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FINANCIAL MINI-REPORT: Since the August newsletter, we have received \$598 in contributions from 22 Networkers—the lowest participation and support in some time. So, our special thanks to those who did contribute; we're grateful for your support. Our year-to-date total of contributors now stands at 274; that contrasts sharply with the 900-some copies we mail of each issue. Let's see how much we can close the gap by year's end.

Passing the Word

LEFT ECONOMICS: *The Imperiled Economy*, edited by Robert Cherry and others, is a two-volume collection of essays by members of the Union for Radical Political Economics (122 W. 27th St., New York, NY 10001, 212/691-5722). Book I, *Macroeconomics from a Left Perspective* (329 pp., \$9.50 paper), presents analyses of current issues, such as the falling rate of profit, financial instability, and Third World debt. Book II, *Through the Safety Net* (258 pp., \$8.50 paper), explores the impact of capitalism's instability and Reagan Administration policies on minorities, women, union members, farmers, and the homeless.

MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS: The Support Center of Washington (1410 Que St. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202/462-

2000) has announced its Fall series of management workshops for nonprofit organizations. Check with it or a Support Center in your area for similar workshops in a Support Center location convenient to you.

BANNERMAN FELLOWSHIPS: The Charles Bannerman Memorial Fellowship Program (c/o The Youth Project, 2335 18th St. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202/483-0030) is accepting applications from seasoned community activists of color for the second annual Bannerman Fellowships, which include a \$10,000 stipend toward expenses of a sabbatical of three months or more. Five Fellowships were awarded in the program's first year.

HOUSING STRATEGIES: *Raising the Roof* is a 122-page guide to affordable housing strategies in 33 communities across the country. Strategies cover acquisition of property, labor, and equipment; financing mechanisms; and linking with people. The guide was published jointly by the Community Information Exchange and the United Way of America (701 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria, VA 22314, 703/836-7100). Copies are \$12.50.

RENEWABLE ENERGY: The Jordan Energy Institute (155 Seven Mile Rd., Comstock Park, MI 49321, 616/784-7595) is part of the six-campus Jordan College, and offers a four-year Bachelor of Science in renewable energy.

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 Network members. Annual financial contributions are voluntary, but we need funds for operating expenses. The Steering Committee has recommended the following amounts as minimums for Network members: \$15 for

students and unemployed; graduated payments for the employed of \$25 plus \$1 for each \$1,000 earned above \$10,000.

Members of the Steering Committee: Chester Hartman, DC, Chair; Emily Achtenberg, Boston; Eve Bach, Berkeley; Bob Beauregard, New Brunswick, NJ; Donna Dyer, Durham, NC; William Goldsmith, Ithaca; Charles Hoch, Chicago; Joochul Kim, Tempe; Judy Kossy, Buffalo; Jacqueline Leavitt, LA; Peter Marcuse, NYC; Jackie Pope, NYC; Alan Rabinowitz, Seattle; Tony Schuman, NYC; Andree Tremoulet, Pittsfield.

Newsletter Editor: Prentice Bowsher.

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□ **ECONOMIC CONVERSION:** *An Introduction to Economic Conversion*, by Jonathan Feldman, is a 38-page briefing paper from the National Commission for Economic Conversion and Disarmament (Box 15025, Wash. DC 20003, 202/544-5059). Copies are \$5. Economic conversion is the political, economic and technical process for assuring an orderly transformation of labor, machinery and other economic resources from military-oriented purposes to alternative civilian uses.

□ **ACTIVISTS' TV:** Deep Dish TV Network (339 Lafayette St., New York, NY 10012, 212/420-9045) has completed its second year of programming, and is seeking program ideas and volunteer coordinating producers for the coming season. Possible topics include environmental issues, political prisoners, student activism, disabled issues, public access updates, and anti-Klan/anti-racist organizing and programming.

□ **FUNDRAISING RESOURCE:** The Community Information Exchange (1120 G St. N.W. #900, Wash. DC 20005, 202/628-2981) has available a 50-page *Grassroots Fundraising Packet* on raising money from local corporations, businesses, banks, churches, philanthropies, and residents. Copies are \$17.50.

□ **DEVELOPMENT BOOKS:** The Urban Land Institute (1090 Vermont Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20005, 202/289-3380) has a four-page tabloid-size publication list of its development publications. Titles include *Residential Rent Controls: An Evaluation*, by Anthony Downs; *Nonfederal Housing Programs: How States and Localities Are Responding to Federal Cutbacks in Low-Income Housing Programs*, by Michael A. Stegman and J. David Holden; and *Downtown Linkages*.

