

TURNING POINT

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

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NEWSLETTERS, MAILING LIST AND CORRESPONDENCE

We suggest an annual contribution of £1 - more if you can, less if you can't. For recipients abroad £2 (sterling if possible, please) will cover extra postage. Cheques to "Turning Point" please. Reciprocal arrangements are welcomed if you send us your newsletters, etc., free. Thank you for contributions already received, and for your letters. If we don't hear from people at all, we assume they don't want to stay on the mailing list. Please make sure you have our correct address, above.

The newsletter is twice-yearly - next issue August 1981. Please send us items for it by mid-July.

TURNING POINT MEETINGS 1981

Saturday 9th May: 10.30am-6.30pm, St. James's Church, Piccadilly, London.

SECURITY AND SURVIVAL: New Perspectives in the Defence Debate
Joint Turning Point/Dunamis meeting (see p.3)

Chairmen: JAMES ROBERTSON and RONALD HIGGINS

Speakers include ADAM ROBERTS, BRIGADIER MICHAEL HARBOTTLE

Brains Trust with PETER CADOGAN, KATHLEEN WILKES and others.

Tickets (£2) from Penelope Eckersley, Dunamis, St. James's Rectory, 197 Piccadilly, London W1V 9LF, will be sent out in April.

Saturday 28th November, all-day meeting on FOOD, Conway Hall, London. We plan a wide-ranging discussion including diet, health, food growing, world famine and hunger, multinational economics and politics, lifestyles and personal action. Ideas, please, for title, speakers, topics, discussion groups, etc.

TURNING POINT PAPER and TURNING POINT CASSETTE - see p.2.

THINK GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY

"Small Is Beautiful"; "Only One Earth"; there is no conflict between these ideas. By finding a better way of life and a better direction for ourselves in the place where we are, we can make it easier for people elsewhere in the world to do the same.

The topics of special concern to TP in 1981 will include work, food and security. They all illustrate the link between an alternative development path for the richer countries, better prospects for the peoples of the poorer countries, and a more peaceful world.

Underpinning the link is a second pair of ideas: the idea of self-help, which means acquiring the power to do things for ourselves; and the idea of enabling, which means helping others to acquire that power.

TP PAPER ON THE REDISTRIBUTION OF WORK

Following the two TP meetings in 1980 on the future of work and alternatives to employment, we have compiled a short reference guide the main issues and to many of the people and organisations involved in creating new contexts for work; 40 pages (A5 like this newsletter, but type-face twice as big); price £1 (inc. postage within the UK and surface mail abroad), from Alison Pritchard (address on p.1).

Important changes are in the air. For example, terms like "quality of working life" and "organisation development" have hitherto referred to improving conditions of employment and developing the skills and personal qualities of employees. But as opportunities for employment in many large organisations continue to contract, professionals in personnel management are now beginning to explore how they could help and encourage people who would like to work more independently or co-operatively - individually or in small enterprises - outside the big organisations.

Interested employing organisations include British Airways (John Flynn British Airways, Training and Education Branch (E11), Heston Training Centre, PO Box 6, Hounslow, Middlesex TW6 2JR). The Organisation Development (OD) Network is involved; a contact is Colin Baird (Penshurst Cottage, Water Lane, Cobham, Surrey KT11 2PA). Many self-organised small groups are getting into the act, like the job-sharing group in Bristol (Mike Coldham, 52 St. Alban's Road, Bristol BS6 7SH). Many more references are given in the TP paper.

TP CASSETTE

CONTRIBUTIONS TO AN ALTERNATIVE FUTURE - edited talks by Amory Lovins, Willis Harman, William Dyson and Hazel Henderson at the TP meeting in May 1979 - a few copies still available from Alison Pritchard (p.1). £3.50 + postage. UK 30p, surface mail worldwide 45p, airmail Europe 60p, airmail outside Europe 90p.

STEVE COOK MEMORIAL

The late Steve (Prof. S.L.) Cook's social concerns - including community action and a more human and ecologically sound society - were reflected in his work with the Operational Research and Systems Group at Aston University. A memorial fund has been set up to support post-graduate projects and research in these areas. People who knew Steve, or remember him at TP meetings, are invited to contribute. Contributions to, and information from, Dr. Christine Huxham (Steve Cook Memorial, Rm.202, ORSA Group, Univ. of Aston Management Centre, 158 Corporation Street, Birmingham B4 6TE).

PEACE, WORLD ORDER, DISARMAMENT

DUNAMIS, with which we are joining in the meeting on 9th May (see p.1) is a new initiative committed to exploring broader and deeper aspects of national security than are usually debated by hardliners and pacifists, multilateralists and unilateralists. An impressive series of lunch-time meetings is to be held (see p.16). Founders of Dunamis are Mark Collier, Ronald Higgins, Jenifer Wates, Neil Wates and Rev. Donald Reeves (St. James's Rectory, 197 Piccadilly, London W1) who also has information about other activities at St. James's Church, Piccadilly.

Associated with Dunamis will be a DEMOCRACY USERS' NETWORK (DUN) of self-governing groups of seven people, formed in response to "The Seventh Enemy" to combat personal apathy and institutional inertia. The meeting on 9th May will be an opportunity to take this idea forward. A manifesto containing guidelines for this "appropriate political technology" is available from Ronald Higgins (Little Reeve, Vowchurch, Hereford).

For information about EAST/WEST PEACE PEOPLE write to Peter Cadogan (1 Hampstead Hill Gardens, London NW3).

Christian Action Journal summer 1980 issue on DISARMAMENT - TIME FOR HUMANITY? (50p from Christian Action Publications, Holywell Close, 43 Holywell Hill, St. Albans, Herts AL1 1HE) contains addresses of peace and disarmament organisations, and an excellent selection of articles, including the views of Lords Mountbatten and Zuckerman.

Housmans Bookshop (5 Caledonian Road, London N1) is a service organisation for peace and radical action groups. Free booklists (send stamps) are available, e.g. on "Anti-Militarism and the Arms Trade", "Pacifism and Non-Violence". HOUSMAN'S PEACE DIARY (£2.95 or £1.95) contains a 64-page World Peace Directory. Housmans is the London office of Peace News (8 Elm Avenue, Nottingham).

World Studies Journal summer 1980 issue on PEACE EDUCATION, (£1.25 from Groby Community College, Ratby Road, Groby, Leics LE6 0GE). "Peace is akin to ecology ... the study of peace is only successful if it leads to personal, institutional and community decision-making, action and involvement". This journal is concerned with multicultural education, peace education and an international perspective in the curriculum.

