published 1983 editions of its progressive periodicals directories. *The U.S. Progressive Periodicals Directory* and *The Southern Progressive Periodicals Directory* together list more than 500 magazines, newspapers, and newsletters concerned with social justice and a better Earth. The U.S. directory is \$4; the southern edition, \$2; together, they are \$5.

□ **FEMA CRISIS PLANS:** A Berkeley architect-planner, Ken E. Norwood (1642 Arch St., Berkeley, CA 94709) has proposed a draft resolution for the April APA conference in Seattle urging that the American Planning Assn. reject the Federal Emergency Management Agency's crisis relocation planning programs, and prepare, instead, appropriate publications on the planning, environmental, social, and economic implications of nuclear-attack civilian defense programs.

□ **NEW MEDIA GUIDES:** The Media Network (208 W. 13th St., New York, NY 10011, 212 620-0877) is developing guides to media on reproductive rights, organizing in Third World communities, and Central America and U.S. involvement there. Persons knowing of appropriate films, videotapes, or slideshows in any of these areas should contact the Media Network. You also might ask about other media guides they have developed, and about developing a guide in your area of interest.

□ **BURLINGTON UPDATE:** In March, Bernie Sanders was reelected Mayor of Burlington, Vermont. In the waning days of the campaign the Republican challenger's advertisements charged, "Mayor Sanders is an avowed Socialist. Socialist principles have not worked anywhere in the world . . . they won't in Burlington either!" Election returns showed Sanders (Independent) 52%, Stephany (Democrat) 31%, and Gilson (Republican) 17%. Sanders carried every ward but one. Critics claim this success was due to Sanders' pre-election day debate before the Chamber of Commerce in which he promised not to nationalize major downtown businesses. For a paper entitled, "The Sanderistas: A Progressive Perspective on Planning in Burlington, Vermont," contact Bryan Higgins, Department of Geography, State University of New York, Plattsburgh, NY 12901, 518, 564-2105.

□ **INTERNATIONAL POLICY:** The World Policy Institute (777 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017) has a new, 24-page publications list of its books, reports, and audiovisual materials on global topics from world security to human rights. Also included are curriculum guides on disarmament, hunger, and building global community.

□ **POLITICAL GUIDES:** Editorial Research Service (Box 1831, Kansas City, MO 64141) has prepared a series of guides on contemporary political movements. Among them are *Directory of the American Right* (\$12.95); *Bibliography on the American Right* (\$9.95); *Directory of the American Left* (\$12.95); and *Bibliography on the American Left* (\$9.95). A publications list with other listings is available also.

□ **HEALTH CARE CRITIQUE:** *The Second Sickness: Contradictions of Capitalist Health Care* is a critical analysis of the American health system by PN Member Howard Waitzkin (300 W. Romneya Dr., Anaheim, CA 92801), who is both a sociologist and a physician. The book develops a comprehensive theory of illness, health care, and social structure; presents empirical studies of medicine and society; and evaluates policy issues and directions of needed change. Publisher is The Free Press.

□ **N.C. APA CANDIDATE:** Networker Spurgeon Cameron (214 Avon Dr., Raleigh, N.C. 27608) is a petition candidate for the Treasurer's position of the North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association. He has been a member of NCAPA for more than 10 years, and previously had served as Treasurer.

□ **CHRISTIANS FOR SOCIALISM** (3540 14th St., Detroit, MI 48208) is a national, ecumenical organization of political Christians concerned with alternative political commitment. The group has eight local chapters and a growing national membership. A publications list is available.

□ **ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING:** The Council on the Environment of New York City (51 Chambers St. #228, New York, NY 10007, 212/566-0990) has prepared a 90-page curriculum for training high school or college students to organize a community clean-up or arts project, or other environmental improvement effort. The curriculum covers key urban environmental issues, and presents the "how-to's" of project organizing. Copies are \$2, payable to Council on the Environment Inc.