□ **AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** From Linley V. White (208 W. Scarritt St., Springfield, IL 62704): I am interested in organizing a nonprofit organization to assist people in locating affordable housing, concentrating on people who may be marginally qualified financially. I need first to establish that there is a need in my community for this service, and second, to find financial support. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

□ **PRESERVING HOUSING:** The National Anti-Displacement Project of the Low-Income Housing Information Service (1012 14th St. N.W. #1006, Wash. DC 20005, 202/662-1530) is organizing a national effort to preserve affordable housing threatened by expiring low-income use restrictions. One meeting already has been held, in September in Washington. Contact: P.Ner Larry Yates.

□ **SHARED-UNIT HOUSING:** The Seattle Human Services Strategic Planning Office has completed a report, *Shared Unit Housing for Homeless Special Populations*, which examines models and issues of shared-room housing for homeless special populations. PN Chair Chester Hartman participated in the research. Contact: Bonnie Snedeker, Director, Human Services Strategic Planning Office, 206/684-8058.

□ **CDBG AGENDA:** The Coalition on Low-Income Community Development (1000 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20007, 202/342-0594) is seeking ideas for a 1989 legislative agenda for improving the community development block grant program in serving the needs of lower-income people. It has a survey form with lots of room for suggestions. Contact: P.Ner Ed Gramlich.

□ **THESIS QUERY:** From Michael Svane Jorgensen (Dept. of Environment, Technology, and Social Studies, Univ. of Roskilde, DK-4000 Roskilde, Denmark): I am well under way in my PhD studies on the topic of urban ecology and developing a planning concept for sustainable urban regions. I am planning a tour of the U.S.A. at the end of this year or early in 1989 to research related trends in the United States, and would like to meet with Americans active in the field.

□ **THIRD-WORLD HOUSING:** From Stephen Beale (Box 540, Mohale's Hoek, Lesotho, Southern Africa): I am interested in obtaining information on low-cost housing, settlement upgrading, or site and service projects in developing countries. Currently, I am working with a nongovernmental organization in Lesotho, teaching carpentry and house construction in a government high school. In the near future, I hope to continue working in the field of low-cost housing and urban upgrading. Any information would be greatly appreciated.

□ **EQUITY PLANNING:** From Networker Howell Baum (Institute for Urban Studies, Univ. of Maryland, 1113 Lefrak Hall, College Park, MD 20742, 301/454-4862): I am developing a course on equity planning, and would appreciate syllabi, references, case materials, and copies of publications on ethics, race and ethnicity, class, gender, physical and mental ability and handicap, and related issues in planning. I would be willing to send a copy of the finished product in return.

□ **MEMBER UPDATE:** From Networker Ann Markusen (Center for Urban Affairs and Policy Research, 2040 Sheridan Rd., Evanston, IL 60201, 312/491-3395): I'm working on several projects, all of which combine research with policy and/or politics.

I'm still plugging away for steel and basic manufacturing in the Midwest, helping groups in Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Chicago organize around an alternative strategy to save industrial jobs. It seems I've become a kind of required Greek chorus at many midwestern economic development gatherings, nay-saying grandiose visions of high tech, services, and downtown development as compensations for losing manufacturing.

With Berkeley colleagues Peter Hall, Scott Campbell and Sabina Deitrich, I have finished a book, *The Rise of the Gunbelt*, which documents how and why over the postwar period military spending has created, at great public expense, a band of new communities with geopolitically conservative residents around the perimeter of the nation, dependent upon defense dollars and technology. I am also in the process of writing a book on the Cold War economy which deals more generally with the consequences of spending billions year after year on the structure and geography of our workforce and industries. I've begun to do quite a bit of public speaking on economic aspects of the arms race.

With Helzi Noponen, I am conducting a study of international trade and regional development. We hope to show how policy (trade, aid, financial and economic) has shaped the fortunes of various cities and regions, so that communities have a fighting chance to address the hidden causes of their decline or stagnation.

□ **WOMEN/ENVIRONMENTS:** *Women & Environments* (c/o Centre for Urban and Community Studies, 455 Spadina Ave., Toronto, Ont. M5S 2G8, Canada) is celebrating 11 years as a quarterly on women and the various environments around the world in which they work and live. The Summer 1988 issue included an annotated membership directory and results of a readers' survey. Subscriptions are \$13, Canadian.