Ted Dunn (77 Hungerdown Lane, Lawford, Manningtree, Essex) is co-ordinator of the STUDENT PEACE PROJECT COMPETITION.

The PEACE TAX CAMPAIGN seeks the right to object to paying for war, and to direct the appropriate share of tax to peacemaking - Stanley Keeble (Little Nanteague, Allet, Truro, Cornwall). For a REFUSE CRUISE car sticker send sae containing £1 to the Peace Advertising Campaign (PO Box 24, Oxford OX1 3JZ).

Renee-Marie Croose Parry (3 The Close B, Heath Lane, Blackheath, London SE3 0UR) strongly recommends FROM HIROSHIMA TO HARRISBURG by Jim Garrison (£5.50, SCM Press, 1980).

Anthony Rudolf (The Menard Press, 25 Fitzwarren Gardens, Upper Holloway, London N19 3TR), who publishes poetry, is starting a series of pamphlets on issues of public concern. The first (price 90p) is Lord Zuckerman's SCIENCE ADVISERS, SCIENTIFIC ADVISERS AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS which concludes that "defeat is indivisible in a war of nuclear weapons".

"The two great arbitrating forces of war and peace, military and religious, are male-dominated structures which exclude women from their decision-making hierarchies" - from THE FEAR OF WAR AND THE DESIRE FOR PEACE, n'letter No.6, Nov.80 from CEPRES, European Women's Centre for Studies in a Changing Society (55 Rue de Varenne, 75007 Paris, France).

The training of military personnel in the US alone costs twice as much per year as the education budget for 300 million school-age children in South Asia - one of many indicators of current priorities in WORLD MILITARY AND SOCIAL EXPENDITURES 1980 by Ruth Leger Sivard (\$3.50 from World Priorities Inc., Box 1003, Leesburg, VA 22075, USA; can also be ordered from WMSE Publications, c/o CAAT, 5 Caledonian Road, London N1).

FOOD

Food is basic to everyone's daily life. Our food contributes directly to our physical, mental and spiritual health. It reflects our attitude to nature and to the rights of animals. What and how and where we eat is an integral part of our pattern of living - our work, our leisure, our family life, our friendships.

What we eat helps to determine how food is grown, and what farming and agriculture are like; how food is processed, in the home and in industry; and how it is transported (by road, rail, sea and air) and distributed (through shops and restaurants).

What we eat, and what we give to our farm animals and pets to eat, affects the power of multinational food companies and helps to shape the economies of Third World countries. It affects what food the people there grow for themselves - and whether they have enough to eat.

The TP meeting on 28th November (suggestions please, see p.1) will discuss these and other such issues.

Any lingering complacency about world food supplies was rudely shattered in the autumn of 1980. The world food strategy launched six years ago is in tatters. For some time many developing countries seem doomed to import up to half their food. See Rosemary Righter's long front-page article in DEVELOPMENT FORUM, December 1980. Incidentally, Brian Welsh of Development Forum (UN Office at Geneva, Palais des Nations, CH 1211, Geneva 10, Switzerland) reminds us that it is free and that up to 25 copies of particular issues can be sent to groups, e.g. for discussion. Well worth following up.

"Those ready to address the outrage of needless hunger should work to end support for the adversaries of the poor and their allies - beginning with exposing the true uses and impact of foreign economic and military aid"; Frances Moore Lappe and others in IFDA Dossier No.20. "Fifty-five million heads of iceberg lettuce from California were unloaded in New York City during the Northeastern growing season in 1978... More than 7,900 truckloads of lettuce and other vegetables that could have been produced locally made the 3000 mile trip using 6 million gallons, or 140,000 barrels, of diesel fuel"; Donald S. Leeper in IFDA Dossier No.19. (IFDA Dossiers will now be issued quarterly by the International Foundation for Development Alternatives, 2 Place du Marche, 1260 Nyon, Switzerland).

"The American farmer's average acreage (including garden crops) is 453 acres. If it were less than 10% of the average acreage and if the farmer grew all types of fruit and vegetables that will grow in his area without feeding millions of animals, the USA would be a much healthier place"; Daniel Hoffman, MEN OR MACHINES - THE AMERICAN FARM DILEMMA, in Gandhi Marg No.18 (221-223 Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Marg, New Delhi 110002, India).

The Farm and Food Society (4 Willifield Way, London NW11 7XT) have available for loan a 16mm film of the TV programme DOWN ON THE FACTORY FARM.

The summer 1980 issue of SOLACE (35p or £1.40/\$4 for 4 issues from Keith Webb, Solace, 75 Chesham Road, Amersham, Bucks) includes an article on the New Villages Association whose FOOD AND ENERGY RESEARCH CENTRE at Evesham, Worcs, claims that half an acre is enough land to provide food for a person, that this is in fact one person's "fair share" of usable farmland in Britain, that the present British diet uses one acre per person, and that this means we are using other people's land elsewhere in the world to supply about half our food.

WORLD FOOD is a most useful fact sheet, including a list of publications for further study. Published in January 1978 as No.2 in a series of "Facts About Development" from the Centre for World Development Education (25 Wilton Road, London SW1V 1JS).

Third World Publications (151 Stratford Road, Birmingham B11 1RD) list a good selection of books about food in their 1980/81 catalogue.

Jon Wynne-Tyson's FOOD FOR A FUTURE: THE COMPLETE CASE FOR VEGETARIANISM is published in paperback (1979) by Centaur Press (Paddocks, Fontwell, Arundel, Sussex BN18 0TA, price £1.50), and in the US by Universe Books. Centaur has also recently published Henry Salt's classic ANIMALS RIGHTS. (Organisations campaigning for Animal Rights include: Animal Aid, 111 High Street, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1DL - campaigns against experiments on living animals; FREGG, 39 Maresfield Gardens, London NW3 - campaigns against battery farming.)

HEALTH

The Unit for the Study of Health Policy (8 Newcomen St., London SE1 1YR) has begun a three-year project on EFFECTIVE PREVENTION, with initial emphasis on smoking and diet as two major risk factors for heart disease.

The World Health Organisation held a consultation in December on SELF-HELP AND HEALTH. Ilona Kickbusch (Consultant, Health Education, WHO-Europe, 8 Scherfigsvej, DK-2100 Copenhagen, Denmark), is a focal point for a network of self-help activities in Europe.

The new HEALTH ADVOCACY UNIT (Department of Public Health, City Hall, Toronto, Canada) and its newsletter The Health Advocate, reflect the urgent concerns of the emerging public health movement everywhere: "the goal is a major change - we build a health-creating society, rather than a health-destructive one".

