

# TURNING POINT

## newsletter

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Turning Point is an international network of people whose individual concerns range very widely - environment, sex equality, third world, peace and disarmament, community politics, appropriate technology and alternatives in economics, health, education, agriculture, religion, etc., but who share a common feeling that mankind is at a turning point. We see that old values, old lifestyles and an old system of society are breaking down, and that new ones must be helped to break through. Turning Point does not demand adherence to doctrines, manifestos and resolutions. It enables us, as volunteers, to help and to seek help from one another.

The ad hoc committee includes Peter Cadogan, Colin Hutchinson, Alison Pritchard and James Robertson. Enquiries and communications should be made by post to Alison Pritchard, 7 St. Ann's Villas, London W11 4RU or by phone to her (01-603 6572) or to Peter Cadogan (01-242 8033).

### NEWSLETTERS

The newsletters are self-financing. A contribution of £1 (more if you can, less if you can't) keeps you on the mailing list for a year. Cheques to Turning Point, please. Many thanks for contributions already received, which we have not been able to acknowledge individually. We hope that those of you who have not contributed so far will think it worth while to do so. (Reciprocal arrangements are welcomed with people who send us their newsletters, etc., free.)

We plan the next issue of the newsletter for February 1979. Please send us items for it by end January. We need volunteers to help with sending it out (and also, incidentally, to help at meetings). Contact Alison Pritchard if you would like to be involved.

### TURNING POINT MEETINGS 1978/1979

Saturday 25th November: 10am-7pm, Conway Hall, London WC1, on:

#### THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SOCIAL CHANGE

Speakers: RONALD HIGGINS - "The Human Factor in the Global Crisis"

BEATA BISHOP - "Personal Growth and Social Change"

GURTH HIGGIN - "Character Structure and Social Structure: Limitations and Possibilities"

Experiential and Discussion Groups. Participatory Plenary sessions. Enclosed, for addressees in this country and Europe, is a fuller note about this meeting and an order form for tickets (£2 each).

Saturday 12th May 1979: all-day meeting, Conway Hall, London WC1, on:

CONTRIBUTIONS TO AN ALTERNATIVE FUTURE. Speakers will include:

FRITJOF CAPRA ("Tao of Physics"), California; BILL and ROZ DYSON,

Vanier Institute of the Family, Ottawa; WILLIS HARMAN, Institute of

Noetic Sciences and SRI, California; HAZEL HENDERSON, Princeton

Center for Alternative Futures. A special opportunity to meet some outstanding thinkers and activists from North America.

## FOLLOW-UP ON RECENT TP MEETINGS

### SOUTHAMPTON, 20TH MAY

John Coleman (The Nook, Hook Village, Warsash, Southampton) organised a TP meeting on 20th May in Southampton, with Mairead Corrigan, Mike Cooley, Bryan Gould and James Robertson as speakers. It was well reported in the local press. Subsequently a TP group has been set up in Fareham - contact Martin Morgan (Manor Cottage, Church Path, Fareham, Hants) who is planning a second TP meeting for this region in November. John Meacock (45a Avenue Road, Southampton) runs a Monday Night meeting on TP themes. Ann Stent of 280 Priory Road, Southampton (Friends of the Earth) also plans some kind of follow-up. John Coleman tells us that Fareham is in great social turmoil after the introduction of a £7½ million shopping precinct (with its own internal 'police' force), and that Jean Harvey, Editor of the local magazine "Spotlight" (219 West Street, Fareham) is among those interested in the possible contribution that the new TP initiatives might make to solving local problems.

### EDUCATION, 4TH MARCH

Catherine Gibson (11 Friars Stile Road, Richmond, Surrey) writes: "I thought the meeting began very well; just as I had expected, throwing up ideas and examples of how education can be carried on outside the main stream. It also touched on the fundamental failure of established formal education. But it didn't go anywhere from there. ... I would like to follow up the lines which seemed so promising in the early part of the day - for example Peter Abbs's idea on what is the culture which we should be transmitting; Richard Posner's experience with small groups, and the use of non-professional teachers; Colin Hamer's theory and practice with groups of prisoners. So if there is a group of people wanting to go further along these lines of enquiry, I would like to join them. There must be something we can discover which will give us a new direction in education."

Judy Brander (Beckenham Forum - 29 Top Park, Beckenham, Kent BR3 2RU) and Janice Dolley (Bridge Trust - 20 The Chase, Reigate, Surrey) have been exploring how this kind of follow-up might best be taken forward.

"I found the March TP conference on Education most stimulating and encouraging. My only slight caveat, and especially in looking through the Newsletter, is that an awful lot of people seem to be writing about 'the alternative society' and trying to practise an alternative lifestyle in various ways, somehow as an end in itself. In this process one is sometimes in danger of losing sight of the content of living. ... This press was set up to provide an outlet for the production, or reproduction, of work which combines creativity and imagination with social and cultural values." Margaret Tims, (Brentham Press, 137 Fowlers Walk, London W5).

## EDUCATION

Coenco's new YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROJECT aims to encourage relevant out-of-school activities. Contact Stephen Joseph or Bridget Hughes at Coenco, 29 Greville Street, London EC1N 8AX.

There is a "new willingness to consider a broad range of informal, and more particularly non-formal, educational approaches as contributions to the resolution of development problems". From a paper on COMMUNITY VALUES AND NON-FORMAL EDUCATION" by David Radcliffe (Faculty of Education, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada N6G 1G7.)

A new degree course on ENGINEERING FOR ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGIES is proposed at the University of Warwick. Contact Dr. M.K. McPhun (Univ. of Warwick, Dept. of Engineering, Coventry CV4 7AL) - especially if you have evidence that there is a need for graduates from such a course.

LEARNING TO SOME PURPOSE by Dr. Patrick Nuttgens is a radical review and criticism of current education as it affects technology and design. Published (1977) by the Society of Industrial Artists and Designers, 12 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AH, 75p. Recommended.

INTERNATIONALISING THE CURRICULUM is the theme of the July/August 1978 issue of The New Era (18 Campden Grove, London W8 4JG). Barbara Ward and other contributors discuss the responses which schools can make to the new realities of spaceship earth, global village, one world. Annual sub: £3 or \$6 for 6 issues.

