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FINANCIAL MINI-REPORT: Contributions have dropped sharply since the August *Planners Network*, a trend we urge you to reverse immediately. Since August, we received just 25 contributions, totaling \$617—enough for only about half the costs of this issue. In contrast, between the June-August PNs, there were 88 contributions for \$2,478. Our deepest thanks to each of the “post-August 25.” Together with their support our year-to-date totals are 465 contributors providing \$14,064.50.

The quickest way to find out when you last contributed to PN is to look for the date after your name on the mailing label. We add the date when we get a check. No date means you are a long-time non-contributor, and we'd like a check from you.

Passing the Word

BAY AREA/GREENING: *A Green City Program for San Francisco Bay Area Cities and Towns*, edited by Peter Berg and others, is a 70-page blueprint for a more ecologically sound future. It grew out of a series of 1986 meetings in San Francisco on urban sustainability. The publisher: Planet Drum Books, Box 31251, San Francisco, CA 94131. No price listed.

COMPARATIVE HOUSING: *Government and Housing: Developments in Seven Countries*, edited by William van Vliet and Jan van Weesep, is a 294-page review of housing policy in

three welfare states (Britain, Sweden, and Israel), two free-market countries (the United States and Australia), and two socialist countries (Hungary and Yugoslavia). PNers appear throughout, including Hartman, Feldman, Dreier, Appelbaum, Bratt, Keating, and Krumholz. Copies are \$17.95 (paper), from: Sage Publications, Inc., Box 5084, Newbury Park, CA 91359, 805/499-0721.

ICE NEW ADDRESS: The Institute for Community Economics has moved its offices from Greenfield, MA, to Springfield, MA. Its new address and phone: ICE, 57 School St., Springfield, MA 01105, 413/746-8660.

PNer UPDATE: From PNer Tom Angotti (808 8th Ave. #4-R, Brooklyn, NY 11215, 718/643-7546 (w)): From March to August, I was in Rome at the American Academy, where I had an Advanced Design Fellowship. I completed a book on Metropolitan Development and Planning, updated a study of Bologna's housing programs, and reflected at length on the rapid changes going on in the world. Now, I am back at the Brooklyn City Planning office, and teaching at the Brooklyn College Graduate Center for Worker Education.

PN BOOK DISCOUNT: Temple Univ. Press (Broad and Oxford Sts., Philadelphia, PA 19122) is offering Planners Network members a 20-percent discount on PNers Norman

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 systems.

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, Pittsburgh; Donna Dyer, Durham, NC; William Goldsmith, Ithaca; Charles Hoch, Chicago; Joochul Kim, Tempe; Judy Kossy, Buffalo; Jacqueline Leavitt, LA; Peter Marcuse, NYC; Alan Rabinowitz, Seattle; Tony Schuman, NYC; Andree Tremoulet, Pittsfield.
Newsletter Editor: Prentice Bowsher.

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Krumholz's and John Forester's book, *Making Equity Planning Work: Leadership in the Public Sector*, on Cleveland's experiment in equity-oriented planning under Krumholz's leadership. The discount makes the \$16.95 (paper) book just \$13.56. Contact: Ann-Marie Anderson, Marketing Director, 800/447-1656.

□ HOUSING CONSULTANTS: PNER Ed Kirshner and Jennifer Bigelow have formed the Agora Group (70 Abbott Dr., Oakland, CA 94611, 415/601-5489) to provide consulting services in financing and developing affordable housing. The Group provides technical assistance to nonprofit, community-oriented developers and public agencies.

□ HOUSING JOURNAL: *Housing Policy Debate* is a new quarterly journal from Fannie Mae's Office of Housing Policy Research (3000 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20016, 202/752-4422), focusing on housing policy, home mortgage finance, and international housing finance. The first issue included housing policy articles by William C. Appgar, Jr., John C. Weicher, and Raymond J. Struyk, as well as a report on the Resolution Trust Corp.'s affordable housing program. No price listed.

□ SOCIAL CHANGE ACTIVISM: *Dilemmas of Activism: Class, Community, and the Politics of Local Mobilization*, edited by Joseph M. Kling and Prudence S. Posner, presents essays on social changes influenced by community activism. Organizing issues include housing, land use and environment, and plant closings (among others); and the dilemmas include conflicting pulls between class and community, and state action and local control. Contributors include PNERs Marie Kennedy, Tony Schuman, Chris Tilly, and the late Mauricio Gaston. The publisher: Temple Univ. Press, Broad and Oxford Sts., Philadelphia, PA 19122. No price listed, but Temple is offering a 20-percent discount to PN members. Contact: Ann-Marie Anderson, Marketing Director, 800/447-1656.

