

NEWSLETTER TURNING POINT

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Turning Point is an international network of people whose individual concerns range very widely - environment, sex equality, third world, peace and disarmament, community politics, appropriate technology and alternatives in economics, health, education, agriculture, religion, etc. - but who share a common feeling that humankind 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.

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The next newsletter will be in February/March 1987. Please send us items for it by mid-January. Don't be disappointed if we don't put you or your organisation in every issue. This is a newsletter, not a directory.

NEXT TURNING POINT MEETING

Saturday 8th November

From 10am to 6.00pm at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1

NEW PATTERNS OF COMMUNICATION FOR A POST-INDUSTRIAL WORLD

Speakers:

GEORGINA ASHWORTH (International Coalition for Development Action)

"Information and Communication for Development"

DR. CHARLES OPPENHEIM (Institute of Information Scientists)

"Information Technologies: The New Frontier"

PROF. DENIS PYM (London Business School)

"Human Communication"

Details and Tickets (£4 each, unwaged £2) by post from Alison Pritchard (address above).

Two shifts of emphasis are central to our concerns. Examples of them will be found in this newsletter, relating to art, communication, politics, health, etc. The first is a shift away from products towards processes, corresponding to the shift in modern physics in our understanding of matter not as things but as interactive processes. The second is a shift away from dependency and dependency-creation towards autonomy and enabling.

"FUTURE WORK" AND "THE SANE ALTERNATIVE"

The American edition of James Robertson's FUTURE WORK is published by Universe Books, New York, 1985. New Options (PO Box 19324, Washington, DC 20036, USA), 28 April 1986, reviewed "Robertson's crucial achievements" in this "nearly definitive" book. Michael Marien called it "challenging and unconventional" in Future Survey (4916 St. Elmo Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814, USA), February 1986: "Although somewhat out of fashion in the high-tech (HE) America of the 1980s, the SHE alternative will sooner or later be faced."

The British edition of FW is published by Temple Smith/Gower (1985). Good reviews in UK include R.E. Pahl in Times Literary Supplement, 14th March 1986 - "The best book of its kind so far", "packed with ideas". European Centre for Work and Society (PO Box 3073, 6202 NB Maastricht, The Netherlands) newsletter, March 1986, contains an excellent summary/review by Alan Sutton.

Copies by mail from this address, £6.95 inc. p+p within UK, sterling only, cheques payable to James Robertson, please. Also copies of "THE SANE ALTERNATIVE" (rev. edn., 1983), £2.95 (postage as above).

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

Is information and communication technology amplifying our knowledge or amplifying our ignorance? Is it enabling us to be more self-reliant or reinforcing our dependency? Are we becoming partners in the information process or consumers of information products? The TP meeting on 8th November will discuss questions like these and how to do something about them.

Sarah Hobson (10 Stamford Road, London N1 4JS) describes in EMPOWERING THE VILLAGE THROUGH VIDEO in Afkar Inquiry, July 1986 (55 Banner Street, London EC1Y 8PX) how groups from Third World countries are being helped to use video in grass roots development. Further details from Village Video Network, Martha Stuart Communications (147 W 22 Street, New York, NY 10011, USA).

Development Dialogue 1985:1 (Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation, Övre Slottsgatan 2, S-75220 Uppsala, Sweden) reports a project on METHODS AND MEDIA IN COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION led by Andreas Fuglesang, from which an International Community Organising Network was set up.

THE FAMILY AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES by Marjorie Ferguson is one of the articles in the series on "Making New Connections" on the information technology revolution in ESRC Newsletter 55, June 1985 (Economic and Social Research Council, 1 Temple Avenue, London EC4Y 0BD).

Cable in the Community has been set up to reflect the interests of local communities as cable television (and local radio and community radio) develop. See CABLE TELEVISION: OPTIONS FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS in Involve, Summer 1986 (Journal of the Volunteer Centre, 29 Lower Kings Road, Berkhamsted, Herts HP4 2AB).

"Whether we are learning more about our own bodies, keeping healthy, coping with illness or disability, or participating in the social and political decisions surrounding our health, access to information is the vital first step". In its CONSUMERS GUIDE TO HEALTH INFORMATION, the College of Health (18 Victoria Park Sq., London E2) stresses that patients have a right to be treated as adults and that better informed patients make more cost-effective use of health services.

Barry Cooper (Upper Butts, Orcop, Herefordshire HR2 8SF), a professional transport consultant, electronically publishes TACIN (Town and Country Information Network), an IRG - see next item. His recent articles include "Electronic Cottage Economy", "Transport and the Inner Cities", and "Networking for Small Firms".

An IRG is an Information Routeing Group, as described in THE IRG SOLUTION: HIERARCHICAL INCOMPETENCE AND HOW TO OVERCOME IT (Souvenir Press 1984) by David Andrews (92 High Street, Bathford, Bath BA1 7TH) - an excellent introduction to the potential scope of the new information technologies in decentralised communication processes.

Oleh Liber (95 Shakespeare Road, London SE24 OPX) runs LiberTel, a small, Prestel-type, dial-in database containing items about organisations and networks such as Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth and Turning Point. Free electronic publications like LiberTel can, he says, enable schools and other users to access resource materials provided by the alternative, decentralist, green, etc., movements.

The PENPAL LIST (1 Burnwood Drive, Wollaton, Nottingham NG8 2DJ) provides monthly lists of people in many countries wanting penfriends. £1 or \$2 per issue. Listing (up to 40 words) £1.50 or \$3. It seeks more people from Eastern Europe and the Third World.

NETWORKING JOURNAL, Summer 1986 (Jessica Lipnack and Jeffrey Stamps, Networking Institute, 296 Newton St, Suite 350, Waltham, MA 02154, USA) includes articles about the business culture of networking in the post-industrial corporation and about intentional and social networks. (The journal is produced by electronic networking.)