YOUR VERY GOOD HEALTH (£3.50 + 50p postage from the Churches' Council for Health and Healing, St. Marylebone Parish Church, Marylebone Road, London NW1 5LT) is a directory of over 180 groups and organisations involved in health and healing in Britain.

New approaches to cancer are among the activities of the SCIENTIFIC AND MEDICAL NETWORK (George Blaker, Lake House, Ockley, Nr. Dorking, Surrey RH5 5NS) and HEALTH FOR THE NEW AGE (Marcus and Marika McCausland, 1a Addison Crescent, London W14 8JP). Dr. Alec Forbes is Chairman of the CANCER HELP CENTRE (7 Downfield Road, Clifton, Bristol BS8 2TG).

Dr. Colin Hamer (A Place of Peace, 46A Bellefields Rd., London SW9 9UQ), author of VOICE IN THE DARKNESS, offers holistic psychotherapy - including career guidance, self-education, diet, body-centred techniques. He mentions two books: "Female Psychology - The Emerging Self" by Sue Cox; and "Towards a Theology of Development" (Sodepax, The Ecumenical Centre, 150 Route de Ferney, Geneva, Switzerland).

HERALD OF HOLISTIC HEALTH (1766 Cumberland Green, Suite 208, St. Charles, IL 60174, USA) is a newsletter of interest to healing professionals, researchers, nutritionists and students in the health fields.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Andrew Stobart (Trimble Windmills, Crimble Grange, Beckwithshaw, Harrogate, North Yorks HG3 1QU) points out that ten units of energy are used to produce four energy units of food from UK farms (1975 figures). If wind energy became a "crop" for farmers, both for their own use and to export the surplus into a grid, this could revolutionise the viability of hill and coastal farms.

Jorgen Stig Norgard (DEMO-Project, Physics Lab.III, Technical Univ. of Denmark, DK-2800 Lyngby, Denmark) is exploring the long-term energy options for Denmark. In "The Gentle Path of Conservation" he reports the potential for a dramatic decline in energy consumption. In another paper (with Niels Mayer) he explains why "The Industrial Nations must give a credible Energy Example". Another (with Bente Lis Christensen) is on "Social Values and the Limits to Growth" (in "Technological Forecasting and Social Change Vol.9, 1976.)

LOCAL ENERGY GROUPS are beginning to spring up in Britain, and ITDG (Intermediate Technology Development Group) are providing a back-up service to promote them and provide them with technical support. Contact John Davis (10 Grenfell Road, Beaconsfield, Bucks) of ITDG or Abigail Lawton (29 Woodberry Avenue, London N21 3LE) of PARLIGAES - Parliamentary Liaison Group on Alternative Energy Strategies.

Fred Gram (3230 W. Owasso Blvd., St. Paul, Minn.55112, USA) has produced a MINNESOTA ENERGY INVENTORY (\$5) and a report on "Atomic Radiation in Minnesota" (\$1) for the Civic Information Council (Box 12861, St.Paul, Minn.55112). He makes a "Dry Point": "The US/China rapprochement may be an illusion after all. Our Secretary of Agriculture plans to deliver to China one of the deadliest of our weapons, US baking technology".

NATURAL ENERGY AND LIVING (75p per issue, from the Natural Energy Assn. (2 York St., London W1) No.8, 1980, contains Robin Clarke's interview with Roderick James, who last year ended his six-year stint as director of the National Centre for Alternative Technology (Llwyngwern Quarry, Pantperthog, Machynlleth, Powys, Wales). His successor is Pete Raine, formerly of Birmingham Friends of the Earth (54 Allison St., Digbeth, Birmingham B5 5TH).

"It is commonsense that the greatest source of energy for developing nations is conservation and introduction of renewable sources of energy in the industrial world" - RENEWABLE NEWS (a newsletter from Friends of the Earth, 124 Spear St., San Francisco, CA 94105, USA). The UN conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy (UNERG), is on 10th-21st August in Nairobi, Kenya. The Community and International Division, Dept. of Energy, Thames House South, Millbank, London SW1P 4QJ is the UK "focal point".

Sally Lerner (Faculty of Environmental Studies, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada N2L 3G1) who edited the Spring 1979 issue of "Alternatives" on "Behaviour in the Crunch" is now doing a long-term study of COMMUNITY BASED ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAMMES. She will be visiting Britain in April and would like to hear about projects here.

THE VIABILITY OF THE CIVIL NUCLEAR INDUSTRY by Mans Lonroth and William Walker (Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House, 10 St. James's Square, London SW1Y 4LE). "The acceptability of nuclear power could be enhanced by clear demonstration by governments and utilities that other options, including conservation, are receiving as strong political and institutional support as nuclear power".

Recent NATTA newsletters (Network for Alternative Technology and Technology Assessment, Alternative Technology Group, Faculty of Technology, Open University, Milton Keynes, Bucks) contain useful items about alternative energy technologies. No.7 has a good think-piece by Dave Elliott on the future of AT.

CAITS (N.E. London Polytechnic, Longbridge Road, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2AS) the Centre for Alternative Technological and Industrial Systems set up by the Lucas Aerospace shopstewards, now publish a Quarterly (£1.50 pa). They are also handling the development fund appeal for the Lucas Aerospace workers' road/rail vehicle.

Appreciative thanks to Ward Morehouse, chairman of ITDG/US (Council on International and Public Affairs, Suite 1231, 60 E 42nd St., New York, NY 10017, USA) for two sharply contrasting books. TOMORROW IS OUR PERMANENT ADDRESS by John and Nancy Todd (Harper and Row) explores the philosophical and practical aspects of the bioshelter - the Arks on Cape Cod and Prince Edward Island. PAPER HEROES by Witold Rybczynski (Doubleday) is a critical response to the excessive claims of the appropriate technology movement.

GANDHI MARG No.16 (see p.4) has an interesting review by K.D.Gangrade of "Homo Faber: Technology and Culture in India, China and the West - 1500 to 1972" by Claude Alvares (Allied Publishers, Bombay). The material progress of the West was at the expense of the Third World nations. These now look to Western models and paradigms for solutions to their problems. They should aim to recapture and revitalise their own advanced technology and culture, which the West destroyed.

The URBAN CENTRE FOR APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY is being set up in Bristol in partnership with the National Centre for Alternative Technology, Machynlleth and the Society for Environmental Improvement. Plans for a demonstration centre and working community to help town dwellers to meet the ecological crisis in practical ways. Contact Martin Large (25 Reservoir Road, Gloucester GL4 9RT).

RETROSPECT:PROSPECT (Jan.1981, from Sudbury 2001, 67 Elm Street East, Sudbury, Ontario, Canada P3E 4S7) is a valuable report on how this city region is meeting "the challenge of the emerging dual economy and initiating economic development through appropriate technology".

