

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

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

NEWSLETTERS

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

We plan the next issue of the newsletter for September. Please send us items for it by mid-August.

Incidentally, if you don't want to keep your copy when you have read it, why not pass it on or put it in your local library?

TURNING POINT MEETINGS IN 1978

Saturday 4th March. Joint meeting Turning Point/Tract. 10am-5pm, Library, Conway Hall, London. "NEW INITIATIVES IN EDUCATION". Speakers: COLIN HUTCHINSON, PETER ABBS, DENYS THOMPSON, KEN SMITH. Attendance by invitation only. A few places still available. Fuller details from Alison Pritchard.

Saturday 20th May. 10.30am-6pm, Mountbatten Theatre, College of Technology, Southampton. "NEW DIRECTIONS FOR THE FUTURE". Speakers will include:

MIKE COOLEY on Socially Useful Work
MAIREAD CORRIGAN on The Northern Ireland Peace People
JAMES ROBERTSON on A Choice of Futures

Tickets £1 each and fuller details in March/April from John Coleman, The Nook, Hook Village, Warsash, Southampton. Tel: Locks Heath 5857.

Saturday 25th November. All-day meeting, Conway Hall, London. "THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SOCIAL CHANGE". Ideas please, about speakers, topics, discussion groups, and the form of the meeting.

NEW INITIATIVES

The first big TP meeting outside London is being organised in Southampton on 20th May (see p.1) by John Coleman and representatives of various associations, societies and pressure groups in the Southampton area.

The Beckenham Forum has been set up by Judy Brander and members of various groups in the Beckenham area, including UNA, FOE, WDM and Conservation Society. They hope that people from other local groups will join "so that we may learn more of each other's concerns and activities, get to know each other, and combine effort where possible." For their meeting on 20th March see p.16. Further meetings are arranged for 17th April (A Choice of Futures), 15th May (Europe); and a June meeting is planned (New International Economic Order).

Margaret Barnett (Church Broughton, Derbyshire) tells us that the Derbyshire Environmental Federation is planning to put on a one-day conference in Derby in the autumn, encouraged by the success of TP meetings.

People in other areas outside central London may be interested in the possibility of taking similar initiatives more or less closely linked to Turning Point. We don't want TP to become a co-ordinating (or umbrella) organisation. But we are glad to give what modest help, advice and support we can to people who want to organise TP-type activities. If enough people wanted to discuss the practicalities, we would set up a meeting for the purpose later this year. Please let us know.

INCIDENTALLY

We are sometimes asked to recommend Turning Point speakers for meetings, and we are beginning to keep a list. So please send us suggestions - names, addresses and subject matter.

If you might be able to provide a bed for Turning Point sympathisers from abroad passing through London, please let us know.

We need volunteers to help with sending out the newsletters and at meetings. Please let us know if you would like to be involved.

CORRESPONDENCE

"At the last TP meeting (What Future For Religion?) I made a statement on the relationships between ideologies and religions. James Robertson, from the chair, and one or two other people then referred to my statement in terms of economic class. I did not refer to economic class and did not use the word 'class'. The idea that ideologies correspond to classes is a piece of Marxist dogma and is not part of my beliefs. When I said that most people are non-intellectual I meant most of the middle class as well as most of the working class. Anyone who wants to know more of the relevance of ideology and the irrelevance of class should write to the Project for Systematic Ideology, 186 Upper Street, London N1 1RH."
Adrian Williams, 56 Highbury Grove, London N5 2AG.

"Sincere apologies. We certainly need to understand more about how ideologies work: how they change; how one ideology replaces another (survival of the fittest?); what sort of psychotypes are attracted to what sort of ideologies; how the evolution of ideology affects personal and social growth." James Robertson, 7 St. Ann's Villas, London W11 4RU.

Margaret Chisman (41 Penn Road, London N7 9RE) has written to us about an "Ideas Group" concerned with these and other questions. Her three-page letter about how to produce a "Which?" report on Religions discusses how they affect the believer, how they operate, how they result in action, and a suggested questionnaire to establish "personality profiles" for different religions.

Dick Benson (59 Dartmouth Park Road, London NW5) refers to "the distrust of esotericism that became apparent at the last TP meeting - the notion of a Plan for Humanity and of Hierarchy - a fact in nature." Not enough space to print all he says, but he concludes that "every Revelation that Man has had is but part of One Plan for Humanity's unfoldment, implemented under Karmic Law by those who have journeyed ahead and who have perfected themselves." For a fuller account or for information about Benjamin Creme's weekly talks based on the Alice Bailey teachings, contact Dick Benson.

Val Stevens has been asked: "Is there any literature on the role of women in the alternative society? What are the views of the environmentalists on the position of women?" Her contacts in the women's movement and the environmental camp haven't been able to help. She concludes: "I don't think environmentalists have pondered the question of women in a harmony with nature/self-sufficient/alternative technology/decentralised/society. And I'm certain the Women's Movement haven't given serious thought to the physical and spiritual constraints on our technological society; they only seem concerned with women having an equal share/say/opportunity in continuing it. So how about that as a future topic for a Turning Point Conference?"

Through Birmingham Green Ban Action, Val has already been making links between the environmental and trade union movements. Comments and suggestions please, to us and/or to Val Stevens (77 School Road, Hall Green, Birmingham B28 8JQ), about ways of developing links between the environmental and women's movements.