□ STUDENT QUERY: From Louie Basilone (179 E. Lane Ave., Columbus, OH 43201): I am a graduate student at Ohio State Univ., working on a thesis project involving environmental restoration. I would greatly appreciate information related to this issue, as well as suggestions for possible study sites.

□ CULTURE & POLITICS: *Crossroads: Reflections on the Politics of Culture*, by Don Adams and Arlene Goldbard, is a 168-page examination of the politics of culture and the culture of politics in the U.S. It argues for pluralism, participation, and equity in culture and community life. Copies are \$13.95, from: DNA Press, Box 414, Talmage, CA 95481, 707/462-0169.

□ BIKE INSTITUTE: The Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (Box 56538, Wash. DC 20011, 301/589-1810), headed by PNER Michael Replogle, has issued an eight-page annual report on its programs promoting the development and use of equitable, sustainable, and ecologically sound transportation. The report profiled programs in North and Central America, the Caribbean and Africa. No price listed.

□ HOUSING LENDING: The Low-Income Housing Fund (605 Market St. #709, San Francisco, CA 94105, 415/777-9804) has issued a 265-page *Lending Manual for Low-Income Housing*, based on the Fund's six-year experience in making capital

available for low-income multifamily housing. Copies are \$35 for community-based nonprofits, \$65 for individuals.

□ HOMELESS REPORT: *Homelessness in the United States*, by the staff of the U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (237 House Annex #2, Wash. DC 20515, 202/225-1901) is a 78-page analysis of homelessness in the U.S. from the human rights perspective of the Helsinki Accords. No price listed.

□ GRANT GUIDES: Research Grant Guides (Box 4970, Margate, FL 33063) has issued two directories, *Directory of Building and Equipment Grants* (\$34.50), with profiles on more than 500 foundations and corporations, and *Handicapped Funding Directory* (\$39.50), with profiles on more than 1,200 corporations and foundations.

□ CONSUMER-FARMER REPORT: The *Consumer-Farmer* Foundation (121 Sixth Ave. #501, New York, NY 10013, 212/431-9700) has issued an eight-page annual issue of *The Consumer-Farmer Cooperator*, with articles on the new city Charter, and updates on assisted community organizations. No price listed.

□ ENVIRONMENTAL LAW: The National Environmental Law Center (1912 Bonita Ave., Berkeley, CA 94704, 415/644-3591) is an independent nonprofit which takes legal action against polluters, and crafts new policies to prevent pollution. It maintains litigation offices in Newark, NJ, Boston, Washington, DC, and Ann Arbor, MI.

□ BUSINESS ETHICS is a new bimonthly business magazine, which describes itself as a "magazine for the good guys . . . who are changing the way business does business." Subscriptions are \$25 (six issues), from: Business Ethics, 1107 Hazeltine Rd., #530, Chaska, MN 55318, 612/448-8864.

□ NEW SOLUTIONS is a quarterly journal on environmental and occupational health policy, which aims to advance worker and community health and safety by bridging the gap between scientists and the community, and between public health professionals and labor. The initial 74-page issue included an article by Barry Commoner and reports on women's occupational health issues and on the Occupational Safety and Health Administration after 20 years. Subscriptions are \$40 for individuals, \$60 for institutions, from: New Solutions, Box 2812, Denver, CO 80201.

□ FUNDING/GRASS ROOTS: *Why Philanthropy Must Make Democracy the First Charity*, by Robert Matthews Johnson, is a 234-page case for greater foundation support of grassroots advocacy organizations, particularly in low-income neighborhoods. Copies are \$15.45, from: The Gamaliel Foundation, 220 S. State St. #2026, Chicago, IL 60604, 312/427-4616.

□ NETWORKER UPDATE: From Networker Richard Kazis (Jobs for the Future, 48 Grove St., Somerville, MA 02144): I have become director of a program designed to advance youth apprenticeship as a model of school-to-work transition in the U.S., particularly for those who are unlikely to begin or finish a four-year college degree. There is great interest in education, employment, and economic development circles in lessons this country might learn from national systems of youth apprenticeship in West Germany, Denmark and elsewhere. They have been

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Activist Professionals: Hoffman's 'Politics of Knowledge'

by Howell Baum

Lily M. Hoffman's *The Politics of Knowledge: Activist Movements in Medicine and Planning* is a fascinating, thought-provoking account of '60s and '70s activists in planning and medicine.

It is refreshing to hear planners, for example, heatedly debate the roles of technical knowledge and political participation, and look critically at their relations with employers, clients, and societal decision makers.

These activists never took for granted what it meant to be a planner.

In looking at physicians and planners, Hoffman compares a prototypical, strong professional group with a weak one, searching for what dilemmas might be general to professional activism. Hoffman interviewed 36 medical activists and 25 activist planners, and constructed case histories of 11 medical groups and eight planning organizations, including Planners Network. The result is a well-researched, thoughtful account of many groups, and a theoretically stimulating examination of their activities.