Three active international networks are: TRANET (Bill Ellis, Box 567, Rangeley, ME 04970, USA), the Transnational Network for Appropriate/Alternative Technologies; ELISE (Rainer Schluter, 38 Rue Vilain XIIII, 1050 Brussels, Belgium), the European Network for the Exchange of Information on Local Employment Initiatives; IOC/MAB/INS (Erik van Abbeele, Lazarijstraat 6, 3500 Hasselt, Belgium), an International Network on Self-Reliance.

"Are you involved in extending people's rights, access to information, and control over their lives? Do you believe that social investigation should lead to citizens' knowledge rather than professionals' property?" VOICES I, July 1986, is the first bulletin from Participatory Research Exchange (1 Fontaine Close, Great Linford, Milton Keynes MK14 5HJ).

Peter Cadogan (3 Hinchinbrook House, Greville Road, London NW6) writes on A NEW INTELLIGENTSIA? in the May 1986 Fourth World Review.

In "Telecommunicational Computer-Graphic Participatory Image-Making" Gregory Wright (4211 Glen Albyn Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90065, USA) proposes an ARTNET: electronic imagery, participatively handmade, as an art form of the next century. In another paper, he proposes a universal creative ideas classification system and database.

THE ARTS, CULTURE AND RELIGION

With John Lane (Dartington Hall Trust, Totnes, Devon TQ9 6JE), we are planning the Dartington annual conference in April 1988 - working title THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF THE ARTS: Cultural (and Economic and Social) Change in the Post-Industrial Transition. Arts as products or process? for spectators or participants? dependency-creating or enabling? on the sidelines (like church on Sundays) or an integral part of our daily lives? wealth-consuming or wealth-creating? in select centres of excellence or open to all?

We have to reshape our "whole culture which has progressively disengaged doing and having from being", in an Operational Alliance of Religion, Science, Communication and Economy. The primacy of culture as activity which forms the human person is stressed in the NOVA SPES Letter (Nova Spes, via di Villa Emiliani 10, 00197 Rome, Italy) for July-December 1985.

"If outer space can no longer be sealed off from inner space so that Cartesian dualism has to be abandoned, future progress depends on penetration to the depths within ourselves... Only so will we release within ourselves that movement of cosmic love which seeks to unify, sanctify, heal and restore our planet and its consciousness". Claude Curling in the TEILHARD REVIEW, Spring 1986 (Teilhard Centre, 23 Kensington Square, London W8 5HN).

"The problems arising from the dualism are at every depth, for the split goes right through man's being, preventing him from seeing himself in his wholeness, frustrating his attempts to act with integrity and undermining his natural healing processes". From John Newson's HEALING REALITY: The Introduction to a Project (£1.50 from Healing Reality Trust, 124 Queens Rd, Buckhurst Hill, Essex IG9 5BJ).

The need to develop an Asian theology of liberation focused on both societal change and personal self-realisation is discussed by George M. Soares in the March/April 1986 IDOC Internazionale (via S. Maria dell'Anima 30, 00186 Rome, Italy). The Latin-American theology of liberation, focused almost exclusively on societal change, will not satisfy Asian aspirations, though it is more in tune with the Asian approach to theology than the abstract theology of the West. IDOC is "an instrument of communication for non-dependent development".

Lisa Holditch (23 Camperdown House, Alma Road, Windsor SL4 3HQ) seeks grassroots responses to her survey sheet on pilgrimages, fasting, vigils and other religious modes which people have used to articulate the spiritual dimensions of the peace movement.

"Christians in UPAs (urban priority areas) are seeking community... Their theologies reflect different visions of community, different ways to it, but all are best analysed as theologies of community, not as though some are community theologies and others individualist". In THE MODERN CHURCHMAN, VOL. XXVIII, No. 3, 1986 (£1.50 post-free from Rev. F.E. Compton, The School House, Leysters, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 0HB), Haddon Willmer criticises the theological weaknesses of the Church of England's Report "Faith in the City".

"The crisis about unemployment is also a crisis about God. The demands, dilemmas and despair with which the era of unemployment is facing us are exposing serious structural weaknesses in our theology..." From Michael Keen's (39 Tennyson Ave, Mexborough, S.Yorks) 1986 report as Sheffield Diocese's Unemployment Officer.

LEARNING, INCLUDING EDUCATION

EDUCATION ON A HUMAN SCALE (Philip Toogood, Chapel Cottage, Hartland, North Devon) is a national movement for education as if people matter, sponsored by the Schumacher Society. Aims include: manage large schools as federations of small learning units; retain small schools threatened by cuts; and set up new small community schools. National conference planned for April 1987.

Enterprise need not mean money-grubbing, even in Thatcher's Britain and Reagan's America. Social and lifestyle entrepreneurs are no less usefully enterprising than commercial entrepreneurs. The **EDUCATION FOR ENTERPRISE NETWORK** discussed "Enterprise - A Learning Culture?" at its 1986 conference. Report £3 from Careers Research and Advisory Centre (CRAC, Bateman Street, Cambridge CB2 1LZ). Paul Moran, coordinator of the network, is now at the Small Business Centre, Durham Univ. Business School (Mill Hill Lane, Durham DH1 3LB).

Judith Brennan is the **LANCASHIRE DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION GROUP** (Avenham Building, Avenham Lane, Preston PR1 3SS) project worker on Cooperatives, Alternative Trading and Employment.

Peace should be seen not "as a tranquil state of mind or some vague, distant impossibility but rather as the active, continuing process of developing a peaceful world community..". The 4-page pull-out in **DEVELOPMENT FORUM** (DESI/DPI, United Nations, Rm.DC1-559, New York, NY 10017, USA) May 1986, is on Peace Education. So is **WORLD GOODWILL Newsletter 1986, No.3** (World Goodwill, 3 Whitehall Court, Suite 54, London SW1A 2EF) which defines peace as "goodwill in action".

Paul Jeffcutt (Faculty of Educational Studies, Southampton University, Building 26, Rm.37, Southampton SO9 5NH) works with a group of 16 staff members on questions concerning the relationships between education, social change and post-industrial society.

