

TURNING POINT 2000

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Our vision is of an enabling (for people), conserving (for the Earth), one-world human community for the 21st century. As the year 2000 comes closer, systematic programmes of change in this direction - personal, local, national, international - are beginning to take shape. TURNING POINT 2000 aims to encourage these, to report activities and ideas contributing to them, to bring out potential links and synergies between them, and to help readers to initiate them, take part in them and press governments, businesses and other organisations to formulate stage-by-stage targets through the 1990s.

NEWSLETTER AND MAILING LIST

The newsletter comes out twice yearly - next issue August/September 1990. Please send items for it by end-July. Space being very limited, we shall give priority to news about programmes and initiatives targeted through the 1990s. We shall give preference, other things being equal, to mentioning new people and organisations rather than repeating ones in previous issues. (Some back issues are available for new readers who ask us for them.) If we don't include an item you send us - and even if we do - please use the newsletter to make contact directly with people likely to share your concerns. To encourage active networking is one of our main aims.

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"FUTURE WEALTH"

James Robertson's new book, "Future Wealth: A New Economics for the 21st Century" (Cassell, London, 1990, hb. £16.95, pb. £6.95, pp. 160) was launched on 25th January - the day of the great storm. The U.S. edition will be published by Ward Morehouse's Bootstrap Press (Suite 9A, 777 U.N. Plaza, New York, NY 10017), to coincide with The Other Economic Summit (TOES) in Houston in early July (see p. 2).

Copies of "Future Wealth" (pb. £6.95) and "The Sane Alternative" (1983, rev.edn., £2.95) are available from us - order form enclosed.

WHO ARE THE REALISTS NOW?

How many realists in Czechoslovakia a year ago imagined that Vaclav Havel would now be their President? The pace of change in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union has defied 'realistic' expectations.

So who are the realists now in the West? Those who believe that established institutions - media, politics, government, business, science, the professions - will initiate necessary change? Or those who realise they can't, but that it will happen in spite of them?

Communism's decline has already raised questions about the future of NATO and the EEC. In due course, it will weaken support for unreformed capitalism, hitherto accepted by many as the lesser of two evils. (Compare the decline of support for nuclear power in Britain, since the defeat of the miners' strike five years ago.)

Dr. Jan Kleinert (Klokocova 7, CS-97401 Banska Bystrica, Czechoslovakia), of the Slovak Academy of Sciences in Bratislava, reports - in **TURNING POINT 2000: A RESPONSE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA** - that "since November 1989, when the Greens arose as a direct response to the Turning Point 2000 programme", four or five separate branches have appeared, including the **GREEN ALTERNATIVE** and the **TREND TOWARDS THE THIRD MILLENNIUM**, and are expected to form a green coalition. We look forward to extending these exchanges with Eastern Europe.

SOME 1990s DATES

Our last newsletter (pages 15 and 16) listed key dates through the 1990s. Chapter 14 of James Robertson's **FUTURE WEALTH** (see p.1) puts forward a new economic agenda based on them. Here are some more.

22 April is EARTH DAY 1990. Worldwide environmental activities. Co-ordinated in Britain by Friends of the Earth, 26-28 Underwood St., London N1 7JQ; in USA by Earth Day 1990, PO Box AA, Stanford University, CA 94309; and in Canada by Earth Day 1990, PO Box 835, Station E, Victoria, B.C., V8W 2P9. A **COUNCIL FOR POSTERITY** will be launched - Nicholas Albery (Institute for Social Inventions, 24 Abercorn Place, London NW8 9XP). To be announced in Poland, the first chair of ecological philosophy and a new quarterly, **GAIA : DIALOGUES ON ECO-ETHICS AND ECO-CONSCIOUSNESS**, jointly sponsored by Warsaw's University, Agricultural Academy, and Institute of Technology - Prof. Henryk Skolimowski (1002 Granger, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, USA).

12-16 May 1990. Popular Forum on **SOLIDARITY FOR EQUITY, ECOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT**, organised by Scandinavian NGOs, in Bergen, Norway, in parallel with the intergovernmental conference to follow up the Brundtland Report, "Our Common Future". Contact: Christian H. Ruge (SEED Secretariat, Torggt. 34, 183 Oslo 1).

6-8 July, 1990. **TOES (The Other Economic Summit) 1990: VOICE OF THE PEOPLE FOR A CHANGE** will be held in Houston, Texas, in parallel with the annual economic summit of world leaders. Contact: Larry Martin, TOES/NA, 1442 Harvard Street NW, Washington, DC 20009, USA.

1990 is the centenary of William Morris' "News From Nowhere", and the bicentenary of Benjamin Franklin's death. 1993 will be the centenary of the British Labour Party. In 1995 Sweden will start to close nuclear power stations. 1996 is the centenary of the Olympic Games (to be held in Greece?).

1991 will be the 50th anniversary of William Temple's 1941 MALVERN CONFERENCE - on Church and Society in the context of world war and the prospect of postwar reconstruction. Information about the 1991 Malvern Conference - in the context of the new European economic order starting in 1992 - from the Ven John R. Gathercole (Archdeacon of Dudley, 15 Worcester Road, Droitwich, Worcs WR9 BAA).

