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ROSTER TIME!!! Our most recent "annual" PN Roster is from August 1987. We want to do a new one, as it is an important source of organizational identity and cohesion, and a pretty interesting piece of reading in itself.

On the back cover you'll find the Roster biosketch form we'd like completed and returned; we'll run the form in two successive issues, but it will make life much easier for us if you send it back right away. Needless to say, the Roster is a whole lot more useful and interesting if each entry contains a personal statement, something only about one-third did last time around.

We plan to send out the new Roster with the June newsletter.

We will send it out, that is, if we have the money to do so. A page-2 box on "PN Finances" lays out some general financial concerns. But with regard to the Roster, those concerns are a little more concrete: The Roster is a very expensive item, and at the moment we don't have the funds to pull it off. Our tough-as-nails Newsletter Editor/Record Keeper/All-Purpose Utility Infielder Prentice Bowsher has provided the cold facts, based on our last Roster. The August 1987 Roster cost about \$4,000, nearly three times the cost of a regular 12-page newsletter (Prentice's editorial time about doubles, typesetting and printing go up about fourfold, and postage about doubles); and, as Prentice reminded me, "After the 1987 Roster, we went through a severe cash crunch which persisted for several months."

So, to cut to the point: If you want the Roster, come up with

the bucks to make it happen—and the content, by returning the Roster biosketch form.

— Chester Hartman

FINANCIAL MINI-REPORT: Since the December newsletter, we have received \$1,790 in contributions from 39 Networkers, including a number in the \$50-\$100 range, and one at the \$500 level. We're deeply grateful to each PNER who participates in this way. What a wonderful way to begin a new year!

S&L CRISIS INSERT: Enclosed in this newsletter are materials on a progressive response to the savings and loan crisis (several PNERs—Patrick Bond, Chester Hartman, and Michael Stone—have been participating in the group's work). The problem obviously is critical, but it also presents great opportunities for populist-type demands and for restructuring the nation's finance system. We hope you and any organizations you are affiliated with will respond.

MOVING? TELL PN: When you move, please let us know directly. If our (non-forwardable) Third Class newsletter is returned to us, with your new address, which is the way we usually learn of PNERs' moves (we mark the newsletter "Return & Forwarding Postage Guaranteed"), it costs us 69¢ per; a

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 Beau regard, 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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thoughtful change-of-address card to us on the other hand will cost you just 15¢.

Passing the Word

□ ENVIRONMENTAL VIEWS: *Blueprint for the Environment* (1400 16th St. N.W., Wash. DC 20036, 202/797-6650) is both a 300-page paperback on the environmental community's recommendations to the Bush Administration, and also the cooperative venture of some 18 organizations which prepared the report. A 32-page summary is free. Copies of the 300-page version are \$13.95, in bookstores or from the publisher: Howe Brothers, Box 6394, Salt Lake City, UT 84106, 800/426-5387.

□ RECYCLING QUERY: From PNER Hathaway Ferebee, c/o CPHA, 340 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21201, 301/539-1369): I am seeking information on community-based recycling projects. I am particularly interested in learning about what infrastructure is needed to launch projects, what skills and resources community groups must have to make projects successful, and facts about projects (i.e. how many households are needed to make a project work, what is average household capacity for recycling, what is the cash value of the recycled goods, what level of public education is needed to get people involved).

□ PHILADELPHIA PROPOSAL: From Networker Jay Chatzkel (102 Bainbridge St., Philadelphia, PA 19147, 215/592-8611): The problems of inadequate jobs, housing, and schools in Philadelphia are fast becoming so great that the city soon may plunge beyond a point of no return. Agreement on the dangers seems broadly based, but suggestions/proposals are few. To get this on the table, I propose a "Forum on the Future of the City" conference, which would get the facts out to the public and begin to elicit practical responses. I would appreciate reaction to my perceptions of Philadelphia, and recommendations on preparing a conference.

□ MEMBER UPDATE: From Guy Moussalli (Box 631, Basalt, CO 81621): Following my Masters degree and four years in municipal planning and community development in Denver, I moved to Missouri in 1987, where I spearheaded local recycling efforts, and edited a newsletter on Green politics and bioregionalism. I now am back in Colorado, doing program planning and grant proposal writing for a local nonprofit. But soon I will be moving again, to Tucson, and would appreciate getting in touch with fellow Networkers and professionals in municipal planning and neighborhood-based community development. I can be reached at the address above until April 15.

□ DEVELOPMENT AWARD: The National Congress for Community Economic Development (1612 K St. N.W. #510, Wash. DC 20006, 202/659-8411) is seeking nominations for the third annual Research & Development Fund Award, which honors individuals, nonprofit organizations, or research teams that have created innovative approaches to community economic development. A detailed flyer is available; nominations deadline is March 10.

□ PEACE JOURNAL UPDATE: *Peace Review*, the new journal of peace, human rights, and development cited in PN #73, has moved to a new address. To subscribe or inquire about writing submissions, contact: PNER Robert Elias, Peace Review,

PN Finances

A word about PN finances and the "free rider" problem: PN has existed for nearly 14 years via voluntary contributions (along the lines of a suggested income-based scale) from members. In this respect, we are a quite remarkable, perhaps unique, entity.

Our annual budget is less than \$10,000, going exclusively for the costs of typesetting, printing and mailing our bimonthly newsletter and our quasi-annual PN Roster, and for the (quite modest) fee of our highly efficient Newsletter Editor/ Keeper of the Mailing List, Prentice Bowsher.

But we always are at the margin, with rarely more in our bank account that the money needed to put out the next newsletter. What is disturbing to Prentice and me is the very large number of PN members who are, in the parlance of planning literature, "free-riders"—those who pay nothing yet enjoy and benefit from the existence of our organization (we assume they are so enjoying and benefitting, since our system of periodically purging those from whom we have not heard during the period keeps fresh our list of our 900 members).

The stark numbers are as follows: Of the 900 people on our mailing list, only 308 sent in financial contributions last year. We are happy to carry for free anyone who can't afford even the \$15 minimum student/unemployed suggested contribution (an amount that doesn't even cover costs). But it is hard to believe that some two-thirds of you are in such straits.

As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, we would like to do a new Roster; our last one was published in August 1987. We would like to have a greater financial cushion. And we think it's wrong that so many of you are not owning up to the financial responsibilities of keeping the Network going.

Beginning with the next newsletter, we will start posting on your mailing label the date of your last contribution. As the system continues, you'll have an easy way of knowing when you last paid, and we'll know better who the freeloaders are. (Periodic PN purges will continue, but either a submission for the newsletter or a payment to PN will keep you on the mailing list.)

We look forward to your check, if it's appropriate.

— Chester Hartman

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□ CLEAN AIR *Around the World: The Law and Practice of Air Pollution Control in 14 Countries in Five Continents*, edited by Ivor and Joan Barker, surveys air pollution control in countries as diverse as Australia, West Germany, and Korea. It also reports on the United States. Copies are 20 pounds (UK), from: the International Union of Air Pollution Prevention Association, 136 North St., Brighton, BN1 1RG, England.

□ AFFORDABLE HOUSING: *Restoring the Dream* is a 12-minute video from the Urban Land Institute (1090 Vermont Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20005, 202/289-8500) and others on local

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Social Research & Social Praxis: Toward a Liberatory Science

by John Friedmann

From time to time, it is necessary to consider more carefully what it is that we are doing as "progressive" social scientists.

We talk, we write, we publish. Some of us also consult. We are motivated by a concern with ideas. When we write, we think we move closer to the truth.