The **ALEXANDRIA FOUNDATION SCHOOL** (High Burton, Masham, Ripon, N.Yorks) aims "to increase understanding in the pupil of the learning process as of higher priority than any given subject to be learnt". Excellent 16-page leaflet from J.A.W. Wilkinson, Headmaster.

Charles Cockburn, tutor in Built Environment in Third World Countries, the Institute of Advanced Architectural Studies (York Univ., Kings Manor, York YO1 2EP), is starting courses on **COMMUNITY BUILDING** for UK architects, social workers, housing managers, etc.

The **Institute for Social Ecology** (PO Box 384, Rochester, VT 05767, USA) offers degree and shorter courses in Social Ecology and Sustainable Community Design; publishes a good newsletter; and is building a new ecologically designed centre for its activities.

Rayne Harvey (Housing for Hypersensitives, 5 Kilham, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough PE2 OSU) commends the International Inst. for Building-Biology and Ecology (PO Box 82, East Grinstead, W.Sussex RH19 3YB).

Helen Fortenseigne (72 Poulton Ave, Sutton, Surrey SM1 3PY) says that the **UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE** (16 Parkside Gdns, London SW19 5EY) provides enjoyable learning for the over 50s.

Costa del Sol **ALTERNATIVE MEETING CENTRE**. Details from Meetings Manager, Casonada, Rocio de Nagueles, Marbella, Malaga, Spain or from Vanya Walker-Leigh, (Sarnia House, St. Sampson, Guernsey).

FOOD, FARMING AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

"Where genes are concerned, the indigene is still the best". Claude Alvarez, in **THE GREEN REVOLUTION: AN OBITUARY**, in the March 1986 Afkar Inquiry (see p.2), describes the GR's disastrous consequences.

'Social forestry' has disadvantaged the rural poor who, in Karnataka in India, are uprooting eucalyptus seedlings and replacing them with indigenous species such as tamarind and mango: WFA Bulletin 1986 No.1 (from World Food Assembly, 15 Devonshire Terrace, London W2 3DW).

Articles on "Some Obstacles to Tree Growing and how to overcome them" by James Sholto Douglas and on the "Highwood Agroforestry Research Project" by Robert A. de J. Hart (Highwood Hill, Rushbury, Shropshire) are in the Spring 1986 **GREEN DESERTS** (£1 from Green Deserts, Rougham, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk IP30 9LY).

The December 1985 **Ecodevelopment News** (54 Bd. Raspail, 75270 Paris, France) on **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT** includes an article on "Agroforestry Quebec: The Other Development".

Resurgence May/June '86 special issue is on **LAND, FOOD AND FARMING** (£1.50 from Worthyvale Manor Farm, Camelford, Cornwall PL32 9TT).

As farmers diversify to compensate for falling food subsidies, the London Countryside Bureau (23 Cardross Street, London W6 ODP) has produced - July 1986 - an interesting and useful set (£2.50 inc. p&p) of guides on City Farms, Country Events, Open Farms, Farm Produce, Rural Life Museums, and Vineyards, all within easy reach of London.

Dorothy Peart (183 Mary Street, Birmingham B12) suggests **TWINNING NETWORKS** between small urban neighbourhood groups and farmers in their adjoining countryside. The aims would be both social (giving multi-racial communities access to the countryside) and practical (providing seasonal farm labour on a barter basis, and urban consumers for farm produce). Interested farmers please contact her.

Working Weekends on Organic Farms (WWOOF, 19 Bradford Road, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 1RB) have produced a **DIRECTORY OF ORGANISATIONS AND TRAINING IN THE UK ORGANIC MOVEMENT 1986** (£1 inc. p&p from WWOOF Mail Order, c/o S. Blethyn, 10 Penn Lea Road, Bath BA1 3RA).

Community Transport is discussed in the January 1986 **RURAL VIEWPOINT** (bi-monthly, £4.75 pa from NCVO, 26 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3HU).

R.L. Whiteley (Railway Hardware Design, White Cottage, Marshall's Close, Penwortham, Preston, Lancs PR1 9JU) has developed proposals for economically viable out-of-hours services on under-used rural railway lines, using 12-seater railcars and volunteer crews.

In **DEVELOPMENT FORUM** June 1986 (see p.5) Walter Shearer argues for developing integrated renewable energy systems in rural areas.

A bee farmer was recently refused planning permission to make and sell beehives, this being "industrial rather than agricultural" activity! Reported in **HOME FARM**, June 1986, the excellent journal of The Smallfarmers Association (UK sub. £7.50 pa inc. p&p from Broad Leys Publishing Co., Widdington, Saffron Waldon, Essex CB11 3SP).

Potential settlers, especially self-employed, contact Jim Grove (214 Whitchurch Rd, Cardiff) about **NEW VILLAGE PROJECT** in West Glamorgan.

DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

"People cannot be developed; they develop themselves through their active involvement in the development of the world in which they live, and in the nurturing of the natural resources by which they live": Julius Nyerere. "The alternate development model we are seeking should be firmly based on sustainability, self-reliance and community participation": R. Premadasa (Prime Minister, Sri Lanka). From the September 1985 issue of the CHEC Journal (Commonwealth Human Ecology Council, 63 Cromwell Road, London SW7 5BL), price £5.

Good items in the Summer 1986 issue of EARTHLIFE NEWS (£1; editor: John Elkington, Earthlife Foundation, 10 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PH) include an Industry Year section illustrating how business is beginning to tackle the environmental agenda.

Robert Chambers' paper, SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD THINKING: AN APPROACH TO POVERTY, ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (Institute of Development Studies, Sussex Univ., Brighton, E.Sussex) argues that "sustainable development can never be achieved unless the poor are put first... Livelihood security for the poor is critical for the environment".

The May visit to Japan by James Robertson and Paul Ekins will be covered in the Report and Summary of The Other Economic Summit 1986 (£1.20 inc. UK p&p from TOES, 27 Thames House, South Bank Business Centre, 140 Battersea Park Road, London SW11 4NB - NB new address). Among many people, they met Prof. Jun U1 (Univ. of Okinawa, 747 Kokuba, Naha, Japan), Asian Environmental Society President, whose recent papers include "Lessons For Developing Countries From the History of Japanese Pollution" and "An Analysis of Recent Japanese Anti-Pollution Movements and Other Grassroots Organisations".

