

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.

There is an ad hoc committee whose members are: Beata Bishop, Peter Cadogan, Margaret Chisman, Alison Pritchard and James Robertson. Enquiries and communications should be made by post to Alison Pritchard, Spring Cottage, 9 New Road, Ironbridge, Shropshire TF8 7AU, or by phone to her (Ironbridge 095245) 2224) or to Margaret Chisman (01-607 4755) or to Peter Cadogan (01-794 5590).

NEWSLETTERS, MAILING LIST AND CORRESPONDENCE

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

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

TURNING POINT PAPERS AND MEETINGS

TP Paper No.1 on THE REDISTRIBUTION OF WORK now in its 3rd printing. See p.8 for details, including SPECIAL EXPERIMENTAL OFFER.
ACT NOW - OFFER LIMITED TO 31ST MARCH!

A Working Group on ALTERNATIVE HEALTH EDUCATION, set up as a result of the November 1981 TP meeting, next meets on 28th March. An Education Pack for Schools is proposed and an Alternative Health Education Council. Contact: Hermione Gowland (209 Archway Road, London N6).

The November 1981 TP meeting on FOOD raised many important issues, thanks to the excellent contributions of speaker, panellists and participants. If we decide to produce a TP Paper on Food, we will let you know. Meanwhile, please continue to send us relevant information.

NEXT TP MEETING will be on 27TH NOVEMBER 1982 in Conway Hall.
Subject: HEALTH - with more emphasis on how to create healthier ways of living in a healthier society than on treatments and therapies for sickness (on which there are many other good meetings and conferences). Suggestions for specific topics and contributors will be welcome.

TAKING STOCK

As the industrial way of life hits limits, the dominant direction of development is beginning to change.

Key areas include: energy (the big rethink now well under way, and a continually improving prospect of future development on a softer path); work (probably another couple of years before the big rethink becomes irreversible); health and food (now surfacing strongly towards maximum impact in the middle '80s). Meanwhile, adding momentum to these changes, local and personal (as contrasted with centralised, institutional) modes of action and perception continue to strengthen, and deeper conceptual shifts (e.g. from mechanistic to ecological, from masculine to feminine) and new scientific paradigms continue to be more widely experienced and understood. At the same time, these internal changes are helping to prepare the industrialised world for the transformation of international economics and international security on which justice and peace for all humanity depend.

In these newsletters we aim to convey a sense of this whole process of change, and of how people can take part in it - though we have not adopted George Henson's (Hill Farmhouse, Cartmel, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria) idea of a section called "process and the evolving of alternatives". We also try to include enough of the information you send us to encourage individuals and groups to contact one another and explore the scope for mutual aid. Limited space means we have to leave out a lot. We would like to make available all the information we have, perhaps through a library/information exchange/visitor centre. We are beginning to think seriously about ways and means.

HEALTH AND FOOD

REAL FOOD CAMPAIGN to be launched in Shropshire. Several groups involved already. Contact Alan Pinder (5 Nant-y-Caws, Morda, Oswestry, Shropshire SY10 9AP) if you would like to help.

OUR CHEMICAL SOCIETY: CHEMICALS, ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH is co-authored by Dr. Trevor Hancock (Health Advocacy Unit, Dept. of Public Health, City Hall, Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2, Canada). Summary in Dec.'81 newsletter "The Health Advocate" gives staggering statistics, e.g. 30,000 varieties of pesticides sold in North America, 1000 new chemicals produced annually, 1500 permitted flavours added to food in Canada and over 1000 to cigarettes, 330 food additives permitted, etc., etc. List of suggested actions, personal and political, and fable "A Day in the Life of Polly Klorinate".

FARM AND FOOD SOCIETY (Joanne Bower, 4 Willifield Way, London NW11) - "Operation Poison", Nov.'81 newsletter - reports death and disease by chemicals and pesticides.

"The causes of infant mortality in the world today do not yield easily to medical action. Malnutrition, diarrhoea and respiratory diseases ... are functions of social and environmental conditions". From Kathleen Newland's Worldwatch Paper 47 on INFANT MORTALITY AND THE HEALTH OF SOCIETIES (\$2 from Worldwatch Institute, 1776 Mass.Ave. NW, Washington DC 20036, USA. Or, for full list of Worldwatch Papers, see to Third World Publications, 151 Stratford Rd., Birmingham B11 1RD).

UNEMPLOYMENT CAN SERIOUSLY DAMAGE YOUR HEALTH, Peter Draper (Unit for the Study of Health Policy, 8 Newcomen St., London SE1 1YR) in the Guardian, 16th Nov. 1981, proposes a healthier economy.

Health promotion, disease prevention and supportive health education (self-care/self-help) are emphasised in the World Health Organisation's European Regional Strategy for attaining health for all by the year 2000. Report on SELF-HELP AND HEALTH from Iлона Kickbusch, Consultant in Health Education, WHO (8 Scherfigsvej, DK-2100 Copenhagen, Denmark).

THE HEALTH FUTURES PROJECT (contact Clement Bezold, Institute for Alternative Futures, 1624 Crescent Place NW, Washington DC 20009, USA) is studying the health care implications of four alternative futures (continued growth, decline and stagnation, disciplined society, and transformation).

THE FAMILIAL ROAD TO HEALTHY SOCIETIES: NEW AND CONVERGING MODES OF RE-DEVELOPMENT. Bill Dyson's paper at the Dec. 1981 conference of the Asian Union of Family Organisations on "Total Health for the Family". Copies from Vanier Institute of the Family (151 Slater Street, Ottawa K1P 5H3, Canada).

Information about workshops, courses, publications and other activities of HEALTH FOR THE NEW AGE and ASSOCIATION FOR NEW APPROACHES TO CANCER from Marcus McCausland (1a Addison Crescent, London W14 8JP).

Dinah Molloy (11 Bracebridge Court, Metchley Lane, Harborne, Birmingham B17 0JU) has set up a Birmingham and West Midlands branch of the Association for New Approaches to Cancer. She is a freelance counsellor and runs TRANSPERSONAL PSYCHOLOGY workshops in the Midlands (next one 19th-21st March in Loughborough). Details of the programme of the CENTRE FOR TRANSPERSONAL PSYCHOLOGY in London from Ian Gordon-Brown (The Studio, 8 Elsworthy Terrace, London NW3 3DR).

Barbara Stafford (see p.9) has sent us an interesting report on COUNSELLING IN MEDICAL PRACTICE, from the Reading and District Marriage Guidance Council. £2.50 inc. p&p from Reading and District MGC (c/o Harpsden Close, Gillotts Lane, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon).