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Housing Segregation, Discrimination in Philadelphia

by Caroline Sayre

Twenty years after the 1968 Fair Housing Act was passed to provide freedom of choice in housing, discrimination and residential segregation persist in most of this country's major cities.

The situation is particularly acute in Philadelphia. Half of the city's 1.6 million people are minorities who cannot move where they might choose or easily sell their property.

Financial institutions, specifically banks and private mortgage insurance companies, actively disinvest or "redline" in minority communities by suspending loan and mortgage activity. Simultaneously they provide financial support to white downtown, gentrifying, and suburban neighborhoods.

The profit motive is the primary cause. Banks and insurers operate where values are stable or growing, and overtly discriminate against poor minority neighborhoods where capital is already scarce and "risk" high.

In effect, Philadelphia's financial institutions have severely limited residential accessibility and mobility, but not without community resistance.

Philadelphia's population is half white, nearly 40 percent black, and the remainder a small but growing number of Hispanics and Asians.

In the Northeast and Northwest areas, and in Center City (downtown Philadelphia), residents are primarily white and wealthy. North and West Philadelphia adjacent to Center City are primarily black and poor, have been for decades, and suffer from residential discrimination.

Financial institutions have consistently redlined black neighborhoods, as documented periodically since the 1970s by the Housing Association of Delaware Valley, a nonprofit, low-income housing group. Today, the disparities continue.

In 1984, for example, in the majority of census tracts comprising North and West Philadelphia, no more than four conventional loans (i.e., loans without governmental backing) were allocated in each. In contrast, a minimum of 26 loans were allocated in most of the census tracts of the Northeast and Center City.

Loan patterns between 1985 and 1986

also demonstrate a similar inequity. Most census tracts in the Northeast and four tracts comprising the Society Hill and Old City sections of Center City received three times (165 or more) the conventional loans allocated in the majority of census tracts comprising North and West Philadelphia.

Private mortgage insurance companies, of which there are 12 nationwide, have exacerbated the disinvestment problem by refusing to provide mortgage insurance in minority communities. Without insurance, it is very difficult to obtain a mortgage.

In Philadelphia, the insurance criteria are such that many poor—and minority—residents do not qualify. The companies do not insure any mortgage on property that sells for less than \$30,000. Furthermore, they require a \$1,500 minimum downpayment, two months of mortgage payments in escrow at settlement, and documentation of "stability" in past and present employment. The median sale price in 1986 for a house in a predominantly black neighborhood in Philadelphia was \$10,000, far below insurance company minimums.

Between 1982 and 1984, no more than 85 mortgages were approved in the majority of census tracts in North and West Philadelphia; Society Hill and sections of the Northeast received over 250 in the

majority of their respective census tracts.

The reality of disinvestment is seen also in recent sales activity and price changes throughout the city.

A study by Philadelphia's Office of Housing and Community Development found that between 1981 and 1986 the number of sales in 70-percent white census tracts increased 60 percent (*Residential Sales in Philadelphia, 1981-1986*, OHCD, 1987). In 70-percent black census tracts, sales dropped 5 percent. Median sale prices increased 63 percent in white tracts, 67 percent in "integrated" tracts (not defined), and only 11 percent in black tracts.

The study concluded, "The greatest percentage increase in real estate values took place in integrated neighborhoods and census tracts, while predominantly black tracts lagged far behind white neighborhoods in housing sales."

Furthermore, the Joint Center for Political Studies in Washington, D.C., found that the difference between the value of black-owned homes and white-owned homes was greatest in the Kansas City and Philadelphia metropolitan areas. On average, black-owned homes are valued one-third to one-half less than white-owned homes (*Focus Newsletter*, March 1988, Joint Center for Political Studies).

Between discrimination in loan allocation and insurance underwriting, buying or selling in minority communities is virtually impossible in Philadelphia—unless you are white, or a developer who is willing and able to take the risk.

Mobility and equal access for minorities have been unrealistic at best; segregation and racial division are common. As private institutions pursue profit, the end result is opportunity and residential mobility for some, and lack of choice, displacement, gentrification, abandonment and deteriorating neighborhoods for others.

However, these circumstances have not gone without criticism and response. A combination of activities, many that are within the realm of planners' responsibilities, can successfully challenge the illegalities of private real estate interests.