Hoffman served on the steering committee of the New York Area Planners Network in 1976 and 1977, and continues as an active Networker today, but the book is primarily about medical activists. Here I will concentrate on what she says about planners.

Hoffman interprets the history of activist planners in terms of two dynamics, each concerning a different aspect of professionalism.

The first involves an ambivalence about knowledge. On one hand, special knowledge traditionally has given professionals legitimacy to practice autonomously. The public believes that those who know the most should work on important problems. On the other hand, autonomous practice is not democratic. Some activists concluded that, if technical knowledge created undemocratic roles, then they should either transmit the knowledge to others or give it up altogether.

The second dynamic, related to autonomy, involves uncertainty about proper relations with clients. On one hand, when technical experts work autonomously, they

risk misunderstanding community problems. On the other hand, planners working with community groups found themselves serving ends which seemed co-optive or reactionary—which didn't make sense in terms of their political knowledge.

The question, endlessly debated, was what do planners owe to their constituencies? Do they have a responsibility to be knowledgeable and theoretically sophisticated? Or do they have a responsibility to do what community groups want?

The case studies show that neither planners nor physicians can assume these responsibilities will be congruent.

Hoffman describes three phases in activists' responses to these dilemmas.

The first, represented in planning by early Urban Planning Aid (UPA), the Urban Field Service, the Newark Community Union Project, and Planners for Equal Opportunity, involved advocating for clients, to get them the services they wanted and were entitled to.

The second, represented by a later UPA, grew from disappointment with the first: Advocacy created dependence on professionals. Planners, instead, tried to empower communities to get what they wanted independently.

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 (Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, Forbes Quadrangle, Univ. of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260, 412/648-7600).

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

A third response, represented by the Urban Underground, the New York City Civil Service Technical Guild, a still-later UPA, Homefront, and Planners Network, developed from disenchantment with the second: Even empowered communities worked within basic structures which were rigged against them. Planners thus tried to transform society to create responsive institutions.

In short, Hoffman charts a move from (i) using privileged technical knowledge to work with clients, to (ii) abandoning technical knowledge and embracing a political position to work in client groups, to (iii) reasserting (paradoxically) the primacy of esoteric knowledge, now political economic analysis, to define positions for constituents.

What explains this progression? One interpretation, offered by some activists, would emphasize learning from experience. A second, which Hoffman emphasizes, concerns the division of labor represented by professionalism.

Repeatedly, the case studies show tensions between activist professionals who want to use their expertise to help communities and communities which often want different services than the professionals offer. Knowledgeable professionals can help solve problems only if they have clients who want them.

Many activists felt so uneasy about their real or apparent elitism that they disowned their knowledge. As a result, they found themselves with no special claims to participate in solving problems. They simply had become meddlers.

In making sense of this situation and in defining a role for themselves, they turned back to what they did best, thinking theoretically, thus defending themselves and reasserting their expertise.

It would be a mistake to argue, as various activists did, that only one of the three strategies can be appropriate. There is a dialectical relationship among the phases. The first two involved different efforts to "act locally," while the last looked for a way to "think globally." A fourth phase could involve a synthesis in more theoretically sophisticated "non-reformist reforms."

The book's account of Planners Network is brief. Hoffman describes a failure to become a politically and ideologically cohesive organization. However, one source of this seeming failure is the

Network's diversity: academics, students, and professionals with a range of substantive interests and perspectives, joined by some overlapping interests in programmatic, organizational, and political change. The case studies show that a number of organizations died from intellectual rigidity.

Rather than think of PN as an organization that did not coalesce, it may be more fruitful to think of it as a network whose members represent the three responses Hoffman describes, and who have the potential to learn from one another to develop a useful theoretical and practical synthesis.

The book does have flaws. Some case

histories, particularly those in planning, are disappointingly short. In addition, Hoffman's division of cases into separate chapters on each of the three strategic responses comes at the cost of historical continuity, and chops UPA's story, for example, into three parts. Further, in appraising the impact of planning activism, Hoffman refers to only one piece published after 1979.

Nevertheless, this is an extremely rich book. In recounting histories of experiments in practice, Hoffman recalls both the intellectual and emotional vigor of debates that still matter.

The old answers may be embarrassing (for example, the UPA position that "We

do not . . . choose issues whose resolution depends on middle-class technical skills which cannot be transferred."), but the incompleteness of the old answers requires both academics and practitioners to discuss these questions afresh.

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Passing the Word

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successful in providing alternative routes to high-skill, high-pay employment. We will be working on research and policy initiatives at the national and state levels, and also will be providing technical assistance to demonstration projects around the country. For more information, drop me a line.