The alternative approaches to higher education being canvassed by Graham Carey (6 Granville Terrace, Bingley, W.Yorks), Charles Boyle, (4 Downe Mansions, Gondar Gardens, London NW6) and Peter Abbs (38 Prince Edwards Road, Lewes, Sussex) were discussed in an article called THE SEARCH FOR AN ALTERNATIVE WAY in the Times Higher Education Supplement on 30th June 1978. (Incidentally, Peter Abbs' volume of poems "For Man and Islands" has been published by the Tern Press, Market Drayton, paperback price £2.70).

#### HEALTH

"Can we move towards a health-promoting economy rather than maintain a health-damaging economy?" The Unit for the Study of Health Policy addresses this question in its latest paper THE NHS FOR THE NEXT 30 YEARS: A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON THE HEALTH OF THE BRITISH. 75p, including UK postage, from USHP, 8 Newcomen Street, London SE1 1YR.

A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO CANCER. In this paper, Dr. Ian Pearce says that in his experience approximately 75% of disease is psychosomatic in origin, and that the influence of the personality in determining the development of malignant disease appears to be of the highest importance. Copies - please send 20p - from George Blaker, Scientific and Medical Network, Lake House, Ockley, Nr. Dorking, Surrey RH5 5NS.

A NATURAL HEALTH CENTRE (affiliated to the HEALING RESEARCH TRUST - contact Norah Forbes, 5 Thorn Park, Plymouth, Devon) is being set up in Totnes, Devon. Information from Pat Kitto, 4 Leechwell Lane, Totnes, Devon TQ9 6EG.

SIDMOUTH HOUSE is a centre for New Age ideas, health, healing, massage, relaxation therapy and counselling; a quiet retreat; occasional conferences, workshops and seminars. Information from Eileen Noakes, Sidmouth House, Cotmaton Road, Sidmouth, Devon EX10 8ST.

HEALTHY LIVING is a monthly magazine (annual sub: UK £4.60, overseas \$10.50) published by Natural Food Publications Ltd., 57/59 Ilford Lane, Ilford, Essex.

WHEN (World Health & Ecology News) - ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE (annual sub: £1.50 for 6 issues) is published by Roberts Publications, 225 Putney Bridge Road, London SW15 2PY.

HEALTH FOR THE NEW AGE (Marcus and Marika McCausland, 1a Addison Cres., London W14 8JP) recently organised a meeting for David Ennals, Secretary of State for Health, to meet people in the alternative health field "to discuss the contribution which alternative medicine can make to the promotion of total health and improving the quality of life".

## WHO WANTS POLITICS?

Does the very act of taking an interest in current politics help to perpetuate an immature, even dehumanising, way of getting things decided and done? At best, does it waste time and energy that might be better spent? Some of our readers think so, certainly. But others don't, especially when a British general election is in the offing.

AN ALTERNATIVES AGENDA FOR PARTY POLITICS (by Harford Thomas and James Robertson) was published in "The Guardian" on 3rd July. It included a selection of key questions with which to challenge candidates of all parties. A copy is enclosed (for UK addressees only).

A NEW ALLIANCE (or GREEN ALLIANCE) may be emerging. About 60 people, including Maurice Ash (Dartington), Edward Goldsmith (Ecologist), Gerard Morgan-Grenville (Society for Environmental Improvement), Satish Kumar (Resurgence), and leading members of the Ecology Party, met recently in Conway Hall to discuss the possibilities of a political initiative. They decided to issue an ecological challenge to all parliamentary candidates. Enquiries to Gerard Morgan-Grenville, PO Box 11, Godalming, Surrey.

ONE EUROPE, ONE ENVIRONMENT is a manifesto published by the European Environmental Bureau. It poses key questions with which to challenge candidates to the European Parliament. Copies available from Nigel Haigh, 17 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1.

THE ECOLOGY PARTY feels that Tories, Liberals and Labour are all committed to a centralised, industrial lifestyle: the Ecology Party is the only one that offers the vision of a decentralised, humane society living in harmony with the planet that is our home. The Party plans to put up candidates in many parts of the country at the coming general election. If you want to help, contact Sally Willington, Hon.Nat.Secretary, Ecology Party, Riverside Herb Garden, Hessenford, Torpoint, Cornwall.

SERA's (Socialist Environment and Resources Association) impressive statement on "North Sea Oil and Britain's Future" emphasises the importance of grassroots initiatives to meet genuine human needs in a socially responsible manner. It is supported by over 70 leading young Labour and pressure group activists - including several MPs. It includes a "Scenario AD 2001". Copies from SERA - see please + additional stamps to cover printing costs. SERA are now planning a series of initiatives to bring about a decisive shift in Labour thinking on nuclear power and to show that, of the different energy options, nuclear energy is the least job-creating and most oppressive. They hope to appoint a full-time co-ordinator of this campaign, and will welcome donations to the "SERA Energy Campaign." SERA, 9 Poland Street, London W1.

The LIBERAL ECOLOGY GROUP plans to play an active part at the Liberal Assembly in September. Enquiries to Tony Beamish, LEG, c/o Liberal Party Organisation, 1 Whitehall Place, London SW1. The Group must already be pleased with progress. In "The Times" of 7th August David Steel said, "In the coming election we shall certainly be questioning the little research on natural energy sources, our growing dependence on the nuclear economy, our failure to grow more of our own food, our treatment of the animal kingdom and the general need to develop a nation in harmony with the natural world."

For information about the CONSERVATIVE ECOLOGY GROUP, contact Richard Williams, 11 Church Road, Portsmouth PO1 1QA. The Conservative Political Centre has recently published TOWARDS A MORE CONSERVATIVE ENERGY POLICY by Nigel Forman MP (Price £1.50). Recommended by several of our readers.

The WESSEX REGIONALISTS are looking for candidates to stand at the next general election. Wessex covers roughly 50 parliamentary constituencies, from the Thames south to the Channel, from Cornwall east to Surrey and Sussex. The Regionalists' programme has two main points: (1) home rule and an Assembly for Wessex; (2) purposeful transition to post-industrial society. Enquiries to Anthony Mockler, Milton Manor, Abingdon on Thames, Oxon.