We also share, I believe, a desire to redress the world's injustices. We side with the underdog, with those who have no power. We struggle for their liberation from ignorance and oppression. And we believe that our science should stand in the service of this struggle; it should be a liberatory science.

What are the requirements of such a science? Philosophers provide us with few criteria. They are still searching for alternatives to an inherited positivist legacy that instructs us to discover the regularities and laws of human behavior in order to predict and control them.

A good theory is one that allows us to predict probable outcomes; we've come a step closer to saying something true about the world. But the people who pay us are not so much interested in the truth as in practical results.

Positivist doctrine, while attractive, has little to show in terms of practical results. Our ability to predict human behavior in non-experimental settings is quite limited. The excuses are fairly flimsy, and there are deep reasons why positivism is an unsatisfactory doctrine. To say that it is unsatisfactory, of course, does not cause it to disappear. Adherents to positivism are legion and will continue to be, in the hope that by imitating the natural sciences they will become master social engineers.

Within the last 20 years, positivism has come under fire from a school of philosophy which took its inspiration from classical scholarship. The German humanist Hans-Georg Gadamer gave new impetus to an interpretive social science, or hermeneutics.

As a classical scholar, Gadamer was concerned with making sense out of invariant texts. But to understand a text correctly is not to say that it has one and only one correct meaning. Quite to the contrary, we can go back to the text again and again, with new questions and new

presuppositions, and read it with the intent of shedding new light on what it tells us.

In the hermeneutic approach, the question of transcendent truth disappears. So does a concern with prediction and control. The hermeneutic scholar subjects the author of his text to a Socratic dialogue. He will cast his net wide to capture the "meaning" of a text by establishing its historical context, its place in the larger configuration of texts with which it takes issue, and the author's intentions (both explicit and implicit). To this work he will bring a modern consciousness, as he struggles to make the text comprehensible to his contemporaries. Ultimately, he believes in the power of ideas to change the course of the world.

The accuracy of any interpretation is, of course, always open to challenge, and the social theorist, like the scholar, must produce both empirical evidence and logical arguments for a skeptical community of scholars. The conversation lasts for as long as there is interest in its subject. There is never a final word which puts the matter to rest.

If there is an infinity of possible meanings, how can we be sure that this or some other possible interpretation is also trustworthy? Are we really abandoning the

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.

question of truth? When we do, are we not laying ourselves open to the crudest sort of relativism, in which all "readings" are equally valid or invalid?

Numerous attempts have been made to discover criteria by which to establish the objective truth of statements about the "real" world. None have been successfully argued, however. A major reason, according to the British philosopher of science Mary Hesse, is that all theories in both the natural and human sciences are underdetermined by empirical data in the sense that there are, in principle, always an indefinite number of theories that fit the observed facts more or less adequately. We make narratives out of our interpretations of the empirical data. And we prefer one or another of the stories because it is more dramatic, or more consistent with our beliefs, or less likely to threaten other stories which we believe to be true. In short, though we must tell our stories well, answer criticisms from peers, and justify the story with reference to empirical evidence, we have substantial theoretical license.

The underdetermination-of-theory thesis of Mary Hesse and the hermeneutics of Gadamer (and Juergen Habermas, to name another prominent exponent) free us to consider new approaches to the human sciences. If there is no potentially "true picture" of the world, we can set aside our anxieties about "objective knowledge" and consider new ways of doing science.

The approach that serves our interests best—a liberatory praxis—is one which adopts a pragmatic criterion of knowledge. The pragmatic criterion establishes a purpose for our investigations and analyses. It identifies a potential actor, and insists on the utility of knowledge for a praxis of liberation. There are logical problems with this criterion, but it is a better guide to good science than any other, specifically, the competing criteria of consensus and correspondence.

The pragmatic criterion of knowledge is based on experience and is also consciously experimental in its method. Knowledge that is valid for a liberatory praxis must be based on the experience of such a praxis: it must be drawn from specific struggles for livelihood, self-determination, and power. It is always also a provisional knowledge that must be tested and, if necessary, reformulated in practice. Practice using such knowledge is geared to learning from experience to improve the practice itself,

and to improve the theory on which it is based. Such knowledge goes from the specific to the general and back again. It is always a knowledge in motion.

Perhaps in place of saying, "This I know," we should say, "This I have learned (and I'm still learning)."

A liberatory praxis must be self-guided. It is a form of struggle that rests explicitly with those whose liberation is in question: citizen-actors of Latin American barrios, landless peasant workers, women, exploited ethnic groups.

As human scientists, we can assist and support their struggles, but we must not presume to know how their liberatory praxis is to be conducted. Each group must carry on its own struggles for empowerment and liberation.

The pragmatic criterion, therefore, tells us that what we have learned from their own praxis must be for them and them only. It is not intended for the state nor for any other oppressive institutions, but for the victims and those who are prepared to help them.

This relationship posited between actors, the production of knowledge, and liberation is quite different from a science oriented to prediction and control or to the pure contemplation of the world-as-it-is.

A liberatory science participates in three kinds of discourse: moral, technical, and utopian. Moral discourse concerns the question of what we should do, weighing the consequences of proposed actions in terms of their ethical implications. No statement, however "scientific" its intent, can be separated from its moral implications when it is clearly directed at an actor who will use the statement in his or her praxis. The scientist therefore is centrally concerned with moral issues, and should be aware of the damage he can cause through his actions.

Technical discourse is meant to ensure that we know what we are doing when we choose a particular course of action. Because scientists have an obligation to give practical counsel and to warn of possible mishaps, that discourse is often explicitly linked to the question of the social effi-

ciency of the proposed means.

Utopian discourse, finally, addresses the long-term future and the idealized goals of a liberatory praxis. It adds to the other discourses a normative and time dimension. It makes little sense to discuss the recent past from a perspective of only the present moment; our imagination will not be kindled, and we will be only able to say that the past has brought us to this sad time. A liberatory praxis is always in motion. Although it is not certain whether its goals ever will be achieved, without vision a liberatory praxis will collapse upon itself.

All three discourses are joined into a complex of issues within a liberatory science. If we discuss morality alone, it degenerates into preaching, while technique alone is an empty display of virtuosity, and utopian discourse by itself deserves the epithet, "pie in the sky." Together, they can produce a powerful forward movement toward the project of human emancipation.

Finally, how does a liberatory science differ from other forms of scientific conduct, and what does it mean for us as practitioners of this science? To what sort of practice does this new science commit us?

First, in liberatory science, problems for analysis arise from praxis rather than from pre-existing theory. We are not in Karl Popper's "third world" where theory generates theory. Liberatory science operates close to the ground, in close communication with those about whose liberation we are concerned. It is a form of action-research.

Second, a liberatory science involves facilitating practical judgments that mediate between general, or theoretical, knowledge (with its universalizing tendencies) and particular situations. Its emphasis is on what Aristotle called *phronesis* or practical judgment, for this is what matters and it encompasses the full range of the three discourses: moral, technical, and utopian.

Third, a liberatory science is action-relevant. Its context is always the uncertainty and risk of innovative action that

meets resistance as it seeks to make space for the new. The praxis which it serves must be sustained, requiring commitment, and this commitment transfers to the scientist as well. The carrier of the action is someone other than the scientist, and the language of liberatory science must therefore be accessible to him or her. It must also be seen as addressing an important issue confronting the actor. It must be pointed to a concrete "utopian" situation that seems worthwhile to strive for, whether it is called a safe and secure livelihood, human rights, democracy, socialism, or whatever.

