

NEWSLETTER TURNING POINT

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

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NEWSLETTERS, MAILING LIST AND CORRESPONDENCE

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

NEXT TURNING POINT MEETING

Saturday, 28th November 1987, Conway Hall, London. Further details will be in the next newsletter. Meanwhile, please note the date.

BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THIS ADDRESS

THE SAME ALTERNATIVE: A CHOICE OF FUTURES (rev. edn. 1983), by James Robertson. Copies by mail £2.95 inc. p&p within UK, sterling only, cheques payable to James Robertson, please.

FUTURE WORK: JOBS, SELF-EMPLOYMENT AND LEISURE AFTER THE INDUSTRIAL AGE, by James Robertson: Temple Smith/Gower, 1985. £6.95, postage and cheques as above.

Many items in the following pages reflect our view that insoluble problems will only be solved by bypassing them, redefining them, and changing their context. One way is to associate them (in a Koestlerian act of creation) with other insoluble problems and come up with a new approach to them all - e.g. a new approach to work and incomes and care in the community.

The specialised knowledge of experts - on unemployment, social security, health care, crime, disarmament, development, etc. - is trapped in existing problem structures. Progressives, e.g. in the World Health Organisation (see p.6), advocate an "intersectoral" approach. But we may have to go beyond the intersectoral. Citizen understanding, citizen initiatives and citizen diplomacy (see p.4) may be needed in the transition from an obsolescent paradigm of knowledge to a new paradigm of meaning (see p.8).

PHILOSOPHY, RELIGION AND THE ARTS

"It is probable that most continuing societal problems should be seen as holes/objects, especially given the well-established record of unfruitful action in response to them - however vigorous and dedicated. Typical examples are peace/disarmament, development, human rights, environment, ... Any action tends to be drawn into a vortex of futility... The participants in the action find themselves circulating around a central concern of which they are unable to obtain an overview due to the geometries of the overlapping conceptual and organisational structures through which they work (or which they somehow engender)". From COMPREHENSION OF APPROPRIATENESS, a 1986 paper by Anthony Judge (Union of International Associations - see p.9).

CONTACT is for people concerned with social change and personal belief in a meaningful universe. Introductory leaflet and study-notes, 85p inc. p&p, from Keith Hudson (Flat 6, 66 Wells Road, Bath BA2 3AR). In the August 1986 SCIENTIFIC AND MEDICAL NETWORK Newsletter, Keith Hudson points out that conventional scientists habitually make acts of faith about an implicit order behind the information flowing inward to them from the external world; they will increasingly have to make similar acts of faith that mental information flowing outward from themselves affects the external world which they observe; and this may lead to a rapprochement between science and religion. The new director of SMN is David Loricor (The Old School House, Hampnett, Northleach GL54 3NN).

"World Peace is dependent on adding a spiritual dimension to science and on the adoption of a scientific approach to spirituality. The key to the reconciliation of science and religion lies in transcending the conflict which arises from their respective attitudes towards the absolute whole". THE PARAGONIAN INSTITUTE'S 60-page revised 1987 prospectus (Berit Edsberg and Paul Hague, Laererboligen, Lovhaugen, 2256 Grue Finnskog, Norway) proposes a Copernican revolution in ideas. See also p.16.

Siti Salamah Pope's 1983 12-page paper CONCEPTUAL SYNTHESIS: BEATING AT THE IVORY GATE? for the Society for General Systems Research, USA, is on the uses for modern western thought of an ancient eastern cosmology. Copies from her at PO Box 2331, Jakarta 10001, Indonesia for £2 or US\$3 inc. airmail postage. We also like her paper THE VISION REGAINED: REFLECTIONS ON JAVANESE IDEAS OF ANIMALITY AND THE HUMAN SPIRIT, presented in the session on Cultural Attitudes to Animals at the 1986 World Archaeological Congress.

The first issue of NEW PARADIGMS Newsletter (£8 pa within UK from Alan Mayne, 29 Fairford Crescent, Downhead Park, Milton Keynes MK15 9AF) is a useful introduction to ideas about mankind in transition to a new paradigm of Mind in the Universe. Also an interesting 8-page offprint on "Radionics in a Wider Context".

G.B. Rawinsky (Primrose Hill Nursery, Bunch Lane, Hazelmere, Surrey) puts forward A NEW THEORY OF ECOLOGY (£1), according to which specialised sound energy is transmuted into growth in plants. He claims his "Growplantone" Sound System on recorded tapes opens up a new approach to agriculture and horticulture, and is compatible with intermediate technology, biodynamic agriculture and permaculture.

Vortexian principles of imploding energy and other natural biotechnologies - apparent in flying bumblebees, motionless trout in mountain streams, cyclones and tornadoes, and mountain-top springs - are explored in ENERGY UNLIMITED, the magazine of non-conventional energy technology (PO Box 35637 Sta D, Albuquerque, NM 87176, USA).

THE VISION THAT CONNECTS - BUILDING THE FUTURE WE CHOOSE is the 1987 James Backhouse Lecture (copies from Friends Book Supplies, PO Box 63, O'Connor, ACT 2601, Australia). Its authors, Carol and Dougald McLean (160 Waterworks Road, Dynnyrne, 7005 Tasmania), are interested in Turning-Point-type networks in Australia.

TREES, WOODS AND THE GREEN MAN is a programme of events, exhibitions and publications, organised by Common Ground (The London Ecology Centre, 45 Shelton Street, London WC2H 9HJ) to highlight the aesthetic, spiritual and cultural value of trees and woods. Another Common Ground project, PARISH MAPS, is encouraging communities to make maps of the things they value in their own neighbourhoods. An exhibition of maps by 18 artists will be held at the London Ecology Centre from 17th March to 24th April.

THE EASTERHOUSE FESTIVAL SOCIETY (PO Box 297, Glasgow G33 4NG) has risen phoenix-like in 1987 after its devastating loss of building, staff and major funds in 1986. Over 2500 children saw the Christmas pantomime and art exhibitions. Plans are being made for Easter, May Day and the Summer. In spite of the problems of local poverty, anger, bitterness and resentment, EFS continues to attract people with vision and commitment to change things for the better. Contact Margaret Harris or Janet Crawford if you can help.