The political activities of ecologists in France and elsewhere in Europe, supported by such prominent people as Jacques Cousteau, are becoming well-known in Britain. Less well-known, but no less successful in terms of political impact, is the VALUES PARTY of New Zealand. Values candidates stood in every constituency in 1975 and took 5.2% of the total vote. Dave Woodhams (Box 62, Dargaville, New Zealand), the present Chair of the Party visited Britain earlier this summer. UK contact: Heinz Dessau, Court House, The Green, Rottingdean, Brighton BN2 7HA.

#### DEVELOPMENT

Growth maniacs still argue that the overdeveloped countries must continue to consume vastly more than their fair share of the planet's resources so that the "wealth" thus created can trickle down to the less developed countries in the form of trade and aid. But the protagonists of "another development" are growing in number and strength.

The concept of ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, as need-oriented, endogenous, self-reliant, and ecologically sound, was put forward in the 1975 Dag Hammarskjold Report "What Now? Another Development". Follow-up publications include "Another Development: Approaches and Strategies", and several issues of "Development Dialogue". (For example, the 1978:1 issue concentrates on Another Development in Health.) Anyone interested in an alternative approach to First World/Third World development should be in touch with Sven Hamrell, Dag Hammarskjold Foundation, Ovre Slottsgatan 2, 752 20 Uppsala, Sweden.

Write to David Radcliffe (see p.2) for a copy of his paper SARVODAYA AND THE WESTERN WORLD, in which he assesses the significance to the West of the Sarvodaya Movement as it has developed in Sri Lanka. Further information about the Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement from A.T. Ariyaratne, Sarvodaya, 77 De Soysa Road, Moratuwa, Sri Lanka.

Sedley Sweeny, FRIENDS OF AMARPURKASHI (Brynoyre Farm, Talybont-on-Usk, Brecon, Powys, LD3 7YS, Wales) has sent us a report on his recent visit to the Amarpurkashi Village Development Project in Northern India. The project involves some 10 villages and is based on the idea of integrating agriculture, nutrition, health and education to produce a confident, self-reliant community.

The ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES in the mineral-rich Northern Territories of Australia have a long-term potential for economic self-sufficiency and self-management, based on their traditional interests and social relationships, according to a recent report by Shann Turnbull, (MAI Ltd., GPO Box 4359, Sydney, NSW 2001, Australia). (Compare the potential future for the Eskimo and Indian communities in the oil-rich North Western Territories of Canada, discussed in the 1977 Berger Report "Northern Frontier, Northern Homeland", \$6.00 from Printing and Publishing Supply and Services Canada, Ottawa, Canada K1A 0S9.)

Write to THE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVES (IFDA), 2 Place du Marche, CH-1260, Nyon, Switzerland, for information about their project to promote participation of the "third system" (i.e. non-governmental institutions, groups and individuals) in the Development Strategy to be adopted by the United Nations in 1980. In particular, IFDA is concerned to encourage strategies of transition towards "another development" in both industrialised and third world countries. One of the British participants in the IFDA project is John Turner (DPU, 9-11 Endsleigh Gardens, London WC1H 0ED), whose Housing Network Exchange is concerned with an alternative approach to housing and local development. Another is James Robertson (7 St. Ann's Villas, London W11 4RU), who is writing a "feasibility study" report for IFDA on "Another Britain: An Alternative Path of Development for the UK".

TOMORROW TODAY is the name of a project on social experiments in changing lifestyles and development patterns. It involves: an information network; case studies; and public debates. Details from Ignacy Sachs, International Research Centre on Environment and Development (CIRED), 54 Boulevard Raspail, 75270 Paris Cedex 06.

DEVELOPMENT FORUM is a monthly publication available (no charge) from the Centre for Economic and Social Information/OPI, United Nations, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland. Recent issues have included an increasing number of articles discussing alternative approaches to conventional economic development. E.g. "Vision of the Vikings" (July 1978) describes the Scandinavian movement towards a society based on decentralisation, small self-governing units, resource consciousness, joint ownership, economic equality, security, freedom and independence.

A "people's input" to UNCSTD (see entry for 8th-10th May, p.15) is being prepared. TRANET (Transnational Network for Appropriate/Alternative Technologies, PO Box 567, Rangeley, Maine 04970, USA) Issue No.6, Spring 1978, lists about 20 groups which are involved. One of these groups which has written directly to us is DILEMME (Invention Sociale et Ecologie Urbaine, 8 Rue du Puits de l'Ermite, 75005 Paris). John Reschaur (Community Action, Dronningensg 14, 1420 Copenhagen K, Denmark) would also like to hear from interested organisations and networks. Keith Suter (PO Box E177, St. James Post Office, Sydney 2000, Australia), who visited us recently, is Joint Convener of the Australian NON-GOVERNMENTAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR UNCSTD.

STOP PRESS: The North-South Dialogue - ALTERNATIVES FOR BRITAIN: Opportunities and Responsibilities in a Changing World. Proceedings of conference held 16th March 1978. Price £1 from Focus Group, Royal Commonwealth Society, 18 Northumberland Avenue, London WC2N 5BJ. Follow-up conference to be held Tuesday 21st November. Details from Focus Group, address above.

## PEACE

Peace, social justice, economic wellbeing and ecological balance are the key aims of the Institute for World Order, 1140 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036, USA. In a recent issue of MACROSCOPE, the Institute compares today's growing movement for the abolition of war and international injustice to the successful movement of over a century ago which was dedicated to the abolition of slavery.

Preparations for a peace initiative by the EAST-WEST PEACE PEOPLE are gathering momentum. A Peace Charter is being drafted. Support is being sought worldwide from those who believe that governments use each other's policies to justify their own preparations for war, and that only by bypassing governments can people break the deadlock. Offers of help and suggested overseas contacts to Peter Cadogan, Studio House, 1 Hampstead Hill Gardens, London NW3.

