# TURNING POINT newsletter

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

There is an ad hoc committee whose members are: Beata Bishop, Peter Cadogan, Margaret Chisman, Alison Pritchard and James Robertson.

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# 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. Cheques to "Turning Point" please. 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.

The newsletter is twice-yearly - next issue February 1982. Please send us items for it by mid-January.

### NEXT TURNING POINT MEETING

Saturday 28th November 1981, 10am-6pm, Conway Hall, London FOOD

Food and health; food policies for Britain; food for a hungry world.

Speaker: DR. WALTER YELLOWLEES

Panellists: Joanne Bower, Anthony Deavin, Alan Long (to be confirmed),
patrick Rivers, Jenny Salmon, Elizabeth Stamp

Chairman: James Robertson

Tickets (£2) from Alison Pritchard (above).

### TURNING POINT PAPER

THE REDISTRIBUTION OF WORK, Turning Point Paper No.1, is a short reference guide to issues arising from the unemployment crisis and to people and organisations who are creating new contexts for work. "Quite excellent" (Charles Handy). "Very useful" (Hazel Henderson). Price £1.00 (inc. postage within UK and surface mail abroad, add 65p for airmail - sterling only please).

### ERICA LINTON

We were very sad to hear of the death of Erica Linton in March. She came to many Turning Point meetings. Most recently she published an excellent report in the Quaker journal "The Friend" on the November 1980 meeting on "The Redistribution of Work". We know that many readers of this newsletter will share our sympathy with John.

### FOOD, AGRICULTURE, LAND

Some useful background reading for the Turning Point meeting on 28th November (see p.1):

Colin Tudge, THE FAMINE BUSINESS (Penguin Books, 1979, 95p). Short and clear analysis, pointing towards rational agriculture for us and for the world.

Patrick and Shirley Rivers, DIET FOR A SMALL ISLAND (Turnstone Press, 1981, £4.50). Part One discusses in 54 pages the whys and hows of a more self-sufficient Britain. Part Two contains 180 pages of recipes and advice on growing and cooking of food.

"The food crisis is above all one of maldistribution and the incapacity of millions of poor people to either produce or buy their staple food ... the real problem remains, as it has been since times immemorial, the elimination of hunger caused by poverty, which places commercially available food beyond the reach of hundreds of millions of people". From a recent speech by Soedjatmoko, Rector of U.N. University, on "Turning Point in Development: The Food/Energy Pivot", summarised in DEVELOPMENT FORUM, June 1981 (free from DESI/DPI, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland).

About 700 million people in the earth's drylands are threatened by worsening droughts. The area subject to desertification is twice as big as Canada. From "Food Production and the Environment" in ECOFORUM, April 1981 (Environment Liaison Centre, PO Box 72461, Nairobi, Kenya).

Open Day - THE FARM IN AUTUMN - Saturday 31st October. Details from Janice Dolley, Bridge Educational Trust (Wychwood, 20 The Chase, Reigate, Surrey).

The FARM AND FOOD SOCIETY - Newsletter No.42, June 1981 (from Joanne Bower, 4 Willifield Way, London NWIl 7XT) - propose a national scheme for training and employment creation on gardens, allotments and small-holdings. They believe that, if suitable sponsoring organisations would come forward, the Manpower Services Commission might be responsive. Joanne also tells us that the Farm and Food Society's copy of the film "Down on the Factory Farm" is loaned by Guardian SW Film Unit Ltd. (20 Wodehouse Terrace, Falmouth TR11 3EN).

AGROFORESTRY - FOOD FROM TREES - AN ECOLOGICAL SYSTEM OF CULTIVATION. The subject of a paper for the recent 4th World Conference by Robert A. de J. Hart (Highwood Hill, Rushbury, Nr. Church Stretton, Salop).

THE ECOLOGIST, March/April 1981 (£1.50 from Worthyvale Manor Farm, Camelford, Cornwall PL32 9TT) contains an extensive special report by Alan Grainger on "Reforesting Britain". One section recommends closer integration of forestry with farming. The same issue contains a 7-page article by Ross Hume Hall on "Nutrition and Cancer".

### WORK AND LEISURE

Turning Point paper on THE REDISTRIBUTION OF WORK: see p.1.

THE FUTURE OF WORK by Charles Handy contains a comprehensive and thought-provoking discussion of the problems and possibilities. Based on Consultations held between 1977 and 1980 at St. George's House, Windsor Castle (Berkshire SL4 INJ). Enquiries to the Warden.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT HANDBOOK by <u>Guy Dauncey</u> (Holne Cross Cottage, Ashburton, Devon) is published (£2.25) by the National Extension College, 18 Brooklands Avenue, Cambridge CB2 2HN. Warmly recommended for people who are unemployed and for people who are involved in helping them.

The WORK RESOURCES CENTRE (Chairperson: Alastair Crombie, PO Box 4, Canberra, ACT 2600, Australia) was set up in 1980 to bring the resources of the Canberra research and higher education community to bear on the problem of long-term structural unemployment. Staffed by project officers previously unemployed. Financed by voluntary payroll deductions from staff of the Australian National University. Model which universities, research institutes, polytechnics, etc., elsewhere might follow. Activity in 1981 is focussing on worker co-operatives and the school-to-work transition. International conference on worker co-operatives is planned.

JOBS FOR TOMORROW by <u>Walter R. Stahel</u> (7 Chemin des Vignettes, CH-1231 Villette, Switzerland) and <u>Genevieve</u> Reday-Mulvey, published by Vantage Press, New York, is about the potential for substituting manpower for energy, e.g. by greater emphasis on repair and reconditioning - activities best done in decentralised workshops which can be located in urban and rural areas of high unemployment. Mail order, prepayment of US\$15, from Walter Stahel or Vantage Press.

EARTHWORKS by Edward B. Barbier (75p from Friends of the Earth, 9 Poland Street, London WlV 3DG) explores environmental approaches to employment creation. It shows that paper recycling, domestic insulation, the construction of a national network of cycleways, and an allotments programme, could benefit several British industries at present in difficulties and provide employment for unemployed people in inner-city communities.