Buddy Larrier's 13-page "Proposal For A UNIVERSAL DAY OF HOPE" (see to him at 28f Panmure Road, London SE26 6NA) suggests to world leaders that 12th October 1992 - the 500th anniversary of Columbus landing in the Carribean - and 12th October in subsequent years should be designated "Universal Day of Hope", to celebrate the last chapter in the history of European domination of the world.

1994 will be the 125th anniversary of Gandhi's birth. The Gandhi Foundation (Kingsley Hall, Powis Road, Bow, London E3 3HJ) is planning celebrations.

Peter Arnold (The Alderney Pottery, Alderney, Channel Islands) tells us that on 27th June 1898 Joshua Slocum dropped anchor at Boston, after his single-handed 46,000-mile voyage around the world in 3 years, 2 months and 2 days. Appropriate celebrations in 1998?

"Celebrations and anniversaries are opportunities for action". The December 1989/January 1990 CONSUMER CURRENTS (IOCU, PO Box 1045, 10830 Penang, Malaysia) lists 46 dates in 1990, including World Health Day (7th April), World Environment Day (5th June), 45th anniversaries of Hiroshima and Nagasaki (6th and 9th August), and World Habitat, Food, UN, AIDS and Human Rights days (3rd, 16th, 24th October, and 1st and 10th December).

"UN Special Observances" include specific dates (as above) and also designated years and decades, as follows: 1990 - International Literacy Year; 1990s - Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, for the Eradication of Colonialism, Third Disarmament Decade, and Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa. Full details from UN Information Centres (e.g. 20 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6LB). UN organisations - UNESCO, UNEP, etc. - are supposed to publish 5-year programmes, but should make it easier to get details.

The British Government has committed itself to reclaiming 50% of recyclable domestic waste by 2000. Friends of the Earth's pioneering recycling scheme in Sheffield involves Blue Boxes, a purpose-built vehicle, and weekly door-to-door collections (EARTH MATTERS, Winter 1989/90, £1 from FDE, 26-28 Underwood Street, London N1 7JQ). Bulgarian planners hope to recycle 50% of plastics and 80% of rubber wastes by 2000 (WARMER BULLETIN, Spring 1990, from World Action for Recycling Materials and Energy from Rubbish, 83 Mount Ephraim, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 8BS).

The British Government, working to a target increase of 142% in road traffic by 2025, has announced a £12 billion road-building programme to make sure of achieving it - together with higher emissions of greenhouse gases, more road deaths, and more environmental destruction. TRANSPORT 2000 (Walkden House, 10 Melton Street, Euston, London NW1 2EJ) is among the organisations campaigning against this. Meanwhile, detailed calculations for Sweden - which other countries should replicate - show that road traffic, far from paying its costs through taxation, is heavily subsidised (ACID NEWS, January 1990, Swedish NGO Secretariat on Acid Rain, Box 245, S-401 24 Goteborg, Sweden).

CULTURE, DIVERSITY AND DEVELOPMENT

1988-1997 is UN-designated World Decade for Cultural Development. The WORLD CULTURE PROJECT - 15-page prospectus from Prof. D. Paul Schafer (University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus, 1265 Military Trail, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada M1C 1A4) - aims to show how the cosmological conception of culture can help us to tackle the problems of our times. One objective is to promote greater cultural understanding and sensitivity among the diverse countries, peoples and ethnic communities of the world. The project is programmed through the decade, with major monographs on specific aspects of culture promised for each year up to 1997.

In return for lectures/seminars, the Center for Futures Studies (Universitas Nasional, Jl. Sawo Manila, Pejaten, Pasar Minggu, Jakarta 12510, Indonesia; contact Salamah Pope) gladly welcomes, feeds and houses visiting futurists, environmentalists, new economists, etc., stopping over in Indonesia - very interesting and worthwhile, as we ourselves found in 1989. Sutan Takdir Alisjahbana is Rector of UNAS. "Culture, Philosophy and the Future", essays presented to him on his 80th birthday, and his 1987 lecture "Bumantara: The Integration of South-East Asia and its Perspectives in the Future" are among many publications reflecting his work and influence. The third conference of his International Association of Art for the Future will be held in Bali, 1-8 July 1990.

"International aid has financed the destruction of genetic diversity through the spread of agricultural programmes like the Green Revolution....A new era of bio-imperialism built on the biological impoverishment of the Third World and the biosphere is now emerging." Vandana Shiva's 14-page report on "Biodiversity Conservation: The Threat to Ecological Conservation from Commercial Interests", prompted an "Alert for Action" (20th January 1990) from THIRD WORLD NETWORK (87 Cantonment Road, 10250 Penang, Malaysia). Rather than the North 'rescuing' the genetic resources of the South for the North's economic interests, "due respect and recognition must be accorded to the knowledge and interests of the indigenous peoples". Also from TWN, Khor Kok Peng's important 16-page paper on "The Third World Environment Crisis: A Third World Perspective".