The National Council for a WORLD PEACE TAX FUND (2111 Florida Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008, USA) wants legislation to enable the taxes of conscientious objectors to go into a fund for peace projects, instead of being spent for military purposes. Supporting organisations in Britain include The Peace Tax Campaign of the Peace Pledge Union (Stanley Keeble, c/o Dick Sheppard House, 6 Endsleigh Street, London WC1H 0DX) and the Friends Peace and International Relations Committee (Frank Williams, Friends House, Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ).

Addressing the Max Planck Institut, Munich, in April, Ciaran McKeown of the NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE PEOPLE argued that the example of nonviolent resolution of conflict could only come from small places like Northern Ireland, not from super-powers like the United States or the Soviet Union which had such overwhelming military machines to dismantle. He therefore called for every possible international support, since this was not only in the interests of peace in Northern Ireland, but was the only real hope for the human race. "Peace By Peace: The Other Side Of Northern Ireland" is published fortnightly (annual sub: UK, Ireland and overseas surface mail £5, overseas airmail £6) by the Peace People, Fredheim, 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast.

Supporters of the Peace People of Northern Ireland have formed the PEACE PEOPLE OF ENGLAND, SCOTLAND AND WALES. The President is Jane Ewart-Biggs, and the National Co-ordinator is Brian Cox, 59 Clare Gardens, Barking, Essex.

## WOMEN, CHILDREN AND MEN

"Expecting men to solve the problems they created is like expecting the generals to get us out of Vietnam". Hazel Henderson (Princeton Center for Alternative Futures - see p.13), quoted in "Equal Times", Boston's newspaper for women.

George Hay (68 St. Marks Road, London W10) is founder of the N.E. London Polytechnic's Science Fiction Foundation, an officer of the European Space Association, and Chairman of the H.G. Wells Society, so he is all in favour of Space Colonisation! He is looking for someone to write an article on the feminist reaction to the prospect. "How", he asks, "will sexual/family mores be changes by living in conditions of utopian wealth and leisure?"

CEFRES (European Centre for Women's Studies in a Changing Society) is a new thinktank on social change, which provides a focus for dialogue and the exchange of ideas between the sexes. Among its priority topics are: changing concepts of work; women and the environment; and the role of women in decision-making. Information from Francoise Latour, CEFRES, 55 Rue de Varenne, 75007, Paris, France.

THE CHANGING ROLES OF WOMEN AND MEN is the subject of a series of conferences being held by the Aspen International Institute, Berlin. Information from Hanna-Beate Schopp-Schilling, Aspen Institute, Inselstrasse 10, 1000 Berlin 38.

"Children already have within them a holistic understanding of the nature of spacetime. This understanding can be shared by all, rather than by physicists and mystics alone ... Adults colonise the future through their monopoly of media, and children's futures thereby vanish." Simon Nicholson (Chairperson, Art and the Environment, Open University, Milton Keynes), writing about his project, COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION BY CHILDREN IN FUTURES.

Dates for the final Summer'78 work camp organised by the Emmaus International Youth Initiative for Peace and Understanding are 16th September to 7th October. Enquiries to Emmaus Internationale Jugendinitiative (Dusselderferstrasse 112, 4330 Mulheim/Ruhr, Germany).

ACHILLES HEEL (sent to us by Keith Paton, 31 Stackpool Road, Bristol 3) is published by Men's Free Press - a collective of men who are committed to supporting one another in writing and publishing about men's politics and socialism, who are consciously redefining and changing the nature of their relationships with women and with each other as men, and who believe that masculinity is in crisis. "Our power in society as men not only oppresses women but imprisons us in a deadening masculinity which cripples all our relationships - with each other, with women, and with ourselves." 50p (\$2 overseas air-mail) per copy from Men's Free Press, 7 St. Mark's Rise, London E8 2NJ.

HUMANISM AND HOMOSEXUALITY Study Group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm at the BHA's offices in Kensington. Enquiries to David Porter, c/o British Humanist Association, 13 Prince of Wales Terrace, London W8 5PG.

The ASSOCIATION DES AGES is concerned with conflicts between generations and arbitrary divisions between age-groups: "l'education n'est pas seulement le probleme des enfants, le temps libre n'est pas seulement celui de la retraite." Among its particular concerns are: attitudes of different generations towards work; employment for young people; participation by retired people in cities. The Association is supported by a number of well-known French institutions. Contact: Jean-Marie Thiveaud, Association des Ages, 9 Rue Vauvilliers, 75001 Paris, France.

#### LIFESTYLES, NOETICS, ENVIRONMENT AND THE FUTURE

The LIFE STYLE MOVEMENT now has about fifty groups or cells in different parts of Britain, committed to live more simply than others may simply live, and pledged to support such political and social action and such economic policies as will tend to conserve, develop and redistribute the Earth's resources for the benefit of the whole Family of Man. Contact: Horace Dammers, The Cathedral, Bristol BS1 5TJ.



Willis Harman (author of "An Incomplete Guide to the Future" and the new President of the Institute of Noetic Sciences) foresees that the noetic sciences will create an empirically based and publicly validated body of knowledge about the realm of subjective experience, which will parallel the developments which have taken place in the materialistic sciences during the last few centuries. Just as there is not now Russian chemistry and American chemistry, or Hindu physics and Christian physics, so "for the first time in history we are beginning to create a growing, progressively funded body of established experience about man's inner life - and particularly about the perennial wisdom of the great religious traditions and gnostic groups." Institute of Noetic Sciences, Newsletter (Spring 1978), 600 Stockton Street, San Francisco, California 94108, USA.

WESTERN ZEN RETREATS last five days, are held in a Welsh Hill Farm, and provide a blending of meditation, yoga and western enlightenment techniques. Information from John Crook, Dept. of Psychology, Bristol University, 8-10 Berkeley Square, Bristol BS8 1HH.

The Wrekin Trust (Bowers House, Bridstow, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire HR9 6JX) is organising a full programme for Autumn/Winter 1978/79 as part of the "wide movement of spiritual awakening which is bringing to birth a new vision of the nature of man."