Fourth, a liberatory science is meant to be empowering. It must be elaborated in dialogue with those it is intended to serve, allowing the concrete experience to be wedded to the specialist and abstract knowledge of the scientist. Often it will be carried out in close collaboration with the client-actor whose self-liberation is at stake. And it stresses the importance of mutual learning between actor and scientist.

From this perspective, much of what we do in our normal work will be found wanting. But throughout Latin America, for example, there are dozens upon dozens of examples of a liberatory science, working in close partnership with barrio residents, peasant groups, and women, the increasingly vocal and self-assured sub-proletariat of the continent.

It is easy to lose faith when we fix on the ineffective and corrupt power structures that claim the right to govern our lives. But faith in the possibilities of a better future will be renewed when we turn to the ongoing liberatory praxis of the disenfranchised peoples of our Americas who carry on with dignity and hope under conditions in which many of us would find only reason for despair.

We owe it to them and ourselves to place our science in their service.

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Passing the Word

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communities and private developers working together to produce affordable housing at no additional cost to local residents. Copies are \$25.95 for ULI members, \$29.95 for others.

□ **AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT:** The National Housing Institute has begun a three-year project aimed at reducing construction costs for affordable urban infill housing. The project will focus on architectural design and new or available construction technology to bring down hard construction costs. NHI plans to publish a book for architects, builders, and community development corporations, and to build one or more demonstrations in New Jersey. NHI is interested in useful research and any appropriate projects built in the U.S. or abroad. Contact: Patrick Morrissy, National Housing Institute, 439 Main St., Orange, NJ 07050, 201/678-3110.

□ **DEVELOPMENT INTERNS:** The Development Training Institute (4806 Seton Dr., Baltimore, MD 21215, 301/764-0780) is seeking applicants for 1989-90 National Interns in Community Economic Development. Contact: Verna Jones, Director of Admissions.

□ **HOMELESS VIDEO:** *Inside Life Outside* is a 57-minute video on homelessness in New York's Lower East Side, among a group of people living in a cluster of shacks, they call "Shantytown," in the middle of an empty lot. Available for purchase (\$290) or rental (\$75) in VHS or 3/4-inch formats. Contact: New Day Films, 853 Broadway #1210, New York, NY 10003, 212/477-4604.

□ **SANTA CRUZ UPDATE:** Santa Cruz County has created a clever way to meet its affordable housing obligations in the context of limiting growth. Although the growth-control ordinance mandates that 15 percent of new housing is for low- and moderate-income people, an objective that is being achieved, the California Department of Housing and Community Development challenged the adopted growth rate (15 percent for 1988 and 1989) as too low to meet regional fair-share housing goals. So the County pledged to issue up to almost three times the number of permits allowable under the ordinance, if all the extra increment went for low-income housing. While this was offered as an unrealistic "paper" ploy, the concept of variable growth allowances has some merit worth following. Follow-up: Rick Hyman, Box 1214, Santa Cruz, CA 95061.

□ **NYC CHINATOWN FUNDRAISER:** Asian Americans for Equality (98 East Broadway, New York, NY 10002, 212/226-8960), a community-based development organization in Chinatown and the Lower East Side, will hold a fundraiser March 4, with James W. Rouse of the Enterprise Foundation as the featured speaker. Honorees will include Franklin Thomas, president of the Ford Foundation, and Augusta Souza Kappner, president of the Borough of Manhattan Community College.

□ **NETWORKER HONORED:** PNER Ann Markusen (Center for Urban Affairs and Policy Research, Northwestern Univ., Evanston, IL 60208, 312/491-3395) has received the Chester Rapkin Award for the best 1988 paper in the *Journal of Planning Education and Research*. Her winning paper, "Planning for Industrial Decline: Lessons from Steel Communities," examines plant closing opposition strategies, critiques neo-classical eco-

nomics' approach to plant closings, and concludes that plant closings are neither natural nor efficient.

□ **CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS:** The *Proceedings* of the July 1988 IAPS conference in Delft, The Netherlands, "Looking Back to the Future," have been published in two volumes. Copies are Dutch Florins-75, from: IAPS-10, Delft Univ. of Technology, Faculty of Architecture, Housing, Urban Design, and Planning, Box 5043, 2600 GA Delft, The Netherlands. IAPS is an international association of social scientists, architects, and planners engaged in research on relations between people and their physical surroundings.

□ **PUERTO RICAN ORGANIZATIONS:** The National Puerto Rican Coalition (1700 K St. N.W. #500, Wash. DC 20006) has published a *Directory of Puerto Rican Organizations*, including organizational histories, missions and goals, programs of assistance, sources of funding, geographical service areas, and publications. Copies are \$7.50 for NPRC members, \$10 for others.

□ **COMMUNITY HOUSING REPAIRS:** PNER Steven Sharp reports that the Tallahassee Housing Foundation completed major repairs on 30 houses during Octoberfix, an annual community repair day involving a partnership between the local builders association and neighborhood associations. 350 volunteers participated in the one-day project.

A how-to manual for low-income residential retrofits entitled *Community-Based Weatherization* describes the Tallahassee Housing Foundation model. Copies are \$5 from: Tallahassee Housing Foundation, Box 10022, Tallahassee, FL 32302.

□ **TAX-INCENTIVES BIBLIOGRAPHY:** *The Effects of State and Local Taxes on Investment: A Bibliography*, by PNER Todd Swanstrom, is available for \$5 from: Vance Bibliographies, Box 229, Monticello, IL 61856. The bibliography has approximately 200 entries; the overwhelming majority present evidence that state and local tax incentives are not effective tools for attracting investment, though there are some exceptions.

□ **ENVIRONMENTAL T/A:** From Networker Don Forman (Atlantic States Legal Foundation, 658 W. Onondaga St., Syracuse, NY 13204, 315/475-1170): The Atlantic State Legal Foundation is a nonprofit that gives legal, technical, and organizing assistance to communities faced with environmental problems. I'm working with families faced with toxic contamination from natural gas pipelines, and on Clean Water Act enforcement. Some of our other specialties include solid waste (opposing oversized incinerators and building up recycling programs), Great Lakes cleanup, and the local Central New York environment.

We've seen citizens' groups who didn't know where to turn for help, or who paid large sums of money to lawyers or technical people who did work that was irrelevant for the usually political situation that the local people faced.

A lot of our clients are simply ordinary middle-Americans suddenly faced with problems they don't understand, but that threaten their homes and families. We try to communicate with them on their terms, so they can deal with their problem (though we don't mind if they acquire some general environmental consciousness in the process).

□ **HOMELESSNESS REPORT:** *SAFAH Grants: Aiding Comprehensive Strategies for the Homeless* is an 86-page report

from the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development on innovative grants under the Supplemental Assistance for Faculties to Assist the Homeless section of the McKinney Act. For copies: HUD User, Box 6091, Rockville, MD 20850, 800/245-2691. No price listed.

□ LEGAL SERVICES QUERY: How do we get off the eviction case tread mill, and what is our role as legal service attorneys in the development and preservation of affordable housing? What kinds of legal or political strategies are people using to get and keep control of property? We would be interested in hearing about types of housing in which legal services offices are addressing development issues; how offices are exploring and analyzing preservation issues at the initial stage of intake; what role legal services advocates are playing in putting together or advising clients on the financial/legal pieces of development. We are in the process of thinking about a regional conference on these issues, and need ideas, articles, resources, pleadings, programs worth fighting for. Contact: Annette Duke, Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, 69 Canal St., Boston, MA 02114, 617/742-9250.