For example, the Eastern North Philadelphia Initiative Coalition successfully lodged a Community Reinvestment Act challenge against Fidelcor, the parent company of Fidelity Bank. Fidelcor had intentions of merging with Industrial Valley Bank (IVB), a bank that had had a poor

PN Special Feature

In its Special Feature, *Planners Network* presents thoughtful, provocative writings about substantive concerns and issues in the planning professions. Essays typically highlight a single issue, and illuminate it with examples and insights.

The Special Feature editor is Bob Beauregard (Dept. of Urban Planning, Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, NJ 08903, 201/932-4053; 932-3822).

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

record of investing in the eastern section of North Philadelphia.

The CRA challenge was successful, and currently Fidelity Bank (which now includes IVB) is working with the Coalition to reinvest a \$50-million settlement in housing, day care facilities and economic development in the area. (Seventy such agreements have occurred nationwide since the Community Reinvestment Act was passed in 1974.)

As regards private mortgage insurance, the Housing Association of Delaware Valley is leading an effort to change industry guidelines.

Last year, in conjunction with efforts of community advocates, the Housing Association won the support of the Philadelphia

City Council. The support came in a City Council resolution calling for insurance companies to change their guidelines, and for banks to find alternative methods of providing mortgages and to participate in the efforts to change insurance criteria.

Since then, however, no substantial changes have occurred.

Currently a broad-based coalition, which includes the Housing Association, community groups, bankers, and representatives from the Federal Reserve Board, the Philadelphia City Council and U.S. Rep. Thomas Foglietta's office, is formulating proposals to mortgage insurance industry officials. The initial intent is to meet with officials from at least one of the 12 insurance companies, gain their sup-

port, and then escalate the effort.

People affected by private-sector disinvestment can successfully organize around these issues.

With time and effort, it is possible that a financial commitment, a city ordinance or greater flexibility in guidelines will emerge to benefit those most in need.

Caroline Sayre works for the Housing Association of Delaware Valley in Philadelphia, and is a recent graduate of the Planning Program at Columbia University.

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□ **SOUTHERN COMMUNITIES** is a new bimonthly magazine resulting from the combination of *Southern Neighborhoods* and *Community Economic Reporter*. It will continue reporting on grassroots community groups in the South. Subscriptions are \$15, from: Southern Neighborhoods Network, Box 121133, Nashville, TN 37212.

□ **PBS TV SERIES: *Point of View*** is a 12-film series on PBS of documentaries that explore current and past issues and events, from American volunteers in the Spanish Civil War to 1980s survivalists, from AIDS to sexism. Titles include *Fire from the Mountain*, *Rate It "X,"* and *Metropolitan Avenue*. Details: The American Documentary Inc., 1776 Broadway 9th Fl., New York, NY 10019, 800/338-5252.

□ **HOUSING VIDEO: *Locked Out of the American Dream***, the one-hour documentary produced by PNER Sylvia Komatsu on the crisis in affordable housing, is now available in video. Copies are \$45 (VHS), from: Locked Out Video, KERA-TV, Box 13, Dallas, TX 75221.

□ **BUSINESS IMPACT FILMS:** California Newsreel (630 Natoma St., San Francisco, CA 94103, 415/621-6196) is offering a video library of five award-winning films on business and social issues, including *Mad River*, *What's Good for GM*, and *The Wall Street Connection*. The five-film set is \$495 (VHS); 16mm film rentals also are available.

□ **REAL ESTATE JOURNALISM:** The National Association of Real Estate Editors is seeking entries in its 1988 Real Estate Journalism Awards competition for print and broadcast journalists who have made substantial contributions of keeping the public abreast of the real estate industry. Details: Barbara Squires, Georgia-Pacific Corp., 133 Peachtree St. N.E. 20th Fl., Atlanta, GA 30303, 404/521-4741.

□ **GRANNY FLATS:** The San Francisco Development Fund (1107 Oak St., San Francisco, CA 94117, 415/863-7800) has completed a 100-page evaluation of a three-year assistance program to encourage the production of new, affordable second units (alias accessory apartments, granny flats, or in-law apart-

ments). The program produced 43 housing units, and operated in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin and San Mateo Counties and Berkeley. Report copies are \$15; an executive summary is \$5.

□ **CONSTRUCTION DATA:** CD Productions (1101 Amador Ave., Berkeley, CA 94707, 415/524-8450) is offering a computer-based data service, *Construction Activity Locator*, on monthly building permit information reported to the Bureau of the Census on Form C-404. The service will be available as a yearly subscription, with a bi-yearly update. Subscriptions are \$4,400, including a Compact Disc reader (CD-ROM), with controller card and cable for an IBM PC or compatible.