ALTERNATIVE AMERICA is a directory of 5000 alternative lifestyle groups and organisations. "It may be used for any purpose whatsoever (as long as it is not illegal, immoral or fatttenning)." It contains quite a few free ideas, and the author also offers to automate your mailing list. \$4 from Richard Gardner (Box 134, Harvard Square, Cambridge, Mass. 02138, USA).

THE FUTURE IN OUR HANDS is a popular movement (over 20,000 members already) for a new lifestyle and a fair distribution of the world's resources. Contact: Framtiden i Vare Hender, Informasjonssenteret, Torggata 35, Oslo - 1, Norway.

Dick Philbrick (130 Wingrove Gardens, Fenham, Newcastle 4, Tyne Wear) is looking for people or organisations who might either help with advice or take part in the building of a kibbutz-style community around a small business.

A PROGRAMME FOR RECOVERY by the promotion of the uses of natural replenishable resources. Information from Green Deserts (Rougham, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk IP30 9LY).

The National Survival Institute (2175 Victoria Park Avenue, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada M1R 1V6) is urgently concerned with promoting environmental reform and transition toward more sustainable and selective patterns of growth.

Representatives of Argentine 2000 visited London and Brussels this summer. For information write to: Argentine 2000, Leandro N. Alem 36, 11th Floor, 1003 Buenos Aires, Argentina.

FOOTNOTES TO THE FUTURE and information about FUTURE ABSTRACTS have been sent to us by Futuremics Inc. (2850 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008, USA.)

TEACHING TOMORROW: News and Notes for Teaching the Future (annually \$7.50) and FOREFACTS: Tomorrow's News Today (annually \$5) are published monthly by Homestead Education Publications, Box 454, Storrs, Connecticut 06268, USA.

## LAND, COUNTRY AND CITY

"What do you imagine Jesus would say if he strode into Canterbury Cathedral as once into the Temple? Reapply his insight to our situation today. What would anger him?

Surely he'd say:  
'You Christians what have you done to the land God gave to all men? Don't you know that land is nature? Home of the plants and animals that God feeds with his divine hand? You have divided the land up among you for profit, you sinners. You have bartered nature to the highest bidder, you hypocrites: you imprison animals and poison plants: you make nature function like a great machine, ugly and soulless. You have stripped your planet of the glory of God. The Church itself profits from these evils and hardly a word of protest is heard from its priests.'

From "Jesus in the Temple" by Robert Waller  
(87 Oxford Road, Moseley, Birmingham B13 9SE)

A RURAL-RESETTLEMENT HANDBOOK, to help people who wish to live and work in rural areas is available from the Rural Resettlement Group, Lower Shaw Farm, Shaw, Nr. Swindon; 80p + sae 10" x 7".

The NEW MILLS Study Centre and Rural Alternatives project is now running its own conferences and courses, and is making its facilities available to other organisations. Its Small Industries Group has already helped to create 25 new jobs in West Somerset. A New Mills Association has been formed. Further development of the Study Centre is planned, and a fund-raising appeal is being launched. Details of present activities and future projects from Rhys Taylor (New Mills, Luxborough, Watchet, Somerset, TA23 0LF).

COMMONWORK is a series of linked trusts and projects which have as their central aim the exploration of new dimensions of human responsibility towards each other and the environment, in particular through a co-operative style of life and work. Ecological studies, biological agriculture, production of methane gas from slurry, brickmaking, gardening, building, a food co-operative and a residential centre. Contact: Jenifer Wates, Commonwork, Bore Place, Bough Beech, Edenbridge, Kent TN8 7AR.

Anyone with experience of town and country planning and still sane enough to read this newsletter is urgently invited to correspond with Philip Brachi (17 Darley Avenue, Carlton, Nottingham).

A VILLAGE CHARTER is being drafted by George Delf (Co-ordinator, Centre for Village Studies, Yoxford, Saxmundham, Suffolk).

A project for a self-supporting CO-OPERATIVE VILLAGE of 1500 people at Stanford Hall near Loughborough has been sponsored by the Building and Social Housing Foundation (Diane Diacon), 87 Belvoir Road, Coalville, Leicestershire LE6 2PH.

AN AGROTOWN of 5000 inhabitants (each homestead consisting of a dwelling, workshop, agricultural buildings, vegetable garden, orchard and some farmland) is the basic unit in "An Alternative Plan: A Model of Human Settlement in the Post-Industrial Era" by Michael Zakrzewski, (PO Box 3540, Durban 4000, South Africa).

The AGRICAPITAL GROUP is affiliated to the British Society for Social Responsibility in Science. Members work in research, food distribution, farming, plant breeding, nutrition, journalism and teaching, and are concerned with the provision of food of good quality, produced in good conditions of work, and distributed to those who need it. Contact: Dave Bull, 35 Cowley Road, Oxford.

ALTERNATIVE WAYS is a non-profit organisation which conducts courses about alternatives to the hollowness, alienation and artificiality of modern urban society. Contact: Marian and David Gillett, Lower Hergest, Kington, Herefordshire HR5 3EW.

DART (Dartington Amenity Research Trust) carries out research on: natural resources and their use; rural land use and land management; conservation of the scenic, natural and historical heritage; the social and economic needs of urban and rural areas; and planning for sport, recreation and tourism. Director: Michael Dower (DART, Shinner's Bridge, Dartington, Totnes, Devon).

URBAN WASTELAND. A 1977 report by the Civic Trust found that a quarter of a million acres of land is lying dormant in cities, towns and villages in Britain, which could be used for housing, parks, gardens, playgrounds and urban farms - not to mention allotments for some of the 100,000 people who are now on the national waiting list for them. The report includes an action plan and a list of organisations that can help. (Civic Trust, 17 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AW).

GREEN BAN ACTION COMMITTEE aims to encourage working people to have a say in the kind of jobs they do, because these have a direct effect on the community and the environment. A Green Ban is the action taken by groups of workers who refuse to work on socially or environmentally harmful projects. Contact Val Stevens, 77 School Road, Hall Green, Birmingham B28 8JQ.

URBAN INNOVATION ABROAD (monthly) and URBAN TRANSIT ABROAD (quarterly) are newsletters (\$24 annual sub.) published by the Council for International Urban Liaison, 818 18th Street NW, Washington DC 20006, USA.