A county-wide multicultural festival season is planned in Gloucestershire from 1st May to 31st August. National and local groups will feature in community arts events, as in Devon last year. Contact CONCORD IN GLOUCESTER, Prema Centre, Uley, Nr. Dursley, Glos.

Rodney Everett, of the MIDDLE WOOD CENTRE (Roeburndale West, Wray, Lancaster LA2 8QX), is helping to organise the LANCASTER EARTHCARES FESTIVAL 1987 in August.

The Leaveners (Quaker Youth Arts Projects, 17a Legard Road, Highbury, London N5 1DE) are working on a new oratorio for 1989 - EARTHRISE, A GREEN SAGA. Scripts, scores, tapes and records of past productions, including THE GATES OF GREENHAM choral drama (1985) are available.

THE GREENING OF ALBION is a 2-page challenge by Peter Cadogan (3 Hinchinbrook House, Greville Road, London NW6) for "green polymaths with a holistic philosophy of action".

RETHINKING PEACE AND SECURITY

The summer 1986 Rain (1135 SE Salmon, Portland, OR 97214, USA - \$18 pa) discusses RETHINKING NATIONAL SECURITY: "Voices are emerging that take a different approach to the problem. Instead of simply taking sides in the debate between more weapons and fewer weapons, they are seeking to change the basic terms of the debate... Real security means enabling all people to meet their basic needs... Real security depends on ecological sustainability... Minimise vulnerability by decentralising life support systems. Our present highly centralised systems for the provision of vital needs, such as energy, water, food, data processing and telecommunications are very vulnerable to terrorist and other kinds of military attack... Our great danger at present is that we have no defensive alternative to a sort of hollow patriotic passion and its inevitable expression in nuclear warheads".

"Our concepts of national security will need to change. Rather than focusing exclusively upon military threats, we need to address the larger threats to those life-supporting and life-regenerating systems upon which we and future generations of humans depend... The challenge, then, is to shift from values and technologies linked to domination and destruction to those encouraging sharing and the regeneration of living systems". From a paper on THE EARTH, NOT SPACE, IS OUR LAST FRONTIER by Prof. Kenneth A. Dahlberg (Dept. of Political Science, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI 49008, USA), who has been chairing an Office of Technology Assessment study on TECHNOLOGIES TO MAINTAIN BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, and editing books on "Natural Resources and People", "New Directions for Agriculture and Agricultural Research" and "Environment and the Global Arena".

"We cannot expect to see a peaceful world until we have brought about a much fairer distribution of world wealth. And we cannot achieve that without facing up to a fundamental change in the lifestyles, values and institutions of the rich countries". "The danger of war, caused by the imbalances in the world distribution of energy and other resources, is equalled by a further danger: the danger of irrevocable damage to our planet caused by pollution". These two quotations come respectively from WORLD RESOURCES AND WORLD PEACE and SUSTAINABLE ENERGY USE AND WORLD PEACE - two in a series of Lifestyle pamphlets, 1986 and 1987 - 50p each + p&p from the Lifestyle Secretary (Manor Farm, Little Gidding, Huntingdon, Cambs PE17 5RJ).

"Advances in information technology and international security have become inversely related: the more our reliance on information technology, the less secure the world becomes. Military informatisation raises the serious question whether we can survive the Information Age". "The structure of public diplomacy in a combative system produces a distorted, constrained type of information that shapes and reinforces misperceptions and misunderstandings among the conflicting parties. This tends to support destructive rather than constructive modes of conflict resolution". From Cees Hamelink's pamphlet MILITARISATION IN THE INFORMATION AGE (World Council of Churches, 150 Route de Ferney, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland).

"Another sort of citizen initiative has been the rapid spread of citizen diplomacy, including travel to and from the Soviet Union, computer links, scientific and cultural exchanges outside official channels, and much more". INDEPENDENT INITIATIVES: BETTER THAN ARMS CONTROL? is the lead item in the 27 October 1986 issue of New Options (PO Box 19324, Washington DC, 20036, USA).

Among their other peace-making activities, **Renée-Marie and Kenneth Croose Parry** (Together Tomorrow - Centre for the Advancement of Human Cooperation, PO Box 15778, Gainesville, FL 32604, USA) accompany groups on visits to the Soviet Union.

"Too many peace activists have had nothing to say about the economy, about the international division of labour and about the needs of the Third World, about the rights of women, or the fundamental need to protect the environment". From **THE YEAR OF PEACE IS OVER - THE PROBLEM REMAINS** in **Development Forum**, Jan-Feb 1987 (DESI/DPI, United Nations, Rm DC1-559, New York, NY 10017, USA).

"It should not be surprising that half of the world's scientists, being largely male, are engaged in military research and development. The nuclear arms race is thus basically a male construction". **David Hicks'** **TEACHING NUCLEAR ISSUES** (Occasional Paper No.10, Centre for Peace Studies, Saint Martin's College, Lancaster LA1 3JD) is intended for teachers, but we recommend it to other readers too.

THE BUDDHIST PEACE FELLOWSHIP UK (**Charlie Radcliffe**, The Old George, Broad Windsor, Dorset DT8 3QD) is a network of people concerned to reduce suffering arising from all types of violence.

Ronald Higgins: **HAWKS AND DOVES: REFLECTIONS ON THE DEFENCE DEBATE:** Univ. of Bradford School of Peace Studies, 1985. £1.25 inc. p&p. How to improve our sensitivity and self-awareness and hence our persuasiveness. (**THE SEVENTH ENEMY: THE HUMAN FACTOR IN THE GLOBAL CRISIS**, otherwise out of print, is also available at reduced price of £4.95 inc. p&p to TP readers.) Order from him at Little Reeve, Vowchurch, Hereford HR2 0RL.

HUMAN HABITAT

John and Bertha Turner and their colleagues at **AHAS** (Associated Housing Advisory Services, PO Box 397, London E8 1BA) are co-ordinating the **Habitat International Council (HIC) Habitat Project**, a non-governmental contribution to International Year of Shelter for the Homeless (IYSH 87). Informative poster and news sheet about many projects "supporting people building community".