□ HISTORIC/INFILL HOUSING: *Design and Development: Infill Housing Compatible with Historic Neighborhoods*, by Ellen Beasley, explores the design and development processes behind compatible infill housing in historic districts, and examines in detail four infill projects in Nashville. Copies are \$5, from: National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Wash. DC 20036.

□ PREPAYMENT BAN UPHELD: A federal district judge in Chicago has upheld the constitutionality of the 1987 Emergency Housing Preservation Act in preserving federally subsidized privately owned low-income housing. The ruling came in a case (*Orego v. HUD* No. 88 C 1567) in which the owner of a 209-unit building in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood had tried to prepay the mortgage, thus escaping low-income use restrictions, and convert to market-rate rents (as much as 29 percent higher than present). The 1987 law restricts such prepayments.

In a second case, another federal district judge in Chicago signed a settlement in a class action (*Avery v. Pierce*, No. 75 C 3379) against federal, state, and city officials over developers using government subsidized mortgages in rehabilitating buildings in Uptown, then forcing out many residents, and threatening destruction of a racially integrated community. Under the settlement, the Chicago Housing Authority, the City of Chicago, and HUD will contribute a total of \$100,000 in seed money for a plan to provide more low- and moderate-income housing in Uptown. Follow-up for each case: Avery Anti-Displacement Clearinghouse, c/o James P. Chapman, 33 N. Dearborn St., #930, Chicago, IL 60602, 312/263-0789.

□ EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT QUERY: From Networker Larry Flood (Political Science Dept., Buffalo State College, Buffalo, NY 14222): I am working on a project relating public housing education to economic development, and would welcome materials and suggestions.

□ RURAL COMMUNITIES: *Small Town Survival Manual*, by Jack McCall, is a guide to ideas for economic development in rural communities. Copies are \$3.19 (payable to the University of Missouri), from: Extension Publications, Univ. of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211.

□ MEMBER UPDATE: From Networker Mickey Lauria (School of Urban and Regional Studies, Univ. of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA 70148): I will be spending January through July 1989 in Europe, as an exchange professor at the Institute for Urban and Regional Planning, Univ. of Innsbruck, A6020 Innsbruck, Austria. I hope to be traveling in Southern Europe in January and February, teaching in Innsbruck from March through June. I plan to spend Spring break (March 18-April 2) traveling to Lund, Copenhagen, and Amsterdam. In July, I will be in Great Britain. If European networkers are interested in having me visit, please contact me in Innsbruck.

□ PEACE STRATEGIES: *PlanetHood: The Key to Your Survival and Prosperity*, by Benjamin B. Ferencz and Ken Keyes Jr., is a 188-page paperback guide to people-level strategies for initiating peace at the world level. Copies are \$2.50, from: 20/20 Vision, 69 S. Pleasant St. #203, Amherst, MA 01002, 413/253-2939.

□ NETWORKER HONORED: PNER Florence Wagman Roisman, a staff attorney for the National Housing Law Project in Washington, D.C., has been chosen as the first recipient of the \$10,000 Kutak-Dodds Prize for outstanding public service through the law. She was cited for "helping the underprivileged secure decent affordable housing."

□ SOCIALIST ECOLOGY: *Capitalism Nature Socialism* is a new journal of socialist ecology, whose first issue appeared last fall. Details: Prof. James O'Connor, Univ. of California, Santa Cruz, CA 95064.

□ NONPROFIT FUNDING: *Part of the Solution: Innovative Approaches to Nonprofit Funding* is a 58-page summary of an exploratory project to find alternative funding mechanisms for financing the nonprofit sector. It presents 10 major recommendations and additional ideas, including special taxing districts and statewide associations. The summary is free; a 130-page full report is \$15, from: UECU Institute for Public Policy and Administration, 1400 20th St. N.W. #118, Wash. DC 20036, 202/463-1961.

□ LIMITED-EQUITY CO-OPS: The Cooperative Housing Task Force (7 Marshall St., Boston, MA 02108, 617/742-6780), headed by PNER Ann Silverman, assists in the development and support of limited-equity housing cooperatives in Massachusetts. It provides technical assistance, board/resident training, marketing, and advocacy, and has a three-page publications list.

□ GRASSROOTS INTERNATIONAL (Box 312, Cambridge, MA 02139, 617/497-9180) is a people-to-people partnership for social change, which funds community-based relief and development projects in Africa and the Middle East, and produces related education and information programs. *Grassroots Insights* is a quarterly bulletin for donors.

□ TRAVELING LINKS is a British register of building industry professionals who like to travel, and who are prepared to offer and receive hospitality in each other's homes around the world. Details: Tony Johnson, Johnson & Associates, 9/13 Wensum St., Norwich NR3 1LA, England.

□ ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT: *The Safety Net as Ladder: Transfer Payments and Economic Development*, by Robert Friedman, and *Women and Self-Sufficiency: Programs that*

The S&L Crisis: A Call To Action

February 6, 1989

Dear Friends:

Today the collapse of the savings and loan industry is one of the most heavily-discussed issues in official Washington. Unfortunately, that discussion is rapidly narrowing into a debate over the costs of an S&L bailout. Meanwhile most press coverage has failed to explain the causes of the crisis or its consequences for average citizens. Here's what's really going on:

- Hundreds of savings and loan institutions are broke and the industry, administration and many members of Congress are looking to taxpayers to bail them out. The size of the bailout is unprecedented -- at least \$100 billion. That's more than the combined cost of the Marshall Plan and the bailouts of Chrysler, Lockheed, New York City and Continental Illinois.

- Federal regulators, acting without congressional approval, have already committed billions of taxpayer dollars to encourage takeover artists and huge firms like Ford Motor to acquire insolvent S&L's. The true cost of these open-ended incentives -- which protect the acquirors against everything from bad loans to hazardous waste damages -- will not be known for many years. What we do know now is that this free ride gives the new owners of insolvent S&L's very little reason to manage the institutions any more responsibly than the previous owners.

- Deregulation of the financial industry set up the S&L's for a fall. Under deregulation, the government encouraged savings and loans to move out of home mortgages and into new lending areas. At the same time, a lax supervisory system was allowed to grow even weaker. S&L's responded by investing in casinos, windmill farms, luxury shopping malls and the junk bonds that finance leveraged buyouts. Management misconduct and outright criminal activity exploded. Deposit insurance, established in the 1930s as a safety net for the small saver, became a public catch basin for the costs of bad loans, speculation, and corruption.

- The S&L fiasco is connected to the nation's housing crisis. There are many reasons why homelessness has proliferated, home ownership has declined and production of starter homes has shrunk in half. But all those trends and the difficulties they create for younger families have been exacerbated by changes in an industry that was created in order to make housing credit available to families, especially first-time homebuyers. Over the past 10 years, S&L's have more than doubled non-mortgage loans as a portion of their total assets.

- Finally while the S&L industry with one hand is trying to reach deep into taxpayers pockets for a bailout, the other hand has been keeping blacks and other people of color away from the loan window. According to a recent analysis of federal lending data, savings and loan institutions reject black applicants for home loans twice as often as whites, and in many regions upper income blacks are rejected as often as low income whites.

What can we do about this? Over the past several months, a wide-ranging group of organizations and individuals has been meeting to develop a citizens' response to the savings and loan crisis. We hope to spark a nationwide campaign demanding a just resolution of the S&L collapse. A resolution that protects the interests of nonrich depositors, mortgage borrowers and ordinary taxpayers. A resolution that guarantees that similar crises will not recur to infect our financial system again. And a resolution that addresses the twin problems of declining home ownership and the high cost of housing credit.