A special 18-page feature on THE OTHER JAPAN is in the Spring 1986 issue of RAIN (1135 S.E. Salmon, Portland, OR 97214, USA - \$4).

Reporting on the UK Government's long-awaited response to the World Conservation Strategy, the March-May 1986 Bulletin from CEED (Judy Abel, UK Centre for Economic and Environmental Development, 10 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PH) suggests that a sustainable development philosophy may be starting to influence UK policy-making.

Hannah Pearce (18 Victoria Road, London N22 4XB) has sent us the INTERNATIONAL DAMS Newsletter (Fort Mason Center, Building C, San Francisco, CA 94123, USA) to help citizens' organisations to change policies on large dam construction worldwide. An NGO conference - Washington, 28-30 September - will protest against World Bank projects in tropical rain forests and the funding of dams.

Amanda Root's keynote article on Radical Lifestyles in the June 1986 NEW INTERNATIONALIST (£11.50 pa from 120-126 Lavender Ave, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 3HP) discusses the links between Western lifestyles and the Third World.

Sebastian Devasia (Winterswijker Strasse 16, 4290 Bocholt, West Germany) has launched THE OTHER SDI - The Strategic Development Initiative. An interesting new research paradigm is one aspect.

Peter Elderfield (BUILDING AND SOCIAL HOUSING FOUNDATION, Memorial Square, Coalville, Leics LE6 4EU) has details of 1986 and 1987 £10,000 awards for human settlement projects that offer sustainable futures. Preliminary submissions by 30 Sept. 1986.

HEALTH

Our current project for the World Health Organisation (WHO) on CREATING MOMENTUM FOR HEALTHIER PUBLIC POLICIES is an "exercise in network-building around the concept of healthier societies". Among the issues raised are: how to make the healthier choice the easier choice, in policy-making as well as in lifestyle decisions; the dynamics of social change; social investment in health; links between local economic development and community health and welfare; sustainable cities for the 21st century; healthy work and healthy leisure; healthier adolescence; schools as a community resource for health; information and communication for health; links between environment and health; and links between autonomy and health.

"Public health needs to move into positive and active advocacy for health. It needs to enable individuals and communities to develop their health potential". "The notion of health is moving towards an ecological understanding of the interaction between individuals and their social and physical environments". From the editorials by Halfdan Mahler (Director-General, WHO) and Ilona Kickbusch (WHO-Europe), introducing the new international journal HEALTH PROMOTION (personal UK sub. £20 - or ask for sample copy - from Oxford University Press, Walton Street, Oxford OX2 6DP).

"What we need from our health economists is an analysis of the health implications of economic policy, not another study of the economics of the sick-care system!". HEALTHY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Toward A Health-Promoting Economic System, by Ronald Labonte and Trevor Hancock (629 Manning Ave., Toronto, Canada M6G 2W2), 1986, is an excellent 28-page paper (\$6.50 +\$2.00 p+p from Caduceus Communications, Box 629 Station B, Ottawa, Canada K1P 5P7).

POSITIVE HEALTH is an 8-page "update on health promotion in action" from the Institute for Health Promotion (University of Wales, College of Medicine, 24 Park Place, Cardiff CF1 3BA).

Dr. John Ashton (Department of Community Health, Liverpool University Medical School, Ashton Street, Liverpool L69 3BX) is coordinating the HEALTHY CITIES project for WHO: "How can those who are born, grow, work, play, love, live and die in our cities have the opportunity of 'being' in an environment that enhances all life's possibilities?"

Development Dialogue, 1985:2 (Dag Hammarskjold Foundation - see p.2), on Another Development in Pharmaceuticals, includes Mira Shiva on TOWARDS A HEALTHY USE OF PHARMACEUTICALS: AN INDIAN PERSPECTIVE. "The refusal by a large number of aware and conscious citizens to swallow anything and everything in the name of health, development and progress is just the beginning of an important process - a process that is directed towards Another Development in Health".

The June 1986 issue of Michael Marien's invaluable FUTURE SURVEY (see p.2) includes references to teenage suicide, teenage obesity, the declining wellbeing of American adolescents, the postponed generation ("young Americans feel increasingly goalless and anxious, living knee-deep in adolescent culture because they have no desire to be anything else"), and the new problems of becoming an adult ("instead of a smooth transition, there is now an interval between the end of adolescence and the beginning of adulthood, resulting in new lifestyles for young people").

"The general objective of preventive medicine and preventive health care should be ultimately to emancipate people as much as feasible from the medicine system and from dependence on the medical profession and the drug industry. The healthy person is autonomous". ISSUES IN PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE is a recent discussion paper by Ray Jackson - copies from The Science Council of Canada (100 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa, Canada K1P 5M1).

"The burgeoning disabled population, when added to the economic and humanitarian evidence, constitute a strong case for community care, but to date no coherent policy framework has emerged to turn the ideal into reality. ... The community care thesis has not only to undermine the institution but also address the economic, social and political context within which alternative strategies must flourish". Anne Borsay discusses ARGUMENTS FOR COMMUNITY CARE in the Spring 1986 issue of Progress (£1 from Disablement Income Group, Attlee House, 28 Commercial Street, London E1 6LR).

Handicaps result from the interaction of disabled people with a world designed and organised for the able-bodied, and with the expectations of normality imposed by convention. Edis Bevan is initiating action research at the DISABLED PERSONS INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CENTRE, being set up by the Open University (Faculty of Social Sciences, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes MK7 6AA).

UNEMPLOYMENT AND HEALTH: WHAT ROLE FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES? is a 119-page report (January 1986) by Jennie Popay and colleagues. Copies from the Health Education Council (78 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1AH). Alex Scott-Samuel (5 Lyndon Drive, Liverpool L18 6HP) is convener of the UNEMPLOYMENT AND HEALTH STUDY GROUP.

