

# TURNING POINT

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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.

Beata Bishop and Margaret Chisman have joined Peter Cadogan, Alison Pritchard and James Robertson as members of the ad hoc committee. Owing to pressure of work, Colin Hutchinson has withdrawn from it, at least for the time being. Enquiries and communications about Turning Point 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 or 01-794 5590).

### NEWSLETTERS, MAILING LIST AND CORRESPONDENCE

We suggest an annual contribution of £1 - more if you can, less if you can't. For recipients abroad US\$4 (or equivalent) will cover extra postage and bank charges. Reciprocal arrangements are welcomed if you send us your newsletters, etc., free. Thank you for contributions already received, and for your letters. If we don't hear from people at all, we assume they don't want to stay on the mailing list.

We plan the next newsletter for February 1980. Please send us items for it by end January. As usual we need volunteers to help with mailings and meetings. Many thanks to all those who have helped so far.

### NEXT TURNING POINT MEETING

Saturday 24th November: 10am - 7pm, Conway Hall, London WC1.

POST-INDUSTRIAL PERSPECTIVES ON PEACE

Speakers: MARION BOYARS: "The Dynamics of Persuasion"

JAMES HEMMING: "In Place of Violence"

HARFORD THOMAS: "The Ecology of Peace"

In the afternoon representatives of various peace organisations and peace groups will be invited to discuss their initiatives and proposals. Tickets (£2) in advance from Alison Pritchard will be sent out in November.

### TURNING POINT CASSETTE

A TP Tape is now available - our first - containing shortened versions of the talks by AMORY LOVINS, WILLIS HARMAN, BILL DYSON and HAZEL HENDERSON at the meeting on 12th May. Introduced by JAMES ROBERTSON, it is ideal for individual listening or discussion groups. Price £3.50 + postage (order form enclosed).

## A PERSPECTIVE

"we each of us walk in such different fields, and sometimes, when we feel alone, we may feel that things seem hopeless. Every day's news generally serves to exert a negative, draining influence upon us, as we are confronted with the regular evidence of humanity's confusion, without gaining any reminder of the things which can give us hope. At these times, we are in danger of losing touch with the current, whose energy is in fact growing, day by day, as more people realise that the way we are trying to organise our world is crazy, and see the need for another way". Guy Dauncey (Editor of INTERCHANGE, Holne Cross Cottage, Ashburton, South Devon).

At 7 St. Ann's Villas we are, in fact, increasingly swamped with evidence that more and more people are working energetically to create a saner world. We cannot reply to all the correspondence that comes in or squeeze into this newsletter as many items as we would wish. A common theme is apparent. Many of the growth points for a new way of life are based on the idea of self-development. It applies to persons and communities, and involves two distinct aspects. First, there is the development of self-reliance, freeing us of the need to invade others, to exploit them, or to drain them by our dependence. Second, there is the development of a sense of self-worth which defuses the egotistical drives for power and possessions and status and attention, freeing us to seek our further development and fulfilment in helping others to develop themselves - as, for example, many parents and teachers do - instead of, in Hazel Henderson's words, trying to "colonise their agenda".

The transformation of industrial into post-industrial society can thus be seen as a transition to a path of development and a way of life in which the self-development of each will create conditions for the self-development of all - a perspective which links many of the apparently disparate items that follow.

### TURNING POINT MEETING, 12th May 1979

In a Guardian centre-page article ("Enter the Future Softly", 14th May) John Cunningham perceptively reported this meeting as "evidence that the alternative movement shadows all sectors of activity, public, private and personal. One day, when the soft revolution comes, presumably all these alternative individual sectors will link into one whole".

But the article was a bit snide in places, and Mary Greenhalgh (204 Old Frome Road, Bath BA2 5RH) responded as follows. "As someone who sat absorbed throughout Turning Point's daylong meeting on Alternative Futures in Conway Hall on May 12, may I say something to counter John Cunningham's cynical impression of it. I doubt if anyone there needed to be reminded, as he suggests, about the lady in the park whose alternative way of life was sleeping on a bench under newspapers, and rustling through litter bins on her way to find a cafe and breakfast when she got up. I thought about her too. The whole concern of the speakers was about the millions who may soon be like her, without breakfast as well as bed, and the millions already starving in underdeveloped countries whose numbers will soon double, unless we in the western world change our way of life. We had four authoritative speakers from North America, all advanced thinkers with hard working experience in their own fields of sociology, economics and energy sciences, each giving us their ideas of what had to happen if we are to avoid the catastrophic social and economic breakdown with which the whole world is threatened".

NB See p.1 for details of the tape of this meeting, now available. It was done by Peter Groves of Tetradon (40 Hadzor Road, Oldbury, Warley, West Midlands B68 9LA) and we are grateful to Jean Kollerstrom (9 Primrose Gardens, London NW3 4UJ) for putting us in touch with him. Jean has details of the Scientific and Medical Network cassettes.

## ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SELF-RELIANCE

SOME REFLECTIONS ON THE EVOLUTION OF CANADA'S POLITICAL ECONOMY AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES (\$1.50 from the Vanier Inst. of the Family, 151 Slater, Ottawa K1P 5H3, Canada). An important contribution to public debate about the appropriate development path for Canada and other industrialised countries.

ALTERNATIVE BRITAIN: A DEVELOPMENTAL PERSPECTIVE by Ronnie Lessem (URBED, 12/13 Henrietta St., London WC2) - see p.5 - discusses changes in action (the external world of every day) and in consciousness (the internal world of subjective awareness). Very stimulating. Useful references.

ALTERNATIVES IN BRITAIN: A BRIEF "STATE OF THE ART" SURVEY by George McRobie and John McRobie (ITDG, 9 King St., London WC2 8HN) is another excellent recent survey.

ANOTHER BRITAIN by James Robertson is one of many items in the IFDA Dossiers on alternative development thinking - available from the International Foundation for Development Alternatives (2 Place du Marche, CH-1260, Nyon, Switzerland).

In EXPERIMENTATIONS SOCIALES, CHANGEMENTS DANS LES STYLES DE VIE ET L'ORGANISATION DE LA PRODUCTION DANS LES PAYS ANGLO-SAXONS, Anne Charreyron (Futuribles, 55 Rue de Varenne, 75007 Paris, France) quotes Craigmillar (see p.4) and Jamestown as examples of participatory local development which "demonstrent que le social et l'economique ne peuvent etre isoles des autre spheres de la vie collective".

ALTERNATIVE WAYS OF LIFE IN BRITAIN by John Irvine and Ian Miles of SPRU (Sussex Univ., Falmer, Brighton BN1 9RF) concludes with a discussion of strategies (social responsibility, counter-cultural, reformist, contestatory, radical) for changing the now dominant way of life.

DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVES AND PRIORITIES - A BRITISH VIEW by the British Chapter of the Society for International Development (Hon.Sec. Richard Miles, 31 Grosvenor Gdns, Kingston-on-Thames KT2 5BE) envisages a dual strategy in which the formal economy develops optimum efficiency and the informal economy develops to provide "alternative ways of life for the large blocks of the population rendered permanently unemployable or under-employed by each new move to greater productivity in the formal sector".

Gordon Foy's (22 West Preston St., Edinburgh EH8 9PZ) BLUEPRINT FOR AN ALTERNATIVE MOVEMENT discusses mystiques and logistics, structured sociotechnics, and protocols of constitutional engineering.

Ward Morehouse (Council on International and Public Affairs, 60 East 42nd St., New York, NY 10017, USA) defines the Council's role as looking for ways of increasing the social autonomy of individuals, institutions, communities and nations. His Report for 1977-8 mentions strategies for enabling the inner city poor to be socially and economically autonomous, and reports plans for possible programme initiatives on economic alternatives at the local (New York City and upstate), New York State, and regional (northeastern US) levels, which would eliminate unemployment by 1990.

John Davis (10 Grenfell Road, Beaconsfield, Bucks) in APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY FOR THE UK, News Exchange No.7, asks: "How are we to avoid going back to the bad old days of fear of exploitation and insecurity for the most vulnerable people in a future AT society? ... Local institutions will need to be developed which will, on behalf of the local community, set a climate of standards for its commerce that will powerfully influence those individuals that might otherwise behave anti-socially. My hope is that a Local Enterprise Trust, if it develops a sufficiently broad base, might provide the seedbed for such a set of local commercial standards". He reports progress in LET initiatives and the development of an LET network.

In ECODEVELOPMENT NEWS for March 1979 Ignacy Sachs (CIRED, 54 Bd. Raspail, Rm.311, 75270 Paris Cedex 06, France) puts forward a proposal for local autonomy and ecodevelopment planning.

Sudbury (Canada), traditionally dependent on nickel-mining, is seriously examining the possibility of becoming a community based on the "Alternate Development Paradigm". SUDBURY 2001 is a multi-partite, self-help effort by leaders from labour, business, government, academia and other key interest groups to initiate economic development through labour-intensive projects based on appropriate technology. Contact: Narasim Katary (Box 370, Sudbury, Ontario P3E 4P2, Canada).

CHARRETTE is a co-operative technique for social and economic planning at neighbourhood level which enables a community to establish its own needs and priorities and produce good and innovative solutions to meet those needs. Contact Alan Mossman (Anglian Regional Management Centre, Asta House, 156/164 High Road, Chadwell Heath, Romford, Essex RM6 6LX) for details, and also for an account of INNOVATION AND INVOLVEMENT IN ALTRINCHAM.

CRAIGMILLAR'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR ACTION (Steve Burgess, Univ. of Edinburgh, Dept. of Social Admin., 21 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh EH8) of November 1978 is "a kind of green paper, which requires shared government - partnership between the people of Craigmillar and the local and wider authorities and agencies ... It advocates and signifies a change in politics and economics to yield a more fulfilling society". An impressive community plan for regeneration based on 15 years of activity initiated by the Craigmillar Festival Society.

The COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE PROJECT (Keith Deacon, N.E. Wales Inst. of Higher Education, Cartrefle College, Wrexham, Clwyd LL13 9NL) is interested in obtaining relevant documents, pamphlets, etc., and in making contact with others working in the same field.

EDUCATION FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD CHANGE (Tony Gibson, School of Education, Univ. of Nottingham, Nottingham NG7 2RD) produces a variety of Neighbourhood Action Packs.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT INDEX (Teresita Quintos Deles, 40 E Rodrigues Street, Quezon City 3008, Philippines) provides a support programme of career orientation, communications and research for professionals and other social development workers.

Bob Waller (87 Oxford Road, Moseley, Birmingham B13 9SG) is involved in the Conservation Society's campaign to encourage agricultural small-holdings. "Smaller farms account for a disproportionately large part of agricultural employment in our struggling rural economy, and of a kind which satisfies the increasing numbers who are seeking independent and creative work".

THE YARNER TRUST aims to provide a thorough and realistic training for small-scale mixed farming, urban farming and self-reliant community life. The Trust has two Centres, one a self-managing community on 25 acres and the other a smaller family unit. Information (SAE please) from Eric Clarke (Yarner Barton, Dartington, Totnes, S. Devon).

THE SOIL ASSOCIATION SMALLHOLDERS' TRAINING CENTRE will start its 2nd one-year course for potential instructors in November. Write with SAE to The Soil Association (Walnut Tree Manor, Haughley, Stowmarket, Suffolk). The Centre also runs short residential courses in specific aspects of smallholding and has open days for the general public. Sedley Sweeny (Brynoyre, Talybont-on-Usk, Brecon, Powys) has details.

For information about new developments at the BRIDGE OPEN FARM CENTRE and the BRIDGE EDUCATIONAL TRUST write to Michael Josh (Seniors, Semley, Nr. Shaftesbury, Dorset).

Julien Nicholson (Farm Business Unit, School of Rural Economics and Related Studies, Wye College, Nr, Ashford, Kent TN25 5AH) is helping to start a new BUSINESS VENTURE WORKSHOP at Wye. Its first aim will be to help entrepreneurial students to set up small businesses in rural areas.

Ronnie Lessem (URBED - see p.3) is running a training programme on STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS. It consists of a one-day conference, a weekend session, a five-day course, 13 weeks setting up the business with half a day a week in the classroom, followed finally by advice clinics when the business is actually running. The next programme starts on 29th September (see p.16) and the 13 weeks of action-learning should begin in April next year.

Thanks to John Fobes (739 Gimghoul Rd., Chapel Hill, NC 27514, USA) for the report on THE THY PROJECT and the UN University's "Search for Communities at Human Scale" (PO Box 13, 7770 Vestervig, Denmark). John is involved in community activities in Chapel Hill.

Peter Read's (AT Group, Open Univ., Walton Hall, Milton Keynes MK7 6AA) paper on ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY, SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND THE FUTURE OF WORK says the concern of the AT Group is "both with developing technical knowledge relevant to the needs of small scale, spatially dispersed, substantially self-sufficient and economically self-organised communities, and with finding out how such communities can develop within the framework of late industrial society".

Godfrey Boyle's (also at the Open Univ.) reader on COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY - for the OU course on Control of Technology - provides a good introduction to: examples of community technology; the human-scaled community; the feasibility of community technology; and its political viability.

Rob Paton and Martin Lockett (again at the OU) have recently produced some useful co-operatives research monographs - case studies and problems of co-operative organisation.

Gary Alexander (Energy Research Group, OU) has developed a stimulating approach to the "general organising principles" of society in TOWARDS AN ALTERNATIVE FUTURE: A COMMUNICATION-BASED FRAMEWORK.

A splendid introduction to Eric Trist's (115 College Ave., Swarthmore, PA 19081, USA) influential thinking will be found in A CONCEPT OF ORGANIZATIONAL ECOLOGY, in the Austrian Journal of Management, Vol.2, No.2, October 1977.