As a first step, we have developed the enclosed statement of principles that must guide any solution to the S&L crisis. In the past two weeks, a growing number of organizations and individuals have signed this statement, and we would like to invite you or your organization to sign on as well.

At the same time that we are circulating this statement, we are developing specific legislative remedies to be presented to Congress. These recommendations flow from the principles and include the following suggestions:

1. The average taxpayer should not have to pay for a bailout nor should bailout funds be taken from social programs. The primary financial responsibility for an S&L rescue should be borne by those who have benefited from or abused financial deregulation. For example, we may want to require solvent S&L's and other segments of the financial services industry to pay a special bailout surcharge. We may also want to establish a tax on interest income received by the nation's wealthiest individuals.

2. Any rescue of the S&L industry must also rescue damaged parts of the nation's real economy, particularly housing. The challenge of putting S&L's back on their feet provides an opportunity for the nation to move affordable housing onto its front burner. One way to accomplish this would be for all financial intermediaries, including but not limited to banks and S&L's, to invest proportionately in a national development pool that supplies below-market rate financing for first-time homebuyers and producers of permanently affordable housing for low- and moderate-income residents.

3. The structure and supervision of the financial industry must be strengthened to prevent a recurrence of the S&L disaster. This could include plans for greater levels of impartiality, supervisory resources, public disclosure and public participation in financial regulation. It would also restore safety and soundness to a system badly in need of stability and fairness. And it would include new and more forceful guarantees that the industry end its longstanding practice of redlining and racial bias in making home loans.

Finally, in addition to designing remedies to the S&L crisis, we encourage community, religious, labor and other local organizations to enlist the support of their congressional representatives for the attached principles.

To indicate your support for the campaign emerging behind the enclosed principles, please fill out the coupon and send it to either of the designated addresses. We are also preparing informational packets and postcards for use around the country; please let us know what you need.

Cordially,

Jesse Jackson
Mildred Brown, President, ACORN
Carol O'Cleireacain, AFSCME District 37
Joseph Misbrener, President,
Oil, Chemical & Atomic Workers Intl Union
John L. Sweeney, President, Service
Employees Intl. Union
Rt. Rev. John H. Burt, Chair, Urban Bishops
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Susan DeMarco
Heather Booth, President,
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Communications Workers of America
Allen Fishbein, Center for
Community Change
Jeff Faux, President, Economic
Policy Institute

We are citizens who demand to be heard on the question of whether billions of dollars in public money should be devoted to cleaning up the ruinous mess in the savings and loan industry. This crisis represents a gross failure of the governing authorities — both the President and the Congress as well as the financial regulatory agencies. All failed in their obligation to protect the safety and soundness of the banking system.

We insist that any resolution to the S&L crisis be guided by four major principles.

MAKE THE BENEFICIARIES PAY: The nation's foremost obligation in cleaning up after the S&L industry's collapse is guaranteeing the deposits of insured savers. However, spending billions in general public funds to liquidate hundreds of failed S&L's would be unjust to most taxpayers. Asking ordinary taxpayers — most of whom are net debtors — to pay for the savings and loan liquidation is like asking the victims of toxic-waste contamination to pay for cleaning up a mess made in their community by irresponsible polluters. Instead, the cost ought to be borne mainly by those who have profited from the unstable financial conditions, unprecedented interest rates and huge transfers of wealth that the government fostered in this decade through the deregulation of finance.

REPAIR THE REAL ECONOMY: Regardless of whether public money is expended, the nation is entitled to fundamental remedies for the social and economic dislocations that financial deregulation has helped create. Beyond the devastated S&L industry, the damage includes: the mounting crisis of homelessness and declining homeownership; the destruction of small business and injury to economic sectors ranging from agriculture to oil caused by punishing interest rates; the financial cannibalism that is destroying good companies with debt. Rescuing the savings and loan industry will be an empty achievement unless America simultaneously renews the enterprises and communities that make up its underlying economic and social fabric. No part of that fabric cries out for repair more than housing, the very need that S&L's were invented to meet.

REFORM THE REGULATORY SYSTEM: Nothing of lasting importance will be accomplished by a costly general bailout of the S&L's unless the structure and regulation of the financial system is also reformed. Openness and honesty must be restored to a corrupted system and the instabilities inherent in deregulated finance must be curtailed. These distortions and gyrations not only undermine long-term economic prosperity but also produce recurring crises in financial institutions and markets. The S&L industry's epidemic of fraud, misconduct and lax supervision should be ended by vigorous prosecution of wrongdoers, a full accounting of the industry's condition and a commitment to effective regulation. In order for government to assume a role as public steward of the private financial system, both market and regulatory processes must be opened up to greater scrutiny and participation by citizens. This is especially true for those parts of the system in which the public holds a controlling equity position.

EARN THE PUBLIC TRUST: A banking license that is guaranteed by the public requires public obligations from the bankers. As it is, bankers and brokers are effectively unrestrained by broad public responsibilities — yet the government has guaranteed their losses, supplied them huge tax giveaways and helped them deform the original purpose of deposit insurance. Financial managers are free to undertake the most dubious risks and destructive manipulations — while the federal government promises to pick up the tab when they get in trouble. The terms of this indulgent license must be changed. In return for justified government protections, financial

A STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES:

How to Resolve the S&L Crisis

Sign Us On!

Yes, we endorse this statement of principles. Please add our name to the list of supporters as:

- an organization
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- We're willing to contact the following organizations about the campaign _____

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Immediate Action Necessary!

In early March, the endorsers' names will be released publicly. To be included on this list, we need your response by February 28, 1989. Some organizations can't act that fast, so we will continue to gather endorsers after that date.

intermediaries must channel funds into productive activities that create long-term economic vitality — like housing for first-time homebuyers. That is the financial system's ultimate fiduciary responsibility. It should begin living up to it.

Financial reform is a large and complicated subject. We intend in time to propose specific reforms that would restore public values and broad national priorities to the banking and credit system. For now, we challenge the political community. The S&L debate is today dominated by warring sectors of finance arguing tenaciously over how the public can be made to pay for this mess and what competitive advantages each sector might win in the bargain. We urge Congress and the Administration to step back from the financial industry's clamoring and consider how the larger public interest might also be served.

Endorsers as of February 2:

Organizations:

ACORN
Communications Workers of America
Housing Assistance Council
Center for Concern
Interreligious Federation on Community Organization (IFCO)
Development GAP
Federation for Industrial Retention & Renewal
Midwest Center for Labor Research

Southeast Women's Employment Coalition
National Rural Housing Coalition
National Congress for Community Economic Development
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Allen Fishbein, Center for Community Change
Jeff Faux, Economic Policy Institute
Jim Sessions, Commission on Religion in Appalachia
Tim Smith, Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility
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John Ruoff, South Carolina Fair Share
Elisa Wolper, North Carolina Fair Share
Craig Taylor, South Atlanta Land Trust
Frank Adams, Industrial Cooperatives Association

Susan Denzer, National Save the Family Farm Coalition
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William Darity, University of North Carolina
Lawrence Goodwyn, Duke University
Gerald Epstein, University of Massachusetts
Michael Stone, University of Massachusetts
Harriet Barlow, Blue Mountain Center
Jane Sharp, North Carolina Consumers Council
Bob Hall, Institute for Southern Studies
Juliet Schor, Harvard University
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Work, Policy that Might, by Alan Okagaki, are two new publications on low-income people and enterprise development. *Safety Net* is \$16.95; *Women and Self-Sufficiency* is \$15, from: Corporation for Enterprise Development, 1725 K St. N.W. #1401, Wash. DC 20006, 202/293-7963.