#### ECONOMICS, ORGANISATION AND TECHNOLOGY

"A new idea about economic development is emerging in the United States. Its emphasis is on the development of human resources and community capability." This is from an article by Eric Trist in the July 1978 issue of LINKAGE. Contact: Mrs. B.P. Fox, Institute for Operational Research, 4 Copthall House, Station Squ., Coventry CV1 2PP.

INSTITUTIONS FOR MAN is a critical report about Peterlee Development Corporation. It concludes that the central challenge for man is how to bring about change in the existing institutional structure so that new modes of being become possible. The report is available (price 15p) from Robert Morgan, 46 The Avenue, Durham.

"Tensegrity" structures in architecture may provide valuable insights for the structure of organisations and social networks - clues to a new kind of "psycho-social architecture". This is the theme of a recent paper by Anthony Judge, Mankind 2000, 1 Rue aux Laines, 100 Brussels, Belgium.

THE POVERTY OF ECONOMICS, as a factor determining the present nature of society in relation to the civil engineer, was discussed by A.M. Muir Wood in his 1977 Presidential Address to the Institution of Civil Engineers, Great George Street, London SW1.

A recent study of Canadian Directorship Practices for the Conference Board in Canada found that many directors see the need for fast progress up to and beyond the level represented by the better boards in Canada today, in order to meet the challenges of a more knowledgeable and expectant public in a more demanding social, economic and legal environment. Susan Peterson, Conference Board in Canada, Suite 100, 25 McArthur Road, Ottawa, Ontario K1L 6R3, Canada.

ABUNDANCE - quarterly journal of the new economics - costs 15p per issue from the Social Credit Centre (V.R. Hadkins) Montague Chambers, Mexborough, Yorks.

Recent Fabian Tracts include: THINK SMALL: ENTERPRISE AND THE ECONOMY by Nicholas Falk, 75p, and INDUSTRIAL COMMON OWNERSHIP by David Watkins, 65p. Available from The Fabian Society, 11 Dartmouth Street, London SW1H 9BN.

CICRA (international centre for the co-ordination of research on self-management) has been set up to develop contacts among people interested in autogestion (self-management), with the aim of fostering scientific research in this area. Its first newsletter came out in May 1978 and further issues are expected twice yearly. Information from CICRA, Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, 54 Boulevard Raspail, 75270 Paris Cedex 06, France.

The Intermediate Technology Development Group (ITDG) are forming a permanent unit to promote APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY FOR THE UK. For information about this and about his AT-UK News Exchange, contact John Davis, 10 Grenfell Road, Beaconsfield, Bucks. Also see p.15. ITDG is seeking financial support for its expanding work programmes, projects and publications. Write to the Appeals Secretary, ITDG, 9 King Street, London WC2E 8HN.

THE CENTRE FOR ALTERNATIVE INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL SYSTEMS (CAITS) - see p.16 - will welcome enquiries from anyone who has expertise and practical help to give. The Centre is building up a bibliography/handout list about socially useful technologies and products, workers' corporate planning, and other developments of the Lucas Aerospace workers' campaign. Contact: Mike George, CAITS, North East London Polytechnic, Longbridge Road, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2AS.

ECONOMIC GROWTH, ITS COSTS, AND SOME ALTERNATIVES. Illustrated (slides) talks to groups. Contact: Ken Penney, Dept. of Economics, University of Exeter, Amory Building, Rennes Drive, Exeter EX4 4RJ.

The future impact of microprocessors and computers on employment in Britain was discussed by Colin Hines in THE CHIPS ARE DOWN (April 1978). Copies 25p + 10p postage from Earth Resources Research Ltd. 40 James Street, London W1.

An UNEMPLOYED SKILLS EXCHANGE is being set up at the Swarthmore Centre, Leeds. A pilot project to link up unemployed people and others who have underused skills which they are willing to share. Further information from Roland Chaplain, Futures Studies Centre, 15 Kelso Road, Leeds LS2 9PR.

The UK Section of THE INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ENERGY SOCIETY welcomes membership applications. Secretary, Dr. J. Barber, The Royal Institution, 21 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4BS.

PAPERS, REPORTS, JOURNALS, NEWSLETTERS, ETC.

In 1977 the United States imported \$45 billion worth of foreign oil - \$2000 for every man, woman and child. In a recent report on THE INEVITABILITY OF PETROLEUM RATIONING IN THE UNITED STATES, Carter Henderson argues that rationing will be the most effective and equitable system for getting America through the turbulent years between 1978 and the approaching sustainable-energy era. \$3.75 from Princeton Center for Alternative Futures, 60 Hodge Road, Princeton, New Jersey 08540, USA.

SEEING THE ECONOMY WHOLE. Text of James Robertson's public lecture in Edmonton, Canada, on 21st October 1977. Available from: Vanier Institute of the Family, 151 Slater, Ottawa, Canada K1P 5H3.

LINKING THE COLLEGE AND THE COMMUNITY. Paper by Ronnie Lessem and Hugh Tarran. £1.50 from URBED, 12/13 Henrietta Street, London WC2.

NUMBER AND SEVERITY OF ROAD ACCIDENTS: a Fifteen Country Study, including a volume on Drivers' Attitudes and Opinions. Information from: Tim Benjamin, International Drivers' Behaviour Research Assn. (IDBRA), 10 quai Paul Doumer, 92401 Courbevoile, France.

AN EMERGENCY ENERGY PROGRAM, a paper written by Professor Emile Benoit (shortly before he died) and David F. Mayer, argues that the energy crisis threatens a world depression and US/Soviet rivalry for Middle East oil reserves that could lead to nuclear war. It calls for the US President to create a National Commission on the Energy Emergency. David F. Mayer, Apt.17, 6574 Fleur de Lis, New Orleans, La.70124, USA.

Oxford Report No.6 from the Political Ecology Research Group is on PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND ENERGY POLICY. £0.50p surface mail (0.75p airmail overseas) from PERG, PO Box 14, Oxford OX3 8AS.

Useful lists of references to articles and publications on aspects of NUCLEAR THREATS are compiled periodically by Brian Rome, Law Dept., Bristol Polytechnic, Coldharbour Lane, Bristol.

