

# TURNING POINT

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Please note that James Robertson and Alison Pritchard have moved again!

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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.

There is an ad hoc committee whose members are: Beata Bishop, Peter Cadogan, Margaret Chisman, Alison Pritchard and James Robertson. Enquiries and communications should be made by post or phone to Alison Pritchard or James Robertson (address above), or by phone to Margaret Chisman on 01-607 4755 or to Peter Cadogan on 01-794 5590 or 01-242 8033.

## NEWSLETTERS, MAILING LIST AND CORRESPONDENCE

We suggest an annual contribution of £1 - more if you can, less if you can't. For recipients abroad £2 (sterling if possible, please) will cover extra postage. 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 1981. Please send us items for it by mid-January.

## NEXT TURNING POINT MEETING (see also p.16)

Saturday 22nd November: 10am - 7pm, Conway Hall, London WC1  
THE REDISTRIBUTION OF WORK

Speakers: CHARLES HANDY: "Work Reconceived"

SHEILA ROTHWELL: "Work: Paid and Unpaid: For Women and Men"

JAMES ROBERTSON: "Creating the New Work Order"

In the afternoon, people and organisations who have initiated practical new work projects are being invited to present them for discussion.

Tickets (£2) from Alison Pritchard will be sent out in November.

TP CASSETTE - see p.13.

## PEOPLE AND PROJECTS

James R's travels earlier this year in the United States (with Alison P. for part of the time) and in Australia led to many new contacts in both countries. No space, unfortunately, to list them all. James will make short visits to Sweden in August, Switzerland in September, Canada in October, Denmark in November and Norway in December.

Fred von Dreger and Sue McManus (Omega House, South Rustico, Hunter River PO, Prince Edward Island, Canada) have been travelling round the world meeting alternative people and groups (including James in Australia!) We hope their OMEGA gathering in PEI on 21-25 August is a great success.

Bill and Margaret Ellis visited Ironbridge recently. Their TRANET (PO Box 567, Rangeley, Maine 04970, USA) is the indispensable newsletter in the AT field. Their summer '80 issue is on learning/education.

We owe to Bill and Margaret the link with Rob Buntz whose River Basin Publishing Co. (PO Box 30573, St. Paul, Minnesota 55175, USA) published THE SANE ALTERNATIVE in the US last year, and who organised James's recent speaking tour there. River Basin will soon be publishing in paperback Robert Theobald's BEYOND DESPAIR. Ellery Foster (122 E 2nd Street, Winona, Minnesota 55987, USA) whose twice monthly news sheet is now called "Sane Alternatives", tells us that Rob took Fred Dreger and Sue McManus to a "chautauqua" on sane alternatives in Winona in June. Networking seems to be working!

Lance Holthusen (TLH Associates, Suite 900, Minnesota Building, St. Paul, MN 55101, USA) is a moving spirit among the MINNESOTA FUTURISTS - who organised a conference on "Sane Alternatives - Technology and Choices for the Future" in the Twin Cities with James in March.

Michael Tobin and Caroline Kuijper (Ballynatin, Borris, via Kilkenny, Ireland) have set up FRIENDS OF THE SANE ALTERNATIVES to promote sane alternative ways of living in Ireland and the wider world. Their starting points are the western christian principle of respect for the essential dignity of the human individual, the eastern pantheistic reverence for the inherent sanctity of nature, and the Gandhian values of the spiritual power of love, truth and tolerance. Their papers include "Stop Ireland Being Overwhelmed!" (by multinational industrialism), "Cosmic Becoming" (a Reichian approach to the transformation of the Old World into the New Age), and "Towards the SHE Future" (a six-page summary of "The Sane Alternative").

After his successful battle to re-establish the charitable status of Conway Hall, Peter Cadogan (1 Hampstead Hill Gardens, London NW3) will now spend more time as a free-lance writer and speaker. He is also secretary of the EAST-WEST PEACE PEOPLE, whose recent leaflet in English and Russian about the Moscow Olympics is a model for people-to-people communication.

Ronald Higgins (THE SEVENTH ENEMY) has "taken the plunge into free-range life as lecturer and writer on ecological issues, marginal peasant, and consultant to industry on strategic planning." He visited Canada in June. (Address: Little Reeve, Vowchurch, Hereford).

Beata Bishop (27 Waldeck Road, Strand-on-the-Green, London W4) who spoke on "Personal Growth and Social Change" at the TP meeting in November 1978, has an article on SHIFTING AUTHORITY FROM OUT THERE TO IN HERE in the Feb/March issue of New Humanity (50p from 51a York Mansions, Prince of Wales Drive, London SW11). Beata is a trained counsellor in transpersonal psychology and undertakes astrological analysis along Jungian lines.

NEW FACES, NEW PLACES (Vol.5 No.3 of Built Environment, edited by Tom Hancock) aims to provide a "unique guide to some of the leading members" of the alternative movement in Britain. (£3 from Built Environment, Kogan Page Ltd., 120 Pentonville Road, London N1 9JN).

John Davis and George McRobie (Intermediate Technology Development Group, 9 King Street, London WC2E 8HN) have launched an Appeal for a SCHUMACHER CENTRE, to provide a focus for initiatives aimed at new, satisfying and more self-sufficient ways of working and living. An ambitious and important programme is envisaged for the new Centre.

John Turner (AHAS, 5 Dryden Street, London WC2E 9NW) has now reached the final design stage for a Resources Index as part of a HOUSING TOOLS EXCHANGE. AHAS's function is "to provide support, assistance and advice to groups of persons within their local community who are seeking to improve their home and work environments in ways that will increase personal and local community control over local affairs; generate and retain income and wealth within the community; and conserve scarce or non-renewable resources".

Meanwhile Peter Stead's (also of AHAS) report on SELF-BUILD HOUSING GROUPS AND CO-OPERATIVES: IDEAS IN PRACTICE has been published (£3.50) by the Anglo-German Foundation (St. Stephen's House, Victoria Embankment, London SW1 2LA).

Roland Chaplain's invaluable newsletter comes from the FUTURE STUDIES CENTRE (15 Kelso Road, Leeds 2). His personal case against unfair dismissal by Birmingham University in 1969, when he called for a public enquiry into the management of Edgbaston Observatory and Dr. Stringer's commercial activities, has been strengthened by Dr. Stringer's recent conviction in the Sun Warm Solar Systems trial. Two important issues arise, apart from personal justice for Roland himself. First, do many senior academic staff commercially exploit the positions in which they are supported at public expense? Second, do many organisations still exist like Birmingham University, where the person who ratified Roland's dismissal later presides over the body which rejects his appeal against it? Please write to Roland if these issues concern you, and especially if you would like to support his case.