□ POST-INDUSTRIAL ISSUES: *Why Are We No Longer an Industrial Society?* is an eight-page letter by Michael H. Goldhaber, part of a 10-letter-a-year series on post-industrial issues. Subscriptions are \$28 (payable to him), from: Center for Democracy and Technology, Box 460516, San Francisco, CA 94146. Upcoming topics include "why the shift to post-industrialism happened only recently" and "why an attention-centered society promotes inequality."

□ CAL BRADFORD UPDATE: We received a copy of only one letter (to the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning), protesting Calvin Bradford's treatment at the Univ. of Minnesota, as described in PN #73 ("Academic Freedom: Humphrey Institute"). (Perhaps others of you wrote also, and didn't send us a copy. If so, we'd like to know.) But the letter we did receive was a good one, signed by Norm Krumholz (Past President of the American Planning Association), Dennis Keating, and Edward Hill of the Cleveland State Univ. Urban Affairs faculty. In addition, we also received a copy of the ACSP response from ACSP President Donald Krueckeberg (Rutgers), saying he hadn't known about the case, that the allegations seemed very serious, and that he would bring the matter to the attention of the ACSP Executive Committee at an April 30 meeting in Atlanta.

□ PUBLIC WELFARE, the journal of the American Public Welfare Association (1125 15th St. N.W., Wash. DC 20005, 202/293-7550), has a special (Winter, 1989) issue on "Housing the Poor: In Search of a National Commitment." Included is an opinion forum on, "Is Public Housing the Answer?" with contributions by Mary Nanno of NAHRO, Rep. Henry Gonzalez, Sen. Alan Cranston, PN Chair Chester Hartman, and others. Copies of the full issue are available from APWA (no price available); Chester will send you a freebie copy of the 12-page opinion forum section, if you send a SASE (45¢).

□ BUDGET LETTER: Planners Network was among a number of national organizations joining a "sign-on" letter, asking President Bush to reject the outgoing Reagan Administration's budget approach of cutting domestic programs to increase military spending. This was some time before Bush's February 9 budget speech. Further details: Susan Rees, Coalition on Human Needs, 1000 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20007, 202/342-0726.

□ HOMELESSNESS: *A Status Report on Hunger and Homelessness in America's Cities: 1988* is available for \$10 from the U.S. Conference of Mayors, 1620 Eye St. N.W., Wash. DC 20006, 202/293-7330.

□ HOUSING POLICY: *The Low Income Housing Crisis and Homelessness: The Impact of Federal Policies 1981-88* is an in-depth analysis of federal housing policy during the Reagan Administration. Contact: National Low Income Housing Coalition, 1012 Fourteenth St., N.W., 15th Fl., Wash. DC 20005; 202/662-1530.

□ NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT: *The Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation: A Guide to Its Services and Re-*

sources is a catalogue which provides a comprehensive overview of NRC for its NeighborWorks network and others in the field. Included is information on NRC's research grants, its training institute, and its publications. Contact: NRC, 1325 G. St. N.W., #800, Wash. DC 20005, 202/376-2400.

□ URBAN LEAGUE STUDY: The National Urban League has published its *State of Black America 1989*. Copies are \$19 from: NUL, 1111 Fourteenth St., N.W., 6th Fl., Wash. DC 20005; 202/898-1604.

□ HOUSING/ILLINOIS: *Who's Better Off in Illinois* is a housing study from the Illinois Public Action Council, which showed that 300,000 fewer midwestern families owned their homes in 1986 compared to 1980. Cost: \$1 for reprints. Contact: John Cameron, IPAC, 220 S. State St., #714, Chicago, IL 60604, 312/427-6262.

□ CHILD CARE: *State Child Care Fact Book: 1988* is a 138-page state-by-state child care survey showing current funding levels for child care, trends, and elements of a state child care agenda. Copies are \$8.45, from: Children's Defense Fund, 122 C St. N.W., Wash. DC 20001, 202/628-8787.

□ WATER POLITICS: *A Life of Its Own: The Politics and Power of Water*, by Robert Gottlieb, is a journalist-insider's 292-page report on the state of Western water issues, which are in a fast-moving period of great transition. As one reviewer said, "The good guys aren't always fighting for the right . . . and the bad guys don't always win" or "even know what they want." Gottlieb is a UCLA Professor of Urban Planning, an environmental activist, and a long-time dissident member of the powerful Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. For PNers, there is a special price, \$15.75. To get it, write Martha Embree, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich Inc., 1250 Sixth Ave., San Diego, CA 92101.

□ HOUSING FUNDS QUERY: The Societe D'Habitation et de Developpment de Montreal (1055 Boul Rene Levesque, 9th Fl., Montreal, Quebec H2L 4S5), a municipal nonprofit housing agency, would appreciate any documentation or texts concerning the role of private foundations in development of nonprofit low-income housing. Contact: John Bradley, 514/872-2040.

□ SHARED-UNIT HOUSING: We neglected in PN #72 to identify Dan Carlson as the author of a Seattle Human Services Strategic Planning Office report, *Shared Unit Housing for Homeless Special Populations*. Our apologies. For copies: Bonnie Snedeker, Director, Human Services Strategic Planning Office, 206/684-8058.

□ THREATENED HOUSING: *Shutting the Back Door* is an occasional newsbrief from the National Anti-Displacement Project (Low Income Housing Information Service, 1012 14th St. N.W. #1500, Wash. DC 20005, 202/662-1530) on expiring use restrictions and the loss of affordable housing opportunities in federal subsidized privately owned low-income housing. No price listed.

□ LAND POLICY NEWS: *Land Lines* is an eight-times-yearly newsletter on the theory, practice and understanding of land use and land policies from the Research Department of the Lincome Institute of Land Policy, 26 Trowbridge St., Cambridge, MA 02138, 617/661-3016. No price listed. A 64-page course catalogue also is available.

□ **ACCESSORY UNITS:** The American Association of Retired Persons (1909 K St. N.W., Wash. DC 20049, 202/872-4700) is conducting a study on the experience of communities which have changed their zoning ordinances to permit accessory apartments. They can provide survey forms on request, and are offering free copies of the results to respondents. Contact: Leah Dobkin.

□ **NICARAGUA UPDATE:** Architects and Planners in Support of Nicaragua (Box 1151, Topanga, CA 90290, 213/455-1340) has started two new projects this year. In response to the hurricane disaster, APSNICA has transferred its lumber milling project to Pearl Lagoon, on the Atlantic Coast where thousands of trees were blown down by the 150-mph winds. The goal is to salvage as much of the wood as possible, and use it to rebuild the 30,000 houses which were destroyed in Nicaragua, most of them on the east coast.

At the same time, the new construction project for 1989 has begun in Matiguas, where APSNICA will build a 6,500-square foot food storage warehouse for collecting and distributing food to rural shops operated by local peasants throughout the region. APSNICA also will be concentrating its technical assistance work in Matiguas this year.

To receive the APSNICA newsletter, find out about work brigades (leaving March 9 and April 27), an educational tour (June 1989), technical assistance work, or names of local APSNICA contacts in your area, contact: Steve Kerpen.