For information about INTERNATIONAL PHYSICIANS FOR THE PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR write to Physicians for Social Responsibility Inc. (PO Box 144, 56 North Beacon Street, Watertown, Mass. 02172, USA).

Fiona Cantell, Project Co-ordinator for the LIGHT AND HEALTH RESEARCH COUNCIL (241 City Road, London EC1V 1JD), has sent us THE FUTURE OF LIGHT by Hardwin Tibbs (Watkins, London, 1981; £2.95) which presents evidence that artificial light is affecting our health.

The NATIONAL ANTI-FLUORIDATION CAMPAIGN (36 Station Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey KT7 0NS) argues that the causes of dental decay are nutritional, that fluoridation of water gives parents a false sense of security about nutritional risk to their children's teeth and that there is evidence to show that fluoride in the water supply increases death rates from cancer.

NUTRITION AND HEALTH, new international journal from AB Academic Publishers (PO Box 97, Berkhamsted, Herts HP4 2PX) in association with the McCarrison Society (Hon. Sec. Pauline Atkin, 23 Stanley Ct., Worcester Road, Sutton, Surrey SM2 6SD). "Soil, Food and Health in a Changing World" (£5.50 from same publishers) - proceedings of a McCarrison Society conference, July 1980, including contributions by Dr. Walter Yellowlees and Lady Eve Balfour.

HYPER-ACTIVE CHILDREN'S SUPPORT GROUP promotes urgent research into the causes of hyperactivity, whether it be linked to chemical food additives, nutritional deficiencies, food allergies and/or environmental pollution. Details of recommended diet, etc., from Mrs. I.D. Colquhoun (Mayfield House, Yapton Rd., Barnham, W.Sussex).

"We have trivialised food. In retaliation our food supply has made us helpless. Millions of American men, women and children are largely dependent for their sustenance on food products which have recipes for use written neatly on their labels. We are dependent on experts to tell us what is nutritious, experts to tell us what is safe, experts to give us instructions on food acquisition and use". Joan Gussow (Teachers College, Columbia University, 121 New York Ave., Congers, NY 10220, USA) in THE FOOD WEB (see p.5). In "Growth, Truth and Responsibility: Food is the Bottom Line" (occasional paper from the Institute of Nutrition, Univ. of North Carolina) she suggests that food professionals and nutritionists "have the privilege of beginning to help our communities recreate viable food systems - systems which will, even in a time when soil and water and energy have become scarce conditions, provide those communities with affordable and nutritious food".

IFDA Dossier No.25 (from IFDA - see p.7) includes a report on RETHINKING FOOD AND NUTRITION EDUCATION.

The Nov/Dec 1981 issue of THE VEGETARIAN (Vegetarian Society, Parkdale, Dunham Road, Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 4QG) contains an 80th birthday tribute to Walter Flies (33 Post House Lane, Great Bookham, Leatherhead, Surrey KT23 3EA), author of "Modern Vegetarian Cookery" (Penguin) and pioneer vegetarian restaurateur.

THE CORNUCOPIA PROJECT is about solutions to the serious problems of the American food system. Reports and papers include "A Survival Guide for Food Companies", "Organic Paths to Food Security", and "Have you ever asked these questions about your food?". Information from Robert Rodale (Rodale Press, 33 E.Minor St., Emmaus, PA 18049, USA).

BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

Congratulations to John Newson on NEW ERA BOOKS (124 Queen's Road, Buckhurst Hill, Essex IG9 5BJ), a comprehensive books-by-post service in "fields relevant to the central human tasks of growing in consciousness and creating the future". Excellent catalogue.

THE SCHUMACHER SOCIETY has also recently started a book service. Details from Satish Kumar (Ford House, Hartland, Bideford, Devon).

Write to Michael Deane (Readers Union Ltd., Brunel House, Forde Road, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 2DW) for details of the LIFESTYLE ALTERNATIVE BOOK CLUB.

Duane Elgin's VOLUNTARY SIMPLICITY (Morrow, New York, 1981; \$5.95) is an important account of contemporary ways of life that are outwardly simple and inwardly rich. Deals with consciousness and east/west synthesis as well as with practicalities.

Hazel Henderson's THE POLITICS OF THE SOLAR AGE: ALTERNATIVES TO ECONOMICS (Anchor Press, New York, 1981; \$8.95) presents her ideas in process, during her past three years of political action and advocacy research. Energetic. Brimming with information and ideas. Useful references to other thinkers.

John Adams' TRANSPORT PLANNING: VISION AND PRACTICE (RKP, London, 1981; £6.95). Outstandingly sane, hard-hitting analysis of what went wrong.

Stan Windass' POLITICS THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS, with Foreword by Shirley Williams (1981, £4 inc.p&p, New Foundations Mail Order Dept., 83 Heath Lane, Bladon, Oxford OX7 1SA), argues that we must now re-think the basis of government. Asks, what is government for? Answers, to promote and maintain human rights.

Joan Gussow's THE FEEDING WEB: ISSUES IN NUTRITIONAL ECOLOGY (Bull, Palo Alto, California, 1978; \$11.95) is a magnificent compilation about food and the natural and social environment. (See also p.4).

Ronald Higgins' THE SEVENTH ENEMY (Hodder and Stoughton, 1981; £5.95) updated version. Also available from The Schumacher Society (see p.4).

Lester Brown's BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE SOCIETY (Worldwatch Institute Book, W.W. Norton, New York, 1981) concludes that changing values will be the key to the evolution of a sustainable society. Another new Worldwatch book from Norton, Colin Norman's THE GOD THAT LIMPS: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE EIGHTIES stresses that science and technology are not neutral. Technological change must be steered along socially beneficial paths.

THE GLOBAL 2000 REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT, "commissioned by Carter, disregarded by Reagan", (Penguin, 1982, 766 pages, pbk, £7.95). "The most detailed and authoritative review of the planet's problems ever prepared" - Christian Science Monitor. Concludes that "if present trends continue, the world in 2000 will be more crowded, more polluted, less stable ecologically, and more vulnerable to disruption... The nations of the world should act decisively to alter current trends".

Detlef Kantowsky's SARVODAYA: THE OTHER DEVELOPMENT (Vikas, New Delhi, Rs.75) links the Gandhian concept of development to the movements for voluntary simplicity in the west.

SANFTE ALTERNATIVEN: EIN OKO-LOG-BUCH, ed. Rudiger Lutz (Beltz, Weinheim und Basel, 1981). Articles in German by Marilyn Ferguson, Helen Caldicott, Hazel Henderson, Amory Lovins and many others.