The main growth areas for work in industrial countries from now on will be in the small-scale local, community, neighbourhood and household sectors. Alan Bollard (ITDG, 9 King Street, London WC2) has been studying the possibilities in seven industries, including printing, brewing, car servicing and brick-making. John Pearce (Local Govt.Unit, Paisley College, High Street, Paisley PAl 2BE, Renfrewshire, Scotland) reports very interestingly on LEAP (Local Enterprise Advisory Project), which has been helping community groups and organisations in the West of Scotland to find ways of creating viable employment opportunities in their local areas. LOCAL INITIATIVES IN GREAT BRITAIN (1981) - £5 inc. postage from <u>Stan Windass</u> (Foundation for Alternatives, The Rookery, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon OX17 3NA)-contains profiles of a number of local initiatives such as Community Co-operatives, Town Development Trusts, and Local Enterprise Trusts. The June/July issue of SCAN (from the Scottish Community Education Centre, 4 Queensferry Street, Edinburgh EH2 4PA) contains a useful guide to possible sources of funds for community projects.

The Shaftesbury Project (8 Oxford Street, Nottingham NG1 5BH) has produced a Study Course Pack on CHRISTIANS AND WORK.

REGENERATION LTD (Clerkenwell Workshops, 31 Clerkenwell Close, London EC1) was set up in 1978 by Mike Franks and his colleagues to turn empty and disused industrial buildings into light industrial workshops for small business. Now in partnership with the Greater London Council to promote "industrial homesteading".

THE OLD BAKEHOUSE TRUST (87/88 Bullingdon Road, Oxford) has been set up to enable unused premises to be obtained and converted for use as small workshops.

GREENCURE TRUST for Countryside and Urban Recovery (<u>Bob Lorraine</u>, Grosvenor Lodge, Gordon Road, Clifton, Bristol BS8 1AW) is concerned with the use of wasteland and disused buildings, as a positive contribution to community life and useful work.

BUILDING A COMMUNITY THAT WORKS. One-day conference, lOam to 5pm, on Saturday 14th November at Rudolf Steiner House, near Baker Street Station, London. Discussion will include experiences of young people preparing for working life at Shire Training Workshops, Stroud and similar initiatives in Sheffield. Major contributors will include Tijno Voors of the Centre for Social Development and Tom Bermingham, co-founder of Shire Training Workshops. Information from Rudi Lissau (Steiner House, 35 Park Road, London NW1 6XT).

ENTERPRISE is a monthly report on the art of self-employment and survival. The July 1981 issue includes information about the coming revolution in toys. Annual sub. £22.50 from Atlantic Press (PO Box 94, Oxford).

URBED's Enterprise Development Unit (Director: <u>Ronnie Lessem</u>, URBED, 359 The Strand, London WC2R OHP) runs programmes on: considering self-employment, assessing your prospects, getting going, becoming more enterprising, managing new ventures.

For information about the services provided by the Community Schemes Unit and Community Enterprise Programme, contact <u>Trevor Davison</u> (National Council for Voluntary Organisations, 26 Bedford Square, London WClB 3HU).

<u>Paul Fletcher</u> and friends have set up the INFORMATION CENTRE (Rainbows, Glanrafon Hill, Bangor, North Wales) for people and groups who are responding to society's current crisis. Skills index. Alternative communications systems.

Roger Orgill is chairman and Mike Cousins (c/o Kent Mountain Centre, Glyn Padarn, Llanberis, Gwynedd, Wales) is membership secretary of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR OUTDOOR EDUCATION. Among the concerns of the Association's magazine, conference and courses are the developing role of outdoor education and adventure education in the contexts of the future of work and leisure, and of the human/nature relationship.

Writing in NEW ERA, March/April 1981 (journal of the World Education Fellowship, £5 annually for six issues) about "The Education of Children in the Year 2000", Richard Posner (Work for Tomorrow, Nugent Cottage, Wotton Underwood, Nr. Aylesbury, Bucks HP18 ORW) says that today there is nothing except the closed shop, prejudice and lack of imagination keeping huge numbers of mal- or un-employed adults from working creatively with children. He advocates informal methods of working with children, in contrast to formal education.

<u>Ernest Mann</u> (Little Free Press, 715 E 14 St., Minneapolis, MN 55404, USA) proposes an all volunteer work force as a step to world peace.

Bill Martin and Sandra Mason (Leisure Consultants, Lint Growis, Foxearth, Sudbury, Suffolk) propose LEISURE NETWORKS, based on small local centres to which people would come for information and advice about opportunities to make good use of leisure - including arts and crafts, DIY, community and voluntary work, adult education, sports, entertainments. Send s.a.e. for further information.

John Price and Robert Butterfield argue that "free-timers" should now be encouraged as "economically indispensable pioneers", in ON INTO THE EIGHTIES: OIL, JOBS AND THE ECONOMY - 50c from the Australian Conservation Foundation (672B Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn, Victoria 3122, Australia).

The Spring 1981 issue of The Business Graduate (editor: <u>Bruce Lloyd</u>, 87 Jermyn Street, London SW1Y 6JD) was a special issue on WOMEN IN MANAGEMENT.

When enough of us understand that full employment won't come back, new arrangements will be needed to provide people with money incomes, and to enable them to have access to land and housing. The following items are relevant.

WORKING FOR A FUTURE (£1) and JOBS FOR KEEPS (25p) from the Ecology Party (36/38 Clapham Road, London SW9) - send extra 20p for postage - show that some people in British politics are thinking seriously about the future of work. (Most of the others are still offering pious hopes about restoring full employment). Working For a Future includes some costings for a national income/tax credit scheme which would guarantee basic economic security and thus remove people's dependence on getting a job and their fear of unemployment.

K.V. Roberts (UKAEA, Culham Laboratory, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 3DB) has worked out a NATIONAL DIVIDEND SCHEME which would similarly remove the present sharp distinction between employed people and unemployed people. His important proposals were published in Computer Bulletin, June 1981.

<u>Joe Kenyon</u> (Claimants and Unemployed Workers' Union, 120 Standhill Crescent, Barnsley, South Yorks S71 1SP) argues strongly for a guaranteed adequate income for the unemployed. He produces ROUNDABOUT Newsletter and offers copies of WHAT UNEMPLOYMENT MEANS by Adrian Sinfield (send £2.75 + 25p postage).