□ **RADICAL READING:** From Networker John Colm (1501 Euclid #500, Cleveland, OH 44115): *Reading Lists in Radical Social Science* is a new, 250-page book from the Union of Radical Political Economists and Monthly Review, which includes reading lists in 19 subject areas, ranging from Marxism, to women, to energy, to government regulation. Copies are \$10, from: Monthly Review Press, 62 W. 14th St., New York, NY 10011.

□ **TRANSPORTING EMPLOYEES:** *The New Corporate Programs* reports on the experience of 235 companies with vanpooling, carpooling, fare subsidies, charter buses, and providing management to transit authorities. PN Member Nathan Weber prepared the report, and says that so far, both workers and management seem to benefit from these programs. He has a few copies, if you respond quickly: The

□ **JOBS ORGANIZING:** *Fighting the Root Causes of Unemployment* is a 38-page organizing booklet from Southern Neighborhoods Network which both analyzes the problem

and presents more than two dozen strategies for responding. Copies are \$3 from Southern Neighborhoods Network, Box 36250, Decatur, GA 30032.

PROPOSED NEWSLETTER: From PN Member Jay Jurie (Box 234, Tempe, AZ 85281): I am engaged in the creation of a newsletter to carry forward the unfinished business of the new left. Themes include, but not limited to: integration of the personal and political in the search for community; linkage between workplace and community as well as other forms of organization; the intragroup tension between leadership and participatory democracy; the expansion of successful models of local organizing (Santa Monica, Burlington) to the regional level, and possible connections to the construction of a national program; and the relation of a culturally-based social-change perspective to a system gen-

erally believed capable of "delivering the goods." Please let me know if you are interested.

NSF AWARDS: The National Science Foundation Program on Ethics and Values in Science and Technology has new, consolidated guidelines for both projects and individual awards. Preliminary proposals are next due on May 1. The guidelines are available from NSF Forms and Publications, Wash. DC 20550, 202, 357-7552.

ENERGY INDEPENDENCE: From Networker Kerry Brooks (116 30th Ave. #4, Seattle, WA 98122): Does anyone have information on positive or negative effects on communities of "unplugged from the grid" and striving for energy independence?

Urban Studies: Competing for Dollars Against High-Tech Glitter

(The writer of the following Viewpoint, PN Member Lucy Gorham (8 Dana Pl., Cambridge, MA 02138), is a former community activist for five years in Seattle, who currently is a Masters in City Planning student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. This is the first in an occasional series of Viewpoints from PN members.)

CAMBRIDGE—Here in the "Silicon Valley of the East," the wave of enthusiasm for high tech is starting to feel like the Sputnik of the 1980s, with all its implications for an appropriate educational response. In addition to the spectre of the Soviets, we're now worrying about Japanese industrial competition. Massachusetts Senator Paul Tsongas has introduced a bill in Congress to pour money into math and science education, arguing for both military and industrial national defense. High tech industry is trying to coordinate its support of engineering education, a self-interested goodwill gesture after its crucial support of Proposition 2½, which sharply cut funds to general public education in the state.

Viewpoint from Cambridge

In the meantime, disciplines such as urban planning are on the decline. Overall applications to two of the strongest graduate planning programs in the Northeast—Cornell and M.I.T.—are down, and minority applications have dropped significantly. My sense is that this is a general trend, not limited to these two schools. Explanations for declining applications include the unwillingness of people to leave jobs to return to school when later employment prospects may be bleak; the attraction of law and business schools as more lucrative alternatives; and, at M.I.T., an exorbitant tuition of \$9,600 with no certainty of compensating salaries to pay off education loans.

One obvious answer to this dilemma would be for M.I.T., and universities in general, to make financial assistance for graduate study equal across all disciplines. After all, M.I.T. has an enormous endowment. Instead, each department is left to pursue grants and contracts on its own. Departments such as urban studies, which aren't part of the national crusade for military and industrial defense, are left with inadequate financial support for their students. In fact, to its

credit, urban studies at M.I.T. has explicitly chosen a constituency which includes those least able to support it: low income communities, women, minorities, local governments, developing countries, the unemployed. Federal projects to benefit these constituencies have virtually disappeared.