□ **COMMUNITY DATA:** The Univ. of Illinois Center for Urban Economic Development (M/C 345) (School of Urban Planning and Policy, Box 4348, Chicago, IL 60680, 312/996-6336) has developed a series of computer-based data services, including Census projections and reports on the Chicago metropolitan area, access to the Community Information Exchange, and access to business and employment data from the Illinois Dept. of Economic Security. Contact: Bill Drew.

□ **RURAL FELLOWSHIPS:** The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation (Box 410, Princeton, NJ 08542) is seeking PhD or EdD candidates engaged in research on rural economies and communities in the United States for 1989 Rural Policy Fellowships, which carry a \$15,000 stipend, plus up to \$3,500 for field research, and a graduate school subvention of \$2,000 in lieu of tuition.

□ **STEEL INDUSTRY BOOK: *And the Wolf Finally Came***, by John P. Hoerr, is a 704-page account of the collapse of the American steel industry in the 1980s. Copies are \$14.95 (paper), from: Univ. of Pittsburgh Press, 127 N. Bellefield Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15260.

□ **VOLUNTEERISM VIDEO: *Making a Difference*** is a 20-minute color video, narrated by Mike Wallace, on volunteer community development and the origins of the Citizens Committee for New York City, which grew out of the city's 1975 fiscal crisis. Copies are \$25 (VHS) for individuals.

□ **ECONOMIC JUSTICE:** The Economic Justice Information Service (Interfaith Action for Economic Justice, 110 Maryland

Ave. N.E., Wash. DC 20002, 202/543-2800) publishes a three-part newsletter, *Domestic Human Needs Networker*, *Family Farm Networker*, and *International Development Networker*. Subscriptions are \$25.

□ ECONOMICS READING: Networker Hank Leland's Cooperative Economics News Service (1736 Columbia Rd. N.W. #201, Wash. DC 20009, 202/387-1753) has a 21-page "back to class" annotated reading guide to the best of the current crop of radical and almost-radical college-level economics texts. Copies are \$2.50.

□ NETWORKER UPDATE: From PNet Sue Repko (14 Bayberry Rd., Princeton, NJ 08540): I am a 1984 Princeton graduate with a degree in Psychology. After graduating, I administered the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program in New Jersey's Dept. of Community Affairs. The experience piqued my interest in affordable housing and the problems facing older central cities, and I decided to pursue a Master's in city and regional planning at Rutgers. At Rutgers, I concentrated on housing development and economics, and enjoyed a course on the theory of redevelopment with Bob Beauregard. As I complete the requirements for my degree, Bob is my advisor for a rehabilitation feasibility study I have undertaken in Trenton. This summer I worked for a local consultant on the effects of the Mount Laurel decisions and New Jersey's Fair Housing Act of 1985. This month, I am starting a new job with the Office of Housing Advocacy in the state Dept. of Community Affairs. The Office of Housing Advocacy is to provide technical assistance to developers of low- and moderate-income housing throughout the state.

□ PITTSBURGH HOUSING: From PNet Christopher Shea (Senior Planner, City Planning Dept., 1600 W. Carson St., Pittsburgh, PA 15219, 412/255-2222): The City of Pittsburgh will be conducting a fairly comprehensive, city-wide housing study in order to help frame its priorities for the 1990s. Consultants with experience in the nuts and bolts analysis of local housing and demographic issues, and in thinking through creative responses to housing problems and opportunities are invited to send a brief letter of interest (ASAP).

□ COMMUNITY REGENERATION: From Eric Nelson (10301 Sprinkle Rd., Vicksburg, MI 49097): My area of work and research is community and regional development, and I am designing a model for community regeneration that focuses on family and neighborhood empowerment. The model will be based on listening, understanding, respect, compassion, participation, and responsible action. I'd appreciate any information available.

□ HOMELESS BIBLIOGRAPHY: Reference & Research Services (511 Lincoln St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060) is compiling a bibliography on the homeless in America. PN has responded: we thought you might want to also. The format: Author/editor; title; place of publication; publisher; date; number of pages.

□ PUBLIC HOUSING: The Center for Community Change (1000 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20007) is preparing a three-part initiative to help preserve public housing for the poor. One part involves providing organizational development support for a selected number of tenant groups; another part involves creation of an information clearinghouse on public housing issues; the third part is a public policy effort. Contact: Othello Poulard, 202/342-0519.