Prof. Nitish R. De (Public Enterprises Centre for Continuing Education, Jeewantara Building, Ground Floor, 5 Parliament St., New Delhi 110 001, India) editor of HUMAN FUTURES - with which Eric Trist is connected - reports (1)he is editing a book TOWARDS DESIGN OF HUMAN FUTURES and authoring one on AN APPROACH TOWARDS ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF WORK ORGANISATION, (2)the Centre has a two-year project on the MEANING OF WORK in contemporary India, and (3)that Rajesh Tandon of the Centre is the Asian Co-ordinator of the Participatory Research Project supported by the International Council for Adult Education, Toronto, Canada.

In his SOFT SYSTEMS DESIGN: IMAGES AND IMPACTS OF SOCIETAL TRANSITIONS Wulf-Rudiger Lutz (Inst. for Future Research, Giesebrechtstrasse 15, D-1000 Berlin 12, W.Germany) discusses how "computopia and "ecotopia", and computer revolution and the consciousness revolution, could together improve societal design.

Richard L. Meier (Professor of Environmental Design, Inst. of Urban and Regional Development, Univ. of California, Berkeley, CA, USA) has sent us two recent papers: COMMUNICATIONS STRESS; and RISK-TAKING CONSIDERED IN A COMMUNITY ECOLOGY FRAMEWORK, in which "unbalanced response to risk is ascribed to the hierarchic structure of modern institutions; it acts as an amplifier producing extraordinary efforts at life-loss prevention in instances where the institution may be at fault".

## WORK, TECHNOLOGY, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

THE RIGHT TO SHARE WORK, ALTERNATIVE WORK PATTERNS, and THE GENERAL PROBLEMS OF YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT are among recent papers by Joan and Bill Ford (Dept. of Organisational Behaviour, Univ. of New South Wales, PO Box 1, Kensington, NSW, Australia). Joan is researching Permanent Part-Time Work with the Work Research Centre for the Future Lobby and the NSW Assn. for Mental Health, and says: "There are many men and women who want to plan and arrange their lives around alternating periods of study, care of family, work and other pursuits. Permanent part-time work offers them this flexibility". Bill is associated with the new Technological and Information Research Unit set up by the NSW Gov't. He has proposed a new Employment Research and Development Organisation (ERDO) which would, among other things, carry out employment impact studies and (as pilot projects) develop a "learning factory" and a "leisure and learning centre".

C. Nelson Hall (Waverton, 38 Southwell Park Road, Camberley, Surrey) proposes a flexipay/flexiwork scheme offering every employee a choice between various combinations of working hours, working days, holidays and pay. (See the "Alternatives" column of THE GUARDIAN, 23rd May 1979).

David P. Griffiths (35 Marton Moor Rd., Nunthorpe, Middlesbrough, Cleveland) suggests conventional jobs should be shared (perhaps as "national service"), leaving people free for part-time self-employment or small group activity in the rest of their working time. He asks about research in this area.

Sheila Rothwell (753B Finchley Rd., London NW11) is now at the Administrative Staff College, Henley. In her paper on WORK: PAID AND UNPAID, originally given in October 1977 at the Teilhard Centre conference on "What Future For Work?", she focusses on sex roles in society as a way of defining work, its meaning and alternative futures. She urges that we look at society and where it is going through feminist spectacles for a change. "Through rediscovery and reintegration of ourselves, at work and at home, male and female, by an accumulation of conscious decisions and preferences, we can move towards a saner future - one that does not deny the need for big businesses nor harks back unrealistically to the world we have lost of small craftsmen and shopkeepers, but sees the need to maximise the advantages of both and sees the home and family as an equally important dimension of living in terms of time, energy and commitment, for men as well as for women, for the human personality".

Bill Martin and Sandra Mason (Leisure Consultants, Lint Growis, Foxearth, Sudbury, Suffolk) published a 10-page feature in "The Accountant" (28th Sep.'78) on LEISURE IN THE 1980s, which discussed the possibility of fundamental changes in the working week and changing lifestyles.

Pat Saunders (93 Wanstead Park Ave., Manor Park, London E12) proposes a research project into THE FUTURE OF WORK based on: (1) people's needs at each level of Abraham Maslow's hierarchy of needs, (2) ways in which people can appropriately meet these needs, (3) the impact of new technology, (4) possible work (paid and unpaid) which might be created to meet people's needs appropriately.

Keith Hudson (Interskills, 14 The Burges, Coventry CV1 1HN) is developing practical proposals for creating an alternative occupational sector to provide OCCUPATIONS FOR THE FUTURE.

George Henson's (Hill Farmhouse, Cartmell, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria) paper on TECHNOLOGY CHOICE AND THE FUTURE OF WORK, arising out of the BAAS/ITDG Symposium in Nov.'78, covers: innovation in institutions; putting a higher value on the development of people; the danger of authoritarian rejection of change; the right environment for change; education and training for adaptability.

The following are involved in new initiatives and new approaches to the problems of unemployment and work:

Stephen Haines and Alec Read, Employment Think Tank, 15 Sheet St., Windsor, Berks.

Charles Handy, St. George's House, Windsor Castle, Berks SL4 1NJ.

Rev. Peter Challen (South London Industrial Mission and Elephant Jobs) SLIM, 27 Blackfriars Road, London SE1 8NY.

Rev. Paul Brett, Industrial Committee, Board for Social Responsibility, Church House, Dean's Yard, London SW1P 3NZ.

Dorothy Venables (Liberal Party Working Group on the Social, Political and Economic Effects of Automation), 27 Leppoc Road, London SW4.

WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE AND STOP WORKING: A REPLY TO MARXISM is a mini-book in English and French from Dandelion Press by Jim Haynes (Atelier A2, 83 Rue de la Tombe-Issore, 75014 Paris, France).

Jack Cross (2 Trickett Court, Vanessa Drive, Wivenhoe, Colchester) is involved in the social, economic and educational implications of the microprocessor. He is writing a book, and hopes to make a set of educational films, on the subject.

Francis Kinsman (28 Vardens Road, London SW11) is researching the possible future impact of micro-electronics on patterns of economic and social activity, lifestyles, location of work, etc.

An occasional paper on THE MICROELECTRONICS REVOLUTION, containing impact assessment and bibliography, by Keith Dickson and John Marsh (Technology Policy Unit, Aston Univ., Gosta Green, Birmingham B4 7ET) costs £3 per copy (incl. p. & p.), cheques to Univ. of Aston.

TRANET, the Network of, by and for those individuals and groups around the world who are actively developing Appropriate/Alternative Technologies, recently became a non-profit corporation. It is now extending its networking to regional, sub-regional and local levels and is promoting exchanges among AT practitioners. Contact: Bill Ellis (TRANET, PO Box 567, Rangeley, Maine 04970, USA).