Alan (AAO, AA-Zentrum Friedrichshof, Postfach 3, A-7700 Neusiedl/See, Austria) writes about the CESC - centre for experimental social creation. The idea is to set up a village to serve as a model for practical research into peace and a life praxis worthy of humans - contact with international alternative movements - a sort of alternative university. Alan says he and other AAO people hope to come to London soon to do a "selbstarstellung marathon." Contact: AAO Paris, 5-7 Rue du 14 Juillet, F-94700 Maisons Alfort, France.

With reference to the editorial in the September 1977 newsletter, Joseph Huber (Flotowstr.3, 1 Berlin 21, West Germany) has written to us about the "decolonisation" and "liberation" of economic activities. He has recently thought a lot about de-institutionalisation, de-professionalisation and de-monetarisation. His book on these questions is due to be published (in German) just about now. He plans to visit London in March.

John Soper of the Bio-Dynamic Agricultural Association (see p.15), writes: "All the various activities now springing up undoubtedly indicate that we are at the beginning of a tumultuous turning point in the evolution both of the earth and of ourselves... But, although many recognise the necessity of caring for their earthly environment, few as yet have fully grasped the need to make care of the soil the first priority ... People are often so concerned with their personal or group development that they overlook the other major task of mankind, namely to redeem the earth itself as described by St. Paul." The Bio-Dynamic Agricultural Association provide speakers on the Association's practices and the theories behind them.

Peter Cadogan writes: "Where next? Turning Point is now well into its third year. The basic formula seems to work. So maybe it is time to fly some kites over new horizons - here are a few of mine.

(1) Seminars and study groups. Can we locate some very experienced individual in a given subject, ask him to write a short paper to be discussed by about half-a-dozen people all of whom have some special knowledge of and commitment to that subject? Then make the end product available to all who want it on the TP network and update it from time to time? Bases are thus established for action, as against mere 'activism'.

(2) There are thousands of problem-solving voluntary associations in the country and some hundreds of thousands of people involved. But in the 46 counties of England and the counties of Scotland, Wales and N.I. there are, as yet, very few TP-type networks that help people to pull together as well as separately. Paul Temperton organised a Campaign for the North session on Sat.18th Feb. at Birchcliffe Centre, Hebden Bridge, West Yorks. The Save London Alliance (101 Cheyne Walk, London SW10) got off to a good start with a 47-strong meeting on Jan.30th. (For other initiatives see p.2).

(3) I'm working (in association with a very able Russian friend, and after going to Belfast to get the Peace People's message) on how to undo East/West confrontation by creating a non-violent Europe from below i.e. equally against the militarism of both sides. I would like to hear from others interested.

(4) How much time have we got? Some City men think the balloon will go up by 1981/2 over Eurodollars and Third World credits in default. The second half of 1978 is going to see some big industrial troubles and the prospects of employment are bleak. How do these and all the other bits fit together? We should make some working estimates of possibilities, should we not?

(5) At our last conference I put the case for apocalyptic humanism (Blake and Lawrence) and non-denominational religion, community-based in 'belonging'. Interest was expressed. Can we devise some means of going on with that discussion?

Please get in touch with Peter (at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4RL) to pursue any of these ideas.

Martin Burke (44 Warren Farm Road, Kingstanding, Birmingham B44 0QT) refers to the idea that the "Age of Unemployment" may prove to be the "Age of Leisure" in disguise. He also suggests that students doing projects for "science and society", "alternative futures" or similar courses might consider some kind of attachment to Turning Point. Could be worth pursuing.

QUOTES

"In the past fifteen years there has been an intensification of effort by the powerless in nations around the world to organise themselves to effect social structural change. ... We have found that no matter what the cause, the goals or the beliefs, and no matter what type of movement it is - political, social, religious - there is the same basic structural form and mode of functioning. Wherever people organise themselves to change some aspect of society, a non-bureaucratic but very effective organisational structure seems to emerge. We called this type of structure a "segmented polycephalous network" ... acronym SPN ... henceforth written as SPIN." From "The Basic Paradigm of a Future Socio-Cultural System", by Virginia H. Hine in World Issues, April/May 1977, (Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, 2056 Eucalyptus High Road, Montecito, Santa Barbara, California, USA). (So now we know. Turning Point is a SPIN!)

"The notion of a psycho-social contract is based on the assumption that business behaviour is justifiable when it serves not simply itself, but the goals of individuals and of society as well. It is also based on the fact that a new set of beliefs is emerging and a new social structure is developing in the economic order of modern society. A new ideology is forming in the context of both the capitalist society and the socialist society." Severyn T. Bruyn, (Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Mass. 02167, USA): "A Theoretical Framework For Studying Worker Participation: The Psycho-Social Contract" (September 1977).

"The basic purpose of the Company is to render the best possible service as a corporate body to our fellow men. Towards this end we strive particularly:

- 1) To develop the strength of the Company, its efficiency and means of production.
- 2) To provide economic security to members and to relieve them of material anxiety or striving for personal advancement at the cost of others.
- 3) To produce goods not only beneficial to customers of the Company at a fair price and as high a quality as possible, but also for the peaceful purposes and general good of mankind.
- 4) To conduct research and provide technical education
- 5) To contribute towards the general welfare of society, internationally, nationally, and in the Company's immediate neighbourhood."