Among many items - some encouraging, some not - SURVIVAL INTERNATIONAL NEWS, February 1990 (310 Edgware Road, London W2 1DY), includes a 4-page pull-out on the 150th anniversary of the Treaty of Waitangi: did or did not the Treaty confirm Maori sovereign rights? How is it being, and how should it be, celebrated? Also a 2-page summary of Prince Charles' Rainforest Lecture of 6th February: "Sustainable development demands not just a range of different management techniques and funding mechanisms, but a different attitude to the Earth and a less arrogant, Man-centred philosophy... the key to reconciling the conflict between development and conservation lies with the knowledge and culture of those who live and work and know the forest."

In LOME BRIEFING, No.7 of March 1989, 6 pages (from 62 Avenue de Cortenbergh, B-1040 Brussels, Belgium) on "Culture: The Route to Development", Joseph Ki-Zerbo and Edith Sizoo discuss the cultural and social requirements of the European Economic Community's contribution to development in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific. Although not sufficiently respected in the Lome IV Convention, which runs from 1990 to 2000, these aspects of development may be taken up by a new Foundation for ACP-EEC Cultural Cooperation.

"Only a people's cultural roots can give meaning to its future... Taking seriously the cultures of people in the Southern hemisphere must result in a modification of the 'development' paradigm." SOUTH/NORTH NETWORK: CULTURE AND DEVELOPMENT (Coordinators: Edith Sizoo and Thierry Verhelst, 174 rue Joseph II, B-1040 Brussels, Belgium) links individuals, grassroots organisations, development agencies (NGOs), and committed academics from South and North, who understand that peoples' cultures are sources of alternatives to dominant development models and that the concept of development that now prevails is too dependent on materialism, rationalism and individualism, and on Euro-centric prescriptions. Alastair Hulbert edited a 46-page report, July 1989, on "The Cult of Development as an Aspect of the Culture of the West" (£1.50 + 30p p&p from SCOTTISH CHURCHES ACTION FOR WORLD DEVELOPMENT, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EL, Scotland), based on two South/North Network conferences.

The Association of African Women for Research and Development (AAWORD, BP 3304, Dakar, Senegal) is a pan-African NGO concerned with the "multiple roles of African women in the continuing struggle for change in African society and North/South relations". Quarterly newsletter ECHO (English and French, US\$10 for Third World, \$15 elsewhere) is an important resource. Issue 12/89 reports regional and national conferences on Women and the Environment to be held in many countries between now and 1992 in preparation for the 20th anniversary of the 1972 Stockholm Conference.

For women, shelter means not just housing. Women see shelter as "the integration of the needs of entire communities in the areas of income, education, employment and training opportunities, and basic services, as well as housing". First newsletter from the new HIC (Habitat International Coalition) Women and Shelter Network (PO Box 14564, Nairobi, Kenya; Coordinator Diana Lee-Smith), November 1989.

"Making Educational Meaningful" and "Development Plans and Women's Education" are two of the articles in the third issue of SUBHA, newsletter of Shirkat-Gah (1 Bath Island Road, Karachi 0402, Pakistan), a women's collective that works to encourage, support and programme the participation of women in national development.

Human development begins with children. "Yet I do not see this anywhere expressed as an urgent policy for the next generation...All political and economic progress in the new millennium will come to nothing if the people in it are damaged and neglected." Recent papers by Sebastian Kraemer (59 Brixton Water Lane, London SW2 1PH) include THE CIVILISATION OF FATHERS and THE PROMOTION OF MENTAL HEALTH IN SCHOOLS.

"Neither liberal nor Marxist analyses of social and political reality paid much attention to the cultural conditioning of their own or any other Western social and political doctrines. From the cultural point of view they were and remained parochial". "Progress of knowledge generates (relative) ignorance". Two points from a paper on PROGRESS OF KNOWLEDGE AND RIGHT-LEFT DICHOTOMY: ARE EXISTING IDEOLOGIES ADEQUATE? by Prof. Jerzy Wojciechowski (Faculty of Arts-Philosophy, 65 University, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1N 6N5).

Alan Mayne's interesting NEW PARADIGMS Newsletter, No. 9 (29 Fairford Crescent, Downhead Park, Milton Keynes MK15 9AF), reviews Bernice Cohen's three-volume "The Cultural Science of Man: A New Synthesis".

RELIGION, ETHICS AND SCIENCE

The December 1989 conference in London on "Faith, Ethics and a New Economic Order for the 21st Century" was attended by 300 people from all the major faiths. ICDREC and THE NEW ECONOMICS FOUNDATION are now setting up an international Network of Faiths and Economic Alternatives - a 3-year project culminating in a major international event in 1992. Initial funding is assured. More is needed. Details from Martin Palmer at ICDREC (International Consultancy on Religion, Education and Culture, Manchester Polytechnic, Didsbury Site, Wilmslow Road, Manchester M20 8RR) or James Robertson (see p.1).