□ **ECONOMIC DATA/FORECAST:** The U.S. Commerce Department's Bureau of Economic Analysis (202/523-0971) has completed the first of three planned volumes in a continuing five-year update of selected economic and population variables for up to 50 years ahead for the states, metropolitan statistical areas, and BEA economic areas. Volume 1, *BEA Regional Projections to 2040, States* (S/N 003-010-00199-2), covers the states. Volume 2 (metropolitan statistical areas) and Volume 3 (BEA economic areas) are forthcoming. Copies are \$7.50, from: Supt. of Documents, Government Printing Office, Wash. DC 20402, 202/783-3238.

□ **WEST AFRICAN FILM:** California Newsreel (149 9th St. #420, San Francisco, CA 94103, 415/621-6196) is distributing a 94-minute, award-winning film from Burkina Faso, *Zan Boko*, which focuses on urban expansion, the politics of urban growth, and the impact of city expansion on rural communities. Filmed in Mossi and French, with English subtitles. Video rental is \$95; sales are \$295.

□ **ENVIRONMENTAL/LOCAL ACTIONS:** Mexico City Mayor Manuel Camacho Solis has announced a two-part program for reducing the city's record air pollution: planting 200 million trees in the Mexico City area, and implementing a 28-point pollution control program financed with a 12.5-percent tax on all fossil fuels. The announcement came at a September UN conference on local government initiatives for the environment. Details: Center for Innovative Diplomacy, 45 Rice St., Cambridge, MA 02140, 617/491-6124.

□ **HUNGER/POVERTY NEWS:** *Hunger Action Forum* is a monthly report from the Hunger Project (Box 789, San Fran-

cisco, CA 94101) on poverty and hunger in the U.S., and on the individuals, actions, and ideas contributing to their resolution. No price listed.

□ **PNER BOOK:** Howell Baum (Institute for Urban Studies, Univ. of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742) has completed a book, *Organizational Membership: Personal Development in the Workplace* (Albany: SUNY Press), based on research with planners and others in public agencies. The book looks at what professionals expect of their work organizations, what they find, and how they react to satisfaction or frustration. An important theme is that people expect their organizations to help them develop personally, as part of or in addition to "doing their job." If they don't find satisfying formal conditions, they create situations that allow them to take responsibility, exercise authority, perform competently, and the like.

□ **HOUSING/STATES:** The Council of State Community Affairs Agencies (444 N. Capitol St. #251, Wash. DC 20001, 202/393-6435) has completed its *1990 State Housing Initiatives Compendium*, which describes state-funded housing initiatives across the country. Copies are \$25.

□ **PRESERVING FARMLAND:** *Farmland Preservation Report* is a monthly newsletter on activities, policies, and legislation that affect farmland retention efforts. Subscriptions (12 issues and four special reports) are \$97, from: Bowers Publishing Inc., 900 La Grange Rd., Street, MD 21154, 301/692-2708.

□ **ASSESSING POVERTY:** *Real-Life Poverty in America: Where the American Public Would Set the Poverty Line* is a 48-page report from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (777 N. Capitol St. N.E. #705, Wash. DC 20002, 202/408-1080) and the Families USA Foundation on July-October 1989 polling by the Gallup Organization. The results showed the public thinks the line should be higher than the government-set level. No price listed.

□ **ALTERNATIVE AMERICA** is a 250-page updated version of a directory of some 12,000 alternative and progressive groups

and organizations around the U.S. Copies are \$29.95, from: Resources, Box 1067, Cambridge, MA 02238.

WOMEN/BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT: The Ms. Foundation for Women (141 Fifth Ave. #6-S, New York, NY 10010, 212/353-8580) has announced a \$2-million Collaborative Fund, offering multi-year support to up to 13 nonprofits using enterprise development strategies to assist low-income women in achieving economic self-sufficiency. Details: Sara Gould.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING/SOUTH AFRICA: The Cooperative for Research and Education (Box 42440b Fordsburg 2033, 62 Marshall St., Johannesburg 2001, South Africa) is a community organizing and research effort organized by four former NACTU trade union federation staff, with projects aiding rural workers, unions, and township teachers; monitoring political negotiations; and accessing pension funds for housing, education, and health care facilities. Contact: Phiroshaw Camay.

NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT: The Support Center (1410 Que St., N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202/462-2000) has issued its Fall catalogue of management workshops for nonprofit organizations. Thus Support Center offices elsewhere may be preparing for similar workshops. They are located in Boston, Chicago, Houston, Newark, New York, Oklahoma City, Palo Alto, Providence, San Diego, San Francisco, and Tulsa.