From the memorandum and articles of association of the Scott Bader Company Ltd., Wollaston, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire NN9 7RL.

"Designs for institutions, structures and processes by themselves, abstracted from the people who comprise them, are useless. They may even be harmful to the point of oppressiveness. Yet people without institutions at all - and that means simply without some settled patterns of relationships with other people - are people who have not yet realised the full stature of their own humanity." R.J.S. Baker, Dept. of Political Studies, Sheffield City Polytechnic, Pond Street, Sheffield S1 1WB: a record of a seminar on Professionalism in the Public Services.

"It is not a question of regaining lost paradises or savage nobility ... The problem, and it remains the central problem of anthropology, is to help to conceptualise contemporary forms that will reunite man with his past, reconcile the primitive with the civilised ... , enabling us to experience the qualities that primitive peoples routinely display. This demands innovation of the highest order ... equivalent to the genius ... behind the kinship paradigms of primitive people. What better place is there to begin than with the rational devolution of bureaucracy, the common ownership and decentralisation of the basic means of production ..."
Stanley Diamond, The Primitive and the Civilised, Tract No.18.

(Tract - annual sub. £3.00 in UK, £3.50 overseas - is edited and published by Peter Abbs, The Gryphon Press, 38 Prince Edwards Road, Lewes, Sussex.)

"Any training in psychotherapy should start with the recognition that a learned technique not only cannot substitute for a more elemental capacity to heal but may actually inhibit this capacity ... The present system of training ... , like any system which depends upon certificates of competence, runs the risk of misleading the public into an oversimplified equation between taking a course of training and being able to help people in trouble." Peter Lomas, The Nature of Psychotherapy, Tract No.23. (See above).

"The established culture is made up of highly closed self-promoting cliques and dislocated audiences viewed as "markets". As a consequence the problem facing any serious journal deliberately working outside the dominant, commercial or heavily subsidised framework is the problem of how to contact the potential community of scattered readers ... There can be no easy answer ... for the problem is in itself a symptom of the plight of our whole society where "communication" has become virtually synonymous with manipulation and deception." Peter Abbs, Editorial, Tract No.24. (See above).

"There is not an "energy crisis" as such in the Western world. It is more a matter of there being a crisis of the western style of living." Keith D. Suter, Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Studies, PO Box 84, Camperdown, Sydney, NSW, Australia: "A Christian Perspective on the Energy Crisis" (September 1977).

"Démocratie et liberté ne sort, dans un monde complexe, possible et réellement vécues que par des personnes authentiquement autonomes". International Foundation for Social Innovation (Conseillers de Synthèse), 20 Rue Laffitte, 75009 Paris, France. January 1978 newsletter.

ESSAY PRIZES

Prizes of £70 and £35 are offered for essays on "Work for Human Needs in a Just Society" - the theme of the 1978 International Humanist Congress (see p.15). Details (sae) from British Humanist Association, 13 Prince of Wales Terrace, London W8.

FUTURE PEOPLE

Future Studies Centre. Roland and Jean Chaplain are now hoping to expand the activities at 15 Kelso Road, Leeds LS2 9PR, Yorks. As many TP people also get the FSC newsletter, we have tried not to repeat too much of the material in their January issue.

If you want to be involved in the preparations for a World Future Studies Federation conference in West Berlin from 8th to 10th May 1979 - subject "Science and Technology and the Future" - write to Eleonora Masini, WFSF, Casella Postale 6203, Roma-Prati, Italy.

British Think-Tanks Merge. For details of the merger between PEP (Political and Economic Planning) and CSSP (Centre for the Study of Social Policy) see PEP's half-yearly bulletin for December 1977 - from 12 Upper Belgrave Street, London SW1. (Do bigger think-tanks think better? Do smaller ones think more beautifully?)

Tranet (Box 567, Rangeley, Me 04970, USA) is an Appropriate/Alternative Technology newsletter/directory. They are involved in co-ordinating a people's input to the UN Conference on Science and Technology for Human Development in August/September 1979.

Michael Marien's "The Two Visions of Post-Industrial Society" was published in Futures, October 1977. Recommended reading.

For information about Mankind 2000 write to Anthony Judge, 1 Rue aux Laines, 1000 Brussels, Belgium. He has recently suggested that the impending social transformation will require us to transcend the dualities we have inherited from the Renaissance, including Science/Art, Heart/Head, East/West, Unity/Diversity, New Age/Old Age, We/They.

Ruben Nelson (Square One Management, No.302, 100 Gloucester Street, Ottawa, Ontario K2P 0A4, Canada) is concerned with coping with change, making sense of the future. He has sent us a copy of his recent article in Earthrise Newsletter 22 on the inadequacies of futures literature. His "The Illusion of Urban Man" is obtainable from the Ministry of State for Urban Affairs, Ottawa, Canada, while copies last.

The Futures Network (formed in May 1977) has recently held a meeting on the methodology of futures research, and is holding one in early March on education and unemployment. Information about this network from Mick Williamson, Inter-Bank Research Organisation, Moor House, London Wall, London EC2Y 5ET.