HIC (PO Box 90646, 2509 LP The Hague, Holland) are organising a global forum for non-governmental organisations in Nairobi on 1-4 April as part of IYSH.

The **BUILDING AND SOCIAL HOUSING FOUNDATION** (Memorial Square, Coalville, Leicestershire LE6 4EU) is again making two awards of £10,000 in 1987 for human settlement projects that offer sustainable futures to the residents. Details from **Peter Elderfield**. Deadline for preliminary submissions is 30 September. **BSHF** has videos of the 1985 award-winning projects, one in India, the other in Turkey.

The **Other Economic Summit (TOES) 1987** will include a by-invitation conference in April on the **FUTURE OF CITIES**. The proceedings will be published. Information from **New Economics Foundation** (see p.10).

Martin Burke (44 Warren Farm Road, Birmingham B44 0QT) has suggested a scheme for housing associations to encourage **GROUP HOUSEHOLDS** by matching compatible tenants. Also a scheme for **COMMUNITY CAR POOLS**.

HEALTH

The WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION's Alma Ata conference in 1977 began to shift the emphasis from hospital medicine to primary health care. The Ottawa conference in 1986 (see next item) has shifted it another step - from health care towards health promotion. The Adelaide conference on healthy public policies, to be held in April 1988, will shift it even further - towards the creation of healthier societies. In practice, this represents a redefinition of health of great significance. Discussions about health have been about how to provide sickness services. Now they are increasingly to be about how to enable people to live healthier lives in healthier societies.

The OTTAWA CHARTER FOR HEALTH PROMOTION was issued at the first international conference on health promotion, held by WHO, Canada Health and Welfare, and the Canadian Public Health Association in November 1986. The Charter stresses the importance of enabling people to increase control over, and to improve their health. Health must be on the agenda of policy makers in all sectors. The healthier choice must become the easier choice for policy-makers making policy decisions, just as it must for individual people making lifestyle decisions. The protection of the environment and the conservation of natural resources are aspects of any health promotion strategy. Effective community action must be strengthened. Copies of the Charter are available from the Canadian Public Health Association (1335 Carling Ave, Suite 210, Ottawa, Canada K1Z 8N8).

"Sectoral programmes and projects outside the health sector can have major implications for health, both positive and negative, e.g. agricultural policies that affect food availability, a large irrigation project that might increase agricultural output and at the same time become a major transmitter of disease, female education which can have a dramatically positive effect on child survival rates, or environmental pollution from industrial projects. ... The intersectoral cooperation required goes beyond what has been typical so far... All this will require significant changes in the processes of development planning". INTERSECTORAL ACTION FOR HEALTH is a new (1986) WHO report; Sw.Fr.24 from HMSO in UK and WHO in Geneva.

"Health promotion implies a commitment to dealing with the challenges of reducing inequities, extending the scope of prevention, and helping people to cope with their circumstances. It means fostering public participation, strengthening community health services and coordinating healthy public policy. Moreover, it means creating environments conducive to health". Copies of the Canadian government's ACHIEVING HEALTH FOR ALL: A FRAMEWORK FOR HEALTH PROMOTION from Barbara Naegels (Health and Welfare Canada, Rm 460 - Jeanne Mance Building, Tunney's Pasture, Ottawa, Canada K1A 1B4).

HEALTH MUSEUMS OR THEME PARKS: A NEW APPROACH TO INTERSECTORAL COLLABORATION proposes a Body/Mind/City museum for Liverpool, as a future model for a new type of health museum: science exploratorium cum Walt Disney-style theme park. This is one of many interesting articles in Health Promotion, Vol.1, No.3, 1986 (personal UK sub. £20 pa from Oxford University Press, Walton Street, Oxford OX2 6DP). Another, on THE LAY RESOURCE IN HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE, is by Lowell Levin, Prof. of Public Health, Yale University. He is chairperson of the People's Medical Society (14 East Minor Street, Emmaus, PA 18049, USA) whose December 1986 newsletter asks "Is your doctor a junkie?". The Society's first book, "Take This Book To The Hospital With You", is a popular consumer guide to surviving a hospital stay!

"Whilst the Health For All strategy potentially provides a useful framework for legitimising a broader and more participatory approach to health promotion, there are signs of the strategy being misappropriated to support a conventional medical paradigm". Wendy Farrant discusses choices for district health promotion strategies in the Winter 1986/7 issue of RADICAL COMMUNITY MEDICINE (£2 from John Gabbay, 14 Spring Crescent, Portswood, Southampton SO2 1GA).

Dr. Ralph Grossman (IFF-Work/Health/Environment, Scharitzerstrasse 10, A-4020 Linz, Austria) is leader of a three-and-a-half-year pilot project on health promotion as a social process of learning - creating awareness in three local areas, and helping people to help themselves through local initiatives and institutions.

Sir Richard O'Brien ("Faith in the City") and Sir Douglas Black (The "Black Report") were among the speakers at a conference on DEPRIVATION AND ILL HEALTH jointly organised by the British Medical Association, the Health Education Council and the Trades Union Congress on 4th July 1986. Conference report £1.70 inc. p&p from TUC (Congress House, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS).

"Working with local community agencies, groups and leaders, the hospital can assist in identifying local problems of an environmental nature. As a respected community institution, it is likely that the hospital will be listened to if it advocates better access to food, better housing, traffic engineering to reduce motor vehicle accidents, home repairs to prevent falls in the elderly, clean-up of pollution and a variety of other issues... Another key role for hospitals may be to provide a health resource centre for the public". Dr. Trevor Hancock (629 Manning Ave, Toronto M6G 2W2, Canada) is an associate medical officer of health with the City of Toronto.

Feona Hamilton has succeeded Harold Wicks as Executive Secretary of the RESEARCH COUNCIL FOR COMPLEMENTARY MEDICINE (19a Cavendish Square, Suite 1, London W1M 9AD).