Books recently recommended by Mark Satin's new politics newsletter RENEWAL (213 Shawnee Ave, Winchester, VA 22601, USA) include Ernest Callenbach's ECOTOPIA EMERGING (Banyan Tree, \$8) - successor novel to Ecotopia presenting a strategy for political and social transformation. Robert Theobald's BEYOND DESPAIR (recently reissued by Seven Locks Press, PO Box 72, Cabin John, MD 20731, USA; \$8) is described by Satin as one of a very short list of books he would recommend as introductions to the entire "new age" political paradigm. (His other two candidates are Willis Harman's INCOMPLETE GUIDE TO THE FUTURE and James Robertson's THE SANE ALTERNATIVE - see also p.11).

Max Gerson's A CANCER THERAPY: RESULTS OF FIFTY CASES (Totality Books, PO Box 1035, del Mar, California - available from Wholefood, 112 Baker St., London W1) is a detailed guide to the Gerson Therapy.

John C. Lilly's THE SCIENTIST: A NOVEL AUTOBIOGRAPHY (Bantam, New York, 1981; \$2.95). Lilly writes about his inner and outer experiences, acknowledging his gratitude to the dolphins "those pelagic, compassionate, anciently intelligent analogs of man".

The Menard Press (8 The Oaks, Woodside Avenue, London N12 8AR) has recently published several new titles including CRUCIBLE OF DESPAIR: THE EFFECTS OF NUCLEAR WAR by Anthony Tucker and John Gleisner, £1.50; NUCLEAR WEAPONS: THE WAY AHEAD by Ronald Gaskell, £1.20; CREON AND ANTIGONE: ETHICAL PROBLEMS OF NUCLEAR WARFARE by Donald MacKinnon, 90p; THINKING IT THROUGH: THE PLAIN MAN'S GUIDE TO THE BOMB by Oliver Postgate, 90p. Write for full list.

Shirley-Anne Hardy (The Rocks, Pitlochry, Perthshire, Scotland) recently published THE LAND QUESTION (95p + 18p p&p), calling for fundamental land reform on Henry George principles. Central to these is LAND VALUE TAXATION on which W.J. Barber (9 Lords Hill, Coleford, Glos GL16 8BG) has also been doing a lot of work. (May we eventually use land value taxation to finance a national dividend to provide all citizens with a guaranteed annual income? - see p.8).

DECENTRALISATION, SELF-RELIANCE AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

The CRAIGMILLAR FESTIVAL SOCIETY (63 Niddrie Mains Terrace, Edinburgh EH16 4NX, or information from Steve Burgess, 13 Warriston Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 5LA) has developed an astonishingly wide range of community projects in the last 20 years, by asking "how can people best help themselves using the powerful weapons of their own potential, their own imaginations, their own untapped creativity?".

The fifth REGIONALIST SEMINAR will be held in Windsor, England, in May. Info. from Gwendoline McEwen (37 Irving Road, London W14). For details of the forthcoming REGIONALIST NEWSLETTER, write to J.V. Ellis (11 Pimlico Road, Hetton-le-Hole, Tyne and Wear).

Heinz Dessau (Court House, The Green, Rottingdean, Brighton BN2 7HA) who edits OYEZ, the successful Environmental What's On and Directory for Sussex, would be pleased to help people from other areas to launch a similar voluntary community service.

Ask Paul Fletcher (Information Centre, Rainbows, Glanrafon Hill, Bangor, N.Wales) about ERYRI (old celtic name for Snowdonia), a network of about 30 active alternative groups in the area. They plan a 2-day conference in April. Also about GREENHOUSE, a new resource centre in Bangor to be shared by an alternative health centre, a bikeways project, Gwynedd CND, Community Action and other groups.

Alex Stewart, co-ordinator of RESCUE NETWORK (114 Netherwood Road, London W14 0BQ), tells us of a local self-help network and resources centre in East Anglia aiming to launch new community projects there.

Bob Lorraine of GREENCURE TRUST (Countryside and Urban Recovery, Grosvenor Lodge, Gordon Road, Bristol BS8 1AW) is involved, with local authorities, in community projects to be run by farmer/wardens. He would welcome advice on advertising and funding.

REVIVING RURAL EUROPE is an interesting 59-page report to the Council of Europe by Graham Moss, a land use and community development consultant. Copies from the Division for Regional Planning, Council of Europe (F-67006 Strasbourg Cedex, France).

"Participation of the Rural Poor in Development" is the subject of issue 1981:1 of DEVELOPMENT - SEEDS OF CHANGE (Society for International Development, Palazzo Civiltà del Lavoro, 00144 Rome, Italy).

THE SMALL INDUSTRIES GROUP has now extended its activities to serve the whole of Somerset. Details of membership and activities from Fred Wedlake (Dunwear Bungalow, River Lane, Dunwear, Bridgwater TA7 0AA).

For information about the new National Centre for Christian Communities and Networks (NACCAN) write to David Clark (Westhill College, Selly Oak, Birmingham B29 6LL).

John Seymour (Talwn Bach, Llwynygroes, Tregaron, Dyfed, Wales), ex-Crabapple Community, is working on the practical application of Stafford Beer's systems thinking and cybernetics to intentional community design. Hopes to establish an experimental project and would like to communicate with anyone interested.

The Nov/Dec issue of MAD GAZETTE, le journal du développement local (Bernard Eme, 5/7 Rue Villehardouin, 75003 Paris, France), reports Yona Friedman's new project for "un centre de popularisation des connaissances nécessaires a la survie".

THE WESSEX RESEARCH GROUP Network (Co-ordinator Nigel Blair, Beech Cottage, 79 Acreman Street, Sherborne, Dorset DT9 3PH) has rapidly built up an impressive number of branches and programme of events.

C.J. Swet (Rt.4, Box 258, Mount Airy, MD 21771, USA) is an independent energy consultant and homesteader. Also a contributing editor to SURVIVAL TOMORROW, newsletter of Survival Network (Karl Hess, PO Box 173, Kearneysville, WV 25430, USA), which stresses the vital role of community in self-reliance. He has also given us copies of EXCHANGE NETWORKS (National Center for Citizen Involvement, 1214 16th St. NW, Washington, DC 20036, USA) - practical advice on operating Bartering Exchange systems.

Local barter networks, etc. can spread the word through COMMUNITY RADIO. Simon Partridge's (92 Huddleston Road, London N7 OEG) report on "Community Radio: Towards Appropriate Supervisory Arrangements at Local and State Level" proposes listener co-ops (50p inc. p&p). His feasibility study for "A Community Radio Station for the Hounslow Area" costs £3 inc. p&p. Both reports for £3.25.

The Winter 1981-82 JOURNAL OF COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS (\$9 for 4 issues from Village Design, PO Box 996, Berkeley, CA 94701, USA) is about community computing, possibilities and problems, hopes and fears.