The Spring 1986 issue of RADICAL COMMUNITY MEDICINE (£2 from John Gabbay, 14 Spring Crescent, Portswood, Southampton SO2 1GA) is about water quality and the technical, political, financial and public health dimensions of the water industry.

VOLUNTARY WORK AS THERAPY is a report (£1 inc. p&p) from Edinburgh Volunteer Exchange (EVE, 40 Dalry Road, Edinburgh EH11 2BA). The April 1986 Involvement from The Volunteer Centre - see p.2 - contains a 2-page summary.

Write to Peter Mansfield (Templegarth Trust, 82 Tinkle Street, Grimoldby, Louth, Lincs LN11 8TF) for details of the EAST LINDSEY HEALTH CULTIVATION PROJECT.

The HYPERACTIVE CHILDRENS SUPPORT GROUP is surveying the nutritional value of school lunches. Interested parents should write to Mrs. I.D. Colquhoun (Mayfield, Yapton Road, Barnham, Bognor Regis, W.Sussex PO22 0BJ) for a questionnaire. Philip Toogood (see p.5) tells us that pupils at THE SMALL SCHOOL at Hartland, North Devon, prepare and cook school lunches - vegetables from local organic smallholdings or the school gardens - as part of their curriculum, and that a SMALL SCHOOL COOKBOOK is being produced.

Practitioners of complementary medicine are sometimes criticised for the attitude: "I know it works, so why should I bother with research?". As the Research Council for Complementary Medicine (Harold Wicks, RCCM, Suite 1, 19a Cavendish Square, London W1M 9AD) points out, the British Medical Association's Report on Alternative Medicine earlier this year falls into the same trap in reverse: "We know it cannot work, so why should we bother with research?".

POLITICS

If enterprise need not mean money-grubbing (see p.5), politics need not mean vote-grubbing.

"Political activity as ordinarily practised is intrinsically defensive of the power, privileges and property or rights of an existing group or social class in a given society... A primary and ultimately most important dimension for Greens is the positive, creative, ongoing activities of social action and networking, in which new values and new social structures evolve to replace the old... Instead of Green politics, we can speak of Green processes". SYNTHESIS (PO Box 1858, San Pedro, CA 90733, USA), April 1986.

Geoffrey Ostergaard: NONVIOLENT REVOLUTION IN INDIA: Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi 1985 (£10 inc. p&p from Dr. G.N. Ostergaard, POLSIS, Birmingham University, Birmingham B15 2TT). You may not want the whole blow-by-blow story of the Sarvodaya approach to social transformation with Vinoba Bhawe and Jayaprakash Narayan. But read the Introduction and Conclusion for insights into the dangers both of involvement in, and of detachment from, conventional politics.

"The vision that informs the grassroots model of mass politics (as against the parliamentary or presidential or party model of mass politics) is one in which the people are more important than the state. This is crucial." From Rajni Kothari's speech accepting the 1986 RIGHT LIVELIHOOD AWARD on behalf of LOKAYAN (Exchange Building, 13 Alipur Road, Delhi 110 054, India), reported in IFDA Dossier 52 for March/April 1986 (International Foundation for Development Alternatives, 4 Place du Marche, 1260 Nyon, Switzerland).

GREEN DREAMS AND RED REALITIES by Frankie Ashton (Discussion Paper 2, £2 from NATTA, c/o Alternative Technology Group, Faculty of Technology, Open University, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes, Bucks) explores the divergences and scope for cooperation between Reds and Greens. (Incidentally, why not "Red Dreams and Green Realities"?)

Getting Red and Green Together was also the subject of an article by **Ted Taylor** in GREENLINE No.40 (45p, from 34 Cowley Road, Oxford). Also a good piece by **Tony Cartwright** on Greening the Inner City.

LOCAL GREEN SOCIALISM: Action Plan for '86-'90 (Socialist Environment and Resources Association (SERA), 9 Poland St, London W1), price 25p.

The Winter 1985/8 issue of THE REGIONALIST (50p + 12p postage from D.M. Robyns, Flat 3, Asquith Court, Eaton Crescent, Swansea SA1 4QN) includes an editorial and an excellent special supplement on Wales.

All concerned with changing the fundamental ideas that determine the parameters of politics will benefit from the realism of the TACTICAL NOTES recently reissued by the Libertarian Alliance (c/o Alternative Bookshop, 3 Langley Court, Covent Garden, London WC2E 9JY).

Trusteeship as the Gandhian Instrument for Socialist Change by V.K.R.V. Rao is one of many articles on Trusteeship in the Nov/Dec 1985 issue of GANDHI MARG (\$5 from Gandhi Peace Foundation, 221-223 Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Marg, New Delhi 110 002, India)

Details of BRECON MANDATE, a survey of voters' views on 253 policy proposals offered by candidates in the 1985 Brecon bye-election, from **Farel Bradbury** (Hydatum, PO Box 4, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire HR9).

CITIES

"The industrial city has become an anachronism. Two or three decades ago urbanists sought to save it by redeveloping central business districts, creating model cities to transform poor neighborhoods, or energising citizens to participate in planning. Few would propose such schemes today... Industrial cities must accept a less exalted place in American life and policies must adapt to this new urban reality". Michael Marien, in Future Survey, Jan.86 (see p.2), reviewing THE NEW URBAN REALITY, Paul E. Peterson (ed.).

In SOCIAL INNOVATIONS IN THE URBAN SETTING in IFDA Dossier May/June 1986 (see p.10) Ignacy Sachs (Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, 54 bd Raspail, 75270 Paris, France) identifies five main fields for innovation: economic, based on analyses of monetary flows and cultural patterns of time allocation; resource usage, based on ecological analyses; appropriate technology; new forms of partnership for development between the civil society, the market and the state; and new public policy instruments. Three criteria should be met: greater social equity; economic efficiency; and ecological sustainability. He sees cities as social laboratories of tomorrow.