But there is pressure to change. There is talk of orienting the planning degree to be more marketable, incorporating specializations such as real estate and development. Given the cost of education, enabling students to find employment is not a goal to be scoffed at, nor is widening the discipline to attract more applicants. But I certainly hope that molding our ambitions to the needs of the market isn't the limit of our creative thinking on this issue. Given that planning departments aren't infinitely expandable and have limited budgets, pursuing one specialization is ultimately done at the expense of another. Choosing specializations on the basis of palatability to the private sector is a direction fraught with danger.

In fact, the whole issue of university-industry "linkages" has become the focal point for a struggle over the priorities and direction of academia in the decades ahead. A series of formal debates is being held at M.I.T. on university-corporate relations and potential conflicts of interest. A national committee is also being assembled to address the issue. Many people think there's a problem with orienting education priorities to the needs of the private sector. Not that private support of education per se is bad. But rarely does it come with no strings attached, and its power to dictate is enormous when it is one of the few sources of funds available.

Because planning departments aren't generally recipients of corporate or defense contracts, there's been a tendency not to get as involved in the debate on university-corporate relations as departments which do receive these contracts. But when viewed from the broader perspective of who sets education policy and how they reflect societal priorities, it's clear that we have a great deal to lose by not being involved. The outcome of this debate will affect not only the possibilities for planning as a discipline, but more importantly the responsiveness of institutions, educational and otherwise, to the constituencies which we are trying to represent.

Lucy Gorham

□ **NETWORKING WITH CDCs:** From PN Member James Carras (4 Hooper St., Boston, MA 02124): I'm currently working as a consultant to community development corporations, both in South Florida and in Massachusetts. The types of services I'm providing include fundraising, organizational development, housing program development, and marketing studies for specific ventures. Despite the Reagan cutbacks, CDCs seem to have a staying power of their own. They have been able not only to survive, but also to create and develop new initiatives.

The CDCs in Florida are relatively new to the scene, approximately three years old. Because of CDC experience in other parts of the country, many of them have been able to avoid the growing pains that others have experienced. The racial disturbance in Overtown seems to keep the private sector and local, county, and state government interested in community economic development.

I'm interested in hearing from others who are working with CDCs on their experiences.

□ **IPS 20TH ANNIVERSARY:** The Institute for Policy Studies celebrated its 20th anniversary April 5 with blue grass music, a picnic, and a "roasting" for Richard Barnet and Marcus Raskin. The celebration was held at the National Building Museum in the Old Pension Building in Washington, D.C.

□ **ADVOCACY PLANNING:** *Opposition Planning in Wales and Appalachia*, by PN Steering Committee member Pierre Clavel, tells of opposition movements in each of these regions; and how, in addition to leading advocacy on specific issues, they also engaged in long-range planning, which allowed them to challenge central authorities and raise fundamental societal issues. Agitation in Wales helped motivate schemes to reorganize central government. In Appalachia, a new awareness emerged of the choices between absentee corporate development and local control. The book, priced at \$29.95, is available from Temple University Press, Broad and Oxford Sts., Philadelphia, PA 19122.

□ **BUSINESS LOCATING:** From PN Member Cynthia Pappas (1316 City View #1, Eugene, OR 97402): I am a graduate student in Urban Planning at the University of Oregon, preparing my Masters thesis on matching community economic development programs policies with growth industries of the 1980s. I am interested in looking at the location decisions of firms, and also at alternative methods by which communities can promote themselves (without resorting to smokestack-chasing and glossy brochures). I plan to use several case studies as examples of good community economic development programs. I welcome any suggestions and or information.