□ ATLANTA REDLINING: *The Color of Money* is a 44-page special publication from *The Atlanta Journal/The Atlanta Constitution* on a May 1-16 newspaper series on Atlanta-area home mortgage lending practices that discriminate against blacks. No price listed. Contact: Journal-Constitution Marketing Dept., 72 Marietta St. N.W., Box 4689, Atlanta, GA 30302, 404/526-5690.

□ HOMELESS REPORT: The National Academy of Sciences (2101 Constitution Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20418) has released a 242-page report, *Homeless, Health, and Human Needs*, which concludes that at least 100,000 children are homeless on any given night. Copies are \$19.95 (paper). In addition, 10 of the 13-member NAS panel issued a six-page supplemental report calling the full report's language "too limited." Copies: United Hospital Fund Publications Program, 55 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10003.

□ HOUSING/LAND/TAXES: *Affordable Housing: A Missing Link* is an 18-page report on land price aspects and tax impacts of the housing equation, and on practical ways of dealing with them. Copies: Center for Public Dialogue, 10615 Brunswick Ave., Kensington, MD 20895, 301/933-3535.

□ HOMELESS REPORT: *Housing and Homelessness: A Report of the National Alliance to End Homelessness* is a 62-page report on the needs of the homeless, including rehousing the homeless and preventing homelessness. Copies are \$5.00 from: National Alliance To End Homelessness, 1518 K St. N.W. #206, Wash. DC 20006, 202/638-1526.

□ APSNICA/BOSTON: The Boston members of Architects and Planners in Support of Nicaragua will hold an event November 17 to update current activities of APSNICA locally and in Nicaragua. Contact: Art Girard, 617/282-6612.

□ PUBLIC HOUSING REPORT: The Council of Large Public Housing Authorities (7 Marshall St., Boston, MA 02108, 617/742-3720) has issued a report, *Public Housing Tomorrow*. Copies are \$3.

□ BLACKS/PARTNERSHIPS: *Blacks and Public/Private Partnerships: Strategies for Implementation* is the 58-page proceedings from a 1987 symposium presented by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development and Howard University's Partnership Institute. No price listed.

□ WORKPLACE DEMOCRACY: *Changing Work* magazine (Box 5065, New Haven, CT 06525, 203/486-3467) is planning two special issues this winter on veteran organizations in the movement for democracy at work, to reflect on and assess their accomplishments over the past decade, how they've changed, and their prospects for the future. Reader participation is encouraged. Subscriptions are \$14 for individuals.

□ MEMBER UPDATE: From Wes Hare (Twin Streams Educational Center Inc., 243 Flemington St., Chapel Hill, NC 27514, 919-929-3316): Since 1987, I've been acting as volunteer Director of Twin Streams, while we re-evaluate our work and energy commitments. Our work remains needed but unfunded. Jane Hare and I are working with the Mennonite Church on new actions, considering locations in Colorado and San Antonio. New possibilities abound. We'd like to hear from you.

□ **MISSISSIPPI HUNGER:** Partners for Improved Nutrition and Health (Box 531, Greenwood, MS 38930, 601/453-1975) is an effort to encourage local self-help activities that yield sustained improvements in the nutrition and health of low-income residents of Humphreys and Leflore Counties in west central Mississippi. Pners Teresa and Robert Lingafelter are key staff, and would like to hear from other Networkers involved in community-based health and nutrition programs in rural North America.

□ **HOUSING/BUSINESS:** "What Every Business Can Do About Housing," by PNER Peter Dreier, David C. Schwartz, and Ann Greiner, is a seven-page article in the September/October *Harvard Business Review*. Housing has appeared on the business agenda because of labor shortages, relocation costs, and high-priced real estate, they write. Copies (self-addressed stamped envelope): Peter Dreier, Boston Redevelopment Authority, City Hall, Boston, MA 02201.

□ **REAL ESTATE DATA:** Banker & Tradesman (210 South St., Boston, MA 02111, 617/426-4495) is offering a computer-based data service, *Real Estate Transfer Database CD-ROM*, on real estate transfers in Massachusetts (1982-87) and Connecticut (1987). An IBM or compatible personal computer and a CD-ROM disc drive are required. Connecticut is \$1,200; Massachusetts is in seven regions, with regions beginning at \$608.