The 'Pioneer City' concept of assisted self-help in decaying inner cities is a radical proposal for "a move towards a more self-sufficient neighbourhood economy, making full use of the reservoir of skills and material resources which already exist within the community". One of the 53 specific recommendations in WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY? RECLAIMING THE INNER CITIES (£3.95 from Town & Country Planning Association, 17 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AS) is that inner city local authorities should consider setting up demonstration projects on the lines of this 'Pioneer City' scenario.

In UTOPIA ON TRIAL: VISION AND REALITY IN PLANNED HOUSING: Hilary Shipman: London 1985, Alice Coleman showed that many forms of social breakdown are correlated with specific design features in blocks of flats. The architectural ideology of throwing people together in shared buildings to create instant communities does not work. People need separate space to function as separate individuals and households, as a base from which they can form communities voluntarily and not mechanistically.

The Limehouse Development Group (10 Garford House, St. Vincent Estate, London E14 8AL) has produced an informative and attractive publication (£5), THE LIMEHOUSE PETITION: FOR A FUTURE INNER CITY, to launch their Petition against the development proposed for Limehouse Basin in London's Docklands by the British Waterways Board. Send sae for a copy of the Petition, if you want to help collect signatures.

"If Community Work is to be a living reality with power to change life, enthusiasm for change in the lives of ordinary Inner City people must be matched by enthusiasm for change in the professional politicians, specialised economists, educationalists and bureaucrats who at present rule and govern our institutions". Austin Smith is one of three commentators on the Church of England's Report, FAITH IN THE CITY, in The Modern Churchman (see p.4), vol.XXVIII, No.2.

"How can residents of today's industrial cities develop and retain a sense of social identity and belonging?" COMMON FUTURES, published quarterly by the Future Studies Centre (Birmingham Settlement, 318 Summer Lane, Birmingham B19 3RL), Summer 1986 issue, focusses on community development and economic development in Inner Cities.

ECONOMIC ALTERNATIVES

TOES (see p.7) is now firmly established as a leading international forum for a sane, humane, ecological economics. THE LIVING ECONOMY: A NEW ECONOMICS IN THE MAKING (ed. Paul Ekins): Routledge & Kegan Paul, pbk. £8.95, based on TOES' first two years, comes out shortly. A charitable trust, the NEW ECONOMICS FOUNDATION, has been set up.

The SPEISER ESSAY COMPETITION 1986 (details from Wider Share Ownership Council, Juxon House, 94 St. Paul's Churchyard, London EC4M 8EH and from Council on International and Public Affairs, 777 UN Plaza, New York, NY 10017, USA) requires a plan in up to 5000 words (closing date 31st Dec. 1986) "for spreading ownership of Britain's (or USA's) productive assets broadly among the people...". Handbook by Stuart M. Speiser (£2 or \$3.95) from the addresses above.

The 1986 edition of TRANSACTION BASED ECONOMICS: SMALL BUSINESS LESSONS FOR ECONOMIC THEORY by Michael Phillips costs \$7 from Clearglass Publishing (Box 257, Bodega, CA 94922, USA). THE SMALL SIMPLE APPROACH is an introduction and local directory to 44 small businesses and projects in the San Francisco Bay area, by Michael Phillips and Roger Pritchard (1514 McGee, Berkeley, CA 94703, USA).

COMMUNITY OPTIONS (quarterly newsletter from Community Initiatives Support Network, 5551 Atlantic St, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada B3H 1G6) is on community economic development, self-help and mutual aid.

Anders Wadeskog (Regeringsgatan 70C, 111 39 Stockholm, Sweden) has been developing a "portfolio approach" and a "4th sector approach" to LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES.

Peter B. Mayer (Dept. of Community Studies, College of Human Development, State College, PA 16802, USA) argues in a recent paper on THE LIMITS TO LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT that local capital generation and retention through new local investment institutions must be part of a strategy for increasing local economic autonomy.

James Robertson's 1985 Scott Bader Common Ownership Lecture on WORK, MONEY AND THE NEW ECONOMICS is available from Scott Bader Ltd (Wollaston, Wellingborough, Northants NN9 7RL); and his Lloyds Bank Review article, July 1986, HOW THE CITIES CAN FINANCE NEW ENTERPRISE, from Lloyds Bank Review (71 Lombard Street, London EC3P 3BS).

The Foresight Institute (Gustaf Delin, 7808 River Falls Drive, Potomac, MD 20854, USA) is exploring the frontiers of organisational theory and practice. The June 1986 issue of The Foresight Journal is on INTRAPRENEURSHIP. The Feb. 1986 issue on GRIEFWORK IN ORGANISATIONS is about organisations - like other living organisms - coping with the experience of death, as well as of birth and growth.

A recent study by Ralph E. Clark III (519 East Georgia Ave, Gunnison, Co 81230, USA) is on THE DESIGN OF NEW COMMUNITIES TO FACILITATE THEIR TERMINATION - planning in advance to meet the "decommissioning costs" of communities that may have to close or contract when their industries become obsolete.

"Nearly four decades and four hundred power plants into the nuclear age, the question of how to dispose of nuclear reactors and their wastes is still largely unanswered". Worldwatch Paper 69 (\$4 from Worldwatch Institute, 1776 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington DC 20036) is on DECOMMISSIONING: NUCLEAR POWER'S MISSING LINK.

The Earthbank Society (PO Box N27, Petersham North, NSW 2049, Australia) aims to set up a people-oriented ethical financial system for Australia. It has published **THE ETHICAL INVESTMENT GUIDE**. **The Social Investment Forum** (711 Atlantic Ave, Boston, MA 02111, USA) has published a Guide to the services offered by its members.

The 8th May 1986 Bulletin from **THE FINANCIAL INITIATIVE LTD.** (Giles Chitty, Eversley House, 1 Elm Grove Road, Salisbury SP1 1JW) usefully summarises recent developments in social/ecological investment in Britain, together with the services offered by FIL.

CORPORATE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: RECOMMENDED PRIORITIES FOR INSURANCE COMPANIES, from the **Center for Corporate Public Involvement** (1850 K Street NW, Washington DC 20006, USA), is a handbook to help insurance companies to respond to community needs in respect of Education, the Elderly, the Hard-to-Employ, Health and Wellness, Housing, and Hunger and the Homeless. In 1984 America's life and health insurance companies provided \$1.4 billion for social investments.