TECHNOLOGIES FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT, a 1980 report from UNESCO (7 Place de Fontenoy, 75700 Paris, France) contains a valuable overview by Bill Ellis of TRANET (PO Box 567, Rangeley, ME 04970, USA) and an interesting account of the ITDG experience by D.W.J. Miles (ITDG, 9 King Street, Covent Garden, London WC2 8HN). Among the many innovators mentioned by Bill Ellis are the Egyptian architect Hasan Fathy (housing for rural development) and the Tennessee rural development group Plenty. Both received ALTERNATIVE NOBEL PRIZES in Stockholm in December 1980, awarded by the Right Livelihood Foundation (Jacob von Uexkull, 2 Wybourn Drive, Onchan, Isle of Man, British Isles.)

Tools For Self-Reliance (1 Little Anglesey, Gosport, Hants PO12 2HS) is a non-commercial venture which collects and refurbishes handtools and sends them to working people in developing countries.

Mary Ann Kunkel (Apartado 41, Lista de Correos, Coin, Malaga, Spain) has found that the work on their smallholding is much pleasanter and just as effective without the "help" of a mechanical rotovator. Simple musclepower saves time and temper lost on persuading the machine to go, and money spent on oil and petrol.

IDEAS, VALUES AND POLITICS

Philosophy is in turmoil. Paradigms are shifting. Tomorrow's contexts for experience, thought and action are being shaped by new insights into decentralism, energy science, ecology, psycho-sexual dynamics, the functions of knowledge, and possible futures. A genuinely new politics is beginning to emerge.

Kirkpatrick Sale's HUMAN SCALE (558 pages, English edition £5.95, paperback, Secker and Warburg) is, as Lewis Mumford says, an encyclopaedic book. If you want to get to grips with the idea of "small is beautiful" in a big way, this book will start you off.

Jeremy Rifkin's ENTROPY: A NEW WORLD VIEW (305 pages, Viking Press, NY) tells us that entropy is the supreme law of nature and governs everything we do, and why our existing world view is crumbling and what will replace it. If you want to get to grips with the philosophical implications of the energy crisis, this is the book for you.

Riley E. Dunlap (Dept. of Rural Sociology, Washington State Univ., Pullman, Washington 99164, USA) has written about THE NEW ENVIRONMENTAL PARADIGM in the 1978 Journal of Environmental Education. Of particular interest also is the Sept/Oct 1980 issue of American Behavioural Scientist (\$5 from Sage Publications Inc., 275 South Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, USA; also obtainable from Sage Publications Ltd., 28 Banner Street, London ECLY 8QE) edited by him on "Ecology and the Social Sciences: An Emerging Paradigm".

The emerging philosophy or new paradigm will also be shaped by the prospect of "a sexual-political revolution - reaching down below the shallow level of economics into the very core of humankind". Michael Tobin's and Caroline Kuijper's (Ballynattin, Borris, via Kilkenny, Republic of Ireland) powerful 36-page paper on COSMIC BECOMING suggests the relevance of the Reichian approach, as we face the ultimate destructiveness of patriarchal culture. We have also appreciated their "Blackstairs Bulletin" and "Ballinasillogge Nettle".

David Waddell's (Urban Church Project, St. Matthias Vicarage, Poplar High Street, London E14 OAE) Report No.11 (summer 1980) and his paper on FUNCTIONAL RELIGION AS A SOCIAL DEFENCE MECHANISM discuss some of the deep psychological aspects of personal and social change. "When threatened by high rates of change ... individuals and the social systems they generate begin to act as if facing primal stress experienced in a condition of foetal helplessness".

Thanks to Valentina Borremans (Apdo.479, Cuernavaca, Mexico) for Ivan Illich's piece on HUGH -OR SCIENCE BY PEOPLE, his contribution to her forthcoming reader on the History and Philosophy of Alternative Tools. Hugh of St. Victor was a 12th century thinker. "Science by People may be a 1980 term in search of a wisdom analogous to what Hugh meant when he defined science as an aid for self-induced weakness which is man's destiny in a world which he himself marred".

Prof. Ossip K. Flechtheim (Rohlfstrasse 18, D-1000 Berlin 33 (Dahlem)), the author of HISTORY AND FUTUROLOGY, has sent interesting articles on "Can Futurology Save Us?" and "Futurology and Sociology".

SWEDEN IN WORLD SOCIETY; THOUGHTS ABOUT THE FUTURE (Pergamon Press, 1980) explores different possible futures (contact: Goran Backstrand, Secretariat for Futures Studies, Regeringsgatan 65, S10392 Stockholm, Sweden). AMBIO, Vol.8, No.2-3, (Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Fack, S10405 Stockholm) explores five "scenarios" for environment and development - guest editor Uno Svedin.

AUSTRALIAN FRONTIER's Futures Project has generated a great deal of valuable material about the search for a new social paradigm and the processes of change. Contact Keith Bottomley (PO Box Q131, Queen Victoria Building, Sydney, NSW 2000, Australia).

Thanks to Michael Marien (Information for Policy Design, Lafayette, NY 13084, USA) for "Transformation Platform". The NEW WORLD ALLIANCE (733 15th St. NW, No.1131, Washington DC 20005, USA) here puts transformational/humanistic/decentralist/ecological/"New Age" ideas into a detailed, practical political platform. NWA is supported by many other well-known activists in the US "alternative" movement, including Mark Satin (Box 3242, Winchester, VA 22601, USA) who edits and publishes RENEWAL, a new political newsletter.

PLANETARY CITIZENS (777 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017, USA) have invited groups and organisations in many countries during the next two years to engage as many people as possible in discussion of "preferred futures" for the world - covering such questions as war, peace and world security, world organisation, global economics, the environment, etc., and culminating in a planetary congress in 1982. Donald Keys (President of Planetary Citizens), Elizabeth Campbell (Association of Humanistic Psychology), Keith Suter (UN Association of New South Wales), Gerald and Patricia Mische (Global Education Associates) and Aurelio Peccei (Club of Rome) launched this initiative jointly. Donald Keys will be in Britain in April, at the London Institute of Psychosynthesis (Roger Evans, The Barn, Nan Clarks Lane, Mill Hill, London NW7) and at Findhorn (The Park, Findhorn Bay, Forres, Morayshire, Scotland IV36 0TZ) for a workshop on Tools for Transformation of Self and Society.