Francis Kinsman (28 Vardens Road, London SW11) has applied his TAROT (Trend Analysis by Relative Opinion Testing) forecasting method to a number of well-known astrologers, clairvoyants, mediums and sensitives. The result is FUTURE TENSE: A PROPHETIC CONSENSUS FOR THE EIGHTIES, Pendulum Publishing Co., 20 Regent St., Fleet, Hants GU13 9NR; £1.50.

Ronna Klingenberg directs the TREND ANALYSIS PROGRAM of the American Council of Life Insurance (1850 K. St. NW, Washington DC 20006, USA). TAP Report 19 (Spring '80) contains three fascinating scenarios of the development of the health care system over the next 50 years, emphasising respectively: high technology medicine; personal responsibility for health and wellness; government responsibility for health problems.

Roy Anderson (Vice-President for Strategic Planning, Allstate Insurance Companies, Allstate Plaza, Northbrook, IL 60062, USA) is a great networker. His concerns include holistic health, the escalating problems of health insurance and the health services, the challenge to institutions generally, and the relevance to our predicament of the beliefs and culture of the American Indian.

George Blaker (Lake House, Ockley, Nr.Dorking, Surrey RH5 5NS) writes that the SCIENTIFIC AND MEDICAL NETWORK is poised for a modest expansion of its activities, and is seeking to raise about £3000 to cover costs over the next 3 years. There are still a few vacancies for the Network's "Wider Horizons" seminar at Emerson College, Sept. 3-10. This is for 18-25 year olds wanting to expand their vision of humanity, the world and the life ahead of them.

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## MANAGEMENT GETS THE MESSAGE

Gurth Higgin (Prof. of Continuing Management Education, Loughborough Univ. of Technology) whose 30-page inaugural lecture on SCARCITY, ABUNDANCE AND DEPLETION (1975) is a relevant text for our time, is helping managers to think realistically about the future. Ronald (Seventh Enemy) Higgins and James (Sane Alternative) Robertson supported him on a recent management course. Course material included Krishan Kumar's (Keynes College, Univ. of Kent, Canterbury, Kent CT2) paper on THOUGHTS ON THE PRESENT DISCONTENTS IN BRITAIN, which argues that Britain's attitudes and values may contribute to a post-industrial revolution.

The American Council of Life Insurance (1850 K Street NW, Washington DC 20006, USA) continue to publish valuable reports on social trends. YOUTH 78: A NATIONAL SURVEY OF YOUNG AMERICANS' SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL ATTITUDES reports that some of the new values of the '60s and early '70s continue to spread among young people. More young people than ever before disagree that "the woman's place is in the home", and say that married couples should share household work equally. "Young people also support the notion that one should live more simply, with fewer material possessions".

CHANGING VALUES AND LIFESTYLES is a \$1 million research programme being carried out by SRI (Stanford Research Institute) International (333 Ravenswood Av., Menlo Park, CA 94025, USA). In the AHP (Association of Humanistic Psychology, 325 Ninth St., San Francisco, CA 94103, USA) newsletter for December 1979, Arnold Mitchell describes a typology of consumer values. He forecasts that "the leading edge of values" will shift: from quantity toward quality; from formality toward flexibility; from abundance toward sufficiency; from complexity toward simplicity; from spendthrift toward frugality; from waste toward conservation; from phoniness toward authenticity; from the impressive toward the meaningful. Frank Rosten and Christine McNulty (SRI, NLA Tower, 12th Floor, 12/16 Addiscombe Road, Croydon, CRO OXT) are researching changing values and lifestyles in Europe.

James Robertson gave seminars at SRI and major US companies, and to a leading Australian company and the Australian Institute of Management, during his recent speaking tours.

The management of contraction and the management of conservation are two of the challenges which managers now have to face, according to a recent report on "The Changing Expectations of Society in the Next Thirty Years". This was part of a recent project on MANAGERS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY, jointly organised by the American Association for Collegiate Schools of Business (1755 Massachusetts Av. NW, Washington DC 20036, USA) and the European Foundation for Management Development, (20 Place Stephanie, B-1050, Brussels, Belgium).

John Whitmore (The Inner Game, 200A West End Lane, London NW6 1SG) tells us that THE INNER GAME is now offering courses to business managers. "Our limitations lie within our minds, and our business management or tennis potential is infinitely greater than we believe it is". In an interesting essay on "The Inner Game: The Business Racket" John explains why business education on the tennis court makes sense.

Colin Adamson, a consumerist, is Consumer Adviser to William Timpson Ltd. (Timpson House, Southmoor Road, Wythenshawe, Manchester M23 9NU) and has sent us a copy of his January 1980 annual review. (How soon shall we see an environmentalist appointed as Environmental Adviser to British Nuclear Fuels?)

THE CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC ISSUES (Contact: William Fisher, CIPI, Environmental Resources Ltd., 79 Baker Street, London W1M 1AJ) has recently formed an international advisory council to suggest new aspects of the business/society relationship which need to be researched and interpreted. Advisory council members include Charles Handy, Michael Shanks and James Robertson.

Contributors to the Winter 1979 issue of Public Relations Quarterly (44 West Market Street, Rhinebeck, NY 12572, USA), on "Issues Management to Strategic Management", include Hazel Henderson on THE CHANGING CORPORATE-SOCIAL CONTRACT IN THE 1980s and Raymond Ewing on THE USES OF FUTURIST TECHNIQUES IN ISSUES MANAGEMENT. The theme is that it is no longer enough for any profession to concentrate their skills and efforts on explanation and interpretation of yesterday-style institutions and their products.

THE LONDON ENTERPRISE AGENCY (Director: B.S. Wright, c/o London Chamber of Commerce, 69 Cannon Street, London EC4N 5AB) has been set up by a number of major British companies to help small firms and urban regeneration.

Roger Sawtell (24 Weston Way, Northampton), whose guide HOW TO CONVERT A COMPANY INTO AN INDUSTRIAL CO-OPERATIVE costs £2 post-free from the Co-operative Development Agency (20 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7TJ), tells us that the alternative society in commerce and industry is just beginning to emerge. There were less than 20 worker-controlled enterprises in Britain five years ago, now there are well over 200. Meanwhile, Mike Campbell, organising secretary of the Industrial Common Ownership Movement (ICOM, Beechwood College, Elmete Lane, Roundhay, Leeds LS8 2LQ) tells us that two new work-creating enterprises a week are now being set up with ICOM's sponsorship.