"We need greater willingness on the part of business to take action on social issues". **Business in the Community** (227a City Road, London EC1V 1LX) has recently launched two new publications: a quarterly journal, **BUSINESS IN THE COMMUNITY**; and the bi-monthly **BIC/POST**, in place of the former Newsletter.

"We are unlikely to get very far in making radical changes in the health and health care of the community if we ignore the macro-economics of health in favour of the micro-economics of medical care". The Winter 1985/6 issue of **Radical Community Medicine** (£2 - see p.9) is on **THE VALUE OF HEALTH ECONOMICS**.

Write to **Jock Fletcher** (Business Studies, Orange Agricultural College, PO Box 883, Orange, NSW 2800, Australia) for his recent paper on **NEW ECONOMICS: IS THIS ONE WAY TOWARD ECONOMIC LIBERALISATION FOR THE RURAL SECTOR?** - an application of 'the other economic' principles to the Australian context.

A locally replicable **MUSEUM OF SIMPLE TECHNOLOGY** is proposed by **Yona Friedman** (Communication Centre of Scientific Knowledge for Self-Reliance, 33 Bd. Garibaldi, 75015, Paris, France) to interest poor urban and rural people in better ways of food growing, water collection, health care, enterprise, etc.

IT or AT? In **TECHNOLOGY AND THE FUTURE** (Technology Policy Group Occasional Paper 8 - £2 from TPG, Faculty of Technology, Open University - see p.10) **Dave Elliott** speculates interestingly on the roles of information technology and alternative technologies in the 5th and 6th Kondratieff long-wave economic cycles.

NATTA (see p.10) Newsletter for May/June 1986 is on **RENEWABLE ENERGY IN THE UK**, and for July/August 1986 on **ALTERNATIVES TO CHERNOBYL**.

"More attention to the special energy needs of villagers, and the development of decentralised power technologies can together contribute significantly to the viability and effectiveness of Third World power systems". **Worldwatch Paper 70** (\$4 - see p.12) is on **ELECTRICITY FOR A DEVELOPING WORLD: NEW DIRECTIONS**.

David Olivier (15B Bradwell Road, Bradville, Milton Keynes MK13 7AX) has done a study on **ENERGY EFFICIENCY & RENEWABLES: RECENT NORTH AMERICAN EXPERIENCE**. Write to him for details.

ALTERNATIVES TO ECONOMICS

"Several states are following the lead of Florida and Missouri in introducing the service credit system, which allows senior citizens to earn credit for volunteering to help their neighbours, so that they accumulate similar entitlements to such services themselves. This kind of limited-purpose 'local currency' may be the best way to foster local creativity and meet human needs without new taxes and more bureaucracy...". From THE IMPERATIVE ALTERNATIVE by Hazel Henderson in Afkar Inquiry (see p.2), June 1986.

"All along, women thought it was a matter of time, attention and love. What a relief it must be for men to discover that caring for children - pardon me, 'Childcare' - can be just another product to be professionally packaged, marketed and sold. Already a good-sized complex of Childcare-related business is forming around the day-care centers". From a letter to Joan Gussow (121 New York Ave, Congers, NY 10920, USA), published in the March 1986 HUMAN ECONOMY NEWSLETTER (Box 14, Economics Department, Mankato State University, Mankato, MN 56001, USA), which extends to the childcare sphere Prof. Gussow's analysis of the formalisation and economic takeover by men of women's traditional work in the food sphere.

"We do not know whether our country will ever return to full employment. But we must plan for the possibility that it may not. Those who can help us are those people who currently are not earning - women without paid jobs, pensioners, the unemployed, and especially unemployed youngsters who've never had a paid job. The leaders of our nation (largely employed men) should listen to these potential pioneers. It is difficult for men to listen to women, for the comfortably off to listen to the poor, for the middle-aged to listen to the young. But there are signs that this is at last beginning to happen. That gives me hope". Tony Walter in WORK AND SOCIETY (78-80 St. John Street, London EC1), April 1986.

Piecemeal reforms of the existing social security and income tax systems maintain the sharp distinction between claimants and taxpayers. This "looks people into long-term dependence on the welfare state, it encourages the black economy of welfare (earning while claiming), and it adds to unemployment". From BIRG BULLETIN, Spring 1986 (£3 from Basic Income Research Group, 26 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3HU).

BRITISH SOCIETY - 1995: THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME is a discussion paper ("The Other Green Paper") by Willy More and Andrew Howell (Trendwatch, 5th Floor, Waterloo House, Waterloo St., Birmingham B2 5TP). It sketches how life will be for the three distinct sections of the population now emerging - the comfortable, the poor, and the destitute - if alternatives to current policies are not adopted.

HOMEBASE is a newsletter for home-based workers. Details from Chris Oliver (56 London Road, Milborne Port, Sherborne, Dorset DT9 5DW).

GROWTH UNLIMITED (Chris Shirley-Smith, c/o Voluntary Action Camden, 25/31 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9SE) reclaims wasteland in Camden for recreational, ecological, or artistic uses by the community.

Papers on the SIRIUS CURRENCY System (12 Deniers = 1 Sirius, a Denier being equivalent to an hour of good work and a Sirius to a day of good work) from Peter W. Etherden (6 Forest Street, Cambridge, MA 02140, USA), together with other Human Scale Institute papers.

BOOKS RECEIVED

"The measures now required...to mount a genuine challenge, and not just a rhetorical one, to centralised monopoly and economic power, are not just marginal. They constitute...a policy for capitalism of the utmost boldness. They involve an egalitarian zeal which will seem foreign to many, although not all, Conservatives, and an active...policy to promote capital distribution...which may well leave conventional market economists uneasy". Rt.Hon. David Howell MP: **BLIND VICTORY: a Study in Income, Wealth and Power**: Hamish Hamilton, London 1986. We strongly recommend this surprisingly radical book by a prominent Conservative politician.