4 April (Rupert Sheldrake), 19 April (Michael Whitfield), 2 May (James Robertson), 7.30 pm - GAIA LECTURE SERIES. 12 May, all-day conference, EVOLUTIONARY CROSSROADS - speakers include Richard Dawkins, Brian Goodwin. All at Imperial College, London. Details and tickets from David Lorimer (Scientific and Medical Network, Old School House, Hampnett, Northleach, Gloucestershire GL54 3NN). We warmly recommend the SMN newsletter - an important resource.

Matthew Fox has now ended his year's silencing by the Vatican. His visit to Britain in June/July for the first British publication of his classic book ORIGINAL BLESSING - information, review copies, etc. from Francis Miller (Mountain Books Ltd, 68 Ommaney Road, London SE14 5NT) - will focus new interest here on creation-centered spirituality. For information about Matthew Fox's speaking programme contact Petra Griffiths (Creation-Centred Spirituality, St. James's Church, 197 Piccadilly, London W1V 9LF).

"Salvation is about solidarity; solidarity with God, neighbour, and all God's creatures. The idea of a private salvation is utterly obsolete. Only a Newtonian worldview of piecemealness could have spawned the popular heresy that salvation is an individualistic or private matter. In a world of interdependence there is simply no such thing as private salvation": from Matthew Fox: THE COMING OF THE COSMIC CHRIST, Harper and Row, New York, 1988. "The question is not whether men and women share the same mortality; it is whether women have the same stake in denying their mortality through doctrines of life after death, or whether this is not the apogee of male individualism and egoism": from Rosemary Radford Ruether: SEXISM AND GOD-TALK: TOWARD A FEMINIST THEOLOGY, Beacon Press, Boston, 1983. Extracts from these two books are among the excellent things in the 89/6 IDOC INTERNAZIONALE (via Santa Maria dell'Anima 30, 00186 Rome, Italy) on "After Death: Earth As Matrix".

"Truly, as the Third Millennium approaches, we are dealing with a reconstruction of the social order on a magnitude that we did not even perceive. ... It demands a new epistemology, a new cosmology, a new science and technology, a new economics, a new theology. ... We need a new myth on which to build a new culture. The core of such a myth is our participation as co-creators in the unfolding of God's Creation". From THE DARK NIGHT, THE NEW DAWN, 35-page keynote address to a conference of the Christian Family Movement at Avila, Spain, September 1989, by William A. Dyson (P.O. Box 20250, 390 Rideau Street, Ottawa, Canada K1N 9P4).

"The Universe needs no corrections. God's world is not mismanaged by Him. First change yourself, then the world would have already changed for you". SWAMI NIRMALANANDA: A LIFE IN QUEST OF TRUTH is a booklet (1989, 41 pages, \$1.25 from Viswa Shanti Nikethana, B.R. Hills 571313, Karnataka, India) by K.S. Ramakrishna Rao.

FROM THE "STRUCTURES OF SIN" TO THE "STRUCTURES OF SOLIDARITY" by Mgr. Justo Mullor Garcia is one of the papers (11 pages) presented at a September 1989 Africa-Europe Encounter, jointly organised by the Pan-African Social Prospects Centre (President, Prof. Albert Tevoedjre; B.P. 1501, Porto Novo, Benin) and the Council of Europe. The Encounter issued the PORTO-NOVO DECLARATION for a contract of solidarity, calling for "a new way of behaving and thinking, a new ethic that should aim at changing man". Details from Hans-Peter Furrer (Council of Europe, BP 431 R6, 67006 Strasbourg, France).

"An approach to unity in terms of religion and politics will provide the circumstances within which the future will be experienced." "Absent from the Biblical narratives is the suggestion that the same Logos, by means of which the worlds were created, abides within all of us as a permanent endowment." From the 20-page "Introduction To The Writings" of John Houston (11 Royal Terrace, Glasgow G3 7NT).

The main feature in the August 1989 HOLISTIC SCIENCE AND HUMAN VALUES (quarterly, £4.50 p.a., from Dr. A. Kannan, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras - 600 020, India) is a long article on "Religion and Science with particular reference to Science in Islam" by Abdus Salam, the Nobel physicist from Pakistan.

COLLABORATIVE INQUIRY (Editor Peter Reason, Centre for the Study of Organisational Change and Development, University of Bath, Bath BA2 7AY; £8 p.a.) is a new international newsletter - 3 issues yearly - for people interested in doing research with people rather than on people - including action science, action inquiry, participatory action research, etc. Information also from Peter Reason about an experiential conference at Hawkwood, Stroud, 27th-30th September on EMERGING APPROACHES TO INQUIRY: EXPLORATION THROUGH COLLABORATIVE INQUIRY, and about other related Bath University activities.

"One of the most important changes that has to come about... is that humanity's expression of justice and compassion must expand to embrace the whole living world". World Goodwill Newsletter 1990, No.1 (World Goodwill, 3 Whitehall Court, Suite 54, London SW1A 2EF) is on ANIMAL RIGHTS: EXPANDING THE CIRCLE OF ETHICS AND COMPASSION.