□ **RENT CONTROL:** The winners and losers under rent control is the topic of a report, *Rent Control and Redistribution: A Report to the Ontario Ministry of Housing*, prepared by J.B. Cullingworth (Geography Dept., Univ. of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1A1). His conclusion: It depends. The outcome is different, he maintains, for controlled and uncontrolled landlords and tenants, for mobile versus stable renters, depending on alternative housing, and depending on the program's administration, among other variables.

□ **A.T. LIBRARIES:** The Transnational Network for Alternative/ Appropriate Technologies (TRANET) has developed

a 100-book technical library for Third World countries, based on selections by field workers in developing countries. Subjects covered include blacksmithing, grain storage, water-wheels, fish farming; most are do-it-yourself manuals. Recently, a UNESCO grant supported the shipment of the 45th such library. Details: TRANET, Box 567, Rangeley, ME 04970.

□ **DEVELOPMENT IN HARTFORD:** From Networker Peter Medoff (41 Barker St., Hartford, CT 06114): I am working with a coalition of neighborhood organizations in Hartford that is trying to force some public accountability and public control of corporate development plans. Specifically, a plan for riverfront development in the downtown and surrounding neighborhoods threatens to displace hundreds of low to moderate income residents, and set up a corporate and suburban playground similar to developments in Boston, Baltimore, etc. Currently, the city government is playing little or no role in these plans.

The coalition is exploring various strategies, such as forcing government involvement and accountability, or pushing for a public board with majority representation from immediately affected neighborhoods, to be elected by each neighborhood, that would have approved power over all development plans. We are currently drafting an alternative plan, including components on housing, economic development, recreation and public accountability. If any PN members have had experience in this type of battle, or in writing an alternative plan of this sort, I'd appreciate hearing from you.

□ **CED INTERNS:** Public/Private Ventures is recruiting applicants for its 12-month National Internship in Community Economic Development. The program is designed for executive directors and development managers of community-based development organizations working in low- and moderate-income urban and rural areas. Enrollment is limited to 35; application deadline is May 10. For applications and details: P/PV Development Training Institute, 914 W. 36th St., Baltimore, MD 21211, 301/243-1920.

□ **MILWAUKEE POTPOURRI:** From PN Member County Supervisor Dorothy K. Dean (901 N. 9th St. #201, Milwaukee, WI 53233): I have a request and an offer. A colleague of mine on the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors is studying geography and is interested in knowing about any national organizations or networks promoting appropriate technology. So far he has been unable to find any. Please send any information you may have to me.

I am teaching a class, called "The Community, Power and Change," at one of the area colleges, and am drawing heavily on my own personal experience as a member of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors. I have developed a syllabus for the class, which includes a reading list; the class concentrates on county government and on the role of women in the community. I will send a copy of the syllabus to anyone interested who sends me a S.A.S.E. I am interested in comments on it, and in any suggestions for additional resources.

□ **AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** The California Office of Appropriate Technology (1600 9th St. #330, Sacramento, CA 95814) has published the winning selections in a statewide contest on affordable housing, including design projects, proposals to cut regulatory costs, and "new possibilities." The winners, presented in a 104-page book, *The Affordable Housing Book*, range over 50 projects with ideas on financing.

zoning, volunteers, and design. It is free to Californians; \$5 for the rest of us.

□ **JOBS & WOMEN:** From Networker Stephanie Smith (535-A Clayton, San Francisco, CA 94117): As associate editor of the *Economic Development and Law Center Report*, I am working on two special upcoming issues. Our summer issue will focus on alternative strategies to deal with unemployment and job creation. The fall issue will focus on women and economic development. For both of these issues, I would appreciate hearing from PN members who know of resources, references, and case studies, or who have articles on these subjects they want considered for publication. My office phone is 415, 548-2600.

□ **ADVANCED ORGANIZING:** The Common Good School in San Francisco is presenting a panel of master organizers from the Bay area in a series of seminars on advanced organizing techniques. Topics include "Self-Organizing," "Alliances and Coalitions," and "Gentle Strategies." The sessions cost \$3 at the door, and meet on nine Wednesdays in May and June, at 7:30 p.m., at Fort Mason #C216.