□ **PLANNING BIBLIOGRAPHIES:** Networker Harvey Jacobs (Dept. of Urban and Regional Planning, Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706) is author or co-author of several recently released Council of Planning Librarians bibliographies: *Land Information Systems and Land Use Planning: An Annotated Bibliography of Social, Political and Institutional Issues*, CPL No. 208; *Environmental Consciousness: Native Americans Worldviews Sustainable Natural Resource Management—An Annotated Bibliography*, co-author with Annie Booth, CPL No. 214; and *Land Value Taxation and Urban Land Use Planning: An Annotated Bibliography*, co-author with Susan L. Roakes, CPL No. 216. Copies: Council of Planning Librarians, 1313 E. 60th St., Chicago, IL 60637.

Networkers' Reports

Upgrading Environmental Considerations

by Cynthia Pappas
Community and Economic Development, Springfield, Ore.

While reading John Friedmann's "Rethinking PN?" (PN #69), I found myself nodding more emphatically with each paragraph. I wholeheartedly agree that we, as Pners, do need to share more about issues that contribute to the way we think about and do our work.

Having been away from a university environment for six years and immersed in public sector planning work, I look to planning publications such as *Planners Network* for inspiration. It is good to be reminded of the impact our work has on the community and our ability, as planners, to make a positive difference.

Because my background is in environmental and land use planning, I am interested in hearing more from Pners about environmental planning issues. (In this consumeristically oriented time, is the idea of environmental planning no longer radical?)

Remember, PN's position statement includes the following message: "We believe that planning should be used to assure . . . a

healthful environment." A healthful environment not only means decent, affordable housing, but also inclusion of open space in our comprehensive plans, preservation of wetlands, and support for urban agriculture.

I recently attended a meeting to learn more about a project to improve the unhealthy environment in Nicaragua. The project is called Wheat for Peace, was initiated by the Oregon-based Council for Human Rights in Latin America, and is co-sponsored by the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.

Wheat donations are being collected in eastern Oregon in order to send up to 5,000 tons of wheat to Nicaragua to respond to the current food crisis. A delegation of Oregon farmers and church people visited Nicaragua in June to familiarize themselves with the program and to build ties of friendship with the Nicaraguan participants.

At the meeting, Father Jose Inocencio Alas, formerly a priest in El Salvador, currently living in exile in Managua, Nicaragua, spoke about the desperate need of the Nicaraguan people.

I was taken with Father Alas' simplistic, yet powerful, linkage between environmental protection and feeding the hungry. I loosely quote: "In Oregon you have Nature . . . I hear that Oregonians are ecologists. You must continue to work to save Nature. In my country we have deforestation. The rains stop in August now. We have drought. We cannot plant our corn and our beans. The people go hungry. It is not just the war that causes this . . . it is the economic policy that began in 1950. Maybe it was a good idea at that time to plant more coffee and cotton for export . . . , but we can't feed ourselves any longer. We need your help . . ."

Because of the Nicaraguan food shortages, Nicaraguan citizens are being encouraged to grow small gardens through a campaign comparable to the "Victory Gardens" established in the United States during World War II. Proceeds from selling the Oregon wheat (sold to Nicaraguan markets at a wholesale rate) will go toward purchase of seeds, tools and farming implements for family and community gardens in Nicaragua.

Projects such as Wheat for Peace are encouraging, but they are all too uncommon at home and abroad.

We need to begin at the root of the problem—environmental management. The need for these types of projects can be lessened through a heightened awareness of the use of our environmental resources. In the last few years, environmental considerations have been deliberately diminished in favor of short-term job gain. Can we afford this attitude?

How do we work toward a healthful environment when a programmatic commitment in the area of environmental planning is no longer seen as important in a number of our major universities?

How do we teach the importance of our connection to the land when we are so concerned about short-term economic gain?

Upcoming Conferences

AIR QUALITY: The National Air Quality Center (Box 791, Boulder, CO 80306) presents November 15-18 in Boulder the first Interdisciplinary Conference on Urban Air Quality. Registration is \$140. Details: Patricia Archibald, Conference Coordinator, 303/441-3201.

HOMELESSNESS: The Urban Land Institute (1090 Vermont Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20005, 202/289-8500) will cosponsor with the Home Builders Institute a national symposium November 17-18 in Washington, "Builders Examine the Many Faces of Homelessness: Laying a Foundation for Action."