The GLOBAL NETWORK ON RESPONSIBILITIES TO FUTURE GENERATIONS (Dr. Tony Macelli, International Environment Institute, Foundation for International Studies, University of Malta, University Buildings, St. Paul's Street, Valetta, Malta) and its journal link persons and institutions in almost 40 countries to promote intergenerational equity and the representation of future generations in decision-making, as part of the coming new world order.

RIGHTS AND HUMANITY (Julia Hausermann, 65A Swinton Street, London WC1X 9NT; £10 p.a.) is an international humanitarian movement formed by a group of African and European lawyers and development workers. Valuable 1988 pamphlet (32 pages) describes the achievements of the United Nations and associated organisations (WHD, UNICEF, UNEP, etc) in implementing human rights, in the 40 years since the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

112-year-old Ms Mitsu Fujisawa has majored in health and gymnastics at the Open University. A symbol of how Japan is entering the 21st century with an ageing society. NEW ERA IN EDUCATION, December 1989 (Magdalen Meade, 11 Woburn Square, London WC1H 0NS).

BOOKS RECEIVED

A number of timely and important books (in addition to FUTURE WEALTH - see p.1). Some are expensive, so ask your library for them.

Francis Kinsman: MILLENNIUM 2000: TOWARDS TOMORROW'S SOCIETY: W.H. Allen, 1990, 294 pp., £12.95. Interestingly documents the shift in dominant values from survival, to outer-directedness, to inner-directedness - corresponding respectively to agrarian, industrial and post-industrial societies - in Britain, which market research shows to be further along this evolutionary path than most; and sketches possible scenarios up to 2000 and beyond. Stimulating, but some readers will share our doubts about values based on market research and about the transformative capacity of business.

Mary E. Clark: ARIADNE'S THREAD: THE SEARCH FOR NEW MODES OF THINKING: Saint Martin's Press, New York, 1989, \$16.95, and Macmillan, London, 1989, 584 pp., £19.50; and Lester W. Milbrath: ENVISIONING A SUSTAINABLE SOCIETY: LEARNING OUR WAY OUT: SUNY Press, Albany, 1990, 403 pp., \$18.95. We warmly recommend these two books from American universities - Clark is professor of biology at San Diego, California, and Milbrath of political science and sociology at Buffalo, New York. Both take a comprehensive Turning Point approach, stressing the need for changes in values, paradigms, worldviews, and our understanding of the nature and role of science and knowledge. Clark's, longer and wider-ranging, has more to say about the biological and cultural bases for human behaviour and the need for biological and cultural diversity. Milbrath's, more focused, has more to say about governance and, for example, about Robert Axelrod's games theory research into reciprocal cooperation as a successful evolutionary strategy. Both emphasise social learning. Clark's concluding chapter is on "Emerging from the Labyrinth"; Milbrath's is on "Learning Our Way to a New Society".

J.R. Ravetz: THE MERGER OF KNOWLEDGE WITH POWER: ESSAYS IN CRITICAL SCIENCE: Mansell (a Cassell imprint), London, 1990, pp.326, £26.00. These 18 pioneering essays in the social understanding of science - edited into four parts: Where We're At; How We Got There; A New Awareness; and Constructive Approaches - are surely essential reading for anyone interested in the history and philosophy of science and its present crisis. "What Was the Scientific Revolution?", "Francis Bacon and the Reform of Philosophy", and "Gaia and the Philosophy of Science", are among those that particularly interested us.

Ziauddin Sardar: EXPLORATIONS IN ISLAMIC SCIENCE: Mansell, 1989, 197pp, £25.00. Sardar argues for Islamic science on the grounds that different civilisations have produced distinctively different sciences, that Islamic science in history had a distinctive identity, that Western science is inherently destructive and is a threat to the wellbeing of mankind, and that Western science cannot meet the physical, cultural and spiritual needs of Muslim societies. He concludes with proposals for shaping the future of Islamic science.

"We need economics and we need some demarcation lines in economics, even if they will always contain some imprecision. The important thing is that the new emerging system of thought, the new body of theory enabling a better development of the wealth of nations in the present world, will function positively within an acceptable frame of uncertainty." Orio Giarini and Walter Stahel: THE LIMITS TO CERTAINTY: FACING RISKS IN THE NEW SERVICE ECONOMY : Kluwer Academic, Dordrecht 1989, 164 pp, £37. A breakthrough in new economic theory.

James Cooke Brown: LOGLAN 1: A LOGICAL LANGUAGE: Loglan Institute (1701 Northeast 75th Street, Gainesville, FL 32601, USA), 1989, 599pp, \$21.50. Does the structure of a language determine and set limits to the worldview of the people who use it? And could a more powerful linguistic instrument than existing languages be created which would transcend such limits? James Cooke Brown - a sociologist, social psychologist and philosopher - has been working since 1955 to develop a logical language, and this 4th edition of LOGLAN 1 is the result. His impressive achievement could prove to be a social invention of the first importance. We cannot evaluate it, but could someone get it reviewed in linguistic/philosophical journals in Europe? (A 4-page note on books, software, recordings, workshops etc., is also available from the Loglan Institute.)