Barbara Peters and Nancy Seifer (QUESTAR COMMUNICATIONS, 33 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10023, USA) have surveyed "New Age" community and business structures, and are hoping to develop their television programming operation into a community business.

ENERGY

LOCAL ENERGY GROUPS are active in Newport and Nevern, Oxford, Bath, and South Brent. Info. from Brian John (Newport and Nevern Energy Group, Trefelin, Cilquyn, Newport, Dyfed), or Brian Padgett (Local Energy Group Support Service, ITDG, 9 King Street, London WC2D 8HN), or Lynn Hyams (Neighbourhood Energy Action, NCVO, 26 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3HU).

John Nixon (Albechsvej 2, 5700 Svendborg, Denmark) is enthusiastic about Denmark's achievements in renewable energy, free schools, and grass roots movements. Recommends the ORGANISATION FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY (OVE, Willemoesgade 14, 2100 Copenhagen, Denmark).

Details of courses, conferences and publications, e.g. on "Energy Costs and Conservation" and "Issues at the Sizewell Public Inquiry", from Colin Sweet (Centre for Energy Studies, South Bank Polytechnic, London Road, London SE1 0AA).

FACING THE ENERGY FUTURE: DOES BRITAIN NEED NEW ENERGY INSTITUTIONS? (conference proceedings, 80 pages, £3 + 25p p&p, Royal Institute of Public Administration, 3 Birdcage Walk, London SW1H 9JJ) stresses institutional obstacles to energy efficiency, including no countervailing force to energy supply industry to promote conservation and monitor energy efficiency.

Beat Jenny (IFDA, 2 Place du Marche, CH-1260 Nyon, Switzerland) puts forward a proposal - with a draft international convention - for financing alternative energy development in oil-importing Third World countries, by a surcharge or fee on the consumption of petroleum and natural gas. See DEVELOPMENT DIALOGUE, 1981-1 (from the Dag Hammarskjold Foundation, Ovre Slottsgatan 2, S-752 20 Uppsala, Sweden).

ALTERNATIVE TIMES (trial sub. £1 for three issues from R. Stevens, 35 Wedmore Street, London N19 4RU) is a campaigning magazine for renewable energy.

SOLAR ENERGY DIGEST. A sample copy for \$1 from William B. Edmondson (PO Box 17776, San Diego, CA 92117, USA).

WORK

THE REDISTRIBUTION OF WORK - Turning Point Paper No.1 - is now in its 3rd printing. It clearly meets a need and many people are using it for courses, discussion groups, etc. (£1, inc. p&p in UK and surface mail abroad; add 65p for airmail, sterling only please; from Alison Pritchard, Spring Cottage, 9 New Road, Ironbridge, Shropshire TF8 7AU).

Some of our UK readers may like to send a copy of "The Redistribution of Work" to their MP, perhaps with a letter broadly on the following lines. "Do you agree that full employment is unlikely to return for many years, if ever? Does this mean that the billions of pounds now being given to industry to create new jobs, or being spent on national schemes to provide temporary work for unemployed people, may be largely wasted? Don't you think it would be better to boost local economies, to encourage local community enterprises, and to help many more people to become self-employed? The enclosed paper spells out some of the possibilities. Please let me know what you think".

We will be glad to send UK readers two copies of "The Redistribution of Work" for the price of one, if your order enclosing £1 reaches us by 31st March 1982, and if you tell us that you will be sending at least one copy to a member of Parliament. Please send us a copy of the MP's reply so that we can report results in the next TP newsletter. (We realise that many "opinion-formers" other than MPs should also be asked to read "The Redistribution of Work". But you will understand that TP cannot carry the cost of a large free distribution. Needless to say, we will be delighted if you decide to purchase copies at full price to send to other key people).

WORK: CHANGING PATTERNS AND PLACES, June 1981 conference chaired by Sir Richard O'Brien; keynote speaker, James Robertson; papers by Peter Marsh (New Scientist), Barrie Sherman (ASTMS), Peter Wood (County Planning Officer, Merseyside), Prof. Ray Pahl (Univ. of Kent). Proceedings shortly available from Timothy Cantell (Royal Society of Arts, John Adam Street, Adelphi, London WC2N 6EZ; £5 inc. p&p).

"Production is becoming independent of a mass labour force. In the same fashion that the pill has broken the connection between sexual activity and child-rearing, similarly the micro-processor is a major contributor to severing the link between work and income". From a 70-page paper on THE FUTURE OF WORK, proceedings of a 1980 seminar at St. George's House, Windsor Castle, jointly organised by Charles Handy (1 Fairhaven, 73 Putney Hill, London SW15) and Bill Dyson (Vanier Institute of the Family - see p.3). Price \$3.50 from VIF.

So how will people get their income if not from paid work? Could a GUARANTEED ANNUAL INCOME be paid by the state to every citizen as of right? Dr. K.V. Roberts (Culham Laboratory, Abingdon, Oxford) is doing exciting work on the mechanics of a "national dividend scheme" - latest paper, DESIGN FOR A DUAL ECONOMY, November 1981. David Ross (c/o VIF, see p.3) discusses the results of experimental schemes in his 103-page study THE WORKING POOR: WAGE-EARNERS AND THE FAILURE OF INCOME SECURITY POLICIES (Canadian Institute for Economic Policy, Suite 409, 350 Sparks St., Ottawa, K1R 7S8). He says, "No one today expects a monolithic guaranteed system to be dropped into place all at once, but many feel that the judicious development of smaller-scale programs could lead eventually to a guaranteed annual income for all... It is most important to make sure that the small steps taken now will be positive building blocks in the achievement of that goal". He puts forward a tax credit proposal and discusses its implications for family allowances, unemployment benefits and minimum wages.

Stephen Hopwood (Employment Unit, NCVO, 26 Bedford Square, London WC1) is secretary of the new UNEMPLOYMENT ALLIANCE. The Employment Unit issues an excellent worksheet.

THE SHAPTESBURY PROJECT (Rev. David Everett, 20 Ribble Crescent, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK3 7QF) is fund-raising for a project worker to stimulate the churches to respond to the problems of the unemployed.

Mike Coldham (52 St. Albans Road, Bristol BS6 7SH) has prepared a job description for a project officer to promote job sharing and flexible work patterns in the Bristol and Avon area.

The December 1981 issue of Development Forum (free from DESI/DPI, Palais des Nations, CH-1211, Geneva 10, Switzerland) includes a full-page spread on UNEMPLOYMENT AND WORK SHARING. Good bibliography draws on references in TP paper "The Redistribution of Work" (see p.8).