□ **HOUSING RESEARCH:** In *Canadian Housing Policy Research: Some Initial Impressions*, J. Barry Cullingworth (Geography Dept., Univ. of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1A1) seeks to scan recent research relevant to Canadian housing policy research and to comment on some of his impressions. His topics included affordability, rent control, public housing, and demographics. His conclusions: "Much research is narrowly focused and lacks a contextual framework." His proposals: More government-funded research should be published; academic and government researchers should improve their professional networking.

□ **INVESTING IN DEFENSE:** From Networker Nathaniel Jones (Dept. Cmty & Rgnl Plng, Coll. of Architecture, 208 Former Law Building, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 68588): In the Winter '83 issue of the *Journal of the American Planning Assn.*, I read Robert Beauregard's article, "National Industrial Policy: A Review of Recent Literature I." While I have not yet been able to review these writings, his discussion of sectoral investment decisions has prompted me to ask for references to work which critiques Mr. Reagan's reindustrialization policies, especially as related to investment in defense industries. Perhaps there are PN members who can direct me to materials of this type.

□ **CALIF. HOUSING:** *Chainletter* is a \$10-yearly publication from the California Housing Research Foundation (2300 Foothill Blvd., Oakland, CA 94601), which reports on housing issues and developments around the state. A recent issue included an article on a new state eviction law, simplifying the process for landlords, and short reports from San Francisco, Santa Monica, Oakland, and Santa Cruz, among other cities.

□ **SUMMER AT CORNELL:** Cornell University's Progressive Planning Summer Program offers academic courses and short institutes June 6-August 5, on Industrial Policy, Rural Planning, Neighborhood Housing Strategies, Third World Development, Democratic Management, and Rational Reindustrialization for Local Economies. Contact: Dept. of City and Regional Planning, Sibley Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853, 607, 256-6212.

□ **DEVELOPMENT DOWNTOWN:** From PN Member Dennis Keating (432 Hudson St., Oakland, CA 94618): It appears that many PN members are or have been involved in research and organizing efforts concerning the impact of uncontrolled downtown office development. Several have been active in the anti-highrise movement in San Francisco, which dates from 1971. John Fox and the Seattle Downtown Neighborhood Alliance produced an excellent study of Seattle in 1982. Judy Kossy reports that the Washington, D.C. Planners Network is working with two citywide groups to critique Washington's proposed Master Plan (emphasizing the costs of downtown office buildings). Currently, several Bay Area Planners Network members, including myself, are working on a similar critique of the social and economic costs of Oakland's downtown office development boom.

Since this seems to be a common issue, at least in developing metropolises of the Sunbelt and in gentrifying core cities of the Frostbelt, I would suggest that we consider making available our common research and even publishing it. To date only one study has been published—*The Ultimate Highrise* (published in 1971 by the *San Francisco Bay Guardian*).

In addition to an analysis of the real costs of private corporate downtown office development on transit, housing, social services, neighborhoods and its impact on employment and the tax base, we should emphasize the demands on progressive political coalitions and neighborhood groups, e.g., the shortterm demands for developer concessions—e.g. affordable housing—and longterm reforms—e.g. public enterprises. For an analysis of the former, read "Dealing With Developers" in Santa Monica by PN member Bill Allen in the November 1982 *Shelterforce*. Also, there is a good discussion, "Dealing with Developers," in the Legal Services' handbook, *Displacement: How To Fight It*, by Chester Hartman, Richard LeGates, and myself (\$10 from the National Housing Law Project, 1950 Addison St., Berkeley, CA 94704).

Contact me if you are interested in pursuing this idea.