TEMPLE PRESS CATALOGUE: Temple Univ. Press (Broad and Oxford Sts., Philadelphia, PA 19122, 215/787-8787) has issued a 36-page catalogue for the Fall-Winter season, with numerous titles on black studies, urban studies, and women's studies (among other topics), a number of them written or edited by PNers.

HOMELESS/FEDERAL PROPERTIES: *Supply in Demand: The Federal Surplus Property Program* is a 17-page report from the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty (918 F St. N.W. #412, Wash. DC 20004, 202/638-2535) on implementing Title V of the McKinney Act. While some properties have been turned over for homeless programs, the effort is plagued by bureaucratic mismanagement, and suffers from lack of outreach, burdensome application procedures, and inadequate federal review. Copies are \$8.

HOUSING BILL ANALYSIS: The National Coalition for the Homeless and the Low-Income Housing Information Service (1012 14th St. N.W. #1500, Wash. DC 20005, 202/662-1530) have issued a 42-page report, *Summary of House and Senate Housing Bills: Together with Comparison of Proposed Authorization Levels*, by PNER Cushing N. Dolbear. Copies are \$10.

PEACE DIVIDEND: *A Future for America and Its Cities: The Peace Dividend and Economic Conversion*, by PNER Jonathan Feldman, Robert Krinsky, and Seymour Melman, is a 64-page report from the National Commission for Economic Conversion and Disarmament (1621 Connecticut Ave. N.W. #350, Wash. DC 20009, 202/462-0091). It compares five plans, and concludes only a 1962 Kennedy Administration proposal passes the \$150-billion-a-year threshold of needed investment funds. Copies are \$5.

PROTECTING TRIBAL PEOPLE: Cultural Survival Inc. (11 Divinity Ave., Cambridge, MA 02138, 617/495-2562) is a

nonprofit concerned with protecting the cultural heritage of the planet's estimated 500 million tribal people. It conducts research, publishes reports, advocates for tribal rights, and markets sustainable tropical forest products.

FOUNDATIONS/HOUSING POLICY: "Reshaping National Housing Policy: A Critical Role for American Philanthropy," by Katherine Villers, and PNers Peter Dreier and John Atlas, is a five-page article in the July/August *Foundation News* magazine, which proposes foundation support for development of a national organizational infrastructure and strategically planned campaign of public education aimed at moving grassroots and national leaders to devise an effective affordable housing policy. Single magazine copies are \$5; or PNers may send a SASE to PN Central (1601 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20009) for a copy of just the article.

HOMELESS NEWSLETTER: *In Just Times* is a newsletter of the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty (918 F St. N.W. #412, Wash. DC 20004, 202/638-2535).

PEACE DIVIDEND: *Towards a Peace Economy in the United States: Essays on Military Industry, Disarmament, and Economic Conversion*, edited by Gregory A. Bischak, includes a 39-page essay by PNER Jonathan Feldman, "Constituencies and New Markets for Economic Conversion: Reconstructing the United States' Physical, Environmental, and Social Infrastructure." The book is forthcoming from MacMillan.

SHELTERS/CALIFORNIA: The California Homeless Coalition (1010 S. Flower St. #500, Los Angeles, CA 90015) is mounting a postcard mail-in campaign for legislation to provide operating funds for homeless shelters. Californians approved two bond acts to acquire and rehabilitate shelters, but the legislature barred use of the funds for operating expenses, and defeated measures to help keep existing shelters open and operating.

EMINENT DOMAIN: From PNER Peter Medoff (190 Alleghany St. #4, Roxbury, MA 02120, 617/734-0046): I am writing a book on alternative approaches to community development. In particular, I will be tracing the story of one neighborhood in Boston that used a community organizing strategy to define and implement a community development agenda. As an anti-speculation device, this neighborhood sought from the City of Boston—and received—the power of eminent domain to gain control over absentee-owned vacant land. I am interested in hearing from anyone else who knows of examples of municipalities delegating their eminent domain authority to a private group.

ENTERPRISE PUBLICATIONS: The Enterprise Foundation (500 American City Bldg., Columbia, MD 21044) has issued a 10-side brochure listing a range of publications on such topics as housing production and rehab, working with volunteers, employment counseling, and lease-purchase arrangements.

MEMBER UPDATE: From Networker Donald E. Briggs (247 W. Rittenhouse, Philadelphia, PA 19144): For the past 18 months, I have been working on two regional planning projects in southern West Virginia for the National Park Service, blending conservation and redevelopment. The public participation processes act as a catalyst for local awareness of resources, focusing on a sense of community, identity and distinction.