Prof. John Morris of the Manchester Business School, has sent us THE BEST YEARS OF THEIR LIVES: SCHOOLING, WORK AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN OLDFIELD by Graham Markall, Occasional Paper No.3, 1980, from the William Temple Foundation, Manchester Business School, Manchester M15). "For those youngsters work is something to be endured in order to acquire the resources to enable the further enjoyment of non-work activities... Repeated job changing and a marginal approach to boring and meaningless wage labour are a sane response to a labour market which for them is bereft of intrinsic satisfactions".

"A total rethink of the prevailing work ethic - reinforced not only by politicians and many trade unionists, but by the education system as well - will have to be undertaken". From Rowland Goodwin's (Greater Manchester Industrial Mission, 27 Blackfriars Road, Manchester M3 7AO) 27-page booklet on EMPLOYMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND WORK, 30p + postage. Rowland Goodwin is convenor of the GREATER MANCHESTER NEW TECHNOLOGY FORUM. Contact him about NTF meetings, bulletin, etc.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND LEISURE: WHAT ROLE FOR PUBLIC AUTHORITIES? Successful workshop held in January - ideas, experiences and practical experiments in the West Midlands - will be followed by a further workshop in April. Details from Workshop Convenor, Dr. Judy White (Centre for Urban and Regional Studies, J.G. Smith Building, Univ. of Birmingham, PO Box 363, Birmingham B15 2TT).

Bill Martin's and Sandra Mason's study on LEISURE AND WORK: THE CHOICES FOR 1991 AND 2001 is based on four scenarios: Conventional Success; Transformed Growth; Self-restraint; and Frustration. Details from Leisure Consultants (Lint Growis, Foxearth, Sudbury, Suffolk).

Colin Ball, Rodney Stares and colleagues have set up the new CENTRE FOR EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES (5 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9SE). This month they publish the first edition of their journal "Initiatives" free of charge. One of CEI's projects (contact Peter Kuenstler) is to set up an international programme of regional meetings on local employment initiatives (community enterprises, co-ops, local enterprise trusts, etc.) to explore how the EEC and OECD can help policy-makers and local activists to create local jobs. Countries involved include: France, Germany, Italy, UK, Austria, Canada, Finland, New Zealand, Portugal and USA.

Barbara Stafford (10 Highfield Close, Wokingham, Berks RG11 1DG) is a member of a group establishing a community enterprise in Wokingham. They are starting with a business catering for special interest tourism and hope later to expand into counselling, training and services for the elderly.

EDUCATION

The Nov/Dec 1981 issue of The New Era, journal for the World Education Fellowship (annual sub. £5 from Joan Watson, 54 Fontarabia Road, London SW11 5PF) is on EDUCATION FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES.

Proceedings of the Dec 1981 Leisure Studies Association Conference on LEISURE AND LEARNING IN THE 1980s will be published next month. Details from Dr. William Bacon (Univ. of Sheffield, 85 Wilkinson St., Sheffield 10). Papers include EDUCATION AND LEISURE IN POST-INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY in which Bob Carroll stresses the need for reconceptualisation of work, employment, leisure and free time; and for a new ethic such as a leisure ethic or usefulness ethic.

In LEARNING AND THE FAMILIAL SOCIETY (\$3 from the Vanier Institute, see p.31), a 62-page edited transcript of recent lecture, workshop and seminar in Canada, Dr. Elise Boulding describes the family as an "adaptive mechanism that helps us to get over the rough spaces as we move from one era to another".

In his paper on LIFE LONG EDUCATION AND PERSONAL FULFILMENT: AN EXPLORATION OF IMPLICATIONS FOR THE LATER YEARS, David Radcliffe (Faculty of Education, Univ. of Western Ontario, Althouse College, London, Ontario, Canada N6G 1G7) says: "Proponents of the concept of a Third Age intend it to be understood as a new and positive phase of life". "Accomplished aging is a development process". He warns against the dangers of educational colonisation, with middle and old age as new frontiers".

SECOND THOUGHTS, a newsletter about fundamental questions in education, sympathetic to Illich and Freire, comes from John Ohliger (Madison Campus Ministry, 731 State Street, Madison, WI 53703, USA).

COMMUNITY EDUCATION NETWORK is a monthly newspaper for community educators. From Community Education Development Centre (Briton Rd., Coventry CV2 4LP).

Projects of UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF THE COMMUNITY (Andrew Hake, 70 Bath Road, Swindon, Wilts), inaugurated in 1981 by a group including Stan Windass (Foundation for Alternatives) and John Davis (ITDG) cover community care, rural development, and the informal economy.

In a 3-page paper Steve Greenfield (9 High St., North Ferriby, North Humberside HU14 3JZ) proposes that local education authorities should have their own farms, where all aspects of self-sufficiency in animal husbandry, horticulture, agriculture and forestry would be taught.

The Scottish Institute of Adult Education (4 Queensferry Street, Edinburgh EH2 4PA) is mounting a campaign for improved adult education including political education, personal growth and fulfilment, community development, community relations, and growing older.

Mechthild Nawiasky (5b Compton Terrace, London N1 2UN) proposes a centre for alternative education and psycho-biology, to prepare young people for a future of rising unemployment.

Educational practices are based on underlying assumptions about the nature of knowledge. "Throughout the 200 years of industrial civilisation education has been cocooned within the empiricist epistemology that was sorted out by Locke, Berkeley and Hume". An exciting paper by Fred Emery on EDUCATIONAL PARADIGMS (Spring 1981 issue of Human Futures, Public Enterprises Centre for Continuing Education, C-6/5, Safdarjang Dev. Area, New Delhi-110 016, India).

KNOWLEDGE, VALUES AND THE FUTURE OF ECONOMICS

Willis Harman's (Institute of Noetic Sciences, 600 Stockton Street, San Francisco, Ca 94108, USA) article on SCIENCE AND THE CLARIFICATION OF VALUES: IMPLICATIONS OF RECENT FINDINGS IN PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PSYCHIC RESEARCH (Journal of Humanistic Psychology, Summer 1981 - information from Elizabeth Campbell, Association for Humanistic Psychology, 325 Ninth Street, San Francisco, Ca 94103, USA) discusses three types of knowledge focused on: prediction and control; human development; meaning. Science can help to demystify unhelpful cultural beliefs of industrial society.

The Tarrytown Group (East Sunnyside Lane, Tarrytown, NY 10591, USA) is a forum for new ideas. THE TARRYTOWN LETTER, July 1981, reports a symposium on Erich Jantsch's evolutionary thinking about the self-organising universe. Contributors included Ilya Prigogine (dissipative structures), Hazel Henderson and Fritjof Capra.