Richmond Postgate's (40 Clarendon Rd., London W11) report (with Peter Lewis and William Southwood) on APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY IN COMMUNICATIONS examines low-cost communications systems for educational and development purposes in Third World countries. Nicholas Dolphin at ITDG (9 King St., London WC2 8HN) tells us that for the final Unesco version of the report the contact is Etienne Brunswic (Techniques of Education Div., Unesco, 7 Place de Fontenoy, 75700 Paris, France).

Valentina Borremans' (Apdo.479, Cuernavaco, Mexico) REFERENCE GUIDE TO CONVIVIAL TOOLS is described by Ivan Illich as a "bibliographical claim to a new kind of territory". She writes, "By properly labelling a new kind of perspective and by putting a new kind of material on the shelves, a new social reality can be fostered that will be confirmed even by those who impugn its legitimacy".

ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION GROUP (ATIG) is a group of librarians and information workers putting together an AT directory (nearing completion); contacts: Charmian Larke (14B Lovelace Rd., Surbiton, Surrey) and Rose Heaword (Flat 12, 72 Westbourne Terrace, London W2 6QA).

Mike McPhun (Univ. of Warwick, Dept. of Civil Engineering, Coventry CV4) reports that their new degree course on ENGINEERING DESIGN AND APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY will take its first students in October 1980.

The Planetary Association for Clean Energy (100 Bronson/1001, Ottawa / K1R 6G8, Canada) has been formed to study the possibilities originally researched by Nikola Tesla for transmitting electric energy without wires and without loss through the ground. Write for their newsletter.

Mary Ann Kunkel (Apdo.41, Coin, Malaga, Spain) can give practical advice on DIY earth closets - Swedish clivus x Biopot.

Thanks to Edward Robinson (Religious Experience Research Unit, Manchester College, Oxford OX1 3TD) for papers by Rustum Roy (Materials Research Lab., Pennsylvania State Univ., University Park, PA 16802, USA) on "International Technology: Servant or Master of Modern Society?" "A New Imperative: Frugality", "Science and Its Aims" and "A Radical Christian Stance on the So-Called Plutonium Economy". Rustum Roy, who is giving the Hibbert Lectures in London in November (see p.16), says "While the rest of the world starves for energy and resources it is surely a fantastic distortion of Gospel concern to worry about which source of energy we should use to garner into our barns an even higher proportion of the world's resources. Solar or Coal or Nuclear should be harnessed to do what? Feed even more energy to the most profligate economy on earth? ... ONLY IF WE CUT OUR DEMAND FOR POWER CAN WE BRING SUPPLY SOURCES UNDER RATIONAL CONTROL. John Davis (see p.3) recommends a similar approach for Britain: building additional electricity generating capacity doesn't make sense; the extra capacity won't be required if we adopt an economically efficient and sensible approach to energy use (as the Leach report has shown to be possible), and if it is built it will impoverish us, whether or not it is nuclear or any other alternative. Amory Lovins (c/o FOE, 9 Poland St., London W1) agrees: "Arguing about what kind of power station to build is like debating the best buy in champagne, when all that we need or can afford is a drink of water". Amory also says that using electricity for low-grade purposes where it is uneconomic is "rather like using a forest fire to fry an egg, or cutting butter with a chain-saw".

PARLIGAES (The Parliamentary Liaison Group for Alternative Energy Strategies) has appointed Abigail Lawton (32 Elm Grove, Crouch End, London N8 9AH) as Parliamentary Liaison Officer. A regular bulletin is planned. A successful series of open meetings has been held in the House of Commons and another series has been arranged (see p.16). The Chairman is Frank Hooley MP (House of Commons) and the Secretary is Renee-Marie Croose Parry (8 Onslow Square, London SW7 3LT).

In their Spring 1979 newsletter David and Liz Dodson Grey (Bolton Inst., 4 Linden Squ., Wellesley, Mass. 02181, USA) describe their current focus on the ethical dimensions of energy issues, and enclose an ENERGY ORATORIO.

Chris Hooker (Dept. of Philosophy, Univ. of Western Ontario, London, Ontario N6G 1G7, Canada), in a 214-page study on INSTITUTIONS, COUNTER-INSTITUTIONS AND THE CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK OF ENERGY POLICY-MAKING IN ONTARIO, outlines a new and more appropriate kind of institutional framework.

Pete Raine of the very active Birmingham Friends of the Earth (54-57 Allison St., Digbeth, Birmingham 5) has sent us their impressive education pack on RESOURCES, RECLAMATION AND RECYCLING, the first major pubn. of their Environmental Information Project. Others are planned.

The CALENDAR REVIEW from the Faculty of Environmental Studies, York Univ., Toronto (see p.14) and the MINI CALENDAR from the Dept. of Man/Environment Studies, Univ. of Waterloo, Ontario (see p.13) will interest people concerned with environmental education and research.

The Calgary Eco-Centre for Environment Information (105-223 12th Av. SW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada) provides visiting speakers for schools and organises ecology field trips, as well as giving access to books, bibliographies, magazines, etc., on environmental subjects.

THE ENVIRONMENT RESOURCE (Stephen Lewis, School of Creative Arts and Design, Leeds Polytechnic, Calverley St., Leeds LS1 3HE) is building an information bank on environmentalist and new consciousness groups, and plans to provide this information on request in the form of broad-sheets.



## NEW DIMENSIONS OF CONSCIOUSNESS

The masculine and feminine aspects of personal and social development are being discussed more and more widely. Beata Bishop (27 Waldeck Rd., Strand-on-the-Green, London W4) has sent us Christopher Booker's Spectator piece of 30th June: "The interesting thing in terms of the way machines supposedly extend our natural faculties, is to observe precisely which faculties they represent. They express or embody only the male side of the human psyche - the function associated with our physical power and the rational organising function. In terms of human wholeness, each of these functions needs its balancing opposite from the female side of the psyche before it can become fully life-giving. The physical power principle requires the balance of feminine protective and sympathetic feeling, or it remains merely the exercise of egocentric brute force. The organising principle of the mind requires feminine intuition, that which gives a sense of the true "hidden" connections between things, or it remains merely an exercise in rootless, arid, mechanical pattern-making; The female functions are those which are necessary to connect and to root the essentially divisive male functions in the earth".

"The key to an understanding of androgyny is in the recognition that androgyny is not a state to be attained but, rather, an ideal to be sought and a way of life into which energy can be effectively directed. Androgyny is the act of becoming more conscious and therefore more whole - because only by discovering and rediscovering ourselves in all of our many aspects, do we increase the range and quality of our consciousness". From ANDROGYNY: TOWARDS A NEW THEORY OF SEXUALITY by June Singer (RKP - £2.95).