HOUSING, written and compiled by <u>Michael Norton</u> (Wildwood House, 1 Prince of Wales Passage, 117 Hampstead Road, London NW1 3EE; 1981; £5.95) is the 4th volume in the Directory of Social Change. (Previous volumes are on "Education and Play", "Community", and "Women"). 230 close-packed pages of information and ideas about housing possibilities and problems, about relevant projects, organisations and publications, aimed at helping people to do something to improve their own and their community's housing.

W.J. Barber (9 Lords Hill, Coleford, Glos GL16 8BG) advocates Henry George's proposal that a LAND RENT collected by the state from landholders should replace other taxes. The practicalities of this may become increasingly relevant as the need grows for more people to have access to land which is now unused, underused or used for unproductive purposes.

P.S. How did the "plebeians" of the 18th and 19th centuries, who protested and rioted against being turned into wage labourers, become the "labour force" of the 20th century, protesting and striking to defend their right to wage-earning employment? One of the many stimulating questions raised by Ivan Illich in SHADOW WORK, an interim report on his current studies (Marion Boyars, 1981, £2.95).

# ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, TECHNOLOGY

VITA (<u>Volunteers in Technical Assistance</u>, 3706 Rhode Island Avenue, Mt. Rainier, Maryland 20822, USA) supports local development - small industries, small scale agriculture, renewable energy sources, low cost construction, etc., - in Third World countries. Among other projects, VITA is bringing together materials and resources that would help in planning and setting up energy systems on island locations, and would like to receive information about island energy technologies.

The Institute of Man and Resources (PO Box 2008, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island ClA 1A4, Canada) have asked for suggestions about a programme of renewable energy and sustainable food production in PEI. Although it will cease to manage the well-known ARK PROJECT, the Institute hopes the Ark will continue as an education and demonstration centre, perhaps in co-operation with a community group.

PERG's (Political Ecology Research Group, 34 Cowley Road, Oxford) recently published report to the Ecology Party (see p.5) on the possible effect on the civilian population of conventional and nuclear attacks on Britain's nuclear power stations, concluded that a direct hit on Windscale by a 1-megaton weapon, vapourising the longer-lived fission products on the site, would cause more fallout than an all out nuclear attack on Britain, and would devastate the populations of Manchester, Liverpool, Stoke and other conurbations.

A GOLDEN THREAD: 2500 YEARS OF SOLAR ARCHITECTURE AND TECHNOLOGY by Ken Butti and John Perlin (Marion Boyars, London, 1981, £5.95) is "a clear and evocative account of how solar architecture and technology have evolved in response to the social and economic forces of the past" (Amory Lovins). As the authors say "Perhaps we are now at the threshold of an enduring solar age. History offers many lessons that can smooth our transition to this new age". Good illustrations.

ENERGY (Ladybird Books, 1981, 50p) has been written by <u>Nigel Dudley</u> (National Centre for Alternative Technology, Llwyngwern Quarry, Machynlleth, Powys, Wales). Excellent value for money for children of all ages (including adults).

NEIGHBOURHOOD ENERGY ACTION. Contact Lynn Hyams (NCVO, 26 Bedford Square, London WClB 3HU) for information about grants and sources of funding for voluntary organisations to set up community insulation projects.

<u>Sally Lerner</u> (Man-Environment Department, University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada) is currently involved in a long-term study of community based energy-conservation programmes.

A breakthrough in battery development, leading quite soon to electric cars? A breakthrough in artificial photosynthesis to manufacture hydrogen as a fuel? Two items reported in a recent issue of NATURAL ENERGY AND LIVING, sent quarterly to members of the Natural Energy Association (2 York Street, London WIH 1FA) - annual sub. £9.00.

Jim Platts' (3 Station Road, Willingham, Cambridge) research report on ENERGY CONSERVATION: WHO CAN TAKE THE INITIATIVE? (£1 from Economic Research Council, 55 Park Lane, London WlY 3DH) concludes that the public utilities should operate as true public utility companies (concerned with supplying usefulness, not simply with supplying fuel). They should make technically competent staff responsible for bringing conservation opportunities to the attention of householders.

The LOTHIAN ENERGY GROUP (Angus Marland, Centre for Human Ecology, 15 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh EH8 9LN) has drawn up comprehensive proposals for a public exhibition on Energy Conservation and New and Renewable Sources of Energy. They hope the plans will be finalised by February 1982.

Four conferences on ENERGY POLITICS in 1981/82 starting 3rd October. Contact <u>Harry Frost</u> (University of London Extra-Mural Department, 26 Russell Square, London WClB 5DQ).

Colin Sweet (Dept. of Social Sciences, Polytechnic of the South Bank, Borough Road, London SE1 OAA) has information about a Short Course (5 days) on ENERGY COSTS AND ENERGY STRATEGIES to be held in November 1981, and other energy-related courses at the South Bank Polytechnic.

ALTERNATIVE TIMES is produced by <u>Roger Stevens</u> (35 Wedmore Street, London N19 4RU) for safe energy and anti-nuclear activists everywhere. Sub. £1.50 p.a. + £1.50 postage.

Individuals and organisations are now invited to become Associates of the INTERMEDIATE TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT GROUP. Associates will receive ITDG reports and bulletins, and can attend the Group's annual general meetings. Minimum annual fees £15 (individual) or £50 (corporate). Information from Winifred Dalby (ITDG, 9 King Street, London WC2E 8HN).

RAIN (2270 NW Irving, Portland, Oregon 97210, USA) - for those who don't know it already - is a very highly regarded journal of appropriate technology and a reference source for people interested in individual and community self-reliance. Write for order form for journal and publications.

Claude Forestier-Walker (Minola Enterprises Ltd., Park Lane, Aldeburgh, Suffolk IP15 5HL) is interested in the possibilities for setting up an authoritative development management unit to launch Integrated Technology Projects in the third world.

ECOROPA (European Group for Ecological Action) is an informal group of scientists, doctors, lawyers, businesspeople, writers and others concerned with practical ecological and environmental projects. Information from <a href="Gerard Morgan-Grenville">Gerard Morgan-Grenville</a> (PO Box 11, Godalming, Surrey).

The Jan/Feb issue of CHINA NOW (50p from the <u>Society for Anglo-Chinese Understanding</u>, 152 Camden High Street, London NW1 ONE) was all about ecology and conservation in China.