John Davis and Alan Bollard: AS THOUGH PEOPLE MATTERED: a Prospect for Britain: Intermediate Technology Publications, London 1986. Excellent complement to Howell's book, above. Carries forward the small-is-beautiful, small-is-possible analysis. Useful "golden rules" of appropriate technology. Lists "things for people to do".

At a time like the present "people may seek solace by sheltering under authoritarian pseudo-certainties, or they may embark upon the adventure of framing a contemporary world perspective that we can all share". **James Hemming: INSTEAD OF GOD: A Pragmatic Reconsideration of Beliefs and Values**: Marion Boyars, London 1986, is a valuable contribution to this adventure.

Robert Theobald: THE RAPIDS OF CHANGE: Participation Publishers (Box 2240, Wickenburg, AZ 85358, USA), 1986, \$15. A work in progress, published in a ring binder as a resource for Bob Theobald's Action Linkage networking system. A useful "skeleton for a developing knowledge system" for people wanting to involve themselves in the processes of social transformation.

"Deficits of many kinds plague the world in 1986... Many fiscal, ecological and social debts we incur today come at our children's expense". **Lester Brown and colleagues: STATE OF THE WORLD, 1986**: Norton, New York 1986, is the Worldwatch Institute's third annual report on progress towards a sustainable society.

David Goode: WILD IN LONDON: Michael Joseph (A Shell Book), London 1986. Beautifully produced guide to London's wildlife. Lovely colour photographs by Chris Schwarz.

Gregory Vlamis: FLOWERS TO THE RESCUE: The Healing Vision of Dr. Edward Bach: Thorsons, Wellingborough and New York, 1986. Dr. Bach's 38 flower remedies and case histories of their use, with an account of Bach's life and philosophy and some of his own writings.

Jean Liedloff: THE CONTINUUM CONCEPT: rev.ed. Penguin 1986. The first edition in 1975 helped to create a new climate of thinking on child development. For information about the Liedloff Continuum Network, send s.a.e. to P.O. Box 663, London NW1 8XQ.

Mark James: THE MOUND PEOPLE: Neahtawanta Press, 309 East Front St., Traverse City, Michigan 49684, USA : 1985: \$5.95. An ecological fable in the Green Legend series.

Anon: A POINT IN THE WORK: Workbooks (c/o W. Sessions Ltd., 144 Liverpool Road, London N1 1LA) 1985, £4 + £1.80 p&p. A series of Christian teachings, continuing the work of Gurdjieff, Ouspensky and Maurice Nicoll, on how to work on oneself.

SOME DATES TO NOTE

8-11 September, Bath. EMERGING APPROACHES TO INQUIRY. Speakers include Peter Reason. Details from Gillian Spriggs, Centre for Study of Org. Change & Devt., Bath Univ., Claverton Down, Bath BA2 7AY.

10-11 September, London. CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS. Annual Conference of The Volunteer Centre, including Geraldine Aves Lecture by Robin Guthrie. Details from Irene Helm, Volunteer Centre - see p.2.

12-14 September, Leeds University. MAKING A NEW ECONOMICS - Teach-In on the New Economics. Details from TOES - see p.7.

19-21 September, Co. Mayo. THE FUTURE IN OUR HANDS SUMMER SCHOOL. Speakers include Leopold Kohr, Amir Jamal, Mike Cooley. Details from FIOH Conference Committee, Cloona, Westport, Co. Mayo, Ireland.

27-28 September, London. THE PATIENT AS INDIVIDUAL AND STATISTIC. Details from Research Council for Complementary Medicine - see p.9.

4 October, London. Gandhi Foundation Annual Gathering. Details from Kathleen Jannaway, 47 Highlands Road, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 8NQ.

11 October, Bristol University Union. 1986 Schumacher Lectures: A GREEN FUTURE? Spiritual, Social and Ecological. Lecturers: Joanna Macy, Rudolf Bahro, Jose Lutzenberger. Tickets (£6) and details from Schumacher Society, Ford House, Hartland, Bideford, Devon.

11-18 October, Findhorn Gathering: ONE EARTH, A CALL TO ACTION. Participants include Schumacher Lecturers (above). Details from Vita de Waal, Findhorn Foundation, The Park, Forres IV36 OTZ, Scotland.

12-19 October, Coventry Cathedral. TODAY'S WORK FOR TOMORROW'S WORLD. Exhibition, discussions, etc. Details from Rev. Dick Wolff, Coventry Industrial Mission, Cathedral Offices, Coventry CV1 5ES.

18 October, London. IS THE COSMOS PERSONAL? Towards an Ecological Spirituality. Forum with James Hemming, Grace Jantzen, Peter Russell. Details of this and annual Teilhard Lecture, 28 October, from Teilhard Centre, 23 Kensington Square, London W8 5HN.

18-19 October, Leeds. A FAREWELL TO FULL EMPLOYMENT? Speakers include James Robertson. Details from Nigel Healey, School of Applied Economics, Leeds Poly, 43 Woodhouse Lane, Leeds LS2 8BW.

4-6 November, Cambridge. THE FUTURE OF WORK. Speakers include James Robertson. Details from Eve Williamson, Cambridge Univ., Extra-Mural Studies (Continuing Education), Madingley Hall, Cambridge CB3 8AQ.

8 November, TURNING POINT MEETING - see p.1.

13-16 November, Dartington. 1st Temenos Conference: ART AND THE RENEWAL OF THE SACRED. Details, and of other events, from Sue Kellam, Elmhirst Centre, Dartington Hall, Totnes, Devon TQ9 6EL.

15 November, London. A Celebration on Sir George Trevelyan's 80th birthday: THE EMERGENCE OF A NEW CONSCIOUSNESS IN BRITAIN. Details from The Wrekin Trust, Marbury House, St. Owen St, Hereford HR1 2PR.

22 November, OXFORD UNIV. ALTERNATIVE CAREERS FAIR. Details from Andrew Hill, New Barnett House, 28 Little Clarendon St., Oxford OX1.