Willis Harman (author of "An Incomplete Guide to the Future") is expected to be in London at the beginning of May, to speak at the Festival of Mind and Body. (See p.15).

"New Humanity" (edited by Johann Quanier, 51a York Mansions, Prince of Wales Drive, London SW11 - 30p per copy, annual sub. £2.50) carries a text of Ursula King's talk on "Eastern and Western Religions in a Converging World." This was given at the TP meeting on 26th November 1977 on "What Future for Religion?"

BOOKS, REPORTS, PAMPHLETS, PERIODICALS, CASSETTES, FILMS, etc.

Hazel Henderson's CREATING ALTERNATIVE FUTURES (1978) costs \$4.95 per copy + 50c for postage and handling from Berkley Mail Sales, Dept. BW, 200 Madison Avenue 15th Floor, New York, NY 10016, USA. Foreword by E.F. Schumacher. Warmly recommended by Barbara Ward, Alvin Toffler, William Irwin Thompson and others.

James Robertson's paperback THE SANE ALTERNATIVE (1978) costs £1.50 (\$4.00) + 30p (60c) for packing and postage from 7 St. Ann's Villas, London W11 4RU.

Ronald Higgins' THE SEVENTH ENEMY (1978) is being published in May/June by Hodder and Stoughton (UK) and McGraw Hill (USA).

Amory Lovins' paperback SOFT ENERGY PATHS: TOWARDS A DURABLE PEACE (1977) costs 95p (Penguin).

Peter Van Dresser's paperback HOMEGROWN SUNDWELLINGS (1977) is a handbook contributing towards "grassroots competence in low-cost energy-conserving, self-help livelihood techniques in New Mexico and wherever else in the world suitable conditions exist." \$5.95 from The Lightning Tree, PO Box 1837, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, USA.

Information about The Centre For Alternative Technology's pamphlet AN ALTERNATIVE ENERGY STRATEGY FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM (1977) can be obtained (sae) from the Centre at Machynlleth, Powys, Wales.

James Dilloway's paperback/pamphlet COLLAPSE OF A MYTH is a "humanist economic and social perspective". £1 + postage from the British Humanist Association, 13 Prince of Wales Terrace, London W8.

Yona Friedman's paperback UTOPIES REALISABLES (1976) concludes with "une utopie politique realisable". Information from Yona Friedman, 42 Boulevard Pasteur, 75015 Paris, France.

For information about A COURSE IN MIRACLES contact Judy Skutch, Foundation for Inner Peace, Suite 5D, 1 West 81 Street, New York, NY 10024, USA.

Ray Jackson's HUMAN GOALS AND SCIENCE POLICY (1976) costs \$4.80 (\$4.00 in Canada) from the Science Council of Canada, 150 Kent Street, 7th Floor, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5P4, Canada.

CANADA AS A CONSERVER SOCIETY: RESOURCE UNCERTAINTIES AND THE NEED FOR NEW TECHNOLOGIES (1977) costs \$2.70 (\$2.25 in Canada) from the Science Council of Canada (see above).

John McClaughry's A DECENTRALIST BOOKSHELF is a bibliography of decentralist thinking. (He is President of the Institute for Liberty and Community, Concord, Vermont 05824, USA). A couple of dozen copies should be available soon (send sae) from Turning Point, 7 St. Ann's Villas, London W11 4RU.

For information about the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation's ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT: APPROACHES AND STRATEGIES (1977) write to the Foundation at Uppsala, Sweden.

Michael Marien's PUBLIC POLICY BOOK FORECAST is a two-monthly bibliographic newsletter that identifies significant forthcoming and recently published books and reports relevant to public policy, planning and social change. Enquiries to: Information for Policy Design, Lafayette, New York 13084, USA.

Frederick Bailes' HIDDEN POWER FOR HUMAN PROBLEMS and YOUR MIND CAN HEAL YOU (both published by Allen and Unwin) have been drawn to our attention by Giselle Birke, Flat 2, Boston Court, Selhurst Road, London SE25.

LUMEN BOOKS LTD is a (home-based) ecumenical and environmental book-selling service. Books provided sale or return for conferences. Bookstall service for conferences in the greater London area. Enquiries: Ianthe Pratt, 36 Court Lane, London SE21.

IN THE MAKING, a directory of co-operative projects, comes from Acorn, 84 Church Street, Wolverton, Milton Keynes, Bucks. Annual sub. £1.

GOOD EARTH (Conservation for Survival periodical) £1 annual sub. for six issues from 18 Cofton Lake Road, Birmingham B45 8PL.

MAZINGIRA, The World Forum for Environment and Development, is published with the support of UNEP (UN Environment Programme). Annual sub. £5 for four issues from Pergamon Press, Headington Hill Hall, Oxford OX3 0BW.

MAY LECTURES 1977. Cassette No.1: D.M.A. Leggett: "The Wind of Change: The Significance of the Paranormal". D. Bryce-Smith: "Morality as a Natural Law". Cassette No.2: James Robertson: "Breakdown or Breakthrough: Modern Society at the Turning Point". E.F. Schumacher: "The Economics of Permanence". The first batch of cassettes were sold out and a new issue is now being made from the original master tape. Price £3.20 per cassette, from the Scientific and Medical Network, Lake House, Ockley, Nr. Dorking, Surrey RH5 5NS.