What about management in the public service? In a 1971 paper William B. Storm recognised that much public administration is "inert, dull, fatuous or torpid", and argued that it must come to terms with current changes in values and consciousness, as expressed by people like Charles Reich in "Greening of America", Theodore Roszak in "Making of a Counter-culture" and Charles Hampden-Turner in "Radical Man". Michael Stone (Center for State and Local Government, Univ. of West Florida, Pensacola, FLA 32504, USA) has sent us this. Also a Symposium on ORGANISATIONAL DECLINE AND CUTBACK MANAGEMENT and MORE ON CUTBACK MANAGEMENT by Charles H. Levine in Public Administration Review for July/August 1978 and March/April 1979.

Kent Myers (Wharton School, Univ. of Pennsylvania, Vance Hall CS, 3733 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19174, USA) is studying "look-out institutions", like the Congressional Clearing House on the Future. Incidentally, the Social Systems Sciences Program at Wharton, led by Russell Ackoff, circulates an interesting newsletter called "S3 Notes".

#### OUR ENVIRONMENT - BUILT, NATURAL, GLOBAL

260 schools are now registered users of the CONSERVATION TRUST'S resource bank in Reading, some 600 enquiries are received each month, and a termly newsletter is sent to over 2000 schools and individuals. The immediate aim of the Trust's Tenth Anniversary Appeal is to raise £100,000 for resource banks and study centres in five more UK cities. Details from Colin Hutchinson (Kingswood, Beatrice Rd., Oxted, Surrey)..

Heinz Dessau (Court House, The Green, Rottingdean, Brighton BN2 7HA) tells us that OYEZ (Sussex Environmental What's On and Directory) will circulate 35000 copies next issue and that a "do's and don't's" is available for people who want to start a similar periodical elsewhere.

Andy Lipkis and his TREE PEOPLE (12601 Mulholland Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210) organise hundreds of volunteers to plant smog-resistant pines around Los Angeles - and also (as James R. found when he stayed with them in March) to mount rescue and clean-up operations after storm disasters. Andy's inspiring story is told in TREE BOY, Shirley Nagel's Sierra Club book for children (\$6.95; Sierra Club, 530 Bush Street, San Francisco, CA 94108, USA).

Tom Hancock (South Villa, Vale of Health, Hampstead, London NW3) has proposed an EARTHLIFE CENTRE to be built on a 120 acre site in dockland about 2 miles from the centre of London, both as a living community and as a second and permanent Festival of Britain.

Harold Lane (Community Generation, 185 Devonshire Road, Millom, Cumbria LA18 4JP) won first prize in a TOMORROW'S NEW COMMUNITY competition, organised by the Town and Country Planning Association (17 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AH) earlier this year, with a scheme based on alternative ideas for Millom. He is now helping Cumbria County Council to set up a permanent, national Energy and Conservation Exhibition at Millom, and hopes also to start a management training school and conference centre in due course.

Sue Griffith (29 Cleveland Road, Barnes, London SW13) is a planner who sees planning as an enabling process. She has sent us the manifesto of the RADICAL INSTITUTE GROUP 1980 who are campaigning for changes in the role of the Royal Town Planning Institute, and will be happy to pass on any enquiries about RIG to the particular "expert" concerned.

Elly Berg (Barrstigen 11, 161 35 Bromma, Sweden) tells us about a conference held last year in Sweden on BUILDING AND DWELLING ON WOMEN'S TERMS. Another conference is planned for 1981. Elly belongs to a group called BIG (Bo i gemenskap, meaning roughly "live in community"), several of whom are architects. They are planning to build collective housing units.

Donald Weaver (138 Valdeflores Drive, Burlingame, CA 94010, USA) has been circulating the findings of John D. Hamaker that demineralisation of the Earth's topsoils and the build-up of CO2 in the atmosphere could lead to world-wide starvation by 1990. The implications are profound: we would have 10 years, not 40 or 50, to complete the transition to an ecological way of life.

Jack Vallentyne's (Canada Center for Inland Waters, PO Box 5050, 867 Lakeshore Rd., Burlington, Ontario L7R 4A6) proposal that 1982 should be declared INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE BIOSPHERE - or, alternatively, that 1982-92 should be declared WORLD DECADE OF THE BIOSPHERE - appears to be gathering momentum. He hopes that at least one government will propose it and others support it at the UNESCO Conference in Belgrade later this year.

THE WORLD CONSERVATION STRATEGY was launched in March. Development Forum (DESI, C535, United Nations, 1211 Geneva, Switzerland) for that month contained a blueprint for action.

ECOFORUM (formerly "Centre Report") is a bi-monthly newsletter published by the non-governmental Environment Liaison Centre (PO Box 72461, Nairobi, Kenya). The March issue covered World Conservation.

Ken Dahlberg (Political Science, Western Michigan Univ., Kalamazoo, MI 49008, USA) edits the newsletter of the Environmental Studies section of the International Studies Association. His recent book BEYOND THE GREEN REVOLUTION is published by Plenum, NY; \$17.95.

Eric Swenson is Director of the exciting GLOBAL STUDIES PROGRAM at Oregon State University (Corvallis, Oregon 97331, USA).

## RELIGION, PHILOSOPHY, VALUES

The QUAKER UNIVERSALIST GROUP is clearly meeting a need, in the USA as well as in Britain. John Linton (Greystones, Dovedale End, Blockley, Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos GL56 9HQ) says a few places are still available for their weekend conference at Fircroft College, Birmingham, 12-14 September. Peter Cadogan will speak on "Religious Humanism" and Keith Hudson will also be a speaker. The July issue of "The Universalist" contains articles on "Religion at the Turning Point" by James Robertson and "Steps Towards a New Religion" by Keith Hudson. 50p from John Linton.

"Religious humanism means a profound commitment to the cosmos ... The present is the great opportunity for hammering out a humanist image that is both true for ourselves and will speak to those who feel desperately lost, lonely, and insignificant". James Hemming (31 Broom Water, Teddington, Middlesex TW11 9QJ) in the June '80 "Ethical Record" (annual sub. £1 from Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4RL). James Hemming will speak on MORALITY FOR A WORLD ADRIFT at Morley College on 18th October, 10.30am-12.30pm. Details and tickets (50p) from Kate Danziger (Morley College, 61 Westminster Bridge Rd., London SE1).