GREENFLY is Oxfordshire's independent ecology newspaper. Seems excellent value at 20p per issue or £2 for the next six issues by post - from Greenfly Press (34 Cowley Road, Oxford OX4 1HZ).

Jack Vallentyne (Canada Centre for Inland Waters, PO Box 5050, Burlington, Ontario, Canada L7R 4A6) reports progress with the proposal for a WORLD DECADE OF THE BIOSPHERE, 1982-1992, including the committed support of the World Resources and Environment Council. By carrying a globe on his back wherever he goes, as a symbol of the Earth as mother and of global unity, Jack aims to make the Biosphere known and meaningful to half the human population over the Decade.

"In all Europe it is the younger generation who most deeply feel the contradictions and imbalances of contemporary society. The young must provide a starting point for a response to the current crisis, so as to enter on new pathways distinct from the old mode of balance and the traditional mechanisms of welfare". From the APPEAL OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF BOLOGNA TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF ALL EUROPE (May 1981). At the international Youth Meeting (to be held in Bologna while this newsletter is with the printer) ecology is to be one of the main topics. Information from Lega Ambiente Emilia Romagna, c/o Comitato Regionale ARCI, Via S. Maria Maggiore 1, 40121 Bologna, Italy.

# POLITICS, ECONOMICS, ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT

THE 300 GROUP (Contact: Lesley Abdela, The Mill House, Burford, Oxon) aims to get 300 women into the House of Commons. (At present there are 19 women and 617 men). The group is looking for supporters, including potential parliamentary candidates, and has organised a two-night learning cruise Harwich/Denmark/Harwich, 1st-3rd September, on the practical aspects of politics in Britain for women who seriously want to enter British politics. Phone Lesley Abdela on Burford (099 382) 2265 to enquire about last minute bookings. A meeting at the House of Commons is planned for 25th November.

THE POLITICS OF THE SOLAR AGE: ALTERNATIVES TO ECONOMICS by <u>Hazel</u> <u>Henderson</u> (see p.11) (Anchor Press/Doubleday, 1981, \$8.95) "lays the groundwork for a complete reconceptualisation of political theory" (Jeremy Rifkin).

REVOLT FROM THE CENTER by Neils I. Meyer, Helveg Petersen, Villy Sorensen (Marion Boyars, London, 1981, £3.95) is the English edition of the Danish book "Opror fra midten". When it came out in Denmark three years ago, it provided the focus for a new political movement for a decentralised, equitable and ecologically sound society. A contact in Denmark is Jytte Vejbye Johansen (Ninavej 20, 9000 Aalborg, Denmark).

BEYOND THE FRAGMENTS by Sheila Rowbotham, Lynne Segal and Hilary Wainwright (Merlin Press, London, 1979, £2.70) is important reading for anyone concerned with the links between feminism and socialism.

Peter Cadogan (1 Hampstead Hill Gardens, London NW3) is tutor for a 24-session course on THE ENGLISH RADICAL TRADITION from Sir Thomas More to Edward Thompson, on Thursdays 7.30-9.30pm, at Conway Hall, London, starting on Thursday 1st October. Organised jointly by London University Extra-Mural Studies Dept. and South Place Ethical Society.

The policy papers of the ECOLOGY PARTY (General Secretary, <u>Paul Ekins</u>, 36-38 Clapham Road, London SW9 OJQ) are becoming an important vehicle for new political ideas. Even if you don't intend to vote Ecology, take a look (for example) at "Power Pack: Safe Energy for a Sustainable Society" (20p). One proposal is for District Energy Authorities to plan and implement long-term energy policies suited to each district, using local energy resources.

LOCAL SOCIALISM on initiatives in community action and local government is published monthly (15p) by SERA (Socialist Environment and Resources Association) and LCC (Labour Co-ordinating Committee) from 9 Poland Street, London W1.

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CHANGING THE COGS by <u>Brian Martin</u> (Dept. of Applied Mathematics, Faculty of Science, Australian National University, PO Box 4, Canberra ACT 2600, Australia) is an excellent guide to strategies for a citizens' movement or a movement for an alternative society. These include: changing social structures, not just policies; making positive proposals, as well as opposing the status quo; being democratic, not elitist; being non-violent; working at down-to-earth issues. Published by Friends of the Earth (Canberra). Distributed in UK by Southern Distribution (£1) and in US by Carrier Pigeon (\$2.50).

Ralph Borsodi's (1886-1977) DECENTRALIST MANIFESTO: AN ALTERNATIVE TO MONOPOLY CAPITALISM AND STATIST SOCIALISM edited by Mildred Loomis costs \$1 from The School of Living (Deep Run Farm, RD7, York, PA 17402, USA), which also publishes "Green Revolution" and other decentralist literature.

HUMAN ECONOMY: A BIBLIOGRAPHY (Vol.1 - Books), compiled (1981) by John Applegath and colleagues at the Human Economy Center (PO Box 551, Amherst, Mass. 01004, USAI is a must for everyone interested in the new economics. Every library should have a copy, price \$12.00.

RENEWAL, the journal of New Values, New Politics edited by <u>Mark Satin</u> (PO Box 3242, Winchester, VA 22601, USA) comes out every three weeks (annual sub.\$22; reduced for subscribers in America, Asia and Africa). Vol.1 No.10 reports the first annual "Transformational Book Award" to the author whose book (published in the USA or Canada in 1980) has "the potential to contribute most to the reconceptualisation of politics along human growth, decentralist and world order lines". The top five were: Marilyn Ferguson's "The Aquarian Conspiracy", Alvin Toffler's "The Third Wave", Kirkpatrick Sale's "Human Scale", Eric Jantsch's "The Self-Organising Universe", and Jeremy Rifkin's "Entropy".

SMALL IS POSSIBLE by <u>George McRobie</u> (ITDG, 9 King Street, London WC2) published 1981 by Jonathan Cape (£7.95) is the book which E.F. Schumacher had planned before his death in 1977 to show who is doing what to put into practice the ideas in "Small Is Beautiful".

Bob Swann (E.F. Schumacher Society, Box 76, RD3 Great Barrington, Mass. O1230, USA) is organising a conference in Amherst on PEOPLE, LAND and COMMUNITY on 24th October. Contributors include Hazel Henderson, Wendell Berry, Wes Jackson, Robert Rodale. Bob also has information about SHARE (Self-Help Association for a Regional Economy) and its loan and trust funds.