□ PNER UPDATE: From Networker Karen Rebecca Brown: I recently started work as a research assistant at the Families and Work Institute (330 Seventh Ave. 14th Fl., New York, NY 10001, 212/465-2044), a year-old nonprofit whose primary activities involve research and education on business, government, and community efforts to help families balance their work and family responsibilities. Please contact me for further information or a publications list.

□ SOUTH AFRICA INSIGHTS: The Centre for Policy Studies in the Graduate School of Business Administration at the Univ. of The Witwatersrand (Box 98 Wits 2050, 9 Jubilee Rd., Parktown 2193, South Africa) is publishing a bimonthly reprint service, called "Double Take," of press and academic articles on South Africa's changing political, economic, and racial conditions. No price listed. A caution: Not all reprints are in English.

□ HOUSING v. THE MILITARY: Jobs with Peace Campaign (76 Summer St., Boston, MA 02110) has issued an 18-minute video of its popular *Build Homes Not Bombs*, contrasting homelessness and housing shortages with lavish spending on the military. Rentals are \$10; sales are \$25.

□ WAGES/AFFORDABILITY: *The State of Working America, 1990-91*, by Lawrence Mishel and David M. Frankel, is a 312-page report from the Economic Policy Institute (1730 Rhode Island Ave. N.W. #200, Wash. DC 20036, 202/775-8810) on how those who work for a living and their families have been doing in the economy. Key findings show the typical working family worse off in many ways than at the peak of the last business cycle, and large segments of the population experiencing lower living standards. Copies are \$10.

□ HOMELESS FAMILIES: *Families on the Move*, a 48-page report from the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation (250 Park Ave., New York, NY 10177, 212/986-7050) chronicles the story of nine formerly homeless families, their moves into apartments in various neighborhoods, and their struggles for stability. The case studies raise both public policy and practical issues. No price listed.

□ CUBA TRIP: The Center for Cuban Studies Research Trips (124 W. 23rd St., New York, NY 10011) is scheduling an "Architecture and Urban Planning" travel seminar April 12-19, 1991, to Havana and Matanzas. The rates are \$750 double, \$850 single.

□ SOUTH END PRESS (116 St. Botolph St., Boston, MA 02115) has issued a 20-page Fall catalogue of its new and in-stock books. Among the new titles: *Prime-Time Activism: Media Strategies for Organizing*, by PNER Charlotte Ryan (270 pages, \$12 paper).

□ HOUSING STANDARDS: *Housing and Health: APHA-CDC Recommended Minimum Housing Standards*, edited by Eric W. Mood, defines the public health requirements of "decent housing," with a view to being adopted as legal minimum requirements or as a model housing code (96 pages, \$8.50). Contact: American Public Health Association, 1015 15th St. N.W., Wash. DC 20005, 202/789-5600.

□ CARS v. HOUSING: The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (8787 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910) has prepared a staff paper, *Trip Reduction and*

Affordable Housing, which explores some consequences for affordable housing of reduced reliance on the automobile. Among the ideas: Freeing land from surface parking for affordable housing developments; switching from a second car to public transit and applying the savings to housing costs; and separating housing and parking costs in multi-family buildings, thus lowering housing costs for public transit users. Contact: PNER Patrick Hare, 301/495-4559.

□ CONVENTION CENTER/PHILADELPHIA: It's not built yet: The over-half-billion-dollar money pit the Philadelphia city administration wants to build despite the city's pending bankruptcy; and center opponents on two fronts are holding fast in the courts. An out-of-state class of hotel room taxpayers, who don't go to conventions, filed a 14th Amendment challenge to a hotel room tax, with the U.S. Supremes; and a case before the PA Supremes, by the Consumers Educative and Protective Association (CEPA) and various local taxpayers, is challenging the city's 800-page Lease and Service Agreement on the project. It seems the complete story wasn't told in the "public hearings." For information: PNER Gray Smith, Sylvania House, Juniper & Locust St., Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215/546-4985.

□ S&L BAILOUT: *Bailed-Out Thrifts: A Profile of America's Biggest S&L Failures* is a 75-page report from the Southern Finance Project (329 Rensselaer, Charlotte, NC 28203, 704/372-7072), which examines who's getting bailed out and the effects of the rescue effort. No price listed.

□ HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH: *A New American Dilemma*, edited by Julee H. Kryder-Coe and others, brings together research and policy analysis from a conference sponsored by The Johns Hopkins Univ. Institute for Policy Studies. Included are chapters by PN Chair Chester Hartman and Barry Zigas of the National Low Income Housing Coalition: "What Is Wrong with the Housing Market," and "What Is Wrong with Our Housing Programs." Copies are \$42.95 (512 pages).