THE EMERGING ORDER: GOD IN THE AGE OF SCARCITY by Jeremy Rifkin with Ted Howard (Putnam, NY, 1979, \$10) points to a major cultural reformation in America, in which religion will play a leading role.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW 1980/1 (Society for International Development see p.11) includes a survey on "development from within" - the role of religion in the development process.

A BASIC CALL TO CONSCIOUSNESS is an address to the Western World by the Hau de no sau nee (Six Nations). \$2 from Akwesasne Notes, Mohawk Nation, Via Roosevelttown, NY 13683, USA).

THE SPIRITUAL LEGACY OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN, a 31-page pamphlet by Joseph Epes Brown, is published by Pendle Hill (Wallingford, PA 19086, USA), a Quaker centre for religious and social study.

David Beam (121-576 Ontario Street, St. Catharines, Ontario L2N 4N7, Canada) has been holding a seminar at Brock University on THE SOCIAL DIMENSION OF MARTIN BUBER'S THOUGHT.

Thanks to Amer Singh Chhatwal (Sikh Courier, 88 Mollison Way, Edgware, London HA8 5QW) for the interesting material on Sikh beliefs and Sikh cultural activities in Britain.

Horace Dammers, Dean of Bristol and Founder of the LIFESTYLE MOVEMENT, (The Cathedral, Bristol BS1 5TJ) will be guest speaker at a conference on "A Simpler Lifestyle" at Lee Abbey, Lynton, North Devon EX35 6JJ from 4th-11th October. Details from the Secretary, Lee Abbey.

For information about his plans to follow up his recent conference on ECO-PHILOSOPHY, write to Henryk Skolimowski (Philosopher-in-Residence, Dartington Hall, Totnes, Devon TQ9 6JE).

Henry Geiger's MANAS (annual sub. \$10; Box 32112, El Sereno Station, Los Angeles, CA 90032, USA), a weekly journal concerned with the principles that move world society, is an amazingly abundant fount of philosophical wisdom and intelligent idealism.

The Milton Keynes PEACE PAGODA will be inaugurated with ceremonies on 21st September. Related events in London, including a forum "To Choose Life", on 19th and 20th September. Information from Japan Buddha Sangha, Newlands Farmhouse, Willen, Milton Keynes, Bucks.

## AUSTRALIA AT THE TURNING POINT

The choice facing Australians, like the rest of us, is whether to go for mindless supergrowth or to take the sane, humane, ecological path. The favoured route to supergrowth for Australia is to turn the country into a quarry, and encourage foreigners to mine its resources as fast as possible. But there are many alternative growthpoints there, as elsewhere - many people who are seeking a more ecological, more decentralised path to social and personal transformation, going beyond the traditional options of capitalist free enterprise, Marxist collectivism and elitist social democracy.

One such group did an outstandingly effective job in organising my recent visit (writes James R) - the New South Wales Humanists. Their secretary is Marion Hosking (17 Latona Street, Winston Hills, NSW 2153). The editor of their newsletter is Elizabeth Perey (19 Archbold Road, Roseville, 2069 Sydney, NSW.) Don Benjamin (New South Wales Humanist Society, Humanist House, 10 Shepherd Street, Chippendale 2008) was co-ordinator-in-chief of James's visit.

### Useful Reading

THE QUIET REVOLUTION by Jim Cairns; Widescope (1975), \$2.50. Also GROWTH TO FREEDOM by Jim Cairns; Down to Earth Foundation (1979), PO Box H66, Australia Square, Sydney, NSW, \$3.50. Jim Cairns was Deputy Prime Minister in the Whitlam Labor Government. He is now the leading exponent in Australia of an alternative path of political and cultural development.

SEX PREJUDICE AND POLITICS by Junie Morosi; Widescope (1975), \$2.50. The author describes her experiences of the patriarchal backlash in its most public and sensational form, and relates them to feminism, ecology and social transformation.

REHEARSALS FOR CHANGE: POLITICS AND CULTURE IN AUSTRALIA by Denis Altman; Fontana/Collins (1980), \$4.95. Dedicated to the memory of Salvador Allende, this book rejects conservatism, Marxism and social democracy and argues for humane, participative, grass-roots radicalism.

CONFRONTING THE FUTURE: AUSTRALIA AND THE WORLD IN THE NEXT HUNDRED YEARS by Charles Birch; Penguin (1975), price not given. Club of Rome approach to Australia's future by a leading biological scientist.

POOR LITTLE RICH COUNTRY by Maximilian Walsh; Penguin (1979), \$3.95. Political and economic commentator sees the shocks of the '70s as a transition to the harsh realities of the '80s.

AUSTRALIA AT THE CROSSROADS: OUR CHOICES TO THE YEAR 2000; Harcourt Brace Jovanovich (Australia 1980), \$9.95. A useful, if conventional examination of Australia's economic prospects by five economists and social scientists. Dedicated to Adam Smith, this study explores two conventional scenarios - free enterprise (which it calls "libertarian") and collectivist (which it calls "mercantilist") - and predictably favours the first.

### A Few People, Projects and Publications

Shann Turnbull (Management and Investment Services, PO Box 4359, Sydney NSW 2001) is actively concerned with aboriginal development, decentralist politics, and social capitalism. He recently proposed a decentralised State banking system for Australia, based on the introduction of "energy dollars", i.e. negotiable payment vouchers denominated in units of kilowatt/hours enabling residents to pay their electricity bills in 10 years' time at current prices.



The Australian Regional Government Organisation (PO Box 439, Sydney 2001, NSW) has recently produced the ARGO plan. This would replace the six States of Australia by seventy self-governing regions. (Similar approach to Peter Cadogan's "Direct Democracy").

Ross McIndoe (c/o Poultry Research Station, PO Box 11, Seven Hills, NSW 2147) is interested in alternative technologies in agriculture. He is concerned about the decline of family farming and the rise of agribusiness in Australia. He organises "seminartys" - a cross between seminars and parties - on alternatives.

Frank Fisher (Graduate School of Environmental Science, Monash Univ., Clayton, Victoria 3168) is involved in a wide range of "conserver society", "alternative lifestyle", "voluntary simplicity" initiatives.