A national network of parent support groups was launched in April 1986 to improve the quality of life and relationships for children and their parents. Details from Wendy Rose-Neil (THE PARENT NETWORK, 44-46 Caversham Road, London NW5 2DS).

"The de-pharmaceuticalisation of life needs a campaign as consistent and forceful as the one that involved breast feeding... Environmental conditions are the source of much ill health. Improving such conditions is a much more effective programme of advancing public health than using chemical agents". Claude Alvarez writes in AFKAR INQUIRY (55 Banner St., London EC1 8PX), October 1986. The Nov. 86 NEW INTERNATIONALIST (see p.14) is also about the growing worldwide campaign - e.g. by Health Action International (Emmastreet 9, 2595 EG The Hague, Holland) - to check the damaging and corrupt activities of the pharmaceutical industry. In Britain, too, patients are increasingly aware of the potential hazards of drug therapy. The Sept. 86 SELF HEALTH (College of Health, 18 Victoria Park Squ., London E2 9PF) reports "considerable dissatisfaction about doctors writing repeat prescriptions for drugs which can produce dependence".

STOP PRESS: CHEMICAL CHILDREN: HOW TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY FROM HARMFUL POLLUTANTS by Dr. Peter Mansfield and Dr. Jean Moore will be published (£4.95) on March 19 as a Century Paperback. Two medical doctors assess the extent of the crisis, describe case studies of the sufferers, and provide useful advice.

BOOKS RECEIVED

Paul Ekins (ed): THE LIVING ECONOMY: A NEW ECONOMICS IN THE MAKING: RKP, London, 1986, £8.95. "Most comprehensive and systematic introduction to the new economics". "The very best examples of post-liberal, post-socialist economic thinking to have appeared in any forum or format". ("New Options" January 28, 1987 - see p.4.)

Maurice Ash: NEW RENAISSANCE: ESSAYS IN SEARCH OF WHOLENESS: Green Books 1987, £5.95. "We are passing from the Age of Knowledge, which has held sway these last 400 years or so, to an Age of Meaning". The flaws of reductionism and the quantitative method explain the philosophically deformed monstrosities of modern economics and the obsolescence of the nation state, whose bureaucracy controls the specialisms into which the corpus of knowledge is broken down. (GREEN BOOKS is a new publishing venture. Information from Satish Kumar, Ford House, Hartland, Bideford, Devon EX39 6EE.)

Ziauddin Sardar: ISLAMIC FUTURES: THE SHAPE OF IDEAS TO COME: Mansell, 1985, £8.95. Informative and thought-provoking. The concepts, ideas and values of the Islamic worldview can help to shape a more enlightened society. Will interest all concerned with the science, politics and economics of a future multicultural world.

Compared with other countries, Britain's environmental record is bad. **Edward Goldsmith and Nicholas Hildyard (eds): GREEN BRITAIN OR INDUSTRIAL WASTELAND?** Polity Press, 1986, £6.95, makes a powerful case for a fundamental change. "Only by reestablishing the social, biological and ecological systems we have disrupted can we hope to achieve a sustainable, just and self-reliant society".

"We ought to be scared about the long-term safety of the food supply, since the fabric of the earth is threatened by everything from thermonuclear winter to soil erosion, but our response to these things ought not to be too obsessive about each bite of food we ingest. We all need to turn some of the energy we devote to private health to public action". **Joan Dye Gussow and Paul E. Thomas (eds): THE NUTRITION DEBATE:** Bull, Palo Alto 1986, \$9.95, helps readers to assess conflicting statements on controversial nutrition issues.

Geoffrey Yates: FOOD: NEKD, GREED AND MYOPIA: Earthright Publications (8 Ivy Ave, Ryton, Tyne and Wear NE40 3PU), rev. edn. 1986, £3.95. A vegetarian approach to exploitation and starvation in a world of plenty. Useful references and booklist.

Ichiro Nakamura and Teruyuki Tada (eds): JOHREI: DIVINE LIGHT OF SALVATION: Society of Johrei (131 Komatsubara Kitamachi, Kita-ku, Kyoto 603, Japan), 1984. Beautifully produced book about the life and thought of Mokichi Okada (1882-1955). Johrei is a divine healing power of purification, and is linked with nature farming.

A series of books by G. Scott Williamson and Innes Pearse, the founders of the Pioneer Health Centre in Peckham ("The Peckham Experiment") of the 1920s, 30s and 40s, published by Scottish Academic Press, include: **SCIENCE, SYNTHESIS AND SANITY; THE QUALITY OF LIFE; BIOLOGISTS IN SEARCH OF MATERIAL; and THE CASE FOR ACTION.** The Peckham Experiment, foreshadowed the current trend towards enabling people to be healthy, in contrast to the conventional medical focus on sickness. Information from Alan Pepper (Pioneer Health Centre, 8 Tangier Lane, Frant, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 9HD).

Nancy Milio: PROMOTING HEALTH THROUGH PUBLIC POLICY: Canadian Public Health Association (see p.6), 1986, \$14.95. "Policy must place emphasis on enhancing people's health-building activities, not simply on repairing the health damage they incur from workplace, home, or community environments."

Charman Kenner: WHOSE NEEDS COUNT? COMMUNITY ACTION FOR HEALTH: CHIRU (26 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3HU), 1986, \$4.95 - cheques payable to NCVO - describes 10 community health initiatives in a variety of urban and rural settings in England.

Debbie Taylor: A TALK OF TWO VILLAGES: New Internationalist Publications, Oxford 1986. Eight short stories describe what happens when primary health care projects are introduced to two villages in the poorest part of Thailand.

Annie Cheatham and Mary Clare Powell: THIS WAY DAYBREAK COMES: WOMEN'S VALUES AND THE FUTURE: New Society Publishers, Philadelphia 1986, \$12.95. (UK price £10 + £1 p&p from Women, Earth and Spirit - Speaker Account, Hafodlas, Tregaron, Dyfed SY25 6UG.) "Wonderfully vivid set of messages from women who are living the future now! Thank you, sisters!" (Elise Boulding). Cheatham and Powell are visiting the UK in April - see dates p.16.