In "Superscience - its mythology and legitimisation", THE ECOLOGIST, Sept/Oct 1981 (Worthyvale Manor Farm, Camelford, Cornwall PL32 9TT), Edward Goldsmith attacks the theories of Jantsch and Prigogine. Their identification of human consciousness with the evolutionary process may provide the ultimate rationalisation of the biological, social and ecological destruction that superscience and superstar technologies must inevitably bring about.

BELIEFS ABOUT OUR SOCIAL PARADIGM: ARE WE MOVING TO A NEW PARADIGM?, an occasional paper by Lester W. Milbrath (Environmental Studies Center, State University of New York, 123 Wilkeson Quadrangle, Buffalo, NY 14261, USA) reports a study of environmental beliefs and values in Germany, England, Australia and the United States. Many millions of people in those countries clearly no longer believe that quality of life depends on materialism, industrialism, and human domination of nature.

Denton E. Morrison and Dora G. Lodwick (Dept. of Sociology, Michigan State Univ., East Lansing, MI 48824, USA) have published a paper on "The Social Impacts of Soft and Hard Energy Systems" as part of their project APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY FROM A SOCIAL SCIENCE PERSPECTIVE. A paper on "Research Needs in Appropriate Technology" will be out soon.

A holistic ideology, affecting political science and economics, will emerge from ecology and the new approach to health. Ranjan (86 Woodley Lane, Romsey, Hants SO5 8HS) hopes to stimulate awareness in parliamentary and trade union circles. Contact him (sae) also if interested in arranging group discussions with Marilyn Ferguson, author of "The Aquarian Conspiracy", in London in mid-May.

"Western science and technology have failed to provide even basic needs for the majority of the world's population. We need new viable models in an era in which all our high priests are being defrocked at once... we must choose our techniques". Jacob von Uexkull of the RIGHT LIVELIHOOD FOUNDATION (Viking House, Wybourn Drive, Onchan, Isle of Man, British Isles), which offers annual Right Livelihood Awards as Alternative Nobel Prizes.

Peter Etherden (6 Forest Street, Cambridge, Mass. 02140, USA), in correspondence with Jytte Vejbye Johansen (Ninavej 20, 9000 Aalborg, Denmark) has applied the ideas of appropriate scale and heterarchies to transformation activities - see James Robertson's THE SANE ALTERNATIVE (available from the author at Spring Cottage, 9 New Road, Ironbridge, Shropshire TF8 7AU; £1.95, and from River Basin Publishing Co., Box 30573, St. Paul, MN 55175, USA). We also liked Peter's paper on the collapse of the Mayan civilisation through the exhaustion of their land by intensive farming.

Can the discipline of economics survive? Can it come to terms with: real human needs, as contrasted with the fictional desires of homo economicus; the demands of social justice, as contrasted with the demands of effective purchasing power; the constraints of ecological reality, as contrasted with the faith that the supply/demand mechanism can solve all problems? Or will economics die out, as a pseudo-science, like alchemy did? Details of the important first conference (October 1981) of the Human Economy Center from John or Vivian Applegath, H.E.C., PO Box 551, Amherst, MA 01004, USA). Wendy Olsen, who is writing up the conference report, will soon be on a two-year fellowship at Oxford University.

Edward Barbier (31 Priam House, Clare Street, London E2 9HD) is doing a research project on ALTERNATIVE ECONOMICS, with a wider scope socially and ecologically, and differing both from the free market of western liberal tradition and the central planning of marxist socialism.

Good work in progress includes AN INQUIRY INTO THE STATUS OF THE FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD IN THE CANADIAN ECONOMY by David Ross and Peter Usher and CANADA'S NORTH: TWO ECONOMIES, TWO WAYS OF LIFE in the Fall 1981 issue of Transition (from VIF, see p.3).

Mario Kamenetzky (3701 So. George Mason Dr. No.2515N, Falls Church, VA 22041, USA) argues for bringing gratuitous satisfactions into socio-economic analysis, as a way to overcome weaknesses in both liberal and marxist approaches. "It has been said, for example, that village women resent the installation of village water-supply systems because they are therefore deprived of the social gatherings they enjoy while drawing water and carrying it long distances home on foot. What actually happens is that as soon as water is made more easily available, men create new chores for the women. When the women are encouraged to overcome their submission to men and articulate their deep feelings, they express their desire to have time for social gatherings that are not tied to the pain and risks of drawing water from distant wells and carrying it home" - from THE ECONOMICS OF THE SATISFACTION OF NEEDS, Human Systems Management, Vol.2,1981, North-Holland.

Staffan Delin (Ostatigen 64, 151 90 Sodertalje, Sweden) is exploring the scope for measuring the efficiency of production in terms of information/energy units rather than monetary units. He points out that the production processes in biological systems are more efficient by several orders of magnitude than industrial production.

Christopher Budd is editor of NEW ECONOMY and author of PRELUDE IN ECONOMICS (£1.50 inc. p&p from Johanus Academy, West Hoathly, West Sussex RM19 4PN). a new approach to economics concerned with the metamorphosis of capitalism in the Rudolf Steiner tradition.

Patrick Keenan (Holsteiner Ufer 34, 1000 Berlin 21) is working on mind and alternative geometries - related to many-valued logics.

Wendy Ashby and Ron Clark (29 Pandora Road, London NW6) have developed GLOSSA, an international language with a basic 1200 word vocabulary, no grammar. Their two-page summary of its advantages over English, Esperanto and Interlingua is interesting.

Alain Mazet (10 Bd. Gambetta, 87000 Limoges, France) believes that appropriate technology must include graphology and global astrology as part of the future science of the 'New Age'. Please send him relevant brochures, information, etc.

PEACE AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

DUNAMIS is concerned with personal, national and international security in the nuclear age. Info. about lectures, workshops, groups, etc., from Jean Poynton (St. James's Church, 197 Piccadilly, London W1). Linked with COMMONWORK (see p.16); and the DEMOCRACY USERS' NETWORK and CELLS OF SEVEN (Ronald Higgins); info. from Kate Danziger (see p.15).

"Disarmament is not primarily a military matter, nor solely a political one. The prospects for disarmament must grow from roots deep in the thinking and values of all people in all walks of life". From "Disarmament: The Human Factor" (Pergamon \$7 pbk) ed. by Ervin Laszlo and Donald Keys (Planetary Citizens, 777 UN Plaza, New York, NY 10017, USA). Write to Planetary Citizens or to Nucleus (188 Old Street, London EC1) for up to date information about the PLANETARY INITIATIVE FOR THE WORLD WE CHOOSE.