Allan Rodger (Prof. of Architecture, Melbourne Univ., Parkville, Victoria 3052) is concerned with "the path to smaller scale agro-urban systems of relative independence and self-sufficiency". His contribution on THE DIFFICULTY OF GETTING FROM HERE TO THERE: INERTIA OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT to "Energy, Agriculture and the Built Environment" (Centre for Environmental Studies, Melbourne Univ., 1978) discusses some of the impediments to the transition to a low technology, low energy future. In a paper for UNCSTD (1979) called "Development and the super-elites" he suggested that rich country diplomats in poor countries should adopt locally appropriate lifestyles, and proposed a specific pilot project.

Elias Duek-Cohen (School of Town Planning, Univ. of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW) has put forward proposals for "slow ways" in cities for bicycles and special slow motorised vehicles. Also for pedestrian precincts in the inner city. He is also interested in the work of P.A. Yeomans on "The City Forest: the Keyline Plan for the Human Environment Revolution and the Enrichment of Human Settlements".

WOMEN AND UNEMPLOYMENT, December 1979, \$1 from the Women's Employment Rights Campaign (Women's House, 62 Regent Street, Chippendale 2008, NSW) is a powerful statement of women's right to work, at a time when the most severe contraction of the Australian economy since the 1930s is prompting male chauvinists to argue that women "should go back to the kitchen where they belong".

Keith Bottomley has been working with AUSTRALIAN FRONTIER (218 Clarence St., Sydney, NSW 2000) on a project to explore the nature of the changes - in technology, international affairs, the world economy, and person and society - facing Australia during the next 10-15 years.

Richard Mochelle (Ark Foundation, 424 Macquarie St., Hobart, Tasmania) is seeking support for an ENVIRONMENTAL ARTISANS CENTRE.

Sydney Poppitt (Rationalist Association of NSW, 58 Regent Street, Chippendale, 2008) is the author of MANKIND AT THE CROSSROADS.

Keith Suter (PO Box 84, Camperdown, NSW 2050) tells us that the Movement for Political World Union (Frederik Hendriklan 26, 2582 BB The Hague, Holland) is planning a DAY OF HUMAN UNITY on April 22 1982.

"New Age" organisations in Australia include:

RELAXATION CENTRE (newsletter: "The Centre Within") corner Brookes and Wickham Streets, Valley, Brisbane, Q4006.

NEW AWARENESS CENTRE, 12 Thomas Street, Chatswood, NSW 20067.

SEED CENTRE, 32 Sydney Street, Willoughby, NSW 20068.

AUSTRALIAN LIFESTYLE CENTRE, 1/3 Cliff Street, Manly, NSW 2095.

## HUMAN ECONOMY AND ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT

For Joseph Huber (Freie Universitat Berlin (FB15), 1000 Berlin 33, Ihnestrasse 21) the basic question of social ecology is how we protect not only our natural but also our social environment - and one of the answers is a better balanced dual economy. His paper SOCIAL ECOLOGY AND DUAL ECONOMY is circulated with IPDA Dossier 18, July/August 1980, from IPDA (2 Place du Marche, 1260 Nyon, Switzerland.)

In THE QUATERNARY SECTOR, a report for the United Nations University (c/o Unitar, Palais des Nations, CH1211, Geneva 10, Switzerland), Yona Friedman (42 Bd. Pasteur, 75015 Paris, France) argues that the authorities should facilitate quaternary development (informal economic activity and socially useful work that does not figure in the GNP) and puts forward a number of policy options.

In the first newsletter (June 1980) from the HUMAN ECONOMY CENTER (PO Box 551, Amherst, MA 01004, USA) John Applegath reports good progress. Attached to the newsletter is a lucid two-page statement on "Alternative economics and the Human Economy". John is plugged into Mark Satin's NEW WORLD ALLIANCE, the new age political organisation (733 15th Street NW, Suite 1131, Washington DC 20005, USA), and other alternative networks. He and his colleagues at the Human Economy Center promise to become an important clearinghouse for new economic ideas.

Bill Dyson (Vanier Institute of the Family, 151 Slater St., Ottawa, Canada K1P 5H3) gave a paper on A BETTER ROAD TO ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT to the 20th International Conference on Social Welfare in Hong Kong in July. Recent VIF publications include "Health for the People in the 1980s", "Children and the Familial Society", "A Celebration of the Life and Thought of E.F. (Fritz) Schumacher", and the 1979 Wilder Penfield lecture by Rene Dubos on "Human Development and the Social Environment".

Nordal Akerman (Gerdagatan 3, 223 62 Lund, Sweden) is organising an international seminar in August on WELFARE - WHAT NOW? AVENUES TO ANOTHER SOCIETY. Jonathan Gershuny, Joseph Huber, Niels Mayer, James Robertson, Hazel Henderson and Gar Alperowitz will be among the speakers. Nordal Akerman's 70-page essay "Can Sweden be Shrunk?" in Development Dialogue 1979:2 (Dag Hammarskjold Foundation, Ovre Slottsgatan 2, 752 20 Uppsala, Sweden) discusses an alternative future for Sweden. "The kind of development of the industrialised state, with the frantic groping for growth, literally at any cost, which Social Democrats especially have chosen for the country, is no longer what reformist socialists are striving for. Rather, Sweden is nowadays something of a warning example. ... If Sweden aims at recapturing its role as a model country, it will have to face a series of agonising re-appraisals. Only by voluntarily getting smaller can Sweden become great again".

Prof. Sean Cooney (Agricultural Institute, 19 Sandymount Avenue, Dublin 4, Ireland) suggests a possible future in which: industry will promote innovation to keep the quality of life rising, but at a static or falling rate of growth in wealth creation; labour will look on work, not primarily as a method of getting money, but as an occupation for one's personal satisfaction or services to one's community; and government will promote the quality of life more and more by non-monetary methods, as tax revenues decline along with the money economy.

Graeme Shankland's (16 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3JH) recent study of OUR SECRET ECONOMY discusses the response of the informal economy to the rise of mass unemployment. £2.90 from Anglo-German Foundation (p.3).

In a stimulating paper on THE SOCIAL ECONOMY IN URBAN WORKING-CLASS COMMUNITIES Martin D. Lowenthal (Dept. of Sociology, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167, USA) notes that many goods and services are provided through an economic system which is based on the network of social relationships. He describes this system as "the social economy", and calls for more systematic effort to analyse "the economic functions which these helping systems and social relationships perform ... (and) to identify the principles on which the economic aspects of social relationships operate".

Robin Sharp (Society for International Development, Palazzo Civiltà del Lavoro, 00144 Rome, Italy) tells us that a special issue of International Development Review on DEVELOPMENT CHOICES FOR THE 1980s AND BEYOND was due for publication in July (\$9 or £4 including postage).