Gandhi Marg (Journal of the Gandhi Peace Foundation, 221-223 Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Marg, New Delhi 110002, India - annual sub. US\$12) contains articles on "Buddhist Economics" (February 1981) and "Altruistic World Economics" (April 1981).

<u>Alan Dale</u> (Institute of Organisation and Social Studies, Brunel Univ., Uxbridge, Middlesex) recently organised a workshop with the Group Relations Training Association to explore the gift relationship and non-economic human exchanges.

Ellery Foster (Free Trade Exchange, 122 E 2nd Street, Winona, Minnesota 55987, USA) is doing a good job promoting Peter Kropotkin's MUTUAL AID, which he regards as the most valuable book ever published.

Tom Webb (Tara Policy Alternatives, PO Box 695, Station B, Ottawa, Ontario KIP 5P8, Canada) is involved in community economic development, and recommends COMMUNITY PROFIT by David Pell and Susan Wismar (IS FIVE Foundation, 467 Richmond Street East, Toronto, Ontario MSA 1R1, Canada) as an account of Canadian experience and examples.

Thanks to Byron Kennard (2430 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, No.823, Washington DC 20037, USA) and also to World Watch Institute (1776 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington DC 20036) for sending Bruce Stokes' HELPING OURSELVES: LOCAL SOLUTIONS TO GLOBAL PROBLEMS (W.W. Norton, 1981, \$4.95). About the opportunity for a quiet revolution, enabling people to control their own destinies, based on people helping themselves.

VALFARD: OCH SEDAN? (Welfarism - what now? Avenues to Another Society) edited by Nordal Akerman (Gerdagatan 3, 223 62 Lund, Sweden), published by Raben and Sjogren (1981) contains Swedish language versions of 17 lectures and essays arising out of an international seminar at Hasselby, Stockholm, in August 1980.

Participatory Institute for Development Alternatives (Chairman: Ponna Wigneraja, PIDA, 529 Bullers Road, Colombo 8, Sri Lanka) was set up in 1980 to promote self-reliant and participatory development processes in Sri Lanka.

An international seminar on SOCIETIES IN TRANSITION: ALTERNATIVES FOR THE FUTURE is being organised in December 1981 by the Institute of Oriental and Orissan Studies (The Universe, Maitree Sarani, Cuttack 753001, Orissa, India). Information from Radhanath Rath, Chairman.

An alternative development strategies programme and proposals for an international grass roots information service have been launched by the Society for International Development. Contact: Ponna Wigneraja or Ann Matthis (SID, Palazzo Civilta del Lavoro, OO144 Rome, Italy).

## HEALTH

For information about World Health Organisation interest in mutual aid, self-help and self-care for the provision of health care in Europe, write to Ilona Kickbusch (Consultant, Health Education, WHO/Europe, 8 Scherfigsvej, DK 2100, Copenhagen, Denmark).

For a warning against education for self-care under professional control as "an effort to mobilise the population for unpaid service in the pursuit of medicalised health", see <u>Valentina Borreman</u>'s (Apdo. 479, Cuernavaca, Mexico) stimulating paper on THE INVERSE OF MANAGED HEALTH.

GESUNDHEITSTAG (Health Day) 1981 will be held in Hamburg from 30th Sept. to 4th Oct. It will focus on self-help, self-organisation and self-determination by healthy and ill people. More than 10,000 health workers attended the first Gesundheitstag last year in Berlin. Info. from Buro GT81 (Neubertstrasse 24, 2000 Hamburg 76, West Germany).

The Self-Help Center (Suite S-122, 1600 Dodge Av., Evanston, IL 60201, USA), now independent from the Center for Urban Affairs, Northwestern Univ., offers support and information services to self-help groups. It acts as clearinghouse for the National Epilepsy Self-Help Network.

HEALTH FOR THE NEW AGE, No.23, Spring 1981 (70p from Marcus and Marika McCausland, la Addison Crescent, London W14 8JP) reports that an Association for New Approaches to Cancer has been set up. Particular emphasis on nutrition, including the Gerson Therapy.

Derek McEwan's new journal of alternatives, AWARE (1 Hall Avenue, Manchester M14 5HN), is a platform for new ideas concerned with establishing a safe and peaceful future. A diary of events provides free listing for the activities of alternative groups. The first issue (July 1981, 50p) includes an article on "Cancer Naturally" about the work of the naturopathic practitioner Norman Eddie.

The newly formed CANCER INFORMATION AND SUPPORT SOCIETY plans to produce at least four issues of a newsletter annually on alternative therapies for cancer. Info. from <a href="Don Benjamin">Don Benjamin</a> or <a href="Elizabeth Perey">Elizabeth Perey</a>, New South Wales Humanist Society (10 Shepherd Street, Chippendale, Sydney, NSW, Australia).

An important HEALTH FUTURES PROJECT is being conducted jointly by the Policy Research Institute and the Institute for Alternative Futures. Info. from Clem Bezold (IAF, 1624 Crescent Place NW, Washington DC 20009, USA).

A health planner/trainer is needed to design a self-reliant health programme for rural development in Bangladesh, and to plan training for village health workers. Contact: Lyn Ellington, International Voluntary Services (1717 Massachusetts Ave NW, Suite 605, Washington DC 20036, USA). DIALOGUE is a twice-yearly journal from IVS about field experience in rural development in the Third World.

### IDEAS, PERCEPTIONS AND VALUES

What is it that compels so many of us (especially men) to spend our life's work externally - reporting, studying, debating, organising, managing and regulating other people's lives, or producing goods and services for people we don't know? Why do so few of us give top priority to living our own lives well, in the places where we belong, thereby enhancing the lives of people around us whom we know?

An obsolete metaphysic is at work, in this as in other ways. However, new understandings, perceptions and values are emerging, that will give new direction to our lives. The developmental sciences of energy, life, mind, and other self-organising systems are providing a new perspective, contrasting with the objective, external viewpoint of the mechanistic sciences.