Rajni Kothari (Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, 29 Rajpur Road, Delhi 110054, India) is contact for LOKAYAN: DIALOGUE OF THE PEOPLE, challenging political centralisation and domination by science and technology, and linking grass roots movements in the Third World. Third World counterpart to Planetary Citizens (above).

"It is of the essence of development work that it be a humanising process, that the deepest and purest source of its motivations be from relationships that liberate men and women from all sorts of pride, domination and manipulation in their dealings with their fellow men". Network-Building as a Humanising Activity, CENDHERRA Newsletter, Aug. 1981 (PO Box 458, Greenhills, San Juan, Metro Manila, Philippines).

Our response to the situation in Poland will be crucially important for the Peace movement. Contact Peter Cadogan, EAST-WEST PEACE PEOPLE (1 Hampstead Hill Gardens, London NW3). Also for information about the Peace Camps at Greenham Common and Molesworth.

Will you help ECOROPA to deliver a leaflet on "Nuclear War: The Facts You Should Know - And What You Can Do To Prevent It" to every household in Europe as part of their CAMPAIGN FOR SURVIVAL? Leaflet summarises paperback "As Lambs To The Slaughter" by the School of Peace Studies, Bradford Univ. Write to Gerard Morgan-Grenville (ECOROPA, PO Box 11, Godalming, Surrey).

PEACEWORKING is a campaigning handbook compiled by Sandy Merritt (£1.50 + 40p p&p from UNA, 3 Whitehall Court, London SW1A 2EL). Primarily for UNA branches but useful also for other groups.

Details of the PEACE TAX CAMPAIGN from Stanley and Margaret Moore (26 Thurlow Road, Leicester LE2 1YE).

Details of the PEACE EDUCATION NETWORK from D.W. Hicks (Centre for Peace Studies, St. Martin's College, Lancaster LA1 3JD).

BIRMINGHAM PEACE CENTRE - bookshop, meetings and discussions, info. service - (18 Moor Street, Ringway, Birmingham B5 7UH).

The Dag Hammarskjöld Information Centre on the Study of Violence and Peace (110 Eton Place, Eton College Road, London NW3 2DS) is holding a worldwide competition for GLOBAL ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE.

Peter Etherden (see p.11) sent us the booklet CAMBRIDGE AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS, issued September 1981 by the Cambridge City Council to all citizens of Cambridge (Mass., USA). A good model for personal and local action on the nuclear weapons issue.

John Nixon (see p.7) sent us the moving account by Vibeke Cristofoli (D.F. Sprogskole, Norregade 7A, Copenhagen K, Denmark) of the Women's Peace March last summer from Copenhagen to Paris.

PEOPLE AND PROJECTS

Good news from the UN. Ernst von Weizsacker, former president of Kassel Univ., Germany, is now Director of the Policy, Analysis and Research Div. at the UN Centre for Science and Technology for Development (Rm.DC1038, United Nations, New York, NY 10017, USA). He continues to be interested in alternative approaches, decentralisation, ecodevelopment, etc. Please write to him.

THE 300 GROUP, recently formed by Lesley Abdela (The Mill House, Burford, Oxon) to get 300 women into Parliament (there are now just 20 out of 635 MPs), already has active branches in many parts of the country, including the Midlands, Scotland, Wales, Manchester, Surrey, Berkshire, Swindon, and London. Ask Lesley for details of a LEARNING CONFERENCE CRUISE to Denmark, 11th-13th May. See also Dates p.16.

Briar Maxwell (20 Scatterill Close, Bradwell, Milton Keynes, Bucks) tells us that NINE LADIES is a women's group believing that liberation is achieved by individuals within themselves. Linked to SAROS - information about courses from Saros Centre (Hardwick Hall, Hardwick Square South, Buxton, Derbyshire).

John Flynn (37 Balmain Close, Grange Road, Ealing, London W5 5BY) has left British Airways to work freelance on redundancy strategies and counselling, and to write a book on MANPOWER CONTRACTION - the subject of Ken Knight's seminars (Brunel Univ., Uxbridge, Middlesex UB8 3PH).

Gustaf Delin's (Uppsalavagen 25, S-193 00 Sigtuna, Sweden) FORESIGHT GROUP has been invited by the Tarrytown Group (see p.11) to set up a School for Intrapreneurs in the USA. Intrapreneurs operate, as a cross between employees and independent entrepreneurs, within organisations/institutions/corporations.

THE TRIMTAB FUND (Val Scott, Suite 204, 190 MacLaren St., Ottawa K2P 0L6, Canada) proposes a new approach to social and economic change in organisations. They offer a strategy for improving labour/management relations; and consultancy to be paid for afterwards according to its perceived value to the client.

John Elkington's (ENDS, Orchard House, 14 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BU) report, POLLUTION 1990, explores the environmental impact of new technologies in micro-electronics, biotechnology, metal processing and chemicals. He is involved in the UK end of the World Conservation Strategy, and in the development of Environmental Impact Assessment techniques.

"By 1990, I believe we will see a world that is no longer so dominated by the vertical, hierarchical, pyramidal systems that have been characteristic of our western industrial society. All of these vertical systems will have lost much of their authority and power - and that includes our governmental institutions, our business institutions, our religious institutions, our military institutions, and so forth". From a recent paper on STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR CORPORATE GROWTH by Roy R. Anderson (Vice President, Allstate Insurance Co., Allstate Plaza North, Northbrook, IL 60062, USA).

In SOLAR AGE COSMOS Michael Tobin (Harepark, Boyle, County Roscommon, Ireland) concludes that the agent of revolutionary social transformation is the personhood of all disaffected humans who opt for a life-affirmative approach to the world. The "Boyle Bulletin", from him and Caroline Kuijper, has now been renamed "Cosmic Waters".

DATES (Cont'd from p.16)

2nd-4th April, SOLAR ENERGY. One of many courses at the Centre for Alternative Technology. Full programme from Jill Whitehead, CAT, Llywngwern Quarry, Machynlleth, Powys, Wales.

2nd-4th April, Winchester. MYSTICS AND SCIENTISTS 5: THE EVOLUTION OF CONSCIOUSNESS. Speakers include: Sir John Eccles, Metropolitan Anthony (Bloom). Details and their full programme from The Wrekin Trust, Dove House, Little Birch, Hereford HR2 8BB.

8th-13th April, 1982 NORTHERN FAIR. Contact Peter and Geraldine Hutchinson, Golden Age Exhibitions, 99 Meadow Lane, Leeds LS11 5DW if you would like to exhibit or help. Strongly supported by Futures Studies Centre (Roland Chaplain, FSC, 15 Kelso Rd., Leeds LS2 9PR).