The latest Worldwatch Papers are on CUTTING TOBACCO'S TOLL, THE SOLAR ENERGY TIMETABLE, and THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC PROSPECT: NEW SOURCES OF ECONOMIC STRESS. \$2 each from Worldwatch Institute, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20036, USA.

POLLUTION BY AGRICULTURE. Evidence from the Farm and Food Society to the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution. 65p post-free from FAFS, 4 Willifield Way, London NW11 7XT.

CREATIVITY IN ACTION is a monthly newsletter. Write for complimentary copies (mentioning Turning Point) to: Sidney X. Shore, Sharon Valley Road, PO Box 603, Sharon, Connecticut 06069, USA.

The BOLTON INSTITUTE is concerned with the transition to a sustainable and just society in harmony with natural systems. For their publications list write to: David and Elizabeth Dodson Gray, Bolton Institute, 4 Linden Square, Wellesley, Mass. 02181, USA.

PATHWAYS is a quarterly newsletter concerned with New Age action and groups. Duncan Khan and John Sinclair, 16 Great Ormond Street, London WC1N 3RB.

TOWARDS A NEW SPIRITUALITY. "Clarity", the magazine of the Mensa Christian Group (Editor: Jennifer Sprague, 3 Greenway, Berkhamsted, Herts) reports a project at St. Albans Cathedral, including gatherings for younger people and a programme of job creation. Information from Michael Franklin, Shantock Hall, Bovingdon, Herts.

## BOOKS

Ronald Higgins, THE SEVENTH ENEMY: THE HUMAN FACTOR IN THE GLOBAL CRISIS, Hodder & Stoughton, London, May 1978, £5.95. (Published in US by McGraw Hill). Highly recommended.

Beata Bishop, BELOW THE BELT: AN IRREVERENT ANALYSIS OF THE MALE EGO, Coventure, London, 1977, £1.95.

Gurth Higgin, SYMPTOMS OF TOMORROW, Plume Press/Ward Lock, London, 1973, £2.60. Also SCARCITY, ABUNDANCE AND DEPLETION, Inaugural Lecture at Loughborough University of Technology (Loughborough, Leics LE11 3TU).

(These three authors are speaking at the Turning Point meeting on 25th November - see front page. Also relevant to the Psychology of Social Change is: Liz Greene, RELATING, Coventure, London, 1977, £2.95).

Lester Brown, THE TWENTY NINTH DAY: ACCOMMODATING HUMAN NEEDS AND NUMBERS TO THE EARTH'S RESOURCES. A Worldwatch Institute book published by W.W. Norton, New York, 1978, \$3.95. (Obtainable from Worldwatch Institute, 1776 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington DC 20036).

Krishan Kumar, PROPHECY AND PROGRESS: THE SOCIOLOGY OF INDUSTRIAL AND POST-INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY, Penguin Books, London, 1978, £1.50.

Susanna Hoe, THE MAN WHO GAVE HIS COMPANY AWAY, Heinemann, London, 1978, £5.90. A candid biography of Ernest Bader, Founder of the Scott Bader Commonwealth.

Edward Goldsmith, THE STABLE SOCIETY, Wadebridge Press (73 Molesworth Street, Wadebridge, Cornwall) 1978, £2.60 (\$5).

Kevin McCartney, PRACTICAL SOLAR HEATING: a guide to self help solar water heating, Prism Press, 1978, £1.95.

Canon Trevor Beeson, BRITAIN TODAY AND TOMORROW, Collins, 1978, £1.50. Report on the British Council of Churches' follow-up to the Archbishop of Canterbury's question in 1975: "What sort of society do we want?" (Recommended to us by Mick Williamson, co-ordinator of the Futures Network.)

James Robertson, THE SANE ALTERNATIVE: SIGNPOSTS TO A SELF-FULFILLING FUTURE, London, 1978. From James Robertson, 7 St. Ann's Villas, London W11 4RU, £1.50 (\$4) + 30p (60c seairmail, -\$2 airmail) p & p.

Mark Satin, NEW AGE POLITICS: Healing Self and Society - The Emerging New Alternative to Marxism and Liberalism, Whitecap Books (2229 Jefferson Ave., W.Vancouver, B.C., V7V 2A9, Canada), 1978, \$2.95. Recommended by several people, including Michael Marien (Information for Policy Design, LaFayette, NY 13084, USA) and Bill Ellis of TRANET (see p.6) - which, incidentally, recently described The Sane Alternative as "probably the key publication of the decade".

Colin Hamer, VOICE IN THE DARKNESS, United Writers Publications, 1978. From Colin Hamer, 21 Trinity Close, The Pavement, London SW4. Colin will be very happy to discuss his book, which includes reference to the femininity of God, with interested groups. £4.95 + 35p p & p.

Geoff Smith, WEALTH CREATION: The Added Value Concept, 1978, from Institute of Practitioners in Work Study, Organisation & Methods, 1 Cecil Court, London Road, Enfield, Middlesex EN2 6DD, £3.50 inc. p & p, overseas add £1.30.

Fred Knelman, NUCLEAR ENERGY: THE UNFORGIVING TECHNOLOGY, Hurtig, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, 1976. TRANSITION TO SUSTAINABILITY, Mosaic/Voyageur Press, PO Box 1032, Oakville, Ontario L6J 5E9, Canada.

The Good Book Guide is published quarterly by Braithwaite and Taylor Ltd (PO Box 28, London SW11 4BT). Braithwaite and Taylor also offer Bookpost, a worldwide book delivery service. The annual subscription to The Good Book Guide (£3.50 UK, £4.50 elsewhere) is refunded as a Bookpost token. Peter Braithwaite tells us that if interested Turning Point readers write in for full details, he will send them a complimentary copy of The Guide.

#### DATES TO NOTE (Cont'd from p.16)

22nd November, Savile Row, London W1. Symposium on TECHNOLOGY CHOICE AND THE FUTURE OF WORK, jointly organised by Intermediate Technology Development Group and British Association for the Advancement of Science. Chairman: George McRobie. Speakers: Dame Barbara Ward, Sir Ieuan Maddock. Papers by Christian Schumacher, John Davis, John Hatfield, Christopher Freeman and John Fyffe, Philip Sadler, Geoffrey Constable, Mike Cooley, James Robertson. Details from the Conference Secretary, BAAS, 23 Savile Row, London W1.