Prof. Richard Lecomber (Dept. of Economics, Bristol Univ., 40 Berkeley Square, Bristol BS8 1YH) is researching into alternative energy scenarios. He would be interested in evidence, as opposed to hope and speculation, that a shift towards an alternative (sane, humane, ecological) development path has already begun in Britain and other industrialised countries.

A key book is Scott Burns' THE HOUSEHOLD ECONOMY: ITS SHAPE, ORIGINS AND THE FUTURE". Beacon Press (1977); \$4.95.

American futurists see "a more decentralised, less materialistic, self-help type of society as one very plausible scenario for the late 1980s and early 1990s". So Sandra Mason and Bill Martin (Leisure Consultants, Lint Growls, Foxearth, Sudbury, Suffolk) found on a recent visit to California and Nevada. Send SAE (9x4) for a copy of their report.

Marion Loring (Values Economy School, Box 2, Tangent, Alberta T0H 3J0, Canada) suggests that competitiveness may encourage patriarchy, rather than vice versa, and refers to Iroquois society which was based on fusion of masculine activity with feminine attitude. She stresses the role of gentleness, and suggests that being against TV violence isn't enough. More positively, TV should be encouraged to show films on Martin Luther King, Florence Nightingale, St. Francis of Assisi, Livingstone, Elizabeth Fry, Gandhi and others. This would show that goodness is not dull and requires just as much courage as violence.

Larry Smith (Dept. of Human and Social Development, Univ. of Wisconsin, Green Bay, WIS 54302, USA) is a good contact for appropriate technology, community enterprises and the social economy in that area.

Bob Swann's (Institute for Community Economics, 120 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116, USA) work on Community Land Trusts now includes URBAN COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTS and FOREST LAND TRUSTS.

Connie Walters and David Yarrow (PO Box 6222, Syracuse, NY 13217, USA) are prime movers in community farming, the community land trust movement, the New York State coalition for local self-reliance, and the phased development of a locally integrated food economy.

Maynard Kaufman is Managing Director of the MICHIGAN LAND TRUST (RR2, Box 316, Bangor, Michigan 49013, USA). University students use the Trust's 38-acre farm for their Homesteading Practice course.

WORKING UP A SMALLHOLDING by Sedley Sweeny is available (50p + postage) from the Smallholders' Training Centre (Brynoyre Farm, Talybont-on-Usk, Brecon, Powys LD3 7YS, Wales). For details of long and short courses at the Centre, send large SAE.

Frank Howie (12 Juniper Park Road, Edinburgh EH14 5DX) is involved in a number of initiatives in and around Edinburgh, including: the Bloomiehaw Centre; the Patrick Geddes Group; and the Ecology Party.

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY

Many thanks for replies to our February request for information about integrated architectural/energy advice. We only have space to mention a handful. In general, the response confirmed a widespread need for such advice and for a network of centres to disseminate information.

Two such centres are The Natural Energy Centre (2 York Street, London W1H 1FA) and the Centre for Alternative Technology (Pantperthog, Machynlleth, Powys, Wales).

ITDG (9 King Street, London WC2) are, of course, also deeply involved, and John Davis (10 Grenfell Road, Beaconsfield, Bucks) is one of the leading advocates of LOCAL ENERGY CENTRES throughout the UK. Philip Shears, an energy consultant who is working on Low Energy Futures at Bristol University (Dept. of Economics, 40 Berkeley Square, Bristol BS8 1HY), is also interested in Local Energy Centres - and in the cost-effectiveness of insulation.

The SOFT ENERGY SURVEY OF GREAT BRITAIN is published by Country College (send 30p plus SAE 9x4 to 11 Harmer Green Lane, Digswell, Welwyn, Herts AL6 0AY) as a guide for anyone who is interested in having a soft energy system installed but who first wants to see one in use and talk to its owner.

The ISLINGTON SOCIETY is one local voluntary group actively concerned with local energy questions. They held an ENERGY CONSERVATION FAIR in April, supported by the Islington Friends of the Earth and the North London Polytechnic. Information from Elizabeth Sidney (25 Ellington Street, London N7 8PN).

Jim Platts (3 Station Road, Willingham, Cambridge), in an interesting paper WHO CAN TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN CONSERVATION?, suggests that energy supply utilities such as the Gas Boards should be encouraged to sell their customers a total energy service. He pinpoints the key question: Should the energy distribution utilities be made responsible for initiating changes towards the efficient use of their products?

George Henson (Hill Farmhouse, Cartmel, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria) drew our attention to Shell's new HEATING MANAGEMENT SERVICE - as yet only for factories and offices.

Harry Ward (Park House, 110 Buxton Road, Macclesfield, Cheshire) sent a lot of interesting material, e.g. about architectural students at Sheffield University under Cedric Green building a prototype for a SELF-BUILD SOLAR HOUSE, and a piece by Peter Burberry and Barrie Evans from the Architectural Journal's annual review of January 1980.

SEEDS FOR CHANGE (Conservation of Urban Energy Group, PO Box 20, Carlton South 3053, Victoria, Australia (1978) - no price given) is a 540-page paperback on the energy crisis and its implications for the city of Melbourne and the State of Victoria. Includes a detailed plan for building a more convivial low-energy society there.

SOLAR VERSUS NUCLEAR: CHOOSING ENERGY FUTURES; 1980, Pergamon Press, no price given, a report by the Secretariat for Futures Studies, Stockholm, discusses how the institutional framework will have to be changed in order to open up the potential for the solar industries. Introduction by Gunnar Myrdal.

THE COUNTY ENERGY PLAN GUIDEBOOK (\$7.50 for individuals and public interest groups, \$15 for others, from Institute for Ecological Policies, 9208 Christopher Street, Fairfax, Virginia 22031, USA) is a step-by-step, DIY manual which local people can use to create a renewable energy plan at the local level.

"The conserver/solar movement has to find allies in neighbourhoods and home towns if it is to come fully alive. The whole chain of property-care-takers must be convinced that a transition from reliance on corporate-controlled, non-renewable sources of energy to locally controlled renewable sources is a goal they want to work toward". William Hurtle writing on COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES in Wisconsin Solar News, February 1980 (219 S. Irwin, Green Bay, WI 54301, USA).