□ **RESIDENTIAL HOTELS:** The Burnside Consortium (222 N.W. Couch, Portland, OR 97209, 503, 223-5322) has published a loose-leaf manual on managing single-room-occupancy residential hotels, based on its experience with them in Portland. Topics include hotel management, rental procedures, accounting, and maintenance. Plans are to furnish updates periodically. The manual and updates are \$25. In addition, on April 14, the Burnside Consortium was to hold a training seminar for residential hotel owners and managers.

□ **A.T. DIRECTORY:** The Community Self-Reliance Center (140 W. State St., Ithaca, NY 14850) is compiling listings for an appropriate technology directory, covering solar, wind, hydro, recycling, wood heat, methane co-generation, earth shelters, and so on. For-profits and individuals will be charged a small (emphasized by the Center) fee.

□ **MORTGAGE RELIEF:** House Democrats are trying to push ahead a bill (HR 1983) that would provide \$760 million for federal loans to homeowners faced with foreclosure due to involuntary unemployment or substantial loss of income. For the current status of the bill: Allen J. Fishbein, Neighborhood Revitalization Project, 1000 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20007, 202 338-6310.

□ **RURAL HOUSING:** From PN Member Joseph L. Marsan: I am now working for Rural Housing Improvement

Inc. (218 Central St., Winchendon, MA 10475, 617 297-1376) as a housing and community developer on low and moderate-income rental housing in rural communities. Since 1969, RHI has provided assistance to homeowners and renters, to community groups, and to local government. We have leveraged more than \$19 million in single-family mortgage financing.

□ **OFFICE DEVELOPMENT:** From PN Member Dennis Keating (432 Hudson St., Oakland, CA 94618): Responding to the interest of other Networkers in studies on downtown office development, consultants Hamilton, Rabinovitz & Stanton of Los Angeles did a study in December 1982 on the impact of office development in Santa Monica (to justify the city's exactions from developers). The study's title was *Office Development in Santa Monica: The Municipal, Fiscal, and Housing Impact*.

□ **THIRD WORLD HOUSING:** *Land for Housing the Poor* is a 500-page collection of articles, maps, statistics, and drawings on Third World institutional and political arrangements for giving the urban poor in developing countries access to affordable housing through access to urban residential land. This state-of-the-art reference is edited by S. Angel, R.W. Archer, S. Tanhiphat, and E.A. Wegelin. Copies are \$16, softcover (\$30 hardcover), plus \$2 for postage and mailing, payable to Select Books Pte. Ltd., 03-15 Tanglin Shopping Center, 19 Tanglin Rd., Singapore 1024.

□ **HEALTH GROUPS:** From Networker Hal Strelnick, MD (Montefiore Hospital and Medical Center, 3412 Bainbridge Ave., Bronx, NY 10467): A very helpful directory, *The Inventory of Progressive Health Organizations*, is available through Health/PAC, 17 Murray St., New York, NY 10007, for \$6.50 a copy. The first edition sold out, and it is now in its second printing.

□ **HAZARDOUS WASTE in America** is a 640-page, authoritative and comprehensive examination of America's most critical environmental problem. The book includes a discussion of what constitutes hazardous waste, its dangers, the laws affecting it, hunting for dumps, and defusing the hazardous waste time bomb through production controls, safe disposal technologies, and nontoxic alternatives. Copies are \$27.50, plus \$1.75 for postage and handling, payable to Sierra Club Books, Box 3386 Rincon Annex, San Francisco, CA 94119.

□ **HOUSING FORUMS:** The Housing Committee of the San Francisco DSA is presenting a series of housing forums in April and May as part of an on-going effort to develop strategies to address the housing crisis and other urban issues. All events will be held at the Socialist School, 29 29th St., at 8:00 p.m. The series began April 8 on "The Political Economy of Affordable Housing." Upcoming sessions include: "Displacement: The Impact of the Housing Crisis on Neighborhoods and Communities," with Chester Hartman and Sara Colm, on April 21; "Power Politics and Land Use in San Francisco," with Jim Shoch, on May 3; and "The Mission Bay Development: A Strategy for Community Response," with Tom Jones and Regina Sneed, on May 10.