□ **DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL:** PNER Jan Reiner (1000 52nd St. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33710, 813/321-7067) a St. Petersburg architect, has proposed for the city a series of superblocks—some up to 15 acres—to provide attractive housing in a semi-private, park-like environment within walking distance of burgeoning commercial renewal in the city's downtown district. His proposal was featured in a "Community Forum" section of the January 24 *St. Petersburg Times*.

□ **INTENTIONAL COMMUNITIES:** The Shared Living Resource Center (2375 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, CA 94704, 415/548-6608) offers social-environmental education, organization, and design services for persons interested in new and remodeled shared housing, limited-equity housing cooperatives, and family village clusters as one way to create affordable and ecologically compatible housing.

□ **SMALL TOWN** is a bimonthly magazine from the Small Towns Institute (Box 517, Ellensburg, WA 98926, 509/925-1830), which covers the issues and problems of smaller communities, and focuses on innovative solutions. It is a membership service; individual memberships are \$30.

□ **ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING:** *Economic Restructuring and Political Response* contains essays by PNERs Bob Beauregard (editor), Susan and Norman Fainstein, Gordon Clark, Saskia Sassen, Ann Markusen, Bob Giloth, and Rob Mier exploring the economic and political dimensions of the most recent restructuring of capitalism in the U.S. Paperback copies are \$16.95 (plus \$1.50 postage) from: Sage Publications, Box 5084, Newbury Park, CA 91359, 805/499-0721.

□ **EMPLOYMENT SKILLS:** *Workplace Basics: The Skills Employers Want* is a 34-page summary of a study on integrating a broad range of job and social skills for entry-level workers into a basic workplace skills training program. Copies: American Society for Training and Development, 1630 Duke St., Alexandria, VA 22313, 703/683-8100.

□ **PROGRESSIVE BOOKS UPDATE:** *What Is To Be Read* is a bimonthly progressive review by PNER Hank Leland of books and other resources on economics and social issues. We have recommended it in the past; and now as it moves to a subscription basis, we recommend it again. Subscriptions are \$20, from: Cooperative Economics News Service, 1736 Columbia Rd. N.W. #202, Wash. DC 20009, 202/387-1753.

□ **BANKING OVERSIGHT:** Bank Watch (Box 19367, Wash. DC 20036, 202/362-4029), Public Citizens' Congress Watch, and U.S. Public Interest Research Group are launching a nationwide effort to encourage the creation of state Financial Consumers' Associations to oversee the financial services industry. A six-page background/concept paper is available. No price listed.

□ **EXCHANGE SERVICE:** Global Exchange (2940 16th St. #307, San Francisco, CA 94103, 415/255-7296) is a nonprofit research, education, and action center fostering direct people-to-people ties between North American and Third World groups on hunger and poverty issues.

□ **HOUSING HANDBOOK:** *Handbook of Housing and the Built Environment in the United States*, edited by Elizabeth Huttman and Willem van Vliet, includes 28 specialists on the social, economic, environmental, policy, and architectural dimensions of housing and the built environment. PN contributors include Chester Hartman, Lily M. Hoffmann, Kenneth Baer, Dennis Keating, John L. Gilderbloom, Charles Hoch, Susan Fainstein, and Norman Fainstein. Copies are \$75 from: Greenwood Press, 88 Post Rd. W., Westport, CT 06881. PN Chair Chester Hartman will make available his chapter on housing affordability for a SASE (45¢).

Regional Roundup

□ **WEST VIRGINIA:** A West Virginia Planners Network was inaugurated December 13th in Morgantown, WV. Those attending were Phil Shapira and Carla Dickstein, both working on economic development at the Regional Research Institute at West Virginia University; Judith Transue, involved in low-income housing development for the mentally ill and physically handicapped at Rubicon Development Corporation; and Kevin Meehan, a psychiatric case worker at Chestnut Ridge Hospital. The group decided to try to attract other progressive planners in the area for mutual support, and possibly focus on specific issues at meetings. One idea is to use the expertise of the group to provide an outside perspective to other groups in the area who need assistance in thinking strategically about new projects. Others in West Virginia or western Pennsylvania interested in participating, please phone Phil or Carla at 304/293-2896.

□ **NETWORK/FORUM:** The Network/Forum (201 E. 21st St. #8-P, New York, NY 10010) has announced a spring series of its popular New York-at-Six discussions, focusing on Third World urban development patterns and the polarization of life in New York City. Upcoming programs include "The Economy: New York's Changing Labor Market," on February 24 (Pat Swann, moderator; Frank Bonilla and Nick Unger, speakers); "The Quality of Life: Living Conditions in a Segregated City," on March 17 (Ximena De La Barra, Moderator; Luis Aponte Paris, slides; Wendy Chavkin and Janice Molnar, speakers); and "Political Access: Strategies for Power in a Polarized City," on April 7 (Doris Koo, Jack Newfield, and Bill Sayles, speakers). The programs begin at 6 p.m. at Nallin Recital Hall (room 1220), Baruch College, 17 Lexington Ave. at 23rd St. Admission is free, but a hat will be passed. Preparations are still in progress for a roundtable: "A History of Radical Planners Organizations."

Upcoming Conferences

□ **COMPARATIVE URBAN POLICY:** The Sociology Department and the Lewis Mumford Center at SUNY-Albany are sponsoring a conference April 7-8 in Albany, entitled "A Tiger by the Tail: Urban Policy and Economic Restructuring in Comparative Perspective." Presenters include John Logan, Todd Swanstrom, Susan Feinstein, Richard Hill, Joe Feagin, Harvey Molotch, Bryan Jones, Michael Parkinson, and Edmond Preteceille. Contact: Todd Swanstrom, Political Science, SUNY-Albany, 135 Western Ave., Albany, NY 12222.

□ **FAMILY FARMS:** Rural Virginia Inc. (Box 105, Richmond, VA 23201, 804/782-9438) is sponsoring a conference March 1-2 in Blacksburg, Va., "Harvesting Our Choices: A Time To Reap," on strengthening family farms and rural communities. Registration is \$25.

□ **NUTRITION/HEALTH:** Public Voice for Food and Health Policy (1001 Connecticut Ave. N.W. #522, Wash. DC 20036, 202/659-5930) will hold its 12th annual national food policy conference March 2-3 in Washington. The theme is "Promoting Healthy Eating: Challenges for a New Administration."

□ **RECYCLING:** The Northwest Center for Professional Education (13555 Bel-Red Rd., Bellevue, WA 98009, 206/746-4173) is sponsoring a conference March 2-3 in New York on "Develop-

ing and Enhancing Markets for Recyclable Materials." Registration is \$595.

□ **ORGANIZERS' COFFEEHOUSE:** The Education Center for Community Organizing (Hunter School of Social Work, 129 E. 79th St. 9th Fl., New York, NY 10021, 212/452-7112) is sponsoring its seventh annual Organizers' Coffeehouse Series of discussions. Focusing on economic development and organizing, the series' theme is "Neighborhood Revitalization and Reinvestment: Obstacles and Opportunities." Upcoming sessions, which begin at 6:30 p.m., are on February 28, with Michael McKee, Marguerita Lopez, and Jim Buckley, and on March 28, with Deborah Goldberg, Bruce Dale, Amy Nolan, and Rev. Fred Davie. Admission is \$5. Contact: Terry Mizrahi, Coordinator.

□ **HOUSING CO-OP TRAINING:** The National Association of Housing Cooperatives (1614 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314, 703/549-5201) will hold mid-year training workshops March 31-April 1 in Boston. Registration is \$125 for NAHC members, \$150 for others.