25th November, Turning Point meeting, THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SOCIAL CHANGE, (See front page).

25th November, Ruskin College, Oxford. SERA conference for trade unionists on the employment and trade union aspects of different energy options. Enquiries to SERA, 9 Poland Street, London W1.

2nd December, Newcastle-upon Tyne. EDUCATION - TO WHAT END? Conference organised by English New Education Fellowship in association with the Scientific and Medical Network. Speaker James Robertson. Enquiries to Frances McCartney, Northumberland College of Higher Education, Ponteland, Newcastle-upon Tyne NE20 OAB.

3rd-6th December, Paris. THE LONG-TERM FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. Meeting organised by Futuribles to examine the impact of strategic, political, social and cultural changes. Details from Futuribles, 55 Rue de Varenne, 75007 Paris, France.

4th-6th January 1979, London. LIVING WITH COMPUTING. The British Computer Society's annual conference includes a session on 4th Jan. on "Information Technology: Social Options and Choices". Speakers include Duncan Davies (Chief Scientist & Engineer, Dept. of Industry), Barrie Sherman (Research Director, ASTMS) and James Robertson. Enquiries to P.G. Ellis, c/o ICL Dataskil, Radley House, 35-39 South Ealing Road, Ealing, London W5.

7th-14th April, WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON HUMANITY, to be held simultaneously in London (Wembley Conference Centre), Toronto and Los Angeles - linked by interactive video satellite. An ambitious programme is planned. Reduced prices for early booking. Details from Brenda Brett, Flat 4, 83 Vincent Square, London SW1.

8th-10th May, West Berlin. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE FUTURE. Conference organised by the World Future Studies Federation as a preliminary to the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development (UNCSTD) in August 1979 in Vienna. The conference will include an exhibition on alternative technology. Enquiries to Hans Buchholz or Peter Mettler, c/o GZ, Glesebr chtstr.15, D-1000 Berlin 12, or to Tatjana Globokar, 2 Rue Pierre et Marie Curie, F-75005, Paris.

12th May, Turning Point meeting, CONTRIBUTIONS TO AN ALTERNATIVE FUTURE. (See front page).

## DATES TO NOTE

- 5th-8th September, Bath University. The topic for Section X of the British Association's annual meeting is THINKING ABOUT THE FUTURE. On the morning of Thursday 7th September Jay Gershuny, Krishan Kumar and Michael Jefferson will discuss "A Post-Industrial Future?" Enquiries to BA Secretariat, 23 Savile Row, London W1.
- 8th-10th September, Birmingham University. ECOLOGY PARTY ANNUAL CONFERENCE. Guest speakers include Tom Burke, Friends of the Earth. Details from Ron Andrews, 18 Cofton Lake Road, Rednal, Birmingham 45.
- 9th September, 10am - 7pm, Medway Little Theatre Club, Rochester, Kent. ECOPOLITICS AT THE TURNING POINT. Speakers include Peter Cadogan, Fiona Cantell, Colin Fry, Ken Smith. Details from Environment Information Group, 27 Canadian Avenue, Gillingham, Kent.
- 29th September-1st October, Hawkwood College, Stroud, Glos. ACTIONS FOR THE FUTURE: TOWARDS THE NEW AGE. Enquiries to Duncan Khan, 5 Larden Road, Acton Vale, London W3.
- 30th September-1st October, Exmoor Study Centre, New Mills. YOGA AND THE MIND. One of a series of weekend meetings. Other topics include Watermills, and Airship Transport. Full programme from New Mills, Luxborough, via Watchet, Somerset TA23 0LF.
- 8th October, 11am, Conway Hall, London. Dora Russell on RELIGION IN THE MACHINE AGE. Details from South Place Ethical Society, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1.
- 12th October, evening meeting, Bracknell. WHAT SORT OF POST-INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY DO WE WANT? Speaker: James Robertson. Details: Anne Yarwood, "Constables", Windsor Road, Ascot, Berks SL5 7LF.
- 13th-15th October, weekend workshop at The Hill, Abergavenny, organised by the Unit for the Study of Health Policy, Guy's Hospital Medical School, on THE POLICIES AND POLITICS OF ECOLOGICAL CHANGE. Details from John Dennis, USHP, 8 Newcomen Street, London SE1 1YR.
- 28th October, Birmingham University. First session of a series on "Alternative Futures". ARE ALTERNATIVES POSSIBLE? Details from: Harry Stopes-Roe, Dept. of Extramural Studies, Univ. of Birmingham, PO Box 363, Birmingham B15 2TT.
- 4th November, Wollaston, Northants. ERNEST BADER COMMON OWNERSHIP LECTURE by Professor Carl-Goran Heden. Enquiries to Scott Bader Ltd., Wollaston, Wellingborough, Northants NN9 7RL.
- 5th November, 11am-5pm, Conway Hall, London. Meeting jointly organised by The Ecologist and South Place Ethical Society on ETHNIC DIFFERENCES. Speakers include Edward Goldsmith, Nicholas Hillyard, Jimo Omo Fadaka. Details from: The Ecologist, 73 Molesworth Street, Wadebridge, Cornwall PL27 7DS.
- 18th November, West Ham Precinct, Romford Road, London E15. ALTERNATIVES TO UNEMPLOYMENT. Conference organised by CAITS to discuss new approaches to work in industry and the community, including alternative corporate plans as pioneered by the Lucas Shop-stewards. Speakers include Mike Cooley, Dave Elliott, Gurth Higgin. Enquiries to Clive Latimer, Faculty of Art and Design, Greengate House, Greengate Street, London E13. (See p.12).
- 18th November, 2.30, Conway Hall, London. EAST-WEST PEACE PEOPLE. Meeting to discuss final version of Peace Charter (see p.7). Details from Peter Cadogan, Studio House, 1 Hampstead Hill Gardens, London NW3.