David Ross and Peter Usher: FROM THE ROOTS UP: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS IF COMMUNITY MATTERED: Bootstrap Press, 1986. Much the best analysis so far of the role of the informal economy as part of the larger economic system, and of the interactions between formal and informal economic activities. (\$10.95 from CCSD: Publications, 55 Parkdale, Box 3505 Station C, Ottawa, Canada K1Y 4G1.)

Greg MacLeod: NEW AGE BUSINESS: COMMUNITY CORPORATIONS THAT WORK: Canadian Council on Social Development (address above), 1986, \$9.95. The how and why of community-based economic development by the founding chairman of New Dawn Enterprises in Cape Breton.

EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN A CHANGING ECONOMY: CCSD, 1986 (address above), \$4.95. Papers by David Ross, Guy Dauncey and George McBodie on local economic and social initiatives.

Christopher Schaeffer and Tjino Voors: VISION IN ACTION: Hawthorn Press (The Mount, Whiteshill, Stroud GL6 6JA), 1986. A guidebook for people and groups who are starting schools, shops, community projects, therapeutic centres, or small businesses and who want to work on a cooperative basis. Anthroposophical approach.

Michael Phillips and Salli Rasberry: MARKETING WITHOUT ADVERTISING: CREATIVE STRATEGIES FOR SMALL BUSINESS SUCCESS: Nolo Press, (950 Parker St, Berkeley, CA 94710, USA), 1986, \$14.00. Make yours a high quality business that customers and the media will publicise for you.

Kim Castle: THE RECYCLERS' GUIDE TO GREATER LONDON AND BEYOND: London Energy and Employment Network (99 Midland Road, London NW1 2AH), rev. ed. 1986, £4.50. Excellent, informative publication.

ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF WORLD PROBLEMS AND HUMAN POTENTIAL: 1986. We find it hard to evaluate the usefulness of this remarkable 1440pp volume on 10233 world problems and 14176 human resources available as problem-responses. It costs \$200 from the Union of International Associations (40 Rue Washington, B-1050 Brussels, Belgium) with discounts for non-institutional bodies.

TOWARDS A NEW ECONOMICS

The **NEW ECONOMICS FOUNDATION** (27 Thames House, South Bank Business Centre, 140 Battersea Park Rd, London SW11 4NB) is a new charitable trust linked with **The Other Economic Summit (TOES)**. It aims to bring about a saner, more humane, more ecological economics by the year 2000. We hope TP readers will seriously consider supporting it, and will ask others to do so too. Newsletter, **NEW ECONOMICS**, costs £15 for 4 issues, £8 for unwaged. For NEF/TOES events, see p.16.

POVERTY AND PEACE: REVIEWING THE DEVELOPMENT DEBATE is a most valuable 56-page bibliography containing concise reviews of 145 recommended books. Details, and of other publications including the **SHARING WORLD RESOURCES** newsletter, from **Pat Saunders** (Quaker Peace and Service, Friends House, Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ).

"Development, whether of the neo-classical or the Marxist version, sanctified the reign of homo economicus... The economic interpretation is limited in scope, flawed, and systematically neglects the totality of people's lives." The 1986:3 **Development** (Society for International Development, Palazzo Civiltà del Lavoro, 00144 Rome, Italy), is on **LIMITS TO ECONOMICS**.

DEVELOPMENT, HOW MANY DISASTERS IN YOUR NAME? The December 1986 **IDOC Internazionale** (Via Santa Maria dell' Anima 30, 00186 Rome, Italy) discusses ocean pollution, rainforest destruction, environmentally damaging dams, Bhopal, and the export of pollution by Japan.

A report (Can \$10 from **CONSERVATION COUNCIL OF ONTARIO**, Suite 202, 74 Victoria St., Toronto, Canada M5C 2A5), for the Ontario provincial government, highlights 52 priority concerns and 250 recommendations about sustainable development, requiring - says Council President **Simon Miles** - a re-orientation of public policy across the board.

TRANET's winter 1986-87 directory (Box 567, Rangeley, ME 04970, USA), is on **Direct Aid - people-to-people, not government-to-government**.

"Even graduates, who have been trained to trust experts rather than their own noses, now say that development stinks... I am affronted by those who wish to mask the stench of 'development' by using 'Alternative Development' as a deodorant". **Ivan Illich** writes on "The Development Myth" in the January 1986 **GANDHI MARG** (221-223 Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Marg, New Delhi 110 002, India). Other recent issues discuss "Gandhi and Schweitzer: How Alike?" (April 1986) and "A Relevant Utopia: H.G.Wells and E.F.Schumacher" (July 1986).

In the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, the industrialised nations should copy the UN and other international aid organisations which, in the 1970s, shifted support from housing built by the formal construction industry to self-help strategies. **DEVELOPMENT FORUM**, Nov-Dec. 1986 (see page 5).

Recent **Worldwatch Papers** (\$4 ea. from **Worldwatch Institute**, 1776 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington DC 20036, USA) are on **THE CHANGING ROLE OF THE MARKET IN NATIONAL ECONOMIES** (No 72) and **OUR DEMOGRAPHICALLY DIVIDED WORLD** (No 74).

DEVELOPMENT PARALLELS (**Christian de Laet**, International Development Research Centre, University of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada S4S 0A2) is exploring how development can be redesigned to suit specific local communities - in Canada, India, Papua New Guinea and elsewhere.

NUCLEAR POWER AND JOBS: THE TRAWSFYNYDD EXPERIENCE, a Rural Wales Energy and Employment Study, (from Brian John, Trefelin, Cilgwyn, Newport, Pembrokeshire, Dyfed SA42 0QN), finds that the Trawsfynydd Nuclear Power Station has led to more local jobs being lost than gained.

IS IT WORKING?, a learning pack from the Widening Concepts of Work Project (National Institute of Careers Education and Counselling, Balls Park, Hertford SG13 8QF), invites young men and women to consider what they will do if taking a paid job is not possible.

FEEDBACK ILE, ed. Genevieve Lecamp, is the newsletter of the OECD's Cooperative Action Programme on Local Initiatives for Employment Creation (2 rue Andre-Pascal, 75775 Paris 16, France). A recent OECD pamphlet is on "The Role of Large Firms in Local Job Creation".