The TEILHARD CENTRE FOR THE FUTURE OF MAN has a good stock of LPs, Cassettes, Booklets and Films available for sale or loan. Teilhardian thinking, but also recorded talks from other conferences. Enquiries and lists: Barbara Tweedy, The Croft, Portway, Wantage, Oxon.

CONCORD FILMS have a good list of Ecology Films for hire. 201 Felixstowe Road, Ipswich IP3 9BJ.

PAPERS, BULLETINS, etc.

AN EXPLORATION OF THE NATURE OF THE ECONOMY IN A FAMILIAL SOCIETY. A paper for the VIF Seminar in Toronto on 12/13 October, 1977. Highly recommended for its analysis of the differences between an "efficient"/centralised economy and a caring/sharing economy. Copies from the Vanier Institute of the Family, 151 Slater, Ottawa K1P 5H3, Canada.

SHARING IN WORK. A paper (October 1977) by Roger Clarke, Industrial Chaplain in Dundee. Sections on: People and Jobs, the Nature of the Crisis, Work Sharing, the Creation of New Jobs. Copies from The Secretary, Church & Industry Home Board, 121 George Street, Edinburgh.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRY. Sections on Underlying Issues, Systems of Self-Help, Changing Rules, Less Employment and More Work. A working paper (August 1977) from Alternative Society, Rookery North, Adderbury, Oxfordshire.

NEW EDUCATION. Constructive "Illichian" approach by one of the initiators of the "six centre project" (see p.11). Copies available (5p + sae) from Ken Smith, Staple Farmhouse, Staple, Canterbury, Kent.

The Association for the Development of a Craft Village and a Centre for Charities have sent us a copy of their Bulletin (August 1977). Anyone (with a moveable craft industry or charity organisation) interested in establishing a cheap rural base at an old army camp in the West of England should send 5p + sae to the Association at 48 Abingdon Villas, London W8.

Guy Clutton Brock, Gelli Uchaf, Llandyrnog, Denbigh, Clwyd LL16 4HR, Wales (who lived in Rhodesia for 25 years) has sent us a copy of his wise and humane THOUGHTS ON ZIMBABWE (May 1977). He concludes with the hope that the British Government will give "strong, constructive and understanding help towards setting Zimbabwe on a way of life appropriate to the future of mankind ... and give full aid towards the creation of a truly patriotic front in the creation of a united Zimbabwe."

Emile Benoit, Elka Park, NY 12427, USA, has sent us a copy of his recent paper on DYNAMIC EQUILIBRIUM AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO UNRESTRICTED GROWTH (October 1977).

Gail Stewart, 141 Cameron Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, has given us two sets of interesting papers. CONVERSATIONS ABOUT JUSTICE (October 1977) was a meeting at which citizens (no legal professionals) came together as community members to discuss their concepts of justice and how justice works in Canada. OPINICON PAPERS (October 1977) cover "Some Explorations into Human Well-Being with a view to anticipating challenges of the 80's and appropriate social, economic and political action."

Grant Maxwell's reports on PROJECT FEEDBACK (1975/76) - (1) People's Social Hopes, (2) Assessing Everyday Life, (3) Searching for Wholeness, (4) What's Expected of Religious Leaders, (5) How People Feel About the 1980's, (6) Resume, (7) People's Needs and Hopes, in People's Words - may still be available (\$1.50 per report) from Project Feedback, c/o Social Affairs, Canadian Catholic Conference, 90 Parent Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 7B1, Canada. The 7th Report concludes with 24 "pastoral priorities": e.g. open forums should be sponsored at local levels on an interchurch basis for the free debate of public issues; and a male-dominated church must take the women's movement seriously.

Tom Clarke's Presidential Address (October 1977) to the Royal Town Planning Institute (26 Portland Place, London W1N 4BE) was called PLANNING WITH OPTIMISM. He foresees "a time when we shall no longer want to spend fortunes on transportation systems to enable people to commute like madmen to jobs which even today with the telephone could be done from one's own back room," and believes that "Britain's settlement pattern, deeply rooted social attitudes, and inventive genius are remarkably well suited to an easy transition from our first Industrial Revolution estate to a new Cyrenaic era geared to human well-being."

Harford Thomas, 82 Hillway, London N6 has sent us a fascinating UNICEF paper (September 1977) on A PEOPLE'S PROGRAMME FOR URBAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT in Hyderabad, by Dr. William J. Cousins, Urban Adviser, UNICEF, New Delhi. It describes a very successful self-help project, discusses its replicability elsewhere, and concludes with some thoughts on organising the poor: "poor people themselves and municipal authorities more and more begin to see the urban poor as legitimate citizens fulfilling important functions, and having power, rather than as merely nuisances or objects of charity."

MISCELLANEOUS

The English New Education Fellowship (in association with the Scientific and Medical Network and the Human Development Trust) have recently organised six one-day study conferences in Bristol, Canterbury, Liverpool, London, Newcastle and Sheffield. Their outcome is to be discussed in London on 6th May (see p.15). ENEF aims to extend the "great debate" on education beyond the instrumental purposes of education to more fundamental questions of ends and values. Information from Raymond King, 2 Wilton Grove, New Malden, Surrey KT3 6RG.

Energy Education Packs - cost £4.50 each - are available from the National Centre for Alternative Technology, Machynlleth, Powys, Wales.