□ **QUALITY OF WORKLIFE:** *QWL Review* is a quarterly newsletter on quality of worklife and continuity of employment issues, published by the New York State Governor's

Office of Employee Relations Civil Service Employee Assn. Joint Labor-Management Committee on the Work Environment and Productivity. Articles in a recent issue reported on deinstitutionalization, an AT&T quality of worklife effort, and the Communication Workers' union position on quality of worklife issues. For subscriptions (no cost listed): CWEP, 2008 Twin Towers, 99 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12210.

□ **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:** From PN Member Spurgeon Cameron (214 Avon Dr., Raleigh, NC 27608): The Congressional Office of Technology Assessment has released a report, *Information Technology and Its Impact on American Education*, which examines the potential in public schools for such information technologies as computers, direct broadcasts from satellites, interactive cable, low-power television, and so forth. While the potential is great, the report cites as problems institutional barriers, teacher training, inadequate software, skepticism about long-term effects, and costs.

Regional Roundup

□ **BOSTON FORUMS:** The Boston Planners Network began presenting a series of monthly forums in February, and they will continue through May. The topic for February was "Perspectives on the 'New Poor'"; and for March was "Reclaiming Boston: Strategies for Progressives in Electoral Politics."

In April, the forum will be on Tuesday, the 19th, at 7:30 p.m.; the subject: "Economic Development and Public Finance: New Roles for Massachusetts." Participants will include Mark Dyan, Massachusetts Fair Share; Pat McGuigan, former Deputy Director, Community Development Finance Corporation; Carl Sussman, Director, Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation; and Tee Taggart, Regional Director, National Consumer Cooperative Bank.

In May, the forum will be on Wednesday, the 18th, also at 7:30 p.m.; and the subject will be "Housing in Massachusetts: A New Agenda." Scheduled participants include Amy S. Anthony, State Secretary of Communities and Development; and Rachel G. Bratt, Tufts Department of Urban and Environmental Policy.

Both the April and May forums will meet at 100 Arlington St. (UMass-Boston), Room 222.

Upcoming Conferences

□ **FAIR HOUSING SYMPOSIA:** HUD is in the midst of a series of six symposia at various sites around the country on "Public-Private Partnerships for Housing Opportunity." Three have been held already: in San Francisco, March 2-4; in Philadelphia, April 6-8; and in Omaha, April 13-15. And three more are scheduled: in Indianapolis, April 27-29; in Dallas, May 11-13; and in Atlanta, May 18-20. Each program includes plenary sessions and workshops organized along four different tracks: partnerships for fair housing; creative techniques for financing fair housing initiatives; training the program specialist; voluntary fair housing programs; and special purpose roundtable discussions. Contact: Arnold McNeill, HUD Room 5238, 451 7th St. S.W., Wash. DC 20410.

□ **PAULO FREIRE WORKSHOP:** Stanford University is presenting a four-week workshop July 5-29 with and about the radical Brazilian educator Paulo Freire. The workshop is aimed at teachers, grassroots organizers, students, and members of religious organizations working with minorities and in the Third World. Participation is limited to 25 persons; the fee is \$1,000, not including board and lodging. Details: SIDEC, School of Education, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305.

□ **ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN:** The Environmental Design Research Assn. will hold its annual conference April 23-26 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Topics include "Design that Enables: Research on How Disabled People Can Gain Control of their Environments," "Environmental Design Issues Affecting Women: An Agenda for the Eighties," "The Gender Gap: Does It Exist in Environmental Design and Research," and "Informing Consumers of the Effects of Weatherization: Evidence of Behavioral Consumption within Energy Systems." Contact: Ruth York, EDRA 1983 Organiz-

ing Committee, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 68583, 402/472-6655.

□ **GRASSROOTS TRAINING:** The National Training and Information Center is offering one-week core courses for community group members beginning June 13 and October 17. Tuition is \$200; some scholarships are available. Contact: NTIC, 1123 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607, 312/243-3035.