(1) WOMAN ARE THE REAL LEFT by Monica Sjo and WIDER WE: TOWARDS AN ANARCHIST POLITICS by Keith (Paton) Motherson (80p), (2) WHICH WAY HOME? by KPM (30p), and (3) ALTERNATIVE SOCIALISM by KPM (42p). Consciousness raising ideas on matriarchy, patriarchy, men's lib., the libertarian tradition, etc. Cheques to Sjo-Motherson, 29 Milford St., Bristol 3.

The NEW ERA CENTRE exists to promote the growth and development of individuals so that they may learn to live more fully as person in community. Programme from Arna and Fred Blum (Flaunden, Hemel Hempstead, Herts).

In a recent newsletter from the INSTITUTE OF NOETIC SCIENCES (600 Stockton St., San Francisco, CA 94108, USA) Willis Harman writes that the "emergence of a noetic science represents yet another area of knowledge brought into increased human understanding. All can appreciate how advance in our understanding of inner experience and intuitive knowing can bring important applications in health care, education, treatment of delinquency, organisation theory, etc. But the significance of the noetic sciences is far more than that. This is not just the opening up of a new field of science. It marks a vast new opportunity for society and a major turning point in the course of human civilisation".

Peter Russell's (BCM Noetics, London WC1V 6XX) paper on THE ECOLOGY OF CONSCIOUSNESS, circulated by Parallel Cultures Group (83/5 Evington Rd., Leicester), concludes with a discussion of a high synergy society in which the self-benefiting activity of each member is also supportive of society as a whole. "So long as the self is seen to be totally separate from the rest of the environment, the demands of the individual will not be in accord with the needs of the system as a whole... The prime value of a general shift in identity is that it resolves the conflict between the needs of the community and the needs of the self, and so makes the anticipated shifts in social paradigm a real possibility".

In OUR FUTURE (copies free from Chattan Hall, Woodbury Lane, Axminster, Devon EX13 5TL) Harry West, a retired medical research worker, argues that our human predicament stems from the genes we inherit. "A possible escape lies in realising ... that we do not choose which side we fight for and that condemnation belongs rightly to acts and not to people".

John Linton (Mill Close, Tredington, Shipston-on-Stour, Warwicks CV36), convenor of the QUAKER UNIVERSALIST GROUP - excellent newsletter, 20p - says Universalism believes in mystical religion, but that no faith can claim to be a unique revelation or to have a monopoly of truth.

In THE THIRD MEDIATION: THE CHRISTIAN TASK OF OUR TIME Thomas Berry (Riverdale Center of Religious Research, 5801 Palisade Ave., Bronx, NY 10471, USA) says that each age of history has its own distinctive work to accomplish. Israel's task in the prophetic period was to present mankind with a sustaining vision of future historical transformation. The task of the early Christian ages was to reconcile the Christian message of redemption with the great philosophical traditions of the Greek and Roman worlds. Christians in the mediaeval period had the task of raising up a new civilisation out of the ruins of the Roman period. "So now we ourselves have a special task to fulfil ..., the establishment of a harmonious relation between man and earth".

In LOOKING AHEAD: A RADICAL SOLUTION Phil Elder and Janet Besecker (Faculty of Environmental Design, Calgary Univ., Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4, Canada) argue for a participatory process leading to "myriad profound individual conversions which, synergistically, might lead to a new society".

"Radical thinkers, intoxicated with their concepts, believe that all can be transformed on the turn of an idea. Conservative actors, settled in the constraints of inherited custom, sense that nothing can really change except of itself. The tension between the shallowness of the one and the complacency of the other, has motivated social philosophy in Europe for centuries". One of the many insights in A CRITICAL AWARENESS OF SCIENCE, a recent 27-page paper by Jerry Ravetz (Reader in History and Philosophy of Science, Leeds Univ., Leeds LS2 9JT).

The special November 1979 newsletter from the ASSOCIATION OF HUMANISTIC PSYCHOLOGY (325 Ninth St., San Francisco, CA 94103, USA) contains Jack Drach's summary of AHP's own evolution: started in the early 60s by a band of radical psychologists emphasising theory and research; expanded in the later 60s into an organisation of radical professionals emphasising techniques for individual growth; now maturing into a semi-professional support system emphasising alternatives for social growth.

Annie Bloch (32bis Ave. Rene Coty, 75014 Paris, France) plans a French branch of AHP's Network for Social Change and asks, is there a British branch? She works in the French Dept. of Environment; is interested in systems thinking and personal development, including spiritual aspects.

Details of the CENTRE FOR TRANSPERSONAL PSYCHOLOGY's courses and workshops from Ian Gordon Brown (26a Gilston Rd., London SW10 9SS).

Details of the INSTITUTE OF PSYCHOSYNTHESIS's courses and workshops from Roger Evans (Highwood Park, Nan Clark's Lane, Mill Hill, London NW7).

The Wrekin Trust's (Bowers House, Bridstow, Ross-on-Wye, Hereford HR9) 1979/80 programme includes a conference on THE GATES OF DEATH with Elizabeth Kubler-Ross - 19th-21st October.

The Barretts Hall Society's (Mrs. Mollie Newton, Barretts Hall, Great Maplestead, Nr. Halstead, Essex) next one-day conference is on 29th September on TEILHARD DE CHARDIN.

THE GROWTH OF CONSCIOUSNESS AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT is one of the residential courses offered by the Bryn Coed Centre (Llanbedr Hall Estate, Ruthin, Clwyd LL15 1YA, North Wales).

## EDUCATION, COMMUNICATION AND HEALTH

THE CONSERVATION TRUST is opening a new Resource Bank and Study Centre (c/o George Palmer School, Northumberland Avenue, Reading) in September. The Resource Bank is used by over 250 schools throughout the country, and a very wide range of teaching materials and study notes are available for sale or loan. Colin Hutchinson has become Chairman. Further information from Peter Berry (246 London Road, Earley, Reading).

David Radcliffe (Dept. of History and Comparative Education, Univ. of Western Ontario, Althouse College, London, Canada N6G 1G7) is planning a workshop in October on THE FAMILY AND THE SOCIALISATION OF THE CHILD for the Social Science Research Council of Canada. He is also researching the educational needs of the aging and the aged, before and after retirement.

Betty Adams' (29 Woodside House, Woodside, London SW19 7QN) and Tyrrell Burgess' (34 Sandilands, Croydon CRO 5DB) project OUTCOMES OF EDUCATION aims to help young persons to plan and follow a programme of genuine education and to have something to show for the years of compulsory schooling. The present system of examinations at 16+ does not encourage the growth of competencies and attributes that individuals and society now desperately need.

Charles Boyle's (4 Downe Mansions, Gondar Gdns, London NW6) PROPOSAL FOR ALTERNATIVE HIGHER EDUCATION reflects the aims of an informal, independent group who hope to establish a small, alternative experimental college.

Write to Simon Partridge (92 Huddleston Road, London N7) for the COMMUNITY BROADCASTING CHARTER, ratified by the ComCom Group in July. His Broadcasting Rights and Information project aims to make television and radio consumers aware of their rights, and to provide information and advice for democratic, non-profit applications for IBA local radio franchises.