In evidence (March 1980) to the public enquiry on coalmining in the Vale of Belvoir, Robin Grove-White (Council for the Protection of Rural England, 4 Hobart Place, London SW1W 0HY) argued that the UK Government's long-term forecasts for energy requirements are too high. The downward revision of energy forecasts (as of traffic forecasts) seems likely to continue.

Douglas Tudhope (7 Dawson Place, West Ferry, Dundee, Scotland), back from Syracuse Univ. in Upper New York State, would like to be part of a co-operative group working on alternative applications of computers and micro-computers, e.g. in alternative energy, decentralised networks.

Kenneth MacKay (Director of the ARK PROJECT, RR No.4, Souris, Prince Edward Island, Canada COA 2B0) will be in England for a seminar at the Central London Polytechnic during the second half of September, and may be available to speak to interested groups about solar heating, biological greenhouse management and pest control, solar greenhouse agriculture, composting, and other aspects of Ark's experimental work.

If you want to plug into the APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY/ENERGY ALTERNATIVES network in the Midwest United States, Bethe Hagens and Jim Laukes (c/o Outlook, Human/Environment Planning Program, Governors State Univ., Park Forest South, IL 60466, USA) are the contacts you need.

Derek Medford has recently become Director of the Botswana Technology Centre. He was previously with the Centre for Applied Studies in Development at the University of the South Pacific, and has sent us their 1978 report for UNCTSD on SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC. (Address: PO Box 438, Gaborone, Botswana).

ATIG (Rose Heaward, Alternative Technology Information Group, Flat 12, 72 Westbourne Terrace, London W2 6QA) or Charmian Larke (14B Lovelace Road, Surbiton, Surrey) publish an interesting newsletter. ATINDEX (John Noyce, PO Box 450, Brighton, E.Sussex BN1 8GR), a quarterly indexing service to the literature of appropriate technology, arose out of an ATIG conference at the Library Association last year.

Dennis Livingston (Dept. of Community Affairs, 10 Tremont Street, 6th Floor, Boston, MA 02108, USA) compiles a bibliographic overview of DECENTRALISATION, APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY, AND CONSERVER SOCIETY. Also articles on policy aspects of AT. Also joint author of recent Pergamon book "Alternative Development Strategies and Appropriate Technology".

Ward Morehouse (Council on International and Public Affairs, 60 E 42nd St., New York, NY 10017, USA) is Chairman of the new INTERMEDIATE TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT GROUP OF NORTH AMERICA INC, and George McRobie (of ITDG, London, see p.3) is one of the Trustees.

#### TP CASSETTE

CONTRIBUTIONS TO AN ALTERNATIVE FUTURE - edited talks by Amory Lovins, Willis Harman, William Dyson and Hazel Henderson at the TP meeting in May 1979 - a few copies still available from Alison Pritchard (see p.1). £3.50 + postage. UK 25p, surface mail worldwide 35p, airmail Europe 50p, airmail outside Europe 70p.

## BOOKS, FILMS AND COMMUNICATIONS

THE AQUARIAN CONSPIRACY: PERSONAL AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION IN THE 1980s by Marilyn Ferguson. Tarcher/St. Martins, NY, 1980; \$15. Puts it all together from a humanistic psychology, new consciousness angle.

THE THIRD WAVE by Alvin Toffler. Collins, 1980; £8.95. In "Future Shock" Toffler went overboard for super-industrial society. His starting point is still the impact of new technology, but he is now much closer to the sane, humane, ecological vision of the future.

IMAGES OF THE FUTURE: THE TWENTY FIRST CENTURY AND BEYOND edited by Robert Bundy. Prometheus Books, Buffalo, NY 14215, 1976. A fine collection of essays on the future, from a broadly humanist point of view. Bob Bundy's (147 Hathaway Road, Syracuse, NY 13214, USA) recent papers, "Images of the Future in Education", and "Social Visions and Educational Futures", contain exciting ideas about helping people to open themselves to the clash of super-industrial and post-industrial visions.

ECOLOGY AND THE POLITICS OF SCARCITY by William Ophuls. W.H. Freeman, SF, 1977; paperback; price not stated. Discusses small-scale, simple, frugal, steady state societies and their politics.

THE BETRAYAL OF YOUTH: SECONDARY EDUCATION MUST BE CHANGED by James Hemming. Marion Boyars, 1980; £2.95. Education for self-development will enable young people to become self-reliant members of society.

THE BREAKDOWN OF NATIONS by Leopold Kohr (1957), with a new afterword by the author and foreword by Kirkpatrick Sale. Dutton, NY, 1978; \$4.95. (Kirkpatrick Sale's new book HUMAN SCALE is described by John Applegath (p.10) as the "bible of decentralists for some time to come").

FUTURE SURVEY ANNUAL 1980: AN ANNOTATED GUIDE TO RECENT LITERATURE ON TRENDS, FORECASTS AND POLICY PROPOSALS by Michael Marien. World Future Society (39 St.Elmo Ave, Washington DC 20014, USA); 1980.

TOWARD A NEW PSYCHOLOGY OF WOMEN by Jean Baker Miller. Beacon Press, Boston, 1976; \$3.95. Highly recommended by Elizabeth Dodson Gray of the Bolton Institute (4 Linden Square, Wellesley, MA 02181, USA).

Charles Davey (Some Friends Community, 128 Bethnal Green Road, London E2) has sent a booklet - TOWARDS COMMUNITY: SOME EXPERIENCES AND VISIONS (£1.50 from Barney Smith, Friends House, Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ) - a collection of thoughts about community, with accounts of some which are going, some that failed.

Brenda Thomson (c/o J.B. Priestley Library, Univ. of Bradford, Bradford, W.Yorks BD7 1DP) is co-ordinator of the COMMONWEAL COLLECTION of books and journals on non-violent approaches to social change. It is run by a work group of about thirty volunteers, and has links with the School of Peace Studies at the University.

James R and Alison P had a splendid evening in March at Kanya Kakumbha's TREE OF LIFE Bookstore and Community Centre (101W 125 Street, Harlem, NYC 10027, USA). Local teenagers come here to read books and discuss metaphysics, astrology, black culture, yoga, politics - and get the education which "the system" doesn't provide. Kanya also does a local television programme "From the Womb of Aquarius".

Joanne Bower (Farm and Food Society, 4 Willifield Way, London NW11 7XT) tells us that the Society has the 50-minute TV programme DOWN ON THE FACTORY FARM on 16mm film and can make it available to groups free of charge apart from registered postage costs.