THE FIRST ASSEMBLY OF THE FOURTH WORLD, for Small Nations, Small Communities and the Human Spirit, in London in July aims to strengthen networks around the world which are trying to avert the threat of global war and ecological disaster. 1000 people are expected and 25 parallel forums are planned. The President is Gwynfor Evans, the Convener John Papworth, the general administrator Nicholas Albery (for address, see p.15). Incidentally, Nicholas Albery urges you to ask your MP to safeguard the treaty rights of Canadian Indians and Eskimos before the Canadian constitution is repatriated.

Margaret Bain, the former Scottish Nationalist MP is the new director of the GREEN ALLIANCE (60 Chandos Place, London WC2N 4HG). A series of Green Alliance debates is now in progress. Details from Pamela Pomerance Johnson (same address). We warmly welcome the GA's first two pamphlets in a series about the ecological perspective and its place in the new agenda: "Green Politics: The New Paradigm" by Maurice Ash, and "Economics Today: What Do We Need?" by Henryk Skolimowski. (95p each or 64p each if ordered in quantities of 12 or more).

For the impressive work of the POLITICAL ECOLOGY RESEARCH GROUP (34 Cowley Road, Oxford), see their annual report 1979/80 (price £1.50).

ECO-SOCIALISM IN A NUTSHELL (50p from Stan Rosenthal, Socialist Environment and Resources Association, 9 Poland Street, London W1) will make you laugh - and think about how socialist and ecological thinking have blended into eco-socialism. LOCAL SOCIALISM (also from SERA) costs £1.20 a year for six issues and is concerned with local government and community action.

BEYOND 2000: THE SUSTAINABLE SOCIETY is a 24-page pamphlet for the Liberal Ecology Group (1 Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2HE) by John Bates (28 Sims Close, Romford, Essex RM1 3QT) who has copies (40p each + SAE).

Tony Mockler (St. Antony's College, Oxford) and Paul Temperton have been organising seminars on REGIONALISM IN BRITAIN.

EDUCATION, INCLUDING COURSES

EDUCATION FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD CHANGE (Tony Gibson, School of Education, Univ. of Nottingham, Nottingham NG7 2RD) offers low-cost, eye-catching, jargon-free resource materials to help neighbourhood action groups, housing co-ops, residents' associations, etc. to streamline decision-making, involve their membership, etc. "Getting Self-Propelled" is a basic guide for self-help groups. Tony Gibson's "People Power" (Penguin Books £1.25) is about community and work groups in action.

Community Communications Centre, Douglas College (PO Box 2503, New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada V3L 5B2) helps community groups to identify their own needs and to communicate them effectively.

ITDG (9 King Street, London WC2E 8HN) has recently issued a list (45p, inc. postage) of over 40 courses in the UK on appropriate technology - including graduate and post-graduate courses and also less formal courses on organic agriculture, self-build housing, etc. The March issue of Appropriate Technology will be on AT education. Incidentally, potential advertisers please note that it has a high reputation and good circulation especially in developing countries.

John Turner (Development Planning Unit, 9 Endsleigh Gardens, London WC1) has details of a workshop on PLANNING WITH PEOPLE (5th-12th June) and a seminar on ALTERNATIVE AND APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGIES IN HOUSING.

Sedley Sweeney has details of 1981 courses at the SMALLHOLDERS TRAINING CENTRE (Brynoyre Farm, Talybont-on-Usk, Brecon, Powys LD3 7YS, Wales)..

The YARNER TRUST runs courses on two low-input, organic smallholdings. Details from Eric Clarke (Yarner Barton, Dartington, Totnes, Devon).

Virginia Novarra, author of WOMEN'S WORK, MEN'S WORK is a visiting Fellow at the Anglian Regional Management Centre (Asta House, 156/164 High Road, Chadwell Heath, Romford, Essex RM6 6LX), where Ian Cunningham is head of the Personal Development Division. Also involved in projects about opportunities for women in management are Sarah Q. Hargrave (Sears-Roebuck Foundation, Sears Tower, Chicago, IL 60684, USA) and Lady Peggy Lindsay (Christmas Cottage, Lower Shiplake, Nr. Henley-on-Thames, Oxon RG9 3LH).

Grace E. Young (77 Meersbrook Park Road, Sheffield S8 9FP) is active with the NATIONAL ADULT SCHOOL ORGANISATION, a decentralised network of "friendship through study" groups. "Life Is For Living" is a study handbook: from NASO (Norfolk House, Smallbrook, Queensway, Birmingham 15) - price £2.50, 1981.

Bulletin (18 pages) - \$2 or 80p - of the FREE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY from Walther Micke (FIU, Rottedijk 2, 2751 DJ Moerkappelle, Holland).

Prof. Severyn Bruyn's program in SOCIAL ECONOMY AND SOCIAL POLICY (Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA 02176, USA) puts out an interesting newsletter, "The Social Report".

Daphne Rock (6 Westrow, Westleigh Avenue, London SW15) reports that a National Campaign for STATE FUNDED ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS has been set up, to support and coordinate local groups. A paper (50p), a quarterly newsletter (£1 for 4 issues) and a leaflet are available from the Advisory Centre for Education (18 Victoria Park Square, London E2).

Archway Development Education Centre (173 Archway Road, London N6) provides a schools programme supported by Oxfam, and a community programme. Their monthly newsletter CENTREBLURB costs £2 p.a.

David Radcliffe (17 Morden Road Mews, Blackheath, London SE3 0AE) convened a workshop on the FAMILY AND THE SOCIALISATION OF CHILDREN at the University of Western Ontario in October 1979 and edited a report of its proceedings (distributed by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 255 Albert Street, Box 1610, Ottawa K1P 6G4). David is currently in Britain, studying the educational implications of ageing populations.

The Centre for Social Development (Emerson College, Old Plaw Hatch House, Sharpthorne, West Sussex RH19 4JL) is an adult centre for research, training and practice whose Programme 1980-81 offers new approaches to questions of social life.

Francis Thurlow (The College for Continuous Education, Daglingworth Manor, Nr. Cirencester, Glos GL7 7AH) has details of seminars and correspondence courses on THE TRANSFORMATION OF MAN and SPIRITUAL SEARCH - A PLANETARY PERSPECTIVE.

Charles M. Devonshire (Center for Cross Cultural Communication, 20 Minoca Road, Portola Valley, CA 94025, USA) has details of their European person-centred learning program - warmly endorsed by Carl Rogers who will be involved - beginning in summer 1981 at the PERSON-CENTRED APPROACH INSTITUTE, Lugano, Switzerland.

INFORMATION SERVICES

John Newson's NEW ERA BOOKS (124 Queen's Road, Buckhurst Hill, Essex IG9 5BJ) is a mail order book service specialising in new scientific concepts, organisational patterns, community structures, technologies, insights into human consciousness, spiritual awareness, ecological sensitivity and other aspects of the new paradigm.