David Cadman and Geoffrey Payne (eds): THE LIVING CITY: TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE: Routledge, London and New York, 1990, 246pp, £35.00. Based on a New Economics Foundation seminar at Oxford Polytechnic. Interesting 33-page introduction by the editors on "Towards Another City". 18 contributors include Herbert Girardet ("the metabolism of modern cities - their throughput of foodstuffs, forest products, fossil fuels and mineral resources - is demonstrably disruptive of the planet's life support systems"), George McRobie, James Robertson and John F.C. Turner.

David Boyle: BUILDING FUTURES: A LAYMAN'S GUIDE TO THE INNER CITY DEBATE: W.H. Allen, 1989, 210pp, £6.95. An interesting and useful analysis by the former editor of "Town and Country Planning" who now, among other things, edits "New Economics" - quarterly newsletter of the New Economics Foundation (88/94 Wentworth Street, London E1 7SE).

TOWARDS A NEW WAY TO MEASURE DEVELOPMENT: South Commission (Office of the Commissioner in Venezuela, Av. Libertador, Centro Libertador, PH Oeste, Caracas, Venezuela), 214pp. Consensus on effective indicators of genuine economic progress is needed if the new paradigm of development is to become operational. A useful report, in English and Spanish, from an international seminar in July/August 1989.

Rose Heaword and Charmian Larke: THE DIRECTORY OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY: Routledge, 1989, 317pp, £40.00. "Appropriate Technology" gives a too narrow impression of the coverage of this excellent directory. It is a guide to organisations and publications concerned with the ecological, the self-reliant, the holistic, the small-is-beautiful, and with technology choice and good work.

Marianne Frances: SMALL CHANGE: A POCKETFUL OF PRACTICAL ACTIONS TO HELP THE ENVIRONMENT: Centre for Human Ecology (15 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh EH8 9LN), 1989, £4.50 (£3.00 economy printing). A useful guide to many dos and don'ts.

Alison Stallibrass: BEING ME AND ALSO US: LESSONS FROM THE PECKHAM EXPERIMENT: Scottish Academic Press, 1989, 275pp, £7.95. For the Peckham biologists health was "basically a process of realising one's potential for maturity", and they were successful in producing a situation in which a stable and health-promoting community could grow. Alison Stallibrass, who also wrote "The Self-Respecting Child", underlines the relevance of the Peckham Centre for us today.

14-28 April, GREEN BOOK FORTNIGHT. Details from Adrian Howe or John Grounds (54d Becmead Avenue, London SW16 1UQ).

MONEY

Money provides a system of quantified values, a scoring or accounting system to facilitate transactions and relationships. How can it be transformed into a fair and efficient system, which will reflect the values of an enabling and conserving society? This is a key question for the 1990s. 1994 is the 300th anniversary of the Bank of England and the 50th anniversary of Bretton Woods.

All members of COMER (Committee on Monetary and Economic Reform) agree about the unsustainability of the world's current fractional reserve or debt money system. But what is the solution? To stop the commercial banks creating money and restrict its issue to governments - an idea that "traces back through the 100% reserves plan of some 50 years ago to Lincoln's greenbacks and the views of Benjamin Franklin"? Or to allow free banking, meaning that anyone may issue their own money? Monthly newsletter COMER COMMENT (\$17.50 p.a. from 3284 Yonge Street, Suite 500, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4N 3M7; Editor: John Hotson) discusses the future of money, inflation, interest rates, government finance, etc. The September 1989 issue reports COMER conference in August on "Financing the Turnaround Decade, 1990-2000", and conference papers are also available.

"The whole planet is in the stranglehold grip of interest-bearing debts and inherently worthless money which, if left unchecked, will squeeze the very life out of us all". USURY: THE ROOT CAUSE OF THE INJUSTICES OF OUR TIME is a well produced 70-page pamphlet (August 1989, no price given), edited by Abdalhalim Orr for PAID (People Against Interest Debt, PO Box 436, Norwich NR3 1LL). PAID is a non-profit-making enterprise of The Murabitun international movement.

A seminar on Margrit Kennedy's important pamphlet "Interest and Inflation-free Money", mentioned in our last newsletter, was held in Germany in September - 4-page report from David Weston (24 Howe Close, Wheatley, Oxford OX9 1SS), who is editing a book on Socially Useful Money. A follow-up ALTERNATIVE MONEY SEMINAR, 17-22 September in Copenhagen, will be hosted by J.A.K., the Danish interest-free co-operative credit union. Details from Bent Kallehave (Lupinvej 8, DK-2970 Horsholm, Denmark).