Charles Hampden-Turner, in MAPS OF THE MIND (Mitchell Beazley, 1981, £6.95), describes and explores 60 different concepts of the mind. "The entire book is a plea for the revision of social science, religion and philosophy to stress connectedness, coherence, relationship, organicism and wholeness, as against the fragmenting, reductive, and compartmentalising forces of the prevailing orthodoxies".

Hazel Henderson (PO Box 448, Gainesville, Florida 32602, USA) in an unpublished letter: "If a culture defines its success in material terms, it will indeed be bound by the classical Entropy Law...However, to the extent that a culture defines its success in non-material dimensions, it can continue evolving as an intelligent organism within and responsive to the biosphere. In these cases the models of Prigogine, ... Lovelock, ... Bateson, ... of autopoetic, living systems and morphogenesis are more appropriate". She adds that information theory cannot yet distinguish information quantity from information quality. Information is often disordering and entropic, resulting only in "amplified ignorance".

"It is going to be very difficult for the scientific establishment to abandon the dogmas of materialism and to go forward hand in hand with psychology and religion to explore the dimensions of consciousness. But... the signs are that it will be far more difficult for the theologians and the religious". OMEGA NEWS, May/June 1981. 1Op from Omega Trust (Kent House, Camden Park, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN2 5AN).

"A Canadian Psychiatrist once said that there is only one mental illness: a wrong perception of self. This leads to poor choosing, and poor choosing leads to a fouled up life. It might be further said that societies too have only one problem, poor choosing based on a wrong belief system". Willis Harman (Institute of Noetic Sciences, 600 Stockton Street, San Francisco, CA 94108, USA).

The SCIENTIFIC AND MEDICAL NETWORK (George Blaker, Lake House, Ockley, Nr. Dorking, Surrey RH5 5NS) recently held the first in a possible series of seminars on some of the deeper issues underlying the purpose, path and method of true scientific enterprise.

Henryk Skolimowski (Dartington Hall, Totnes, Devon TQ9 6EJ) tells us that the second Eco-Philosophy conference was held in Dartington in July this year, and the third is planned for 9th-11th July 1982. His book ECO-PHILOSOPHY: DESIGNING NEW TACTICS FOR LIVING has just been published by Marion Boyars. He argues that we cannot successfully challenge or liberate ourselves from the mythology of science until we develop an alternative mythology.

Margaret Chisman (41 Penn Road, London N7 9RE) is collecting examples of rituals and ceremontes (new, refurbished or established) which have relevance and meaning for people's lives today - in connection with family, group, community occasions, life events, work, houses, friendship, calendar and seasonal events, etc., etc.

Denys Thompson (4 Richmond Road, Cambridge CB4 3PU), editor of CHANGE AND TRADITION IN RURAL ENGLAND (Cambridge University Press, £10.50), an anthology of significant writing on English country life from Cobbett to the present day, believes that the lessons and values of our rural past could revitalise industrial society today.

Martin Large (25 Reservoir Rd., Gloucester GL4 9RT) in SOCIAL ECOLOGY: EXPLORING POST-INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY (self-published by Martin Large, March 1981, E4.95) explores a developmental approach for persons, groups, organisations and society. "Whereas objective consciousness gives rise to mechanistic thinking appropriate to understanding the inorganic world, life-consciousness gives rise to holistic thinking appropriate to the understanding of the development of human and social forms in time".

Christopher Schaefer (36 Oakland Park Boulevard, Pleasant Ridge, Michigan 48069, USA), who is now back in the US after 7 years' work in England with Emerson College Centre for Social Development and Social Ecology Associates (Old Plaw Hatch House, Sharpthorne, West Sussex RH19 4JL) is a contributor to Martin Large's book (above).

<u>Ulrich Loenig</u> (Centre for Human Ecology, 15 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh EH8 9LN), together with L'Institut Europeen d'Ecologie (au cloitre des Recollets, Haut-de-Sainte-Croix, Metz, France) has formulated proposals for EUROPEAN WORKSHOPS IN HUMAN ECOLOGY starting in September 1982.

MEGASYNTHESIS by Adam Apple (\$10 from Megasynthesis Ltd., PO Box 343, Subs.11, Univ. of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6G 2EO) 512pp, is described as a literate acid trip, a Hydrogen Bomb for the intellect. Energism replaces materialism; man is a technological vortex in an ocean of energy; a socio-political morphogenesis is foreseen from massive pillar and beam construction to aetherialised arch creation.

"The road to a new social order may be a rocky one, but the beauty of the information society model is that the politics of getting there should and can be consistent with the goal. Disciplined and centralised parties or armies are not the way to move towards decentralised democracy; access to the new information technology also makes them unnecessary for political struggle". Journal of Community Communications, Vol.IV, No.2 (PO Box 996, Berkeley, CA 94701, USA).

For information about the new INTERFAITH ASSOCIATION and Companions of the St. Albans Interfaith Congress, contact Rev. Peter Dewey (All Saints Parish Church, Church Street, Old Isleworth, Middlesex TW7 6BE).

Howard Smith (17 Armoury Rd., West Bergholt, Colchester, Essex CO6 3JN) edits SCIENCE FORUM, published by the Science Group of the Anthroposophical Society (Rudolf Steiner House, 35 Park Road, London NW1 6XT).

Making The Future Possible is an aim of Towards The MILLENIUM, a new conference organisation being set up by <a href="Hugh Berger">Hugh Berger</a> (34 Kensington Park Gardens, London Wll).

Peter Etherden (The Knowledge Company, 4 Brattle Street, Cambridge, Mass. O2138, USA) predicts that knowledge, learning and education will be the foundation of 21st century societies, and that the development of human potential will replace the exploitation of material resources as the growth ethic of modern society.

# PEACE, DISARMAMENT, HUMAN RIGHTS

In 1982 there will be a second Special Session on Disarmament at the UN. Preparations during the rest of 1981 will be vital. The week beginning 24th October 1981 will be observed as DISARMAMENT WEEK worldwide.

Relevant literature includes:

College Road, London NW3 2DS).

"Disarmament - the crucial year" in May 1981 issue of DEVELOPMENT FORUM (free from DESI/DPI, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva, Switzerland).

"Between War and Peace", Jan/Feb/Mar 1981 newsletter from World Goodwill (Suite 54, 3 Whitehall Court, London SWIA 2EF).