The Spring 1979 issue of the JOURNAL OF COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS (published quarterly by Village Design, PO Box 996, Berkeley, CA 94701, USA) discusses communications technology and social change, and the possibility that "the distribution of data processing through small computers and decentralised computer networks could help to distribute power in a society and give people more control over their own lives by giving them more control over information".

Latest report from the Unit for the Study of Health Policy (Peter Draper USHP, 8 Newcomen St., London SE1 1YR), RETHINKING COMMUNITY MEDICINE: TOWARDS A RENAISSANCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH?, recommends health promotion teams and suggests how they should operate.

Susan Thorne is Secretary of St. Thomas' Community Health Council (2, Cleaver St., London SE11) and is also involved with the Lambeth Inner City Consultative Group.

Sylvia Sills (1 Castle St., Totnes, S.Devon) is the new Secretary/Treasurer of FRIENDS OF THE HEALING RESEARCH TRUST, who now have 17 centres countrywide. The Trust's research into alternative therapies is led by Dr. Alec Forbes.

Trevor Hancock's (880 Hampton Crescent, Port Credit, Ontario L5G 4G3, Canada) FUTURE SHOCK: THE FAMILY PHYSICIAN IN A CHANGING WORLD reports the College of Family Physicians of Canada 1979 meeting on the future - philosophical and ethical issues, cultural and psycho-social aspects of health, holistic medicine, and the changing role of the family physician.

Marcus McCausland (Health for the New Age, 1a Addison Cres., London W14) proposes an INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR WHOLISTIC HEALTH CARE and a NEW AGE INFORMATION SERVICE to provide an information bank on wholistic health care.

## BOOKS

THE LITTLE GREEN BOOK: AN OWNER'S MANUAL TO THE PLANET from The Green Alliance (Francis House, Francis Street, London SW1] - 95p in UK, \$2.95 abroad, post-free; bulk copy rates on request. Puts environmentalist ideas, issues, facts and figures at your fingertips.

THE NUCLEAR STATE by Robert Jungk, John Calder (18 Brewer Street, London W1R 4AS), £2.95. Convincing argument that the social and political impacts of nuclear energy will lead to a totalitarian state.

PROPHECY AND PROGRESS: THE SOCIOLOGY OF INDUSTRIAL AND POST-INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY by Krishan Kumar, Penguin Books, £1.50. "The post-industrial society must contain a principle and a direction very different from that of the industrial, just as the latter distinguished itself radically from its pre-industrial forms".

THE SANE ALTERNATIVE by James Robertson. 2nd printing now available from 7 St. Ann's Villas, London W11 4RU. In UK £1.95 post-free, outside UK US\$5.50 + \$2.50 airmail or 75c surface mail. German edition later this year from Fischer Taschenbuch Verlag (Postfach 70 04 80, 6000 Frankfurt 70, W.Germany). US edition will inaugurate the new "alternative" publishing enterprise of Robert A. Buntz & Associates (PO Box 30573, St. Paul, Minn. 55175, USA).

CO-OPERATIVES AND COMMUNITY: THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF PRODUCER CO-OPERATIVES by David H. Wright, Bedford Square Press of the National Council of Social Service (26 Bedford Squ., London WC1B 3HU), £3.50. Warmly recommended as a practical guide to establishment of local co-operative enterprises and involvement of local communities in their development.

THE SISTERHOOD OF MAN: THE IMPACT OF WOMEN'S CHANGING ROLES ON SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE AROUND THE WORLD by Kathleen Newland, Norton, \$3.95, is the latest book from the Worldwatch Institute (1776 Massachusetts Av. NW, Washington DC 20036, USA). Worldwatch Papers have been published this year on population, employment, pollution and forestry. Available in Britain from Lesley Severn (Third World Publications Ltd., 151 Stratford Road, Birmingham B11 1RD).

APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY: TECHNOLOGY WITH A HUMAN FACE by P.D. Dunn, Macmillan, £2.50. Foreword by George McRobie. Describes the practical application of AT to food and agriculture, water and health, energy, medical services, building, small industry, education, and research - mainly in Third World countries.

THE ECONOMICS OF NATURAL RESOURCES by Richard Lecomber (also author of ECONOMIC GROWTH VERSUS THE ENVIRONMENT), Macmillan, £4.95. Examines how the principles of resource allocation apply to natural resources, including energy, and what policies can supplement the market mechanisms for regulating their depletion.

ANTI-NATION: TRANSITION TO SUSTAINABILITY by Fred Knelman (Science & Human Affairs Programme, Concordia Univ., 1455 de Maisonneuve Bd. West, Montreal, Canada), Mosaic Press (PO Box 1032 Oakville, Ont. L6J 5E9, Canada), \$5.50. "It seems a characteristic of all great social revolutions that they develop from streams of convergence or lines of resonance where small effects multiply, converge and resonate until a great qualitative change results and a new wave is created. The conditions for necessary change now exist and are ripe, seeking the means for their fulfilment".

THE DAILY POWER GAME by Mauk Mulder (Foundation for Business Administration, Interuniversity Institute of Management, Poortweg 6, Delft, Holland), Martinus Nijhoff (PO Box 33, Lieden, Holland). Examines the "power distance theory": the more powerful strive to maintain or enlarge their "power distance" from the less powerful, and the less powerful strive to reduce it or remove it.

CREATING A NEW WORLD POLITICS: FROM CONFLICT TO COOPERATION by David Edwards (Dept. of Government, Univ. of Texas, Austin, Texas 78712, USA) David McKay, New York, 1973, \$6.95. Explores an alternative approach to international politics which could lead to a "peace race" based on "constructive responsive interaction" between peoples.

PSYCHOSYNTHESIS: A COLLECTION OF BASIC WRITINGS BY ROBERTO ASSAGIOLI, Turnstone Books (37 Upper Addison Gardens, London W14), £2.50.

THE HEALING ART OF HOMOEOPATHY, Beaconsfield Publishers - books in medicine, nursing and lay health care (20 Chiltern Hill Rd., Beaconsfield, Bucks HP9 1PL), £2.95. Contains the Organon of Samuel Hahneman presented by Dr. E.C. Hamlyn.

THE DIVINE URGE: SOME POST-CONCILIAR MEDITATIONS by Guy Brinkworth - one of his Personal Spiritual Renewal Series - (Convent, Fishguard, Dyfed SA65 9DU, Wales), 80p.

FIT FOR WORK? - on youth, school and (un)employment by Colin and Mog Ball, Writers and Readers Publishing Co-op (9-19 Rupert Street, London W1V 7FS).