□ AFFORDABLE HOUSING *Bulletin* is a newsletter reporting on practitioners, financing, and public policy issues in the affordable housing field. A recent issue featured PN Chair Chester Hartman in a public policy debate over the homeowner mortgage interest deduction. (For a copy: a SASE to PN Central (1601 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20009)). Subscriptions are \$98, from: Warren, Gorham & Lamont Inc., 210 South St., Boston, MA 02111.

□ DEVELOPMENT SUBSIDIES: *Bright Promises; Questionable Results: An Examination of How Well Three Government Subsidy Programs Created Jobs* is a 62-page report from the Center for Community Change (1000 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20007, 202/342-0519) on enterprise zones, industrial revenue bonds, and urban development action grants. No price listed.

□ HOUSING TRUST FUNDS: *Capacity-Building with Non-profit Development Organizations through Housing Trust Funds* is a 12-page report from the Housing Trust Fund Project (570 Shepard St., San Pedro, CA 90731, 213/833-4249).

□ LISC ANNUAL REPORT: The Local Initiatives Support Corp. (733 Third Ave., New York, NY 10017, 212/455-9822) has issued a 28-page report on its 1989 activities, *Helping Neighbors Build Their Communities*.

□ **WORKPLACE/HOME:** *Building Bridges: The Emerging Grassroots Coalition of Labor and Community*, edited by Jeremy Brecher and Tim Costello, is a 352-page review of the effects of plant closings and discoveries of hazardous working and living conditions. Copies are \$13.50, from: Monthly Review Foundation, c/o Mercedes Distribution Center, 62 Imlay St., Brooklyn, NY 11321.

□ **FANNIE MAE LECTURE GRANTS:** Fannie Mae (3900 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20016) has announced an award competition for three \$12,000 grants to accredited four-year colleges and universities for a Spring 1991 lecture series of at least five presentations on domestic housing policy. Contact: James H. Carr, Office of Housing Policy Research, 202/752-7787.

□ **BUDGET SUMMIT:** The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (777 N. Capitol St. N.E. #705, Wash. DC 20002, 202/408-1080) has issued a 32-page *Analysis of the Budget Summit Agreement* announced on September 30. No price listed.

□ **TENANT CONTROL/HARLEM:** *From Abandonment to Hope: Community Households in Harlem*, by P.Ner Jacqueline Leavitt and Susan Saegert, is a 323-page account of courageous tenants in severely distressed neighborhoods who organize and take control of their buildings. The book also discusses the resulting community household model of organization and leadership, and suggests policy implications of its application elsewhere. Copies are \$38, from: Columbia Univ. Press, 136 S. Broadway, Irvington, NY 10533.

□ **BANNERMAN FELLOWSHIPS:** The Charles Bannerman Memorial Fellowship Program, a program of Partnership for Democracy (2335 18th St. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202/483-0030) is seeking applicants for the 1991 Fellowships, which carry a \$10,000 stipend for selected community activists of color. The application deadline is December 10, 1990.

□ **HOUSING SCRAPBOOKS:** The Two Cents for Housing Campaign (1012 14th St. N.W. #1500, Wash. DC 20005, 202/662-1530) is organizing a national grassroots housing crisis scrapbook campaign, in which community groups are to document the crisis in their area. Local groups then will present the scrapbooks to Members of Congress at a March conference in Washington. A scrapbook organizing kit is available for a suggested donation of \$5.

Regional Roundup

□ **NETWORK/FORUM,** co-sponsored by the New York Area Planners Network and the Forum on Architecture, Planning, and Society, will present P.Ners Peter Marcuse and Margit Mayer as eyewitnesses to "Socialist Housing and the Collapse of East Germany" in an event November 16 at 6 p.m. in Nallin Recital Hall (Room 1220), Baruch College, 17 Lexington Ave. at 23rd St. Peter was on a 1989-90 Fulbright at Humboldt Univ. in East Berlin; Margit is on the Political Science faculty at the Free Univ. of Berlin.

Upcoming Conferences

□ **WORKER-OWNERS:** The National Center for Employee Ownership (2201 Broadway St. #807, Oakland, CA 94612, 415/272-9461) will hold a workshop October 31 in Washington, DC, on employee stock-ownership plans. Registration is \$75.

□ **STATE LEADERS:** The Center for Policy Alternatives (2000 Florida Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202/387-6030) will sponsor a conference December 14-16 in Washington on "The States Lead, Washington Follows," with leaders from across the country developing a progressive agenda for the '90s.

□ **TRANSITIONAL HOUSING:** The National Alliance To End Homelessness (1518 K St. N.W. #206, Wash. DC 20005, 202/638-1526) will sponsor a conference November 14-16 in Arlington, VA (outside Washington), "Making the Transition: Moving Families from Homelessness to Permanent Housing."

□ **POVERTY/DEVELOPMENT:** The Pratt Institute Center for Community and Environmental Development (379 DeKalb Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11205) will sponsor a conference November 6-8 in Long Island City, "Uprooting Poverty through Community Development," marking the Center's 25th anniversary.