□ **PLANETARY VILLAGE:** The Chinook Learning Community (Box 57, Clinton, WA 98236, 206/321-1884) is sponsoring a conference May 10-15 on "Building a Planetary Village: A North American Perspective," which will include sessions on stewardship of land, design and building, and village community life. Chinook is an educational center and community, whose programs are designed to provide a comprehensive vision of the emerging Earth community, and the personal, spiritual, and global issues involved. Conference fees begin at \$125.

□ **FUNDRAISING from the Private Sector: Strategies for Financial Stability** is the topic of an April 19-20 Washington, D.C. workshop, sponsored by the National Urban Coalition (1201 Connecticut Ave. N.W. #400, Wash. DC 20036, 202/331-2400). Topics include getting started, marketing for nonprofits, corporate, religious, and foundation fundraising, and constructing a fundraising plan. The fee is \$75.

Ex Conferences

□ **SOCIAL/SPIRITUAL ACTIVISTS:** "Our Strength is Our Culture" was the theme of a global convention of social and spiritual activists, sponsored by Proutist Universal, in Oaxtepec, Mexico, March 8-13. The goal was to initiate the formation of a global network of social and cultural movements and organizations working for social and economic self-determination from a humanistic and spiritual perspective. Contact: Proutist Universal, Box 56466, Wash. DC 20011, 202/882-6193.

□ **POSTWAR GREECE:** The Greek Democratic Assn. of Scientists in North America presented a symposium April 15-16 at the New School in New York on "The State and the Economy in Postwar Greece." Topics included historical and future perspectives, capital accumulation, and state intervention and planning. Details: EDEBA, Box 167 Times Square Station, New York, NY 10036.

Jobs

□ **GRASSROOTS IN LA:** The Coalition for Economic Survival, a grassroots group organizing Los Angeles communities around economic issues, needs a fundraiser and a canvass director. Salaries for each position are negotiable; experience is required. Contact: Coalition for Economic Survival, 5520 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90019, 213/938-6241.

□ **BALTIMORE DESIGN CENTER:** The Neighborhood Design Center in Baltimore is looking for volunteers with training or experience in planning, economic development, or architecture who can make at least a one-year commitment helping the Center provide technical services to neighborhood and community groups. A small monthly living allowance is available. Contact: Neighborhood Design Center, 720 East Pratt St., Baltimore, MD 21202, 301.625-0123.

□ **HOUSING FINANCE:** The Conference on Alternative State and Local Policies (2000 Florida Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202/387-6030) is looking for a housing finance consultant for a 5-6-month project involving state programs in pension fund investments, housing finance agencies, and homeownership programs. Two or three publications are expected from the project. Salary is negotiable. Send cover letter and resume to Search Committee/Housing at the Conference.

□ **LOW-INCOME HOUSING:** The National Low-Income Housing Coalition (215 8th St. N.E., Wash. DC 20002, 202/544-12544) is looking for an associate director (\$18,000-\$25,000) and an administrator/ membership secretary (\$12,000-\$18,000) to work in its Washington office. Send a summary of your interests and qualifications with a SASE.

Etcetera

□ **PN'S NEXT DEADLINE:** The next issue of the Planners Network will be out in June. Copy should be in to us by Monday, June 6th. It sure does help when your notes are typed. Our thanks in advance to all Networkers who take the time to send us a note. We enjoy hearing from you.

□ **LOST SOULS:** We seem to be keeping in pretty good touch with most PN members these days, but a few always seem to slip away. Here is the list for your usual helpful suggestions on restoring interrupted connections:

Paul McGregor, Geneva, NY	Gary Bachman, Buffalo
C. Goodmacher, New York	Kenneth Reardon, Brooklyn
Philip Gardner, Chelsea, VT	Nicki Belville, Atlanta
Community Development Coalition, Duluth	Juliet Tarr, St. Paul
	Paula Ford, Albany

□ **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.