ATINDEX (John L. Noyce, PO Box 450, Brighton, E. Sussex BN1 8GR) is a quarterly indexing service on appropriate technology. Bibliography on transnational corporations available at reduced subscriptions to people campaigning against TNCs - like the Nestle Boycott Campaign (Andy Chetley, War on Want, 467 Caledonian Road, London N7 9BE). John Noyce says that the Sussex Whole Earth Group's library (at Simple Supplies, 11 George Street, Brighton) is a useful resource centre for environmentalists - phone 694600 beforehand. He is also involved in Pebble Press (PO Box 28, Brighton) - low-cost recipe pamphlets, e.g. vegan and wholefood.

Write to Rose Heaward (Flat 12, 72 Westbourne Terrace, London W2 6QA) of the ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION GROUP about the ATIG newsletter. Incidentally, she tells us of a blacksmith in Gloucestershire: the planners say his forge spoils the village scene and are trying to shift him to an industrial estate! Rose is also handling the ATIG appeal for the Ancient Cereals Research Project, investigating the potential of emmer as a breadwheat for smallholders.

The 1980/82 Catalogue (443 pages) of 16mm films available from CONCORD FILMS (Lydia Vulliamy, 201 Felixstowe Road, Ipswich, Suffolk IP3 9BJ) costs £1.50 + £1 postage + £1 for all the supplements published before the next edition comes out. Amazingly good value.

Linda Mallett (Laurieston Hall, Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire, Scotland) has copies (send 20p in stamps) of the INTERNATIONAL COMMUNES NETWORK newsletter - invaluable for commune contacts around the globe.

Ellery Foster's (Free Trade Exchange) 122 E 2nd Street, Winona, MN 55987, USA) newsletter MUTUAL AID promotes Mutual Aid Information Services and Voluntary Mutual Aid Societies in the Kropotkin tradition.

Edward Goldsmith (73 Molesworth Street, Wadebridge, Cornwall PL27 7DS) offers a free sample of THE ECOLOGIST to any TP reader who asks.

Mark Satin (see p.9) offers a mailing list (on self-sticking labels) of more than 750 alternative, new age, etc., periodicals. Cost \$35.

Satish Kumar (Resurgence, Ford House, Hartland, Bideford, Devon) is launching a RESURGENCE RESOURCES CATALOGUE of individuals and groups offering "tools for transformation".

Bill Leland's impressive HARBINGER FILE, a directory of citizen groups, government agencies and environmental education programs in the San Francisco and Monterey region, and GUIDE FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF LEASE SALE, could be useful models for environmental groups elsewhere. Wendy Martyna's articles explore the sexist nature of language. (Harbinger Communications, Peninsula Conservation Foundation, 1176 Emerson St., Palo Alto, CA 94301, USA).

The Worldwatch Institute's (1776 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington DC 20036, USA) latest Paper, No.40, is on ENERGY AND ARCHITECTURE: THE SOLAR AND CONSERVATION POTENTIAL. Their book "Helping Ourselves: Local Solutions to Global Problems" will be out this Spring. Worldwatch Papers are also available from Third World Publications (151 Stratford Road, Birmingham B11 1RD).

The FUTURE STUDIES CENTRE (15 Kelso Road, Leeds LS2 9PR) needs full-time or part-time volunteers; living in; possibility of a STEP post. The January 1981 FSC newsletter argues that the disabled should have a bigger say in the Year of the Disabled. Roland Chaplain would like to hear of disabled people who cannot afford the cost £50 of the "Human Value" conference in London, 31st March to 1st April, but who would have something distinctive to contribute to it, such as their experience of poverty, poor housing and other inner city problems. Roland is trying to get such people sponsored by wealthy individuals and charities.

"The principles and practice of Self-Help for disabled people contain examples of value to most other community-based minorities who are searching for answers to their problems". The SHARE Community (Tom Hood, 177 Battersea High Street, London SW11 3JS) run a Self-Help Information Bank and produce a GUIDE TO SELF-HELP GROUPS.

Baroness Edmee di Pauli (31 Grove End Road, London NW8) has established CENTRE-LINK as a world centre of service, to distribute information to and from people concerned to preserve the resources of the planet and to develop spiritual values.

Johann Quasier (of "New Humanity", 51A York Mansions, Prince of Wales Drive, London SW11) has launched the NEW HUMANITY ALLIANCE, a Pan-European politico-spiritual party.

World Goodwill (Suite 54, 3 Whitehall Court, London SW1A 2EF) sends out informative free literature. Their recent study paper on THE PROBLEM OF RACIAL MINORITIES includes useful information, book lists, etc. as well as ideas. Write for their publications list.

THE ETHICAL RECORD, journal of the South Place Ethical Society (£2 p.a. from SPES, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4RL) contains information about interesting meetings and ideas. Peter Hunot (17 Anson Road, London N7 ORB) is the new editor.

GREEN REVOLUTION, published monthly by The School for Living (PO Box 3233, York, PA 17402, USA), is an important voice for decentralism and ecology. Subscriptions by donation.

ARVAC - details of membership and publications from the Assn. of Researchers in Voluntary Action and Community Involvement (2 Alma St., Wivenhoe, Essex CO7 9DL).

PEOPLE AND PROJECTS

Nordal Akerman (Committee for Future Oriented Research, Swedish Council for Planning and Co-ordination of Research, Box 6710, S-113 85, Stockholm) believes that Sweden, being a highly centralised country where formal structures are of paramount importance, will find it difficult to switch to another development path. His book YES IT CAN BE DONE will be based on examples of successful "alternative" projects in Canada, USA, and Western and Eastern Europe. Write to him about projects he should visit. In October 1980, Nordal chaired a public hearing in Stockholm on HOW CAN WE MAKE THE CITIES MORE HUMAN? 50 witnesses appeared for ½ an hour each. He plans three or four such hearings a year on various topics.

The Town and Country Planning Association (Kelvin MacDonald, TCPA, 17 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AS) is setting up specialist working groups to take forward their proposals for a THIRD GARDEN CITY - not necessarily on a green field site, but possibly in a suburb or inner city. The Greentown Group (109 Church Street, Wolverton, Milton Keynes, Bucks) is putting the ideas into practice.

David Rock (Rock Townsend, 5 Dryden Street, London WC2E 9NW), founder of the Dryden Street and Barley Mow working communities, has written THE GRASSROOTS DEVELOPERS: A HANDBOOK FOR TOWN DEVELOPMENT TRUSTS. Obtainable from - and cheques for £4 (inc.postage) to - the RIBA Conference Fund (66 Portland Place, London W1N 4AD).