Ian Miles (SPRU, Mantell Building, Sussex Univ., Falmer, Brighton BN1 9RF) has suggested that the following SPRU books may interest TP readers. DEMYSTIFYING SOCIAL STATISTICS by Irvine, Miles and Evans - Pluto Press, £3.95. AFTER INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY by Gershuny - Macmillan. GLOBAL MODELS AND THE NIEO by Cole - Pergamon. THE DISINTEGRATING WEST by Mary Kaldor - Allen Lane. USES AND ABUSES OF FORECASTING ed. Tom Whiston. WORLD FUTURES by Freeman and Jahoda - Martin Robertson, £15.

#### JOURNALS, REVIEWS, NEWSLETTERS, ETC.

FUSION!, a new Journal of Alternatives (first issue in January 1980) plans to give the full picture of alternative and new age thinking. SAE for details to Derek McEwan (1 Hall Avenue, Manchester M15 5HN).

The autumn '79 issue of BUILT ENVIRONMENT, edited by Tom Hancock (South Villa, Vale of Health, London NW3) on "New Faces, New Places" will report initiatives for a more diverse, aware and involved society based on the principles of resource conservation and human equality. Details from BUILT ENVIRONMENT (PO Box 15, 51 Cornmarket St., Oxford OX1 3EB).

AUTREMENT (Henri Dougier, 73 Rue de Turbigo, Paris 3, France) is a review of alternatives and social innovations.

IN BUSINESS (\$10 annual sub. for 6 issues from Box 323, Emmaus, PA 18049, USA) is a new magazine about starting and managing small businesses (full-time or part-time) based on alternative ideas. In the first issue Michael Marien (Information for Policy Design, LaFayette, NY 13084, USA) in "Grass in the Cracks of the Pavement" discusses how deeply alternative enterprise will penetrate business America, and puts forward a six point programme. Mike also edits FUTURE SURVEY for the World Future Society and would like to receive review copies of (esp. "decentralist") books, reports, articles, etc., for abstracting.

Dwight Stevenson and Marthalee Barton (Alternative Futures, Dept. of Humanities, College of Engineering, Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, USA) are calling for papers - deadline Jan. 15, 1980 - for the Spring 1980 issue of ALTERNATIVE FUTURES on "Technology and Pessimism".

A special recent issue of ALTERNATIVES (c/o Trent Univ., Peterborough, Ontario K9J 7B8, Canada), edited by Sally Lerner (Dept. of Man-Environment Studies, Univ. of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario N2L 3G1, Canada) is on "Behaviour in the Crunch". \$6 for 4 issues. Bulk orders of this issue \$15 per 10 copies.

Gordon Tether's (Hetheringstoke, Lawfords Hill Rd., Worpleston, Guildford) latest pamphlet is THE GREAT COMMON MARKET FRAUD, 60p incl. p. & p.

A special issue of UNDERCURRENTS on "Children and the Environment" is due out on 24th September. Enquiries to Stephanie Leland (8 Hugo Road, Tufnell Park, London NE19 5EU).

Write to Satish Kumar (Ford House, Hartland, Devon) for the two RESURGENCE issues containing Schumacher Lectures by Ivan Illich, R.D. Laing, and Amory Lovins. Price £1.20 + 20p postage.

Enquiries to Becky Peterson (Faculty of Environmental Studies, York Univ., 4700 Keele Street, Downsview, Ontario M3J 2R2, Canada) about WOMEN AND ENVIRONMENTS INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER and the Women and Environments information-sharing Network.

The Summer/Autumn 1979 issue of New Zealand ENVIRONMENT includes articles on Ecology and Economic Growth (75c from 34 Norana Av., Auckland 5, NZ).

THE ISRAEL HUMANIST REVIEW, from the Israel Secular Assn. (PO Box 36965, Tel Aviv, Israel), promotes Jewish freedom under Israel law.

Louisa Messolonghites (Apt. 505, 4970 Battery Lane, Bethesda, MD 20014, USA) edited PREVENTION RESOURCES (Summer 1978), published by Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration (5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, USA). "A key issue is whether prevention efforts can be oriented towards some central characteristics of behaviour, rather than toward the problem itself".

SHAPING THE FUTURE: CANADA IN THE GLOBAL SOCIETY, proceedings of a conference in Ottawa in August 1978, ed. Walter Baker (Centre for Policy and Management Studies, Box 9382, Ottawa Postal Terminal, Ottawa K1G 3V1 Canada) are now available - price \$20 + \$3 postage. 694 pages of meaty stuff for futurists, planners, policy analysts, etc.

Frank Rosten (SRI - Europe and Middle East, NLA Tower, 12/16 Addiscombe Rd., Croydon CRO OXT) has sent us the first issue of SCAN, alerting business to early signs of change, including features on decentralism in the USA and developments in health care.

#### PEOPLE AND PROJECTS

Bob and Heide Welke and NETWORK:QUODLIBETA newsletter have moved to 11100 SW 80 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33156, USA.

Ray Jackson (208 Clemow Avenue, Ottawa, K1S 2B4, Canada) of the Science Council of Canada is leading two years' research into Conserver Society development, both for regions of Canada and for the less developed countries, as Visiting Professor at Carleton University, Ottawa.

David Mulligan (c/o Green Deserts Projects, Rougham, Suffolk IP30 9LY) is organising a gathering of groups and individuals, from now through September, at Chott Merriem on the Mediterranean coast of Tunisia, to initiate a new age centre in North Africa. For details, incl. cheap air travel, send large SAE + separate stamps for 50p.

Martin Stott (6 Glebe St., Oxford), who is in China until September, will then be working full-time with PERG (Political Ecology Research Group), whose new office is at 34 Cowley Rd., Oxford.

Henryk Skolimowski (Dartington Hall, Totnes, Devon TQ9 6EJ) is now Philosopher-in-Residence at Dartington, promoting Eco-philosophy as the basis for new tactics in living, and hoping to establish a centre for Eco-philosophy at Dartington.

Robert Greig (7 Saint Hill Green, East Grinstead, West Sussex RH19 4NG) writes: "The underlying cause of the present economic situation lies in the fact that the money system as now operated as a medium of exchange no longer functions as a true regulator of supply and demand. Money itself has become a commodity bought and sold on a vast scale. This throws out the whole mechanism of exchange and causes distortion particularly in the field of international trade". Does anyone know of any serious work on how to sort out the money system?

"The most striking feature of city life is the extent to which it is dominated by, and dependent upon money". From A LETTER FROM THE CITY by Simon Blaxland de Lange (Mulberry Tree Cottage, Stroud Road, Brookthorpe, Gloucester GL4 0UU).

Peter Boss (Pennyfields, Tidebrook, Wadhurst, Sussex) of Sedgwick Forbes Bland Payne gives legal/taxation advice to New Age enterprises.

Rob Renold (74 Kimberley Road, Leicester 2) is looking for people with a liberal point of view to collaborate on a book based on the recent booklet INDUSTRY AND THE COMMUNITY which he wrote for the Young Liberals. Send him a large SAE for a copy of the booklet.