SCAN, compiled 1986 by Catherine Blakers (Director of Bibliography, National Clearinghouse on Local Employment Initiatives, Work Resources Centre, F Block, Kingsley Street, GPO Box 4, Canberra ACT 2601, Australia), is a comprehensive guide to LEIs in Australia.

David Hopson (UNET, 318 St. Paul's Road, Highbury Corner, London N1 2LF) is helping community, church, voluntary and unemployed groups to use electronic communications systems.

LOCAL ECONOMY is the Local Economic Policy Unit's new journal. LEPU (Director: Sam Aaronovitch, South Bank Poly, Borough Rd, London SE1), together with CLES (Centre for Local Economic Strategies, Heron House, Brazenose Street, Manchester M2 5HD) and SEKDS (South East Economic Development Strategy Association, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage, Herts), also set up in the last few years, reflect a new emphasis on the local dimension of economic policy.

Martin Stott (Oxfordshire Cooperative Development Agency, 31 St. Giles, Oxford OX1 3LF) discusses how worker coops might become a significant force in the national economy in **BEYOND ISOLATION**, a July 1986 report for the Industrial Common Ownership Movement (7 & 8 The Corn Exchange, Leeds LS1 7BP).

"We have no art, we do everything as well as we can". This remark by a Pacific islander prompts a stimulating article by Neala Schleming on our inheritance of a culture that denies the integration of work and art - in the June 1986 **HUMAN ECONOMY** newsletter (Box 14, Economics Dept., Mankato State Univ., Mankato, MN 56001, USA).

RAISING MONEY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT is a useful guide for voluntary groups (free from Shell Better Britain Campaign, Nature Conservancy Council, Northminster House, Peterborough PE1 1UA).

Basel Henderson (Anastasia Island, PO Box 5190, St. Augustine, FL 32085, USA) is launching a metacatalog called **WIN-WIN-WORLD** about successful and profitable businesses which are ecologically benign.

Chris Elphick (Highfield Cottage, Kirknewton, Midlothian EH27 8DD), formerly of the Easterhouse Festival Society (see p.3), is now a self-employed consultant/adviser to community groups, and would like to hear from people practically involved in the processes of change.

David Potter's 1986 49-page report on the experience of twenty-one **NEW BUSINESS START-UPS IN THE WEST COUNTRY: THE FIRST FOUR YEARS** is available free from him (26 Fentiman Road, London SW8 1LF).

FOOD, FARMING AND ENVIRONMENT

The Rodale Institute (222 Main Street, Emmaus, PA 18049, USA) is developing a global network of people actively promoting biologically and environmentally sound agriculture or REGENERATIVE FARMING. Publications include "The New Farm" and the IFOAM (International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements) Bulletin.

The Lifestyle series (see p.4) includes a useful and practical pamphlet (price 50p) on FOOD AND AGRICULTURE IN A SUSTAINABLE WORLD. How to provide nutritious food, with minimum disturbance of natural habitats, contributing to sound agricultural policies for the Third World and to benign animal husbandry.

OUR BORROWED LAND: FOOD, FARMING AND YOU, a pamphlet recently published by The Green Party (36/38 Clapham Road, London SW9 0JQ) is well worth reading. Useful references to books and organisations.

FOOD: THINK GLOBALLY, EAT LOCALLY! is the subject of The New Catalyst summer 1986 issue. Subsequent issues (\$2.25 each from PO Box 99, Lillooet, BC, Canada V0K 1V0) are on "Water: The Life Giver" and "Native Peoples, Native Places".

The "Food-Energy Nexus Programme" of the UN University is building self-reliant development strategies in response to the mutually reinforcing food and energy crises, which now deprive many people in developing countries of a daily cooked meal - as reported in EDKN (Environment Development Energy News, the successor to Ecodevelopment News, from CIREK, 54 Bd Raspail, Rm 311, 75270 Paris 06, France).

HOME FARM (£8 p.a. inc. p&p for UK, from Broad Leys Publishing Co, Widdington, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 3SP) is Britain's organic farming and growing magazine and the official journal of the Small Farmers Association (PO Box 71, 1-4 Queen Street Place, London EC4R 1JA - Timothy Bowie). Very good value.

"The Organic Option in Farming". For details of conference papers (November 1986) on the processes, costs and politics of moving away from chemical dependency in farming, send see to David Stafford (APPLIED RURAL ALTERNATIVES, 10 Highfield Close, Wokingham, Berks).

"It is in our power to help people to help themselves...to restore a sustainable life in a reclaimed desert environment." GREEN DESERTS (Rougham, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk IP30 9LY).

"Sustaining And Sustainable: Ecological Veganism (With Recipes)" - price 60p - is published by the new MOVEMENT FOR COMPASSIONATE LIVING: THE VEGAN WAY (Kathleen Jannaway, 47 Highlands Road, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 8NQ).

Information on the PERMACULTURE ASSOCIATION from Membership Secretary A.J.Langford (8 Hunter's Moon, Dartington, Totnes, South Devon).

Barbara Panvel (5 Pear Tree Grove, Shirley, Solihull, West Midlands B90 1LL) suggests writing to LOMAH COMMONWEALTH LTD (133 Whitstable Road, Faversham, Kent) for details of opportunities to invest ethically in sustainable agriculture.

Mike and Sue Lyle (CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION, Maenllwyd, Llangynog, Carmarthen, Dyfed SA33 5JA) have launched a newsletter - also a Rainforest Teaching Pack for schools - 8-13 year olds.

COMMUNICATION, INFORMATION, AND THE MEDIA

THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF THE COMMUNICATION REVOLUTION AND THE THIRD WORLD, a 40-page paper by Neville Jayaweera (\$3 from Asian Mass Communication Research and Information Centre, 39 Newton Road, Singapore 1130), interestingly explores the nature of technology and capitalism and their implications for communication and culture.