"What Mrs. Thatcher will be fighting, if she fights inflation at all, is a powerful and deeply entrenched debt system. And she cannot fight the debt system without taking on the whole of the Western world's consumerist market mechanism, of which debt creation is an inseparable component" - reprinted from THE SOCIAL CREDITER. Jack Hornsby (CHD Associates, 4D Church Road, Tweedmouth, Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 2AJ), who has been campaigning to bring these ideas into the European monetary integration debate, has also sent us 6-page testimony of The Committee To Restore The Constitution: the activities of the Federal Reserve Bank are contrary to the U.S. Constitution, and the Federal Reserve Act of 1913 should be repealed.

"This mountain of government, corporate, farm and consumer debt is the result of attempts to grease economic progress with liquidity to maintain the required pace of growth. But... real growth has slowed to a trickle, offering no conceivable hope that even a fraction of the debt will ever be paid off with equivalent purchasing power". Prof. Ray Funkhouser's paper on "Consumer Values and Economic Growth" is a major feature of the September 1989 HUMAN ECONOMY NEWSLETTER (\$15 p.a., Human Economy Center, Box 14, Dept. of Economics, Mankato State University, Mankato, MN 56001, USA).

"Issuing money and spending it into circulation is rather like writing 'FOOD' on pieces of paper and then exchanging them for real food. Somebody is getting something for nothing... Some parts of society become fat and soft by issuing worthless tickets. Others are starved of real value." From an important 28-page paper (February 1990) on ECONOMICS AND ENLIGHTENMENT by Conrad Hopman (B.P. 225, Noumea, New Caledonia, South Pacific).

16 June, Toynbee Hall, London. Basic Income Research Group conference on BASIC INCOME: THE FIRST STEPS. Confirmed speakers include James Robertson and Nancy Seear. Details and tickets - £12 (£10 subscribers), £6 (£5) unwaged - from secretary, Malcolm Torry (102 Pepys Road, London SE14 5SG). Also a useful new 10-page leaflet about BIRG and Basic Income. Autumn/Winter 1990 BIRG Bulletin reports Italy's largest Trade Union Federation's interest in a "citizen's wage", and "the need for a new concept of citizenship... new forms of income maintenance..., a new kind of welfare state".

As is suggested in FUTURE WEALTH (see p.1), the financing of a Basic Income Scheme may have to be linked with fundamental tax reforms, shifting the tax burden from financial incomes and capital on to land, use of energy and resources, and pollution. In UNITAX: TAXING RESOURCES NOT LABOUR, a 14-page pamphlet from Hydatum (PD Box 4, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 6EB), Malcolm Slessor develops Farel Bradbury's proposal for taxing primary energy as it enters the economy. The next steps are to commission a detailed study of the effects of UNITAX, and to build up support for it within the European Community.

A conference on Unemployment and Consumer Debts held in 1989 by the Institut fur Finanzdienstleistungen (Grosse Bleichen 23, D-2000 Hamburg 36, West Germany) has resulted in EUROPEAN BANKWATCH INITIATIVE. It will monitor the practices of banks and financial institutions, inform the public about misuse of credit and financial power, initiate political, economic and social counterpower, and encourage a socially responsible financial system for the future. Details from Elisabeth Spahr Carneiro (at IFF) or Pat Conaty (Social Use of Money, Birmingham Settlement Money Advice Centre, 318 Summer Lane, Birmingham B19 3RL).

The International Association of Investors in the Social Economy (INAISE), set up in 1989, is an important step forward in the creation of an alternative banking system, initially for the European Community. Details from David Ralley (Industrial Common Ownership Finance Ltd, 12-14 Gold Street, Northampton NN1 1RS).

Julie Hill of the GREEN ALLIANCE (60 Chandos Place, London WC2N 4HG) has circulated useful papers on the VALDEZ PRINCIPLES, following a joint meeting with the US Social Investment Forum in London in November 1989. The ten Valdez Principles have been drawn up by the Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Economies (CERES) to help investors to evaluate the environmental performance of business corporations. The Green Alliance is working with the Institute of Business Ethics on this topic. Information about the Socially Responsible Investment Network from Peter Webster (EIRIS, 401 Bondway Business Centre, 71 Bondway, London SW8 1SQ) or Stuart Bell (PIRC, 40 Bowling Green Lane, London EC1R 0NE).

RAVICAL ROUTES (Roger Hallam, 24 South Road, Hockley, Birmingham B18), a network of housing and workers cooperatives set up mainly by unwaged people, is seeking further ethical investment in socially useful projects.

POLITICAL ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT

28 March (Chris Patten), 9 April (Malcolm Bruce), 14 May (David Icke), 11 June (Bryan Gould), 16 July (Jonathan Porritt) - GREEN ISSUES AND BRITISH POLITICS lecture series. Details from Marilyn Rose (Business Network, 18 Well Walk, London NW1 1LD).

28 April, Northants, 10.45 am. COMMON OWNERSHIP Lecture by Dr. Ivan Havel, Czechoslovakia. Dr. Havel is a research scientist, a member of council of Civic Forum, and President Havel's brother. Details from Scott Bader Ltd. (Wollaston, Wellingborough, Northants NN9 7RL).