□ **HOUSING/MENTALLY DISABLED:** The Mental Health Law Project (c/o LAM Inc., 10480 Little Pawtuxent Pkwy. #995, Columbia, MD 21044, 301/997-0015) will hold an orientation and training seminar March 16-17 in Linthicum, MD, on "Forging New Partnerships To Meet the Housing Needs of People with Mental Disabilities." Registration is \$385.

□ **COMMUNITY TRANSIT:** *Community Transportation Reporter* (725 15th St. N.W. #900, Wash. DC 20005, 800/527-8279) will present "Community Transportation Expo '89" June 20-23 in St. Louis.

□ **HOMELESS CHILDREN:** The Johns Hopkins Univ. Institute for Policy Studies (Baltimore, MD 21218, 301/338-7171) will sponsor a conference April 25-28 in Washington, D.C., on "Homeless Children and Youth: Coping with a National Tragedy." Among the presenters will be PN Chair Chester Hartman.

□ **LOW-INCOME HOUSING:** The National Low-Income Housing Coalition (1012 14th St. N.W. #1500, Wash. DC 20005, 202/662-1530) and others are sponsoring a major national conference February 23-26 in Arlington, VA, "Two Cents for Housing: A Campaign for Housing Justice." Registration is \$125 for Coalition members, \$150 for others.

□ **HOUSING EVENTS:** A series of three exhibitions and four discussions on housing, homelessness, real estate, and related matters will be held at Dia Art Foundation locations in New York City from February through June. At 77 Wooster St., exhibitions on the "Home Front," February 11-March 18; "Homeless: The Street and Other Venues," April 1-29; "City: Visions and Revisions," May 13-June 17. At 155 Mercer St., discussions on "Housing: Gentrification, Dislocation, and Fighting Back," February 28; "Artists' Life/Work: Housing and Community for Artists," March 14; "Homelessness: Conditions, Causes, Cures," April 26; "Planning: Power, Politics, and People," May 16.

Calls for Papers

□ **UNIONS/PUBLIC POLICY:** United University Professions, the union which represents academic and professional staff in the State University of New York, is sponsoring a symposium issue of the *Policy Studies Journal* on "Labor Unions and Public Policy." A book version will follow. PN readers interested in writing a short article please contact me, and I'll send you a copy of the call for papers: Larry Flood, Political Science, Buffalo State College, 1300 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo, NY 14222.

□ **NOISE CONTROL:** The National Society for Clean Air (136 North St., Brighton BN1 1RG, England) is issuing a call for papers for a June 1990 conference in Brighton on "The Future for Noise Control: Towards an Interdisciplinary Approach." Major themes will include transportation, neighborhood and industrial noise; noise and building design; noise measurement, legislation and planning, and education and training; social, economic, psychological, health, and medical aspects of noise; and interdisciplinary cooperation.

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.

□ **COMMUNITY STUDIES:** The University of California-Davis (Davis, CA 95616) has a tenure-track opening for an assistant or associate professor in the Applied Behavioral Sciences Department, with a specialization in assessing the social impacts of technological change on local communities and regions. Contact: Chair, Search Committee, Social Impact Assessment.

□ **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** The National Housing Institute (439 Main St., Orange, NJ 07050, 201/678-3110), the publisher of Shelterforce, is seeking an Executive Director to organize a national affordable housing campaign. Salary is \$26,000. Contact: Woody Widrow.

□ **ADMINISTRATOR/ORGANIZER:** Accountants for the Public Interest-New Jersey (965 W. 7th St., Plainfield, NY 07063, 201/757-9313) is seeking a staff member for basic adult money management and accounting assistance to nonprofits. Salary is \$22,000-\$25,000.

□ **ICE STAFF:** Join a dedicated staff that works for economic justice, and integrates political values with personal lifestyle. The Institute for Community Economics provides technical assistance and financing to community development projects in low-income communities. Open positions include: Loan Officer for Revolving Loan Fund and Housing Technical Assistance Provider. Staff live in residential community, and receive modest compensation. Contact: Coordinating Team, ICE, 151 Montague City Rd., Greenfield, MA 01301, 413/774-7956.

□ **DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR:** The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (236 Massachusetts Ave. N.E. #305, Wash. DC 20002, 202/544-0591) is seeking an experienced Development

Director, to develop and carry out annual and long-range fundraising plans. Salary is \$35,000.

□ **PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR:** The Low Income Housing Information Service (1012 14th St. N.W. #500, Wash. DC 20005, 202/662-1530) is seeking an experienced Publications Director, to produce a monthly newsletter and other special reports. A writing sample is required.

□ **BERKELEY/PLANNING:** The City of Berkeley has openings for a Senior Planner (\$3,007-\$3,584/month), to coordinate, direct, and conduct complex planning projects and research, and for a Principal Planner (\$3,355-\$4,050/month), to supervise a section of the Planning Division. Candidates must complete a city application. Contact: Personnel Dept., 2180 Milvia St., Berkeley, CA 94704, 415/644-6122.

□ **HOUSING PRESERVATION CEO:** The California Housing Partnership Corp. (5300 W. Century Blvd. #318, Los Angeles, CA 90045, 213/641-5559) is seeking an initial Chief Executive Officer. The Partnership is a California state initiative to preserve low- and very-low-income housing threatened by private owners' prepayment of HUD and FmHA mortgage and nonrenewal of Section 8 contracts. Contact: Christine D. Reed, Chair.

□ **PLANNING FACULTY:** The Univ. of Virginia School of Architecture (Charlottesville, VA 22903) is seeking an assistant/associate professor for a tenure-track teaching and research position in the Division of Urban and Environmental Planning, with special emphasis on urban planning issues related to the environment and shelter. The appointment will be for Fall 1989; salary is based on experience. Contact: Prof. Robert Collin, 804/924-6459.

Ex Conferences

□ **HOUSING LOANS:** CD Publications (8555 16th St. #100, Silver Spring, MD 20910, 301/588-6380) sponsored a conference February 9-10 in Arlington, Va., on "Secondary Markets and Local Housing Programs: How To Develop Better Deals."

□ **COMMUNITY ORGANIZING:** The Center for Third World Organizing (3861 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Oakland, CA 94601) held its first annual CTWO Chataqua February 17-19 in Redwood City, CA, on "Celebrating 10 Years of Working for Peace and Justice."

□ **COMPARATIVE POLITICS:** Baruch College (17 Lexington Ave., New York, NY 10010, 212/725-3126) presented a seminar February 22 at the College on comparative urban politics, with Hank Savitch, Professor of Urban Affairs at SUNY-Purchase and Professor of Politics at New York University. The topic was "Politics and Planning in New York, Paris, and London." Details: Norman Fainstein, Dean and Professor of Sociology, Baruch College.

Etcetera

APRIL PN DEADLINE: The arrival deadline for copy for the April *Planners Network* is Monday, April 3. 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 #75 copy: Monday, April 3.

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) 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.

"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.

Planners Network Biosketch for PN Roster

(Return to Planners Network, 1601 Connecticut Ave. N.W., 5th Flr.
Washington, DC 20009, for arrival by March 31, 1989.)

We very much prefer typing, but extraordinarily neat and clear handwriting may be acceptable also.

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(One number only, please)

In no more than 50 words, please describe your work, planning interests, or other concerns for sharing with the Network. A telegraphic style is probably essential; but remember our readership is a broad one, so avoid professional slang, acronyms, and buzzwords.

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