A Parliamentary Liaison Group for Alternative Energy is being set up with a wide range of support, and funds are being raised to employ a Parliamentary Liaison Officer. Information from Renee-Marie Croose Parry, Flat 7, 81 Onslow Square, London SW7 3LT.

Information about the Parliamentary Liaison Group for Small Business and the Self-Employed from John Coleman, The Nook, Hook Village, Warsash, Southampton.

"Changing Direction" is a project linked with the Vanier Institute (Ottawa), the International Foundation for Social Innovation (Paris), the Continuing Management Education Programme (Loughborough Univ. of Technology), and the Intermediate Technology Development Group (London). It aims to identify ways in which people can help to liberate one another from excessive dependence on the System (technologies, institutions, professions, etc.) for their work, food, health, housing, learning, energy, information, entertainment, etc., etc.; and to identify ways in which people in the System (managers, priests, doctors, lawyers, trade union leaders, bankers, government officials, scientists and technologists, television producers, etc., etc.) can begin to decolonise it - i.e. help people to become less dependent on it and on them. The project will develop some of the thinking in "The Sane Alternative" (see p.8). James Robertson (7 St. Ann's Villas, London W11 4RU) hopes to link it with TP and will welcome suggestions, ideas or enquiries.

The Committee for Justice and Liberty Foundation is an independent Canadian people's movement which seeks to develop political, economic and social policies from a Christian life-perspective. Details from Gerald Vandezande, CJL Foundation, 229 College Street, Toronto Ontario, Canada M5T 1R4.

Technology Choice. John Davis (10 Grenfell Road, Beaconsfield, Bucks) writes in Appropriate Technology for the UK: News Exchange No. 4 (August 1977/January 1978): "If appropriate technology is not to become just one more specialist profession, with its inbuilt self-selected set of values, I see public involvement in technology choice as a basic requirement." He says that we clearly face some sort of technological/industrial revolution, and that if people are not to be the victims of it they must have a say in the technology choices that will be made.

"Interchange" (£1.50 for a year) is a small two-monthly journal for human evolution - now spun off by the Teilhard Centre to Guy Dauncey, Holne Cross Cottage, Ashburton, Devon, who has exciting plans for it.

"Seed" is an independent new (1977) monthly journal of philosophy, politics, economics and culture. Annual sub. \$7 (foreign airmail \$9). Editor: Dennis Klinek, OUSIA Publishing, Box 3184, Sherwood Park, Alberta, Canada T8A 2A6.

World Environment Alert is a regular one-page information sheet from the Natural Resources Defense Council, 917 15th Street NW, Washington, DC 20005, USA.

The Bridge Trust (Janice Dolley, 20 The Chase, Reigate, Surrey) report progress on their Community and Craft Centre, their Healing/Retreat Centre, and their Open Farm Centre.

A progress report also from Ecological Land Bonds (David Stephens, 27 Burnham Road, St. Albans, Herts.)

Tony Hodgson, 1 Castle Mill House, Juxon Street, Oxford OX2 6DR has some interesting comparisons between a conventional greenhouse and a Mini-Ark.

The Consumer Health Organisation of Canada organised a very successful conference on TOTAL HEALTH in 1977. Membership (including 11 issues of a Bulletin and Newsletter) \$8.00 a year. CHOC, 108 Willowdale Av., Willowdale, Ontario, Canada M2N 4X9.

A Corporate Responsibility Clearing House is now established (1977) in London. For further information write to Jan Dauman, Matrix, 4 Cromwell Place, South Kensington, London SW7 2JJ.

War On Want, 467 Caledonian Road, London N7 9BE believes that poor people throughout the world are victims of unjust economic and political systems maintained by the rich and powerful. It campaigns for change by researching and exposing examples of these systems, such as: the unethical practices of multinational corporations; the exploitation of labour; racism and the denial of human rights. War On Want also supports groups of the poor, particularly in the Third World, who are trying to remove the causes of their poverty.

John Rowan has sent details of the Association for Humanistic Psychology. World-wide network.. Seminars and workshops. Journal: "Self and Society". An excellent Humanistic Psychology Booklist. Full membership £7 a year. Details from AHP, 62 Southwark Bridge Road, London SE1 OAU.

For a note about the Commonwork Trusts and Projects write to Jenifer Wates, Bore Place, Chiddingstone, Edenbridge, Kent TN8 7AR.

Action Learning Trust. Information from Janet Craig, 10 Barley Mow Passage, Chiswick, London W4 4PH.

The Five-Year Report of the Center of Concern (Director: Father Bill Ryan), 3700 13th Street NE, Washington DC 20017, USA, is an informative 9-page brochure called "Purpose, Progress and Plans". The Center's work is aimed at: the UN; US Catholic Church; US Government Policy Community; Justice and Peace/Social Action Networks; Civic Groups.

Signe Schaefer, Priory Cottage, Priory Road, Forest Row, Sussex RH18 5HP, tells us of an anthroposophical group called ARIADNE. Last summer they joined in giving a workshop in Sacramento, California called "Women and the Challenge of Consciousness". Last November a workshop in Sussex was attended by 36 women from 10 different countries and ranging in age from 23 to 70. ARIADNE will be glad to make contact with others who are interested.