SCHUMACHER LECTURES: The E.F. Schumacher Society (195 Main St., Great Barrington, MA 01230, 413/528-1737) will present the eighth annual E.F. Schumacher Lectures October 29 in Great Barrington, with Alana Probst, August Schumacher, and Robert Swann. Registration is \$15.

WORKER-OWNERS: The Center for Community Self-Help (Box 3619, Durham, NC 27702, 919/683-3016) is sponsoring the North Carolina Worker Ownership Conference October 21-23 in Bryson City, N.C. Registration is \$38.

Calls for Papers

CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTS: *Children's Environments Quarterly* (c/o Children's Environments Research Group, Environmental Psychology Program, CUNY Graduate School and University Center, 33 W. 42nd St., New York, NY 10036) is issuing a call for manuscripts for its 1989 issues. The themes: "Day Care Environments: Policy Research and Design," summer; "Design for Children with Physical and Sensory Disabilities," fall; "Research on Environmental Learning and Education," winter.

Jobs

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

RESEARCH DIRECTOR: Neighborhood Reinvestment Corp. (1325 G St. N.W. #800, Wash. DC 20005, 202/376-2400) is seeking a senior staff person with experience in neighborhood revitalization as Director of Research and Evaluation. Salary is \$52,000. Contact: Hilaria Heilman, Employment Specialist, or George Knight, Deputy Executive Director.

SENIOR RESEARCHER: The American Planning Association (1313 E. 60th St., Chicago, IL 60637, 312/955-9100) is seeking a Senior Research Associate, with experience in developing research proposals and managing research projects. Salary is negotiable. Contact: Tom Smith.

CITIZEN ACTION: Citizen Action is seeking to fill two staff openings: Membership Research Director (mid-\$20s) and Systems Manager (mid-\$20s). Contact: Mark Anderson, Fullerton Management Co., 4709 Golf Rd. #400, Skokie, IL 60076.

MANAGEMENT TRAINER: The Worker-Owned Network (50 S. Court St., Athens, OH 45701, 614/592-3854) has an opening for a Management Trainer, with business training and experience in management and personnel issues. Salary is negotiable.

CREDIT UNION MANAGER: The Central Appalachian People's Federal Credit Union (Box 504, Berea, KY 40403, 606/986-1651) is seeking a Credit Union Manager, with an accounting/finance background and credit union experience. Salary is \$15,000. Contact: Tom Del Savio.

NJ LOAN FUND: The New Jersey Community Loan Fund Inc. (126 N. Montgomery St., Trenton, NJ 08608, 609/989-7766) is seeking a Fund Manager and a Technical Assistance Coordinator as it provides technical and financial support for projects in affordable housing and community economic development. No salaries listed.

PROJECT DIRECTOR: The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation (140 S. Dearborn St. #700, Chicago, IL 60603) is seeking a Project Director for its Fund for Neighborhood Initiatives. Salary is \$35,000. Contact: Rebecca R. Riley.

PHILADELPHIA NHS: Philadelphia Neighborhood Housing Services has openings for a number of positions: Associate Director (\$33,000-\$37,000), Controller (\$25,000-\$30,000), Neighborhood Development Coordinator (\$24,000-\$26,000), and Rehabilitation Specialist (\$30,000-\$40,000). Contact: Roberto Nazario, Development Training Institute, 4806 Seton Dr., Baltimore, MD 21215.

Ex Conferences

WOMEN/ HOUSING: The Women's Research & Education Institute (1700 18th St. N.W. #400, Wash. DC 20009, 202/328-7070), held a conference September 15 in Washington on women, housing and public policy.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: The Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs (Univ. of Minnesota, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55455) sponsored a conference September 19 in Minneapolis, "Affordable Housing: National, State, and Community Perspectives."

TRANSPORTATION: The Urban Land Institute (1090 Vermont Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20005, 202/289-3321) sponsored a seminar October 13-14 in Baltimore, "Managing Transportation," on government/business action to alleviate commuting problems.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT: The Northeast-Midwest Leadership Council (218 D St. S.E., Wash. DC 20003, 202/544-5200) held a conference September 22-23 in Chicago on developing regional policy positions and program recommendations on the region's economic development and infrastructure needs.

Etcetera

DECEMBER PN DEADLINE: The arrival deadline for copy for the December *Planners Network* is Monday, December 5. We look forward to hearing from as many Networkers as possible. As always, our thanks to those who type their notes. It's a great help in production, and it reduces our chances of misreading what you write.

Arrival deadline for PN #73 copy: Monday, December 5.

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

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

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) sometime 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.

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

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