Jon Wynne-Tyson (Paddocks, Fontwell, Arundel, Sussex BN18 0TA) is compiling AN ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF HUMANE THOUGHT, and is seeking pithy, vividly presented, serious, factual short pieces (not of an anthropomorphic or sentimental nature), on the indivisibility of cruelty and violence, with particular emphasis on our treatment of the lower species. Jon is also the initiator of A PARTNERSHIP OF CONCERN and author of THE CIVILISED ALTERNATIVE: A PATTERN FOR PROTEST.

Derek Buchanan (1 Seymour Street, Leicester LE2 0LB) of the Institute of Education is interested in practical ways of enabling teachers to acquire the confidence to allow learners to take more control of the learning process.

David Beam (121-576 Ontario St., St.Catharines, Ontario L2N 4N7, Canada) reports plans for an ALTERNATIVE FUTURES GROUP - and perhaps a document centre for a more convivial and sustainable society - in the Niagara Peninsula, and also for a new magazine called OIKOS as a vehicle for the popular study of the political theory and political economy of such a society. David's field of interest is social and political theory - in particular Marx from the perspective of Husserl, Horkheimer, Marcuse and Habermas, and from the perspective of Schumacher, Kohr, Illich and the classics of libertarian socialism - Morris, Kropotkin and Landauer.

Paul Young (73 Tufnell Park Road, London N7 0P5) is the London contact for WWOOF - Working weekends on Organic Farms. Details and application forms from WWOOF (19 Bradford Road, Lewes, Sussex BN7 1RB).

Bob Lorraine (Grosvenor Lodge, Gordon Road, Clifton, Bristol BS8 1AW) will welcome practical advice on networking to tackle the problems of urban wasteland and unemployed youth.

June Smith (25 Staverton Close, Bracknell Berks) is starting a Berkshire ECOLOGY PARTY group. New members welcome.

OYEZ, An Environmental What's On In Sussex, produced six times a year by Brighton environmentalists, is free from Heinz Dessau (Court House, The Green, Rottingdean, Brighton), who also has NEW ZEALAND VALUES PARTY Manifestos for £1 + 15p postage (UK).

THE OTHER CORNWALL is a monthly calendar for alternative, ecological, etc., people in Cornwall. From Jenny Lydgate (Shanti Path, West Pentire, Crantock, Newquay, Cornwall) - Annual sub. £2.

Anne and David Everett (Greenway Farm House, Thurloxton, Nr. Taunton, Somerset TA2 8RE) are planning to start an eco-conscious "Winds of Change" group locally.

Dan Shatil of the ATEED Centre for Environmental Communities (PO Box 275, Stn.P, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2S8, Canada) is concerned with environmental assessment for the Ontario Government and with EA UPDATE, a digest for people interested in Environmental Assessment.

Ask Sarah Rose (13 Castelnau, London SW13 9RP) about FACE TO FACE - a new idea for breaking the communications barrier.

Stephen Phillips (Upper Freedown, St. Margaret's-At-Cliffe, Nr. Dover, CT15 6BB) is still looking for a mathematical colleague to work with him on VALUE LOGIC and IDEA MAPPING.

## SOME DATES TO NOTE

10th-12th September, international conference on TECHNOLOGY-EMPLOYMENT-EDUCATION, Southampton Univ. Speakers include: John Cassels (MSC), John Davis (ITDG), Philip Sadler (Ashridge), Barrie Sherman (ASTMS). Details from Southern Science & Technology Forum, Building 25, The University, Southampton SO9 5NH.

23rd September, THE ESSENCE OF MAN, lecture by Bernard Nesfield-Cookson at The Springhead Trust, Springhead, Fontmell Magna, Nr. Shaftesbury.

29th September, EAST WEST PEACE PEOPLE, supporters meeting, 2.30pm Conway Hall, London. Speakers: C. Gordon Tether, Peter Cadogan. Details from Peter Cadogan, 1a Hampstead Hill Gardens, London NW3.

29th September, START YOUR OWN BUSINESS. One-day conference, Lewisham. Details from Ronnie Lessem, URBED, 12-13 Henrietta St., London WC2E 8LH. (Also in Islington on 10th November) See p.5.

29th September, ENERGY POLITICS. First of eight Saturday conferences at Univ. of London Extra-Mural Centre. Details from Harry Frost, Crosshill, Ifield Green, Crawley, Sussex RH11 0ND.

3rd-5th October, HOW TO LIVE BETTER ON LESS. Weekend course with Patrick Rivers. Details from Adrian and Elsa Wood, The Nurtons Field Centre, Tintern, Nr. Chepstow, Gwent NP6 7NX. (Also HOW TO START AND RUN A SMALL FARM, 2nd-4th November).

13th October, SCHUMACHER LECTURES, 2pm, Victoria Rooms, Bristol. Lecturers: Fritjof Capra and John Michell. Details from Schumacher Society, Ford House, Hartland, Devon.

20th October, THE LABOUR MARKET - HOW LONG ARE WE GOING TO SELL PEOPLE? One-day conference at Rudolf Steiner House, London. Details from Martin Large, 25 Reservoir Road, Gloucester.

29th October, PARLIGAES meeting, 7pm, House of Commons. ENERGY CHOICES FOR THE FUTURE. Speakers: Sir John Hill, Dr. Walter Patterson. Details from R.M. Croose Parry, 81 Onslow Square, London SW7 3LT. (See p.8)

9th-11th November, HEALTH AND DISEASE IN MAN AND SOCIETY. Speaker: Dr. Ralph Twentyman. Details of this and other Hawkwood courses from Bernard Nesfield-Cookson, Hawkwood College, Painswick Old Road, Stroud, Glos. GL6 7QW.

11th November, SEMYON GLUZMAN AND THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST PSYCHIATRIC ABUSE FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES, 2pm, Conway Hall, London. Speakers: Vladimir Bukovsky, Dr. Marina Voikanskaya, David Markham. Organised by an ad hoc committee with the support of Amnesty International and other human rights organisations. Details from Peter Cadogan (see above).

13th/14th/15th November, MY EXPERIMENTS WITH TRUTH: GLEANINGS FROM A LIFE IN SCIENCE, 5.45pm, Kings College, London. Hibbert Centenary Lectures by Prof. Rustum Roy, Director of Materials Research Lab., Pennsylvania State Univ. Admission free. Tickets and details from Rev. J. McClelland, Hibbert Trust, 14 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0AG.

19th November, PARLIGAES meeting, 7pm, House of Commons. OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS. Speaker: Dr. Peter Musgrove. Details - see above.

24th November, TURNING POINT meeting, see p.1.

4th December, PARLIGAES meeting, 7pm, House of Commons. THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF A MORE CONSERVING SOCIETY. Speaker: James Robertson. Details of this and full Parlugaes programme from R.M. Croose Parry - see above.

NB: For a much fuller calendar of events see the FUTURE STUDIES CENTRE bi-monthly newsletter from Roland Chaplain (15 Kelso Road, Leeds LS2 9PR), annual sub: £3 (UK), £5 (airmail).