The World Association for Christian Communication (122 Kings Road, London SW3 4TR) publishes a newsletter, ACTION, (\$10 pa for 10 issues). The 1/1985 issue of its journal, MEDIA DEVELOPMENT (£12.50 or \$25 pa for 4 issues), is on The Video Revolution: "Video technology...could become a powerful means of socio-economic and educational development for young people today... The simple-to-use technology of video recording allows for easier participation than any other mass media...Democratisation of communication could become at least a partial reality in the age of video".

"For the first time we have the means in video tape technology truly to girdle the globe with examples of people helping each other. I find it hard to imagine a more powerful method for establishing world peace and supporting human health and growth everywhere. But it begins at village scale". Village Video Network (Martha Stuart Communications Inc, 147 W 22 St, New York, NY 10011, USA).

SO YOU WANT TO MAKE A VIDEO, in SCAN, Nov. 1986 (£5 pa for ten issues from Scottish Education Council, Atholl House, 2 Canning St., Edinburgh EH3 8EG), gives handy hints and tips to community groups.

IOTA PICTURES (May Cottage, Harewood Road, Calstock, Cornwall PL18 9QN), a small film/video company set up to promote the environmental and holistic movement, has issued a 56-minute video on "The Threshold of Change" by Jonathon Porritt - price £17.50.

COMMUNICAT 87 is part of a project to make audio-visual material available to developing communities. Competition, festival. Robert Congdon (Small World Tapes, 167 Fentiman Road, London SW8 1JY).

Interesting papers by Steve Shirley describe how homeworkers use computers and telecommunications in F International (The Bury, Church St., Chesham, Bucks HP5 1JE). In their 1984 pamphlet NETWORKING, Phil Judkins and David West (Rank Xerox House, 338 Euston Road, London NW1 3BH) describe Rank Xerox's "distributed office" mode of business organisation, also based on computers/ telecommunications.

COMMUNITY RADIO: AN OPEN DOOR TO MEDIA ACCESS is a useful, practical pamphlet from Community Radio Association (13 Midland Road, St. Phillips, Bristol BS2 0JT).

New videos available for hire or purchase from Concord Films (201 Felixstowe Road, Ipswich IP3 9BJ) include two specially commissioned videos on NON VIOLENCE IN ACTION.

Eric Walker's EXCHANGE VALUE VIDEO CLUB (Naeton, Ipswich IP10 0JZ) supplies films "that have either some artistic or social values".

THE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL INVENTIONS' book, "Best Ideas", brings together the 200 best ideas submitted to the Institute. Details from Nicholas Albery (24 Abercorn Place, London NW8 9XP).

MONEY AND FINANCE

What is the money system for?

As it operates today, the answer seems clear. If people now choose a career in politics because they want power, and in the media because they want attention, those who go into finance do so because they want to make money. Guinness and the "Big Bang" in the City of London, and the Boesky scandal on Wall Street, have starkly highlighted an underlying reality that many of us take for granted.

A redefinition of the role of money in society will be a vital aspect of the turning point. The monetary and financial system could provide a fair and efficient social accounting system - a scoring system for a game we all have to play - enabling people to exercise their just claims to goods and services. Its bias could be towards a more, not less, equal distribution of incomes and capital between people and between nations. Its tendency could be towards enabling people and nations to take more control of their lives, not towards trapping them in dependency - as Third World and personal debt often does today. Those who operate the money and financial system - bankers, stockbrokers, and so on - could do so as stewards for its fair and efficient operation, rather than in the expectation of higher than average incomes and capital gains for themselves and their friends and associates. A challenge for the Year 2000.

"When Dante visited Hell it was only among the avaricious that no one could be individually recognised; their habitual reduction of the world to their own monetary dimension had standardised their faces into indistinguishable, featureless, brown masks". Patrick Coldstream's REFLECTIONS ON THE FINANCIAL SECTOR was one of four excellent papers at a September 1986 conference of the Industrial Christian Fellowship (St. Katherine Cree Church, 86 Leadenhall Street, London EC3A 3DH), reflecting on the systems and practices prevalent in modern British business.

"What we need now is a financial agenda for the future". The Feb. 1987 New Internationalist (42 Hythe Bridge Street, Oxford OX1 2EP) on MONEY MAKES THE WORLD GO ROUND is an excellent introduction to how the international financial system has gone wrong.

The guaranteed basic income idea is gathering support throughout Europe. The 1st International Conference on Basic Income was held in Belgium in September 1986 (organiser: Philippe Van Parijs, Economie et Societe, 3 Place Montesquieu, B-1348 Louvain-la-Neuve). A Basic Income European Network (BIEN) has been set up (secretary: Walter Van Trier, Dept. of Economics, UFSIA, Prinsstraat 13, B-2000 Antwerp, Belgium). The BIRG Bulletin (from the Basic Income Research Group, 26 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3HU) will become the journal of BIEN and contain more information from Europe. BIRG is holding a national conference on basic incomes in London on 4th April.

Trades Union interest in the basic income idea is being shown in Sweden. Gunnar Lindstedt has a lead article on it in METALLARBETAREN No.45/1986 (105-52 Stockholm, Sweden).

The Pensions and Investment Resource Centre (40 Bowling Green Lane, London EC1R 0NE) publishes a regular PIRC Bulletin, examining topics of concern to pension fund trustees, such as South Africa, redundancies, political donations and share option schemes.

Ward Morehouse (Council on International and Public Affairs, 777 UN Plaza, New York, NY 10017, USA) presented the 1985 SPEISER PRIZE of \$10,000 to Prof. **Jon Wisman** for an essay on "Economic Reform for Humanity's Greatest Struggle" - copies free from CIPA. The annual Speiser Essay contest promotes USOP - Universal Stock Ownership Plan.

Following a report in October 1986 by **Roger Sawtell** on the scope for ethical investment in INDUSTRIAL COMMON OWNERSHIP FINANCE Ltd, the national revolving loan fund for worker coops, ICOF now plans to raise £500,000 from a share issue this spring. Cooperative sympathisers wishing to support the movement financially should contact ICOF (4 St. Giles Street, Northampton NN1 1AA) for details.