"Towards International Security" by Nicholas Gillett in CHRONICLE, May 1981, edited by Margot Moran (Dag Hammarskjold Information Centre on the Study of Violence and Peace, 110 Eton Place, Eton

"Towards the Nuclear Holocaust", 30pp pamphlet by Sir Martin Ryle (75p inc. pap from Menard Press, 23 Fitzwarren Gdns, London N19 3TR).

Don't forget to sign the WORLD DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN petition. (WDC's office at 21 Little RussellSt., London WCl can give you local contacts).

PEACE PAGODA FESTIVAL, Sunday 20th September 1981 at Milton Keynes, jointly organised by Japan Buddha Sangha and Milton Keynes Peace Campaign (Les Pearce, 8 Ashfield, Stantonbury, Milton Keynes MK14 6AU). Morning celebration (9.30am) of first anniversary of Peace Pagoda. Afternoon (2pm) peace rally inc. music, dancing, songs, speeches.

The special role of the EAST-WEST PEACE PEOPLE (1 Hampstead Hill Gdns, London NW3) is to develop people-to-people links between East and West in support of peace, disarmament and human rights. Andrei Sakharov's magnificent Open Letter of 20th October 1980 to the President of the Soviet Academy of Sciences is one of the valuable publications from the WILBERFORCE COUNCIL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (Salisbury Hall, Park Road, Hull HU3 1TD).

THE PEACE TAX CAMPAIGN progresses - to enable conscientious objectors to divert to peaceful purposes the amount of their taxes otherwise going to military spending. Newsletter 3p + postage from Stanley Keeble (Little Nanteague, Allet, Truro, Cornwall).

<u>David Hicks</u> (Centre for Peace Studies, St. Martin's College, Lancaster LA1 3JD) and <u>Simon Fisher</u> (World Studies Project, 12 Fairfield Road, Bedminster, Bristol BS3 1LG) are exploring with teachers in pilot schools the links between school, local community and the wider world, as a basis for a world studies curriculum for pupils in the 8-13 range. The Centre for Peace Studies holds that the definition for peace must include economic welfare, social justice and ecological balance, as well as the absence of violence.

THE DE-LINKING OF PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT by Ivan Illich is one of many valuable papers circulated by <u>Valentina Borremans</u> (Apdo 479, Cuernavaca, Mexico). Illich argues that under the cover of development a worldwide war has been waged against people's peace, that true peace is the condition under which each culture flowers in its own incomparable way, that the monopoly of elite peace - which co-erces all to play the game of homo economicus - must be challenged, and that this is the most fundamental task of peace research today.

Bradford Peace Education Group offer a series of 6 study/action papers called THINKING ABOUT DISARMAMENT as material for individual or group study. Contact Brenda Thomson (37 Heights Lane, Bradford BD9 6JA).

PEACE EDUCATION NEWSLETTER (annual sub. for two issues £1.75 from PEN, 9 Coombe Road, New Malden, Surrey KT3 4QA) is a resource for learners and teachers about justice, humanity and peace. Recent and current issues focus on disarmament and security.

Peace Studies Papers - subjects include HOW EFFECTIVE ARE PEACE MOVEMENTS? - are published by the <u>School of Peace Studies</u> (Bradford University, Bradford BD7 1DP).

The <u>Canadian Peace Research Institute</u> (119 Thomas Street, Oakville, Ontario L6J 3A7, Canada) has called upon the people and government of Canada to take the lead in organising a WORLD PEACE MAKERS ASSOCIATION OF NATIONS.

Anne Strain (129 Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 3DJ) has succeeded Jane Ewart-Biggs as president of the PEACE PEOPLE of England, Scotland and Wales. The Peace People of Northern Ireland have been going through difficult times. But they continue to work for peace as do many of their former members. Newsletter from Anne Colville (Community of the Peace People, 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6GE).

Michael Tobin and Caroline Kuijper (Friends of the Sane Alternatives, Harepark, Boyle, Co. Roscommon, Ireland) continue to publish their BOYLE BULLETIN. Interesting commentary on the Irish way of life from a Reichian point of view. They hope to set up a local branch of Amnesty International.

Caroline Krebs is the director of NETWORK TO EDUCATE FOR WORLD SECURITY recently set up as an independent project by the Institute for World Order (777 UN Plaza, New York, NY 10017, USA).

For information about <u>The Minority Rights Group</u> and its publications write to 36 Craven Street, London WC2N 5NG.

Worldwatch Paper 43 (\$2 from Worldwatch Institute 1776 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington DC 20036, USA) is on REFUGEES: THE NEW INTERNATIONAL POLITICS OF DISPLACEMENT.

Weyns Willy (Wildestraat 14, 9961 Boekhoute, Belgium) is active in the non-violent movement and has recently lived and worked with the people of Guinea-Bissau. His account of non-violent aspects of guerilla warfare there deserves wider circulation.

The CANADIAN INDIAN LOBBY in Britain is still actively campaigning for the new constitution of Canada to recognise the rights of the indigenous peoples. Contact Ron Lameman (Office of the First Nations of Canada, Westminster Palace Gardens, Suite 9, 3rd Floor, Artillery Row, London SWIP 1RL).

In the NATIONAL ABORIGINAL CONFERENCE newsletter (March 1981) Shann Turnbull (Management and Investment Services, PO Box 4359, Sydney, NSW 2001, Australia) writes "Aboriginals can teach white people about self-management. It is the white people who must learn ... For white people to learn more about community self-management, they must stop being boss people of the Aboriginals".

Gandhi said in 1936, "Non-violence is the greatest force at the disposal of mankind. It is mightier than the mightiest weapon of destruction devised by the ingenuity of man". And in 1940, "We are constantly being astonished these days at the amazing discoveries in the field of violence. But I maintain that far more undreamt of and seemingly impossible discoveries will be made in the field of non-violence". Quoted by Robert A. de J. Hart (see p.2) in his paper (for the Fourth World Assembly) on WHAT CAN WE DO? - A GANDHIAN VIEW.

# NETWORKS, COURSES AND CENTRES

OMEGA NEWS May/June 1981 from <u>Sue McManus</u> and <u>Fred von Dreger</u> (c/o UPEI, Charlottetown Prince Edward Island, Canada ClA 4P3) contains a valuable list of networking sources and contacts in various parts of the world, concerned with personal and social transformation in the 1980s.