13th-18th April, RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS. Dartington annual New Themes for Education conference. Speakers: John Davy, Lady Eve Balfour, Satish Kumar, Joan Swallow, Erika Stapleton. Details from Jennie Powys, Fairfield, Abbotskerswell, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 5PN.

14th-19th April, Easter seminar on PEACE EDUCATION at the Inter-University Centre, Dubrovnik. Details from Dr. Nigel Young, School of Peace Studies, Univ. of Bradford, Bradford BD7 1DP.

16th-17th April, WORK AND LEISURE: UNEMPLOYMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND LIFESTYLES IN THE 1980s. Leisure Studies Association Spring conf. Details from A.J. Veal, Dept. of Extension Studies, Polytechnic of North London, Prince of Wales Road, London NW5 3LB.

17th April, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND CONSCIOUSNESS CHANGE. Scientific and Medical Network seminar at Sussex College, Cambridge. Details from Paul Filmore, 10 School Lane, Buckingham MK18 1HB.

17th-18th April, CAN ACTION SPRING FROM DEBATE? Conservation Society conference in Cheltenham. Details from Duncan Smith, 18 Victoria Road, Cirencester, Glos.

8th-9th May, DEVELOPING DEMOCRATIC EFFECTIVENESS AND OURSELVES, a DUN (see p.13) event with Ronald Higgins at Braziers College, Ipsden, Oxford. Details from Kate Danziger, 2 Wingmore Road, London SE24.

15th May, TRANSFORMING EDUCATION - ACTION NOW. London E15. ENEF Study-Conference. Contributors include James Hemming. Details from Raymond King, 2 Wilton Grove, New Malden, Surrey KT3 6RG.

22nd May, AT WORK IN THE WORLD, Bracknell. A World Education Berkshire conference on local and global issues. Details from Anne Yarwood, Constables, Windsor Road, Ascot, Berkshire SL5 7LP.

6th-9th June, FUTURE OF POLITICS. World Future Studies Federation conference in Stockholm. Details from Goran Backstrand, Secretary WFSF, PO Box 6710, S-11385 Stockholm, Sweden.

18th-20th June, HEALTH AND DISEASE AS PHENOMENA OF METAMORPHOSIS. Speaker Dr. L.R. Twentyman. Details from Bernard Nesfield-Cookson, Hawkwood College, Painswick Old Road, Stroud, Glos GL6 7QW.

25th-27th June, PRACTICAL VISION FOR THE WORLD TODAY, Swanwick, Derby. Speakers: James Robertson, Fred Blum, Jon Wynne Tyson, Johann Querier. Details from Ruth Richardson, 52 Green Meadow Rd., Birmingham B29 4DE.

28th July-2nd August, GREEN GATHERING, Glastonbury, Somerset. Details from Richard Oldfield, 4 Bridge House, St. Ives, Huntingdon, Cambs.

4th-11th August, SECOND ASSEMBLY OF THE FOURTH WORLD, Berlin. Details from John Papworth, 24 Abercorn Place, London NW8.

SOME DATES TO NOTE

24th February-7th April, 1pm, St. James Church, Piccadilly, London. Series of 7 Wednesday Lent Lectures on ISSUES OF SECURITY AND SURVIVAL: HAS CHRISTIANITY ANYTHING TO SAY? Details from Dunamis, St. James Rectory, 197 Piccadilly, London W1V 9LF. (See p.13).

4th, 11th, 18th March, 8.15pm, Woodbrooke College, Birmingham. Public lectures and discussions on THE FUTURE OF WORK. Speakers: Mog Ball, Terry Davis MP, James Robertson. Details from Stuart Morton, Woodbrooke College, 1046 Bristol Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham B29 6LJ.

8th March, 6.30, House of Lords, PARLIGAES meeting on THE CO2 PROBLEM - GLOBAL IMPLICATIONS. Speaker: Sir John Mason, Director-General, Meteorological Office, Bracknell. Details of this and full Parligaes programme from David Gordon, 14 Carroun Road, London SW8 1LJ.

8th-12th March, Sussex. CONFLICT. Full programme of courses at Centre for Social Development from Ann Gooding, Emerson College, Forest Row, Sussex RH18 5JX.

12th-14th March, Kent. WHERE IS MY SECURITY - A WAY OF PEACEMAKING. Full programme of events from Commonwork Centre, Bore Place, Bough Beech, Edenbridge, Kent TN8 7AR.

12th-14th March, Swindon. TREES AND FORESTS. For full programme of events, see to Andrea Hirsch, Lower Shaw Farm, Shaw, Swindon, Wilts.

12th-14th March, HOW TO START AND RUN A SMALL FARM, with Patrick and Shirley Rivers. (Also 2nd-4th April). Details of these and other courses from Adrian and Elsa Wood, The Nurtons, Tintern, Nr. Chepstow, Gwent NP6 7NX.

19th-21st March, 300 GROUP THIRD WORLD WEEKEND SEMINAR at Hertford College, Oxford. Details from Rosemary Bock, 18 East Heath Road, London NW3. (See also p.14).

19th-21st March, BEYOND THE LIMITS OF SCIENCE. Speakers: Prof. Arthur Ellison, Prof. John Hasted, Dr. Michael Shallis. Details from Dept. of External Studies, Rewley House, 3-7 Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JA.

20th March, LOCAL ECONOMY STRATEGIES FOR CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT. One-day seminar, £10. Details from Beechwood College, Elmete Lane, Roundhay, Leeds LS8 2LQ. (Also CO-OPERATIVE GATHERING, 17th-20th July).

20th March, 10th Anniversary of DE KLEINE AARDE (The Small Earth), Bostel, Holland. International gathering. Alternative technology, agriculture, education, lifestyles, food and medicine. Contact: S.L. Kwee, Willem de Rijkelaan 2, NL-5616 EA Eindhoven, Holland.

22nd March, 7pm, House of Lords. One of the meetings organised by the 300 GROUP (see p.14) Speaker: Baroness Seear.

23rd March, DECENTRALISING ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT, 6-8pm, Nelson Mandela Hall, Macadam Building, Surrey St., London WC2. Details of series of debates on Decentralisation from Pamela Pomerance Johnson, Green Alliance, 60 Chandos Place, London WC2.

27th March, ENERGY POLITICS, 10.40am-5.10pm, £2.50. One of a series of conferences at Univ. of London Extra-Mural Centre. Details from Harry Frost, Crosshill, Ifield Green, Crawley, W. Sussex RH11 0ND.

28th March, ALTERNATIVE HEALTH EDUCATION (see p.1).

1st April, A CHANGING INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY, Birmingham Futures Network discussion led by Rt. Rev. Hugh Montefiore. Details from Christine Huxham, Aston Univ., 158 Corporation Street, Birmingham B4 6TE.

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