"By investing in THE ECOLOGY BUILDING SOCIETY you can support ecological projects and earn interest on your money". The KBS (8 Main Street, Crosshills, Keighley, W.Yorks BD20 8TB) invests in the saving of non-renewable resources, the promotion of self-sufficiency, and the most ecologically efficient use of land.

Giles Chitty's July 1986 report on "Socially Responsive Investment in the USA" is now available from him at THE FINANCIAL INITIATIVE (Eversley House, 1 Elm Grove Road, Salisbury SP1 1JW) for £8. FI raises ethical venture capital, e.g. for commercial organic farming, and introduces investor clients to ethical funds and unit trusts.

In a thought-provoking paper on THE DELIGHT OF RESOURCE ECONOMICS **Farel Bradbury** (PO Box 4, Ross-on-Wye HR9 6EB) proposes that a tax on energy should replace VAT.

THE MONETARY FREEDOM NEWSLETTER AND MICROFICHE is compiled for the Research Centre for Monetary and Financial Freedom and published by **John Zube** (7 Oxley Street, Berrima, NSW 2577, Australia).

Conrad Hopman (BP 225, Noumea, New Caledonia, South Pacific) proposes, in his COMMUNITY COOPERATION COORDINATOR (CCC), an efficient, moneyless, exchange system. This will be "a culmination of several thousand years of increased abstraction - cattle, metals, coins, paper..." He sees it as a new way of relating to the universe, which is itself an exchange system.

The Winter 1987 NEW ECONOMY (**Christopher J. Budd**, Hoathly Hill, West Hoathly, W. Sussex RH19 4SJ) contains a special feature on "The Future of Money".

SOME DATES TO NOTE - Cont'd. from p.16

15-17 May, TOOLS FOR SELF-RELIANCE. One of many courses and events at Lower Shaw Farm, Shaw, Nr. Swindon, Wilts SN5 9PJ.

30 May, London. The 1987 May Lectures on EMERGING NEW PARADIGMS AND VALUES IN WESTERN SCIENCE. Details from **David Lorimer**, Scientific and Medical Network - see p.2.

4 June, 7.30pm, Friends House, London. RALLY FOR URBAN RENEWAL. A TOES/NKF event - see 2 May, p.18.

9 June, London. 8th International Teilhard Lecture on LIBERATION THEOLOGY AND TEILHARD DE CHARDIN by Dr. **Eulalio Baltazar**. Details from The Teilhard Centre, 23 Kensington Square, London W8 5HN.

SOFT DATES TO NOTE

17 March, 7-10pm, The Garden Em, 23 Kensington Squ, London W8. **TRANSFORMING SOCIETY**. Open meeting with Berit Edsberg and Paul Hague of The Paragonian Institute - see p.2.

18 March, London. **CAN POLITICIANS FORGIVE?** by Rt. Rev. Tony Dumper. One of the Lent Lectures, 1pm, Wednesdays, at St. James's Church Piccadilly. Details from Dunamic, 197 Piccadilly, London W1V 9LF.

27 March, 7.30pm, Westminster Cathedral Hall. **OPENING THE DOOR: MEDICINE AS COMPLEMENT** by Robin Price, Wellcome Institute. One of a series of Spring Lectures on Conflicting Cultures. Details from Inst. of Cultural Research, PO Box 13, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0JD.

28/29 March, City University, London. **NOT OVER OUR HEADS: WOMEN AND COMPUTERS IN THE OFFICE**. Details from Microsystem, Wesley House, Wild Court, off Kingsway, London WC2B 5AU.

30 March, 8.30pm, Charing Cross Hotel, London. **WORLD PEACE: A MIRAGE OR REALITY?** by Rev. Donald Reeves. Details from World Goodwill, Suite 54, 3 Whitehall Court, London SW1A 2EF.

2 April, 7pm, Friends House, London. **THIS WAY DAYBREAK COMES: WOMEN'S VALUES AND THE FUTURE** with Annie Cheatham and Mary Clare Powell. Details from Kate Vickers, Women, Earth and Spirit - see p.9.

3-5 April, King Alfred's College, Winchester. 10th Anniversary **MYSTICS & SCIENTISTS: THEORIES OF UNIFICATION - THE SEARCH FOR WHOLENESS**. Speakers include Sir Fred Hoyle, Kathleen Raine, Sir George Trevelyan. Details from Wrekin Trust, Runnings Park, Croft Bank, West Malvern, Worcs WR14 4BD.

3-5 April, Wantage, Oxon. Teilhard Conference - **ETHICS, ECOLOGY AND TEILHARD DE CHARDIN**. Speakers include Dr. Thomas Berry. Details from Barbara Tweedy, The Croft, Portway, Wantage, Oxon OX12 9BU.

6 April, 6pm, Institute of Complementary Medicine, London. **BLUEPRINT FOR REVITALISATION** by John Garnett. One of a series of events organised by The Business Network, 18 Well Walk, London NW3 1LD.

8-11 April, Devon. **RETHINKING THE COUNTRYSIDE - 1987 Dartington Conference**. Speakers include Jonathon Porritt, Robin Grove-White, John Makepeace, Christine MacNulty. Details from Sue Kellan, The Elmirst Centre, Dartington Hall, Totnes, Devon TQ9 6EL.

24 April, Birmingham. **CAN BIRMINGHAM GROW AGAIN - THE ECONOMIC FUTURE OF A PROVINCIAL INDUSTRIAL CITY**. Details from Future Studies Centre, Birmingham Settlement, 318 Summer Lane, Birmingham B19 3RL.

2 May, 10am-5pm, Regent's College, London. **CAMPAIGNING TEACH-IN ON THE BRUNDTLAND REPORT**. Part of the TOES 1987 (The Other Economic Summit)/NEF (New Economics Foundation) programme of events. Speakers include Norman Myers, George McRobie, Des Wilson, Camilla Toulmin. Details from NEF/TOES - see p.10.

13 May, 7.30pm, Friends House, London. **RALLY FOR CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT**. Speakers include Anil Agarwal, Dame Judith Hart, Des Wilson. A TOES/NEF event - see 2 May above.

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