Write to Andrew Page (Dartington Institute of Community Studies, Totnes, Devon TQ9 6JE) for information about the Dartington model of a community for the future.

Tom Burke (Friends of the Earth, 9 Poland Street, London W1) and Lyn Wilson (Harbridge House Europe, 3 Hanover Square, London W1) have applied industry structure analysis to the future of London as a city, and ask WITHER OR WHITHER LONDON?

Prof. T.L. Blair (Habitat Forum, Polytechnic of Central London, 309 Regent Street, London W1) has edited HUMAN SETTLEMENTS IN THE EIGHTIES (£3.50 + 60p postage payable to Polytechnic of Central London), and his lecture to the 1980 Town and Country Planning Summer School was on "Thirteen Theses for a Human Settlements Approach to Development Planning for Poorer Communities".

Dr. S.L. Kwee (Willem de Rijkelaan 2, NL-5616 EA Eindhoven, Holland) reports that a Working Group for Human Ecology (Th. de Bockweg 8A, 6871 EH Renkum, Holland) is undertaking a multidisciplinary study on ECOLOGY AND REGIONAL PLANNING. Also that the Japanese Commune Movement (Kibbutz Akan, Shin Shizen Juku, Nakasetsury, Tsurui Mura, Akan Gun, Hokkaido 085-12 Japan) publishes "The Communes of Japan" (£3 inc. postage) and a journal "Communitarity" (£1.50 p.a.).

Toralf Ekelund reports in IFDA Dossier 19 (see p.4) on an interesting study based on members of the FUTURE IN OUR HANDS movement (Torggata 35, Oslo 1, Norway), of the successes and failures of private households in lowering their consumption habits.

Maggie Barker (14a Lansdowne Road, Wimbledon, London SW20 8AN) sends out a newsletter for the LIFE STYLE MOVEMENT's London Region. "Life Style members are dedicated to making as much difference as they can, beginning with themselves".

Dr. Patrick Howden's (Clovelly, Menagissey, Mount Hawke, Truro, Cornwall) pamphlet on SMALLTERNATIVES - a guide to self-sufficiency skills and how to beat the system - is extracted from his book "Ecologicals: The Good Life Skills Book".

John McClaughry (Institute for Liberty and Community, Concord, Vermont 05824, USA) tells us that Bob Swann (Institute for Community Economics, 120 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116, USA) is president of the E.F. SCHUMACHER SOCIETY which has been set up in the US. A Schumacher Memorial Lecture is planned.

David Green (The Square, Athenry, County Galway, Ireland) writes of the present turning point - "Capitalism was the thesis, socialism the antithesis, and what we are all fumbling towards now is the synthesis". He is translating Folkert Wilken's magnum opus on this theme and - at the practical level - advises members of cooperatives and common ownerships on the contractual sharing of added value.

Peter Boss (Pennyfields, Tidebrook, Wadhurst, Sussex) is keen to hear from people with practical experience in the taxation of cooperatives - particularly about Inland Revenue concessions.

The 1980 Voltaire Lecture by James Robertson on THE RIGHT TO RESPONSIBILITY IN WORK costs 50p + 10p postage from the British Humanist Association (13 Prince of Wales Terrace, London WC 5PG).

Bill Martin and Sandra Mason (Leisure Consultants, Lint Growis, Foxearth, Sudbury, Suffolk) have worked out imaginative proposals for a LEISURE COUNSELLING scheme, which should interest local authorities, the education profession, employers, and voluntary organisations.

The ANIMAL TOWN GAME COMPANY is the Kolsbun Family (PO Box 2002, Santa Barbara, CA 93120, USA) - board games about co-operation, self-sufficiency, conservation, etc. We like the sound of the Peter Principle Game.

Norman Myers (PO Box 48197, Nairobi, Kenya), author of THE SINKING ARK, argues that the affluent nations must assist developing nations with the expense of preserving tropical species of wild life.

What should an environmentally active community organiser know about acid rain, carbon dioxide, desertification, earthquakes, the "greenhouse effect", heatwaves, hurricanes, Ice Ages, soil demineralisation, volcanoes, and climate trends? Contact Byron Kennard (2430 Pennsylvania Ave NW, No.823, Washington DC 20037, USA).

Jonathan Aronson's (Univ. of Southern California, School of International Relations, Los Angeles, CA 90007, USA) recent paper on THE ROLE OF THE SERVICE SECTOR IN THE WORLD ECONOMY deals with some international aspects of the "post-industrial" economy.

Pat and Brian Stapleton are "a sort of Quaker lobby in Brussels" (Quaker Council for European Affairs, 28 Avenue de la Brabanconne, B-1040 Brussels, Belgium). They suggest that many of the concerns we share may possibly be able to make headway at the European Community level. E.g., the EEC may be prepared to take a progressive stand on animal rights - see AROUND EUROPE: QUAKER NEWSHEET FROM BRUSSELS No.27.

Michael Geoghegan (UN Development Programme, 1 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017, USA) is program chairman, Society for International Development, NY Branch, and has been injecting "alternative" ideas into the program. As UNDP Senior Officer he is happy to advise TP people how they can help the UN - either as volunteers or as technical experts. Incidentally, SID (Palazzo Civiltà del Lavoro, EUR, 00144 Rome, Italy) have produced some interesting papers on Alternative Ways of Life, and are planning a new journal.

Prof. Carol Ann Smith (Dept. of Philosophy, Univ. of Missouri-Rolla, Rolla, Missouri 65401, USA) has a research project on ethical dilemmas facing engineers practising in a culture other than their own, and would like to hear from people who have experienced such dilemmas.

Detlef Kantowsky's (Kaiserpfalzstrasse 76, D-7762 Bodman-Ludwigshafen 2, West Germany) 224-page book SARVODAYA: THE OTHER DEVELOPMENT, a Gandhian approach to development, is published by Vikas Publishing House PVT Ltd. (5 Ansari Road, New Delhi 110 002, India) price RS 75.

Ian Priban's (90 Portland Road, London W11 4QL) and John Lepper's joint papers on "Choose Your Future Now" and "Taking Charge of Change" indicate the goals of the MOOT INSTITUTE and its Study Groups.

Warwick Rowell (c/o 10 Duncraig Rd., Applecross, Western Australia 6153) is back in Australia after two years at the Anglian Regional Management Centre (see p.10). Among his concerns as an independent consultant are personal turning points, transitions and straights.