Calls for Papers

□ **LIVABLE CITIES:** A call for papers has been issued for the ninth international conference February 26-March 2, 1991, in San Francisco on "Making Cities Livable." Topics include energy-efficient planning, endangered historic cities, innovative affordable housing, farmers markets as a downtown revival strategy, tourism, and urban growth management (among others). Details: Suzanne H. Crowhurst Lennard, IMCL Conference, Box 7586, Carmel, CA 93921, 408/626-9080.

□ **INTERNATIONAL PLANNING:** "Planning Transatlantic: Global Change and Local Problems" is the theme for a July 8-12, 1991, conference in Oxford, England, for which a call for papers has been issued by the sponsors, the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning and the Association of European Schools of Planning. Besides planning history and theory, topics include Third World development, urban design, and housing and community development (among others). A U.S. contact: David Forkenbrock, Graduate Program in Urban and Regional Planning, Univ. of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242, 319/335-6800.

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.

□ **LOS ANGELES HOUSING:** The City of Los Angeles is seeking candidates for Senior Housing and Economic Analyst, a new position in the Department of Housing Preservation and Production. The position calls for experience in planning, financing and analysis related to low-income affordable housing,

and requires the office-holder to plan, organize, and direct staff in resolving the city's affordable housing problems and to assist in recommending citywide policies on affordable housing. Contact: Personnel Dept., City Hall South #100, 111 E. First St., Los Angeles, CA 90012, 213/485-2442.

COMMUNITY FACILITATOR: The Freedom from Hunger Foundation is seeking a Community Facilitator to assist with the expansion of a community-based nutrition and health initiative in the Delta region of Mississippi. Salary is \$22,000-\$25,000. Contact: PNe Teresa Lingafelter, PINAH Program Coordinator, Box 531, Greenwood, MS 38930, 601/453-1886.

PRESCHOOL NUTRITION POLICY: The Food Research and Action Center (1319 F St. N.W. #500, Wash. DC 20004, 202/393-5060) has an opening for a Senior Policy Analyst on the special supplemental food program for women, infants and children and on the child care food program. Salary is in the high-20s to low-40s.

IPS DIRECTOR: The Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, DC, is seeking a Director to serve as chief executive officer, with responsibilities for managing staff, formulating a vision toward progressive political change, devising appropriate programs, and fundraising. Salary is based on experience. Contact: Joan Drake, IPS Search Committee, Box 53423, Wash. DC 20009.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: The Institute for Community Economics (57 School St., Springfield, MA 01105, 413/746-8660) is seeking an Executive Director with at least 10 years experience in housing development and finance to head ICE's programs, administration, and fundraising. Salary is based on need.

PLANNING FACULTY: The Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Florida State Univ. (Tallahassee, FL 32306) is seeking candidates for two tenure-track faculty positions: a nine-month position at assistant professor level in environmental and natural resources planning, and a nine-month position at assistant professor level in health planning and policy. Contact: Charles E. Connerly, Chair, Academic Personnel Committee.

SOCIAL SERVICES: The SRO Housing Corp. (311 S. Spring St. #1110, Los Angeles, CA 90013, 213/229-9640) has an

opening for Director of Social Services to head the group's social services delivery activities, supervise case managers, plan new services, and fundraise. Contact: PNe Andy Raubeson, Executive Director.

Ex Conferences

COMMUNITY REGENERATION: The Rodale Institute (217 Main St., Emmaus, PA 18098) held a community regeneration workshop September 6 in San Diego on "Creating a Thriving Community."

LAND TRANSPORTATION: Transportation 2000 (Box 8005, Boulder, CO 80306, 303/494-0243) sponsored a conference October 8-10 in Aspen, CO, on "Innovative Land Transportation in the 21st Century."

HOUSING LENDING: The National Association of Affordable Housing Lenders (43 Commercial Wharf #9, Boston, MA 02110, 617/742-0532) held a regional conference October 18-19 in Fort Lauderdale, FL, on "Lending Techniques for Affordable Housing: Resources for the '90s."

RADICAL SCHOLARS: Midwest Radical Scholars and Activists (Box 3034, Chicago, IL 60654, 312/384-8827) held a conference October 19-21 in Chicago on "The Global Crisis."

LATINOS: Baruch College (17 Lexington Ave. at E. 23rd St.) presented PNe Frank Bonilla, Director of the Centro de Estudios Puertoriquenos, in a CUNY New York City Seminar October 18 on "Latinos, Migration, and Citizenship."

Etcetera

DECEMBER PN DEADLINE: The arrival deadline for copy for the December *Planners Network* is Monday, December 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.

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