Social Ecology Associates organise seminars and workshops on Community Development, Creation of Learning Situations, etc. Details from C. Schaefer (address as above).

Keith Paton's (31 Stackpool Road, Bristol 3) article "Wider We" in Peace News (13.1.78) discusses the convergence of visions and strategies now taking place between the women's, ecology, peace, alternatives movements, the decentralist Centre, and other pioneers of social change today. See also his "Industry as a Men's Hut" in Peace News (2.12.78). Copies of his "Alternative Socialism" pamphlet from Publications Distribution Co-operative, 27 Clerkenwell Close, London EC1 OAT. Price 30p + 12p postage.

"Stop and Think: A Re-appraisal of the Industrial Imperative" and "The Ecologist's Dilemma: How can the Conservationist take Political Action?" are the titles of two short papers (autumn 1977) from the Liberal Ecology Group for Economic and Social Reform. Contact Judy Brander, LEG, c/o Policy Division, LPO, 1 Whitehall Place, London SW1.

The Orb Foundation is concerned with individual human potential, mankind's potential, planetary potential, and interplanetary potential. Information from Diana Adkins, 159 George Street, London W1.

For information about the Raja Yoga Centre contact 96/98 Tennyson Road, London NW6.

31 Green Street, London W1Y 3FD is a private house available for Christian and charitable use. CHIPS (Christian International Peace Service) and CIEL (Christian Industrial Enterprises Ltd.) are located there.

"Keys" (Autumn 1977) the newsletter of Friends of the Healing Research Trust, costs 25p + postage per copy from Norah Forbes, 5 Thorn Park, Plymouth, Devon.

Ian Hopton, 100 Cornwall Gardens, London SW7, will send a free information sheet to organisations and individuals interested in Land Value Taxation (Site Value Rating) as a means of facilitating greater access to land and the decentralisation of communal wealth.

For information about SPUR, ARE, Holon and other groups concerned with Research Exchange, Unified Research and holistic thinking - contact Peter Hunot or Alan Mayne at 17 Anson Road, London N7 ORB.

Science for Living (formerly the Liverpool Society for Social Responsibility in Science) is committed to foresight and humanity in science and technology. Contact W.M. Biggs, 17 Mentmore Road, Liverpool L18 4PU.

Hugh Dowson (Pax Christi/Ecology Party) is in touch with other groups - 3rd World Society, Amnesty, UNA, World Development Movement - in the Bath/Bristol area. Address: 1 Oakley, Claverton Down, Bath.

Guy Ragland Phillips' (Long Acre, Appleton-Le-Moors, York YO6 6TE) rhapsody "The Isle of Apples" takes a look backwards from the year 2050 on the collapse of materialist, consumer society and its replacement by a new kind of society based on spiritual values. Music by Roger Child. No fees for performance. Text and tape available.

Constitutional Network Inc. (Waiialae Kahala, PO Box 10135, Honolulu, Hawaii 96821, USA) is using advanced "computer conferencing" techniques to link Constitutional Convention delegates to people via community centres.

While in India for the 24th World Vegetarian Congress, Ursula Crosby met Mother Theresa in Calcutta, and has now become a co-worker for Mother Theresa's Missionaries of Charity in London. She tells us that old stockings and tights are useful to the Mission in India, e.g. for covering bandages. Send them or take them to Ursula at 11 Cornwall Gardens, London SW7, and she will send them on to Mother Theresa in Calcutta.

Colin Hamer's pamphlet "Encounter Groups" costs 40p + postage from him at 21 Trinity Close, The Pavement, Clapham Common, London SW4.

Graham Carey (6 Granville Terrace, Bingley, West Yorks) is organising a group to discuss practical action on the "Proposal for a New College" which he co-authored with Peter Abbs.

Michael Fleming (4 Foxdell, Northwood, Middlesex) has details about Codgers, the last remaining coffee house and tavern debating society in the City of London.

A paper called "Doorstep Devolution or 1984", has been received from Paul the Carpenter (Flat 2, River House, off Manor Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey).

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

Thursday 30th March, Voluntary Community Service, 90 St. Mary St., Cardiff, 7.30pm. **TOWARDS A NEW AWARENESS**. Speaker: Margaret Chisman. This is one of a series of meetings called "Prospects for Change" organised by the Cardiff Humanist Group. Details from David Johns, 79 Everest Avenue, Cardiff.

April. Preaching/lecture/seminar tour by Sister Mary Michael Simpson from the Cathedral of John the Divine, New York. (She is the first nun to become an Anglican priest.) 1st week London, 2nd week Midlands, 3rd week Wales, 4th week West Country & Cambridge. Details (sae) from Una Kroll, 46 Rosehill Avenue, Sutton, Surrey SM1 3HG.

Monday 3rd - Saturday 8th April, Dartington Hall, Devon. **IMAGES FOR THE FUTURE**. Contributors to this year's Dartington Conference on New Themes for Education include Maurice Ash, Ed Berman, Mark Braham, Fritjof Capra, Edward de Bono, Ronald Eyre, Ian Gordon-Brown, Liz Green, Aurelio Peccei, James Robertson, Christian Schumacher, Henryk Skolimowski, Lawrence Stenhouse, and Michael Young. Details from Florence Burton, Dartington Hall, Totnes, Devon TQ9 6JE.