The quarterly TRANSFORMATION NEWS (suggested donation £2.00 p.a., overseas \$7), comes from 188 Old Street, London EC1.

Bernard Eme and Yves La Plume are members of Collectif MAD (Collectif d'information et d'echanges pour un developpement autre, 5/7 rue Villehardouin, 75003 Paris, France). MAD Gazette comes out six times a year (annual sub. 30F). Good coverage of ecological and alternative developments in France and internationally.

<u>Eleonora Masini</u> is now president and <u>Goran Backstrand</u> is secretary general of the WORLD FUTURE STUDIES FEDERATION. Quarterly newsletter US\$20 from WFSF (PO Box 6710, S-11385 Stockholm, Sweden).

Roland Chaplain (July 1981 newsletter from 15 Kelso Road, Leeds LS2 9PR) appeals for financial support for the FUTURE STUDIES CENTRE there. He raises the possibility of merging the FSC's newsletter and library activities with those of an existing conference centre. Please let him have your support and suggestions.

Sir John Chadwick is now president and Stanley Waugh is secretary general of the FUTURES NETWORK (Holywell Hall, Holywell Green, Halifax, West Yorks HX4 9AE). Congratulations to Mick and Marion Williamson (Deneswood, Wilmerhatch Lane, Epsom, Surrey KT18 7E6) for having seen the infant network successfully through its first few years of life.

<u>Ian Priban</u> (Moot Institute, 90 Portland Road, London Wll 4QL) is concerned with managing change. Two recent writings, with John Lepper, are CHOOSE YOUR FUTURE NOW and TAKING CHARGE OF CHANGE.

Beechwood College (Elmete Lane, Roundhay, Leeds LS8 2LQ) provides an education and resource centre, a venue for group study and a forum for debate on the social transformations now taking place in our communities. Send for a leaflet if you are interested.

David Belsey tells us that the TOTNES SCHOOL OF ENGLISH (15 Warland, Totnes, Devon) is a co-operative, teaching English as a foreign language. This year they introduced a supplementary Arts and Crafts course, and next year hope to offer specialist courses on various hobbies and interests, including local history.

Contact <u>Peter Horsfall</u> (Emerson College, Forest Row, Sussex RH18 5JX) for information about EMERSON COLLEGE - the centre for adult education and research based on the work of Rudolf Steiner. Courses and summer schools cover arts, crafts, education, agriculture, social development.

CENTRE FOR ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH (Rosemerryn, Lamorna, Penzance, Cornwall TR19 6BN) offers weekend workshops, week courses and two-week holidays. Information from Jo May, the director.

Full-time one-year courses in Biological Agriculture and Horticulture, Appropriate Technology for Rural Areas, and Wholefood Cookery and Nutrition. Tuition £400 + Board and Lodging £600. Information from Anthony Wigens, Well Hall Country College, Well, Alford, Lincs LN13 OET.

NEW MILLS, the Study Centre and Rural Alternatives Project in Exmoor, has had to be closed down, and the property has been put on the market. Details from Michael Brown (57 Kings Road, Richmond, Surrey).

# A CHOICE OF FUTURES

Copies of the US edition of <u>James Robertson</u>'s THE SANE ALTERNATIVE: A CHOICE OF FUTURES (same text as UK edition but with foreword by <u>Hazel Henderson</u> and revised list of people and organisations) are now available from him (£1.95 inc. pap in UK) at Spring Cottage, 9 New Road, Ironbridge, Shropshire TF8 7AU, and from River Basin Publishing Co. (\$4.95) at Box 30573, St. Paul, Minnesota 55175, USA. The German edition, "Die lebenswerte Alternative", is published by Fischer Taschenbuch, Frankfurt, Germany; and the Swedish edition "Det sunda alternativet" by Liber Forlag, Stockholm, Sweden.

Mary Brown (Green Street Cottage, Cam Green, Dursley, Glos) found in recent research at Bath University on the values of teenagers that they had basically three views of a desirable future: "easy life", technology and leisure; "rural paradise", anti-pollution; and "welfare", greater equality. She found significant value differences between boys and girls.

Vol.4, No.1, 1981, of Women's Studies International Quarterly (editor: <u>Dale Spender</u>, Institute of Education, University of London, 20 Bedford Way, London WClH OAL) was a special issue on WOMEN IN FUTURES RESEARCH. Regular subscribers to the quarterly also receive a newsletter (WSIQ Forum) about publications, conferences, courses, centres, research, etc., related to women's studies.

WOMEN AND LIFE ON EARTH (contact: <u>Stephanie Leland</u>, 82 Lady Margaret Road, London N19 5ES) is a unifying alliance for feminism and ecology, whose hopes for the future are based on a feminist perspective, a growing understanding and appreciation of racial, sexual and ecological diversity, and an end to militarism. They want to live in decentralised communities based on interdependence, self-reliance and other basic ecological principles. They see connections between the present exploitation and brutalisation of the earth and her people, and the physical, economic and psychological violence that women face every day.

Writing in Design Studies, January 1981 on THE COMING OF POST-INDUSTRIAL DESIGN, Nigel Cross (Faculty of Technology, Open University, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes MK7 6AA) identifies four pointers to a shift towards a new design paradigm: participatory design techniques; argumentative planning; socially responsible design; eco-design, using alternative technologies.

Studies by the New Zealand Commission for the Future (PO Box 5053, Wellington, NZ) show a public preference for a future NZ society which is not a stereotype of other industrialised nations but which has developed its own unique brand of South Pacific lifestyle.

A PLANETARY INITIATIVE FOR THE WORLD WE CHOOSE has been launched by Planetary Citizens (777 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017, USA) in the form of a worldwide programme of local activities and discussions, climaxing in a major planetary congress in 1983. Very many other organisations, groups and networks are now involved. For information about the UK programme contact Linda Muddiman (Nucleus Network, 188 Old Street, London EC1).

The FIRST ASSEMBLY OF THE FOURTH WORLD (Convenor: <u>John Papworth</u>, 24 Abercorn Place, London NW8) will have taken place while this newsletter is at the printers. May it have successful and practical outcomes. Write for the August issue of Fourth World News (25p + postage; annual sub. £4).