Sarah Hobson (The Old Rectory, Pilton, Peterborough PE8 5SN) in a report (£1.50; Centre for World Development Education, 12 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 9SH) analysing the coverage given to developing countries and world development issues by broadcasting in Britain in 1978/79, concludes that the key issues - e.g. why does 20% of the world's population eat 80% of the world's protein? - were not adequately presented.

Michael and Justine Toms are moving spirits in NEW DIMENSIONS RADIO (267 States Street, San Francisco, CA 94114, USA) whose recorded interviews with Buckminster Fuller, Marilyn Ferguson, Barbara Hubbard, Hazel Henderson, Willis Harman, James Robertson, Mark Satin and others are currently being transmitted via satellite to more than 60 radio stations in the USA with audience coverage of 75 million people. New Dimensions tapes and books are also available.

IDOC's (International Documentation and Communication Centre, via S. Maria dell'Anima 30, 00186 Rome, Italy) monthly bulletin for April/May 1980 was about alternative communication and its potential in the New International Information Order.

Simon Partridge's (BROADCASTING RIGHTS AND INFORMATION PROJECT, 92 Huddleston Road, London N7 OEG) May 1980 Report on Low Power Radio Services is available from him (50p including p & p).

Michael O'Callaghan (Biosynergy Foundation, Box 410, Village Station, New York, NY 10014, USA) is setting up a GLOBAL VISION PROGRAM - a participatory media strategy to facilitate the coming world civilisation.

Steve Kantor (Quincy D13, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 02138, USA) is helping to create a "flying university where the university is everywhere and the campus is nowhere", through the SYNERGY FOUNDATION NETWORK and the GNOSSOS NETWORK which enable college students to circulate articles, art, poetry, personal visions, transformation ideas.

#### PEOPLE AND PROJECTS (Cont'd. from p.3)

Norie Huddle (Center for New National Security, 822 S. Taylor Street, Arlington, VA 22204, USA) recently organised a FOUNDING MOTHERS' CONFERENCE to explore the particular role of women and "matriotic" vision in this time of national and planetary transformation, with particular concern for the global arms race and nuclear proliferation. Norie's book ISLAND OF DREAMS: ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS IN JAPAN (1975) was an early warning that the Japanese "industrial miracle" had pushed that country to the brink of environmental disaster.

Nicholas Gillett, having recently been involved in community education at Bristol University will, from mid-September, be working on North/South and Third World issues in Geneva, following the Brandt Report. Address: Quaker Centre, 13 Ave. de Mervelet, 1209 Geneva, Switzerland.

Barry Davis (Collective Action Co-operative, 119 Ross Avenue, Rm.100, Ottawa K1Y 0N6) is actively involved with Credit Co-operatives and Housing Co-operatives in Canada.

Jess Cormack (Penny Cottage, 16 Bury Road, Hengrave, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk) practises pre-natal/Reflex zone therapy, guided imagery, lay counselling. Next door (Capernaum Cottage, 17 Bury Road) is a growth centre - workshops, visiting lecturers on new dimensions of consciousness.

Ann Procter (Greenball, Crawley Ridge, Camberley, Surrey GU15 2AJ) works with group classes and individuals - relaxation, counselling, expectant parents, self-help in cancer.

## WORK

We try to be helpful when we get enquiries from young people (and sometimes older ones) about "alternative" work opportunities. But a more effective clearinghouse is needed, or even a network of alternative work exchange centres. Is anyone organising anything of this kind?

We hope the Turning Point meeting on 22nd November (see p.1) will encourage many such practical initiatives. Constructive action on a wide front is needed now to redistribute work (and redefine it) to meet the genuine needs of a society in which people matter. The morning speakers include Charles Handy (Warden of St. George's House, Windsor Castle, and Visiting Professor at the London Business School), who has been co-ordinating a series of wide-ranging consultations on the Future of Work over the last 2½ years, and Sheila Rothwell, recently of the Equal Opportunities Commission, who is now Director of the Centre for Employment Policy Studies at the Administrative Staff College, Henley. About 40 people came to the excellent preparatory meeting on 10th May organised by Betsy Little (Postlip Hall, Nr. Winchcombe, Cheltenham, Glos). The growing demand for part-time work was strongly stressed.

Recent relevant books include:

WOMEN'S WORK, MEN'S WORK by Virginia Novarra; Marion Boyars, 1980, £2.95.  
GOOD WORK by E.F. Schumacher; Jonathan Cape, 1979, £4.95.  
THE COLLAPSE OF WORK by Clive Jenkins and Barrie Sherman; Eyre Methuen, 1979, £3.50.

Proceeds from the sale of ARCHITECT OR BEE: THE HUMAN/TECHNOLOGY RELATIONSHIP by Mike Cooley will be used to promote work on socially useful production. Details from Langley Technical Services (c/o 95 Sussex Place, Slough SL1 INN).

In INNOVATION AND EMPLOYMENT (Pergamon, 1980, no price given) David Foster (2 The Glade, Ascot, Berks SL5 9BE) suggests that a Royal Commission should work out a schedule of Employment Principles for Britain; that a National Work Service, vocation colleges and a National Innovation Institute should be set up; and that effective relief should be given to small business.

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE BRIDGE FROM SCHOOL TO WORK (1980, £3.50 from the Anglo-German Foundation - see p.3 - recommends a radical extension of the apprenticeship system in Britain, together with the introduction of youth training allowances.

LOCAL INITIATIVES IN GREAT BRITAIN (Jan.80) is a report by the Foundation for Alternatives (Stan Windass, The Rookery, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon) on fourteen local initiatives or community enterprises. The Foundation has put forward a proposal for a Local Initiative Support organisation which would offer a funding service and an advisory service to local initiatives.

CREATING JOBS THROUGH COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE is a comparable proposal - put forward for discussion with government, trusts and foundations, and private industry by Colin Ball (Outset, 30 Craven Street, London WC2) and John Pearce (Local Enterprise Advisory Project, Paisley College of Technology, Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland).

Ced Jackson (Community Work Service, London Voluntary Service Council, 68 Chalton Street, London NW1) has information about the COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE TRAINING PROGRAMME which starts in September for people who want to run co-ops, community based employment projects, etc.

Pat Saunders (93 Wanstead Park Avenue, Manor Park, London E12) tells us that two annotated bibliographies, on INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS and on WORKERS' PARTICIPATION IN MANAGEMENT, are available from the Commonwealth Secretariat (Marlborough House, London SW1).