8pm Friday 14th - 4pm Sunday 16th April, King Alfred's College, Winchester. **MYSTICS AND SCIENTISTS**. The May Lectures, organised by the Wrekin Trust in association with the Scientific and Medical Network. Details from the Wrekin Trust, Bowers House, Bridstow, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire.

Sunday 30th April - Sunday 7th May, Olympia, London. **FESTIVAL OF MIND AND BODY**. Details from 159 George Street, London W1.

Wednesday 3rd May, anywhere! **SUN DAY**. An international celebration of the world's only energy source that is inexhaustible, non-polluting, safe, terrorist-resistant, and free. Ceremonies, fairs, conferences, teach-ins, exhibitions, seminars, debates, workshops, what you will. Leaflets from Denis Hayes and his colleagues at Sun Day International, Suite 1100, 1028 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington DC 20036, USA.

Saturday 6th May, London University Institute of Education, 10am. **EDUCATION - TO WHAT END?** Speakers: James Hemming on "Man's New Perspectives", James Henderson on "Education for Self-Discovery". Details from Raymond King, 2 Wilton Grove, New Malden, Surrey KT3 6RG. (See p.11.)

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th June, Hawkwood College, Stroud, Glouc. **OUR LIVING EARTH**. Conference arranged by the Bio-Dynamic Agricultural Association. Details from John Soper, Broome Farm, Clent, Stourbridge, West Midlands DY9 0HD. (See p.4).

Monday 31st July - Friday 5th August, London School of Economics. 1978 International Humanist and Ethical Union Congress. **WORK FOR HUMAN NEEDS IN A JUST SOCIETY**. Details from Kenneth Furness, BHA, 13 Prince of Wales Terrace, London W8. (See p.6).

Friday 1st - Friday 8th September, Emerson College, Forest Row, Sussex. **WIDER HORIZONS**. A residential seminar for students, offering an opportunity for studying the significance of non-material factors for everyday living. Details from George Blaker, Scientific and Medical Network, Lake House, Ockley, Nr. Dorking, Surrey RH5 5NS.

DATES TO NOTE

Sunday 26th February, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1, 3pm. **ECONOMIC GROWTH? HUMAN GROWTH?** Speakers: James Robertson on "Post-Industrial Society"; Harford Thomas on "What About The Third World?" Enquiries to Peter Cadogan at Conway Hall about this and other regular Tuesday and Sunday meetings, and Sunday evening concerts of Chamber Music, organised at Conway Hall by the South Place Ethical Society - and also about the monthly SPES magazine.

Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th February, Mayfair Hotel, London, 9.30am. **NEW ENERGY POLICIES.** Speakers include Brian Flowers, Gerald Foley, Peter Odell and Representatives of the Dept. of Energy and London University. Fee £5. This is the launching conference for a Public Participation Programme on Energy. Details from Harry Frost, Univ. of London, Dept. of Extramural Studies, 26 Russell Squ., London WC1 5DQ.

Tuesday 28th February, Conway Hall, London, 7pm. **RUDOLF STEINER'S NEW SOCIAL OUTLOOK.** Speaker: Rudi Lissau. Details from Peter Cadogan. (See above).

Saturday 11th March, Northumberland College, Ponteland, Newcastle. **EDUCATION - TO WHAT END?** Speakers: Max Payne, James Robertson. Details from Eileen Churchill, The Cottage, Whittingham, Alnwick, Northumberland. (See p.11).

Tuesday 14th March, Conway Hall, London, 7pm. **SEX IN AN IDEAL SOCIETY.** Speaker: John Heron. Details from Peter Cadogan (see above).

Thursday 16th March, Royal Commonwealth Society, Northumberland Av., London SW1, 9.30am. **ALTERNATIVES FOR BRITAIN IN A CHANGING WORLD.** Energy and Food policies will be discussed. Speakers will include Barbara Ward. Sponsors include Action for World Development, Christian Aid, Focus Group, IIED, National Peace Council, Oxfam, and UNA. Details from Richard Miles, Hon. Sec. Society for International Development, c/o 6 Homington Court, Albany Park Road, Kingston upon Thames, KT2 5SP.

7pm Friday 17th - 3.30pm Sunday 19th March, Centre Space, Kent. **Weekend Course (£9): TOWARDS A RESPONSIBLE SOCIETY.** Send s.a.e. for details of this and other Centre Space activities to Mark Collier, Coakham Farm, Crockham Hill, Edenbridge, Kent.

Saturday 18th March, Birmingham University, 11am-5.30pm. Fourth and final session of the **GREAT NUCLEAR DEBATE.** Details from Harry Stopes-Roe, Dept. of Extramural Studies, Univ. of Birmingham, PO Box 363, Birmingham B15 2TT.

Sunday 19th March, Speakers Corner, Hyde Park, London, 12.30pm. **DEMONSTRATION: STOP WINDSCALE.** This is expected to be the biggest march of its kind ever held in Britain. Details from Czech Conroy, Friends of the Earth, 9 Poland Street, London W1.

Monday 20th March, Beckenham Forum, 8pm. **DISARMAMENT.** Speaker: Brigid Fitzgerald, UNA. Details from Judy Brander, 29 Top Park, Beckenham, Kent BR3 2RU. (See p.2).

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