Michael Franklin (Everyman Centre, Shantock Hall, Bovingdon, Herts) and Peter Dewey: a second Congress of Faiths at St.Albans Abbey, July 1982; a network centred on the new Chapter House; a programme of studies in autumn 1981; co-operation with the Youth Hostels Assn. in a new hostel.

Cathy Jones (Context Research, PO Box 9, Burntwood, Walsall WS7 8GE) holds monthly meetings as part of a 3-year project on REINCARNATION RESEARCH. Send 40p stamps for information about facilitating recall of far-off memory, and for a list of useful addresses.

Ask Serge Beddington Behrens about the INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF CONSCIOUS EVOLUTION (2418 Clement Street, San Francisco, CA 94121, USA), which includes a geo-psychic research centre.

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

16th May, WORK EQUALS WEALTH? Shaftesbury Project conference at Solihull. Speakers include George Goyder, James Robertson. Tickets (£2) and details from Michael Lindsey, 5 Greene Walk, Berkhamsted, Herts.

29th-31st May, HOW TO RUN A PEACE GROUP, one of a series of courses at Centre Space. Details from Mark Collier, Centre Space, Coakham Farm, Crockham Hill, Edenbridge, Kent.

20th-28th June, FESTIVAL FOR MIND-BODY-SPIRIT, Olympia, London. Details from 159 George Street, London W1H 5LB.

6th-9th July, HEALTH FOR THE 80s, Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire, organised by the Churches' Council for Health and Healing. Speakers include the Archbishop of Canterbury, Una Kroll, Stephen Verney, Fred Blum, Hugh Montefiore. Details from CCHH, St.Marylebone Parish Church, Marylebone Road, London NW1 5LT.

10th-12th July, THE ADOLESCENT: DIMENSIONS OF UNDERSTANDING, Madeley Polytechnic, Crewe. Organised by Assn. for the Psychiatric Study of the Adolescent. Speakers include Francis Huxley, Peter McLachlan. Details from John Lampen, Shotton Hall, Harmer Hill, Shrewsbury SY4 3DW.

10th-12th July, LIVING WITH DEATH, conference on a conscious approach to dying. Speakers: Prof. E. Wilkes, Lily Pincus, Rosemary Zorza. Details from Wrekin Trust, Dove House, Little Birch, Hereford HR2 8BB.

10th-13th July, 2nd ECO-PHILOSOPHY conference at Shiners Bridge, Dartington, organised by Henryk Skolimowski. Details from Iris Allison, Dartington Hall, Totnes, Devon TQ9 6EL.

29th-31st July, FIRST ASSEMBLY OF THE FOURTH WORLD, London (see p.9). Details from Nicholas Albery, 24 Abercorn Place, London NW8.

28th November, TURNING POINT meeting on FOOD, see p.1 and p.4.

SOME DATES TO NOTE

25th February, CRISIS AND OPPORTUNITY: ISSUES OF SECURITY AND SURVIVAL, St. James's Church, Piccadilly, London, 1pm-2.15pm. First of eight Wednesday lunchtime lectures sponsored by DUNAMIS (see p.3). Speakers, in order, Rev. Donald Reeves, Rt.Hon.David Steel MP, Prof. Jo Rotblat, Adam Roberts, E.P. Thompson, Richard Barnet, Ronald Higgins, Prof. Bernard Williams. Each, except first two, to be followed by evening workshop 5.30-7pm. SAE to Penelope Eckersley, St. James's Rectory, 197 Piccadilly, London W1V 9LF for further details. (These "Spring Lectures" culminate in joint TP/Dunamis meeting, see p.1 and p.3).

3rd March, THE FUTURE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MEDICINE, Lecture Hall B, David Hume Tower, Univ. of Edinburgh, 5.15pm. Speaker: Prof. G. Melvyn Howe, Dept. of Geography, Univ. of Strathclyde. Details from the Centre for Human Ecology, 15 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh.

9th March, PARLIGAES meeting, ENERGY FOR THE THIRD WORLD, House of Commons (St. Stephen's entrance), 7pm. Speaker: George McRobie, ITDG. Details of this and full PARLIGAES programme from Harriett Pertile, 58 Western Road, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 1RP.

13th-15th March HOW TO START AND RUN A SMALL FARM. Weekend course with Patrick and Shirley Rivers. (Also 3rd-5th April). Details of these and other courses from Adrian and Elsa Wood, The Nurtons, Tintern, Nr. Chepstow, Gwent NP6 7NX.

14th March, ENERGY POLITICS. One of a series of conferences at Univ. of London Extra-Mural Centre, this one will look at UKAEA's changing perception of the energy scene. Details from Harry Frost, Crosshill, Ifield Green, Crawley, W. Sussex RH11 0ND.

27th-29th March, TREES FOR FOOD AND FUEL. One of many courses at the National Centre for Alternative Technology. Full programme from Jill Whitehead, NCAT, Llwyngwern Quarry, Machynlleth, Powys, Wales.

2nd-5th April, COMPASSION AND EMPTINESS, one of a series of Western Zen Retreats held in a Welsh farm house near Rhayader, Powys, Wales. Details from John Crook, 51 Alma Road, Bristol BS8 2DE.

3rd-5th April, MYSTICS AND SCIENTISTS 4: THE FRONTIERS OF CONSCIOUSNESS. Weekend conference in Winchester. Speakers: Prof. Karl Pribram, Prof. Charles T. Tart, Ven. Sumedho, Z'ev Ben Shimon Halevi, Prof. Glen Schaeffer. Details of this and their full programme of events from The Wrekin Trust, Dove House, Little Birch, Hereford HR2 8BB.

6th-11th April, RIGHT LIVELIHOOD. Dartington annual New Themes for Education conference. Speakers include Hazel Henderson, Colin Ball, Barrie Sherman, Roger Evans, Marjo Van Boeschoten. Details from Margaret Callaway, The Elmhirst Centre, Dartington Hall, Totnes, Devon.

9th-16th April, EDUCATION AND THE FUTURE OF MAN. A programme in celebration of Teilhard de Chardin, in Geneva, Switzerland, organised by the International Association for Integrative Education. Speakers include John Newson, Claude Curling, James George. Details from Mark Braham, Sopers Farmhouse, Capton, Dittisham, Devon.

10th-11th April, PUBLIC INFLUENCE AND PUBLIC POLICY, RIPA conference at Sussex University. Speakers include Prof. Bernard Williams, Robert Worcester, Czech Conroy. Details from the Conference Secretary, RIPA, 3 Birdcage Walk, London SW1H 9JJ.

9th May, TURNING POINT/DUNAMIS meeting, SECURITY AND SURVIVAL - see p.1.

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