THE FIRST TEN YEARS is a 70-page report on the development of community enterprise in Scotland - £3.00 from Community Business Scotland (West Calder Workspace, Society Place, West Calder EH55 8EA) or Association of Community Enterprises in the Highlands and Islands (3 High Street, Dingwall IV15 9HL).

TOWARDS A GREEN ECONOMY is a stimulating 12-page discussion paper (1989) for Social and Liberal Democrats by Tony Beamish (Preston Hall Barn, East Preston, Littlehampton, West Sussex BN16 1HU).

"To change the current reality of the Asia-Pacific region, we need a new consumer society where people consume products and services with a conscience". The OHMIYA DECLARATION ON CREATING OUR FUTURE NOW, adopted at the Asia-Pacific Consumer Conference, August 1989, calls for action to encourage socially responsible production processes and consumption patterns. Information from Consumers Union of Japan (3-13-29 Nakameguro, Meguro-ku, Tokyo 153, Japan) or IOCU (see p. 3).

24-28 May, Royal Horticultural Halls, London. The FIRST GREEN CONSUMER EXHIBITION. Speakers in lecture series include Peter Russell, Herbert Girardet, Edward Goldsmith and Walter Schwarz. Details from New Life Designs, Arnica House, 170 Campden Hill Road, London W8 7AS.

ACID Magazine (National Environmental Protection Board, Box 1302, S-17125 Solna, Sweden), September 1989, shows that Austria, Switzerland and Sweden reduced sulphur emissions by over 50% between 1980 and 1987, Britain by only 21%. Britain - of the 28 countries shown - both deposits the highest proportion of its emissions beyond its own borders and itself has most to gain from cutting them.

"The bicycle is the vehicle of a new mentality. It quietly challenges a system of values which condones dependency, wastage, inequality of mobility, and daily carnage". THE BICYCLE: VEHICLE FOR A SMALL PLANET by Marcia D. Lowe is WORLDWATCH Paper 90 of September 1989. Other recent Worldwatch Papers are "Slowing Global Warming: A Worldwide Strategy (91); "Poverty and the Environment: Reversing the Downward Spiral" (92); and "Water for Agriculture: Facing the Limits" (93). \$4 each from Worldwatch Institute (1776 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington DC 20036, USA).

Paul Caton, founder of the TREE TRUST (Wellspring Cottage, Deerfold, Lingen, Bucknell, Shropshire SY7 0EE) is undertaking a Crusade For Trees in 1990, flying an ultralight aircraft 35,000 miles around the world. To raise funds, he gives talks and slideshows.

"Sustainable Development: from Theory to Practice" is the subject of DEVELOPMENT, 1989 2/3, Journal of the Society for International Development (Palazzo della Civiltà del Lavoro, 00144 Rome, Italy).

WORLD GOVERNANCE

1995 will be the 50th anniversary of the United Nations. In November 1989 the UN proclaimed the 1990s the Decade of International Law.

As the "transition to millennial turning point", Dorothy Gillam Baker's fascinating 54-page pamphlet (1987) CLIMAX OF HISTORY (\$4.00 + p&p from World Citizens Foundation, PO Box 6785, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163, USA) foresees "a six-year growth period from 1988 to 1994", leading to a global referendum to introduce a new global order of peace and cooperation for the 21st century.

John Bright advocated the settlement of international disputes by arbitration, not war. To mark the centenary of his death in 1889, the United Nations Association is fund-raising for a post in London to support extending the peace-making abilities of the UN. Cheques (payable to UNA John Bright Appeal) and requests for further information to Nicholas Gillett (51 Eastfield Road, Bristol BS9 4AE) - author of THE SWISS CONSTITUTION - CAN IT BE EXPORTED?

23 April (Bruce Kent), 2 May (Sir Hugh Beach), 9 May (Dorothy Rowe), 16 May (Ronald Higgins). Series of DUNAMIS lecture/discussions on themes of Ronald Higgins' forthcoming book, "Plotting Peace" (Brassey, £17.95), 6.30 pm, St. James's Church, Piccadilly, London.

The United Nations Association (3 Whitehall Court, London SW1A 2EL) is seeking signatures for a CITIZENS CHARTER FOR WORLD ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT. For each £1 pledged, the British Government will be asked to commit an additional £100 to UN programmes.

Global Education Associates (Suite 456, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115, USA) seeks signatures for EARTH COVENANT: A CITIZENS' TREATY FOR COMMON ECOLOGICAL SECURITY, to be presented at Earth Day 1990 and at the World Conference on the Environment in 1992. "Ecological Security in an Independent World", their Summer/Fall 1989 BREAKTHROUGH (\$5, 95 pages), is an international environmental law and treaties and proposals for a better global system of governance.

The WORLD CITIZENS ASSEMBLY (Dr. Lisinka Ulatowska, 2820 Van Ness Ave, San Francisco, CA 94109, USA) and the INTERNATIONAL NETWORK FOR A UN SECOND ASSEMBLY (Dr. Jeffrey Segall, INFUSA, 308 Cricklewood Lane, London NW2 2PX; or Dr. Harry Lerner, 301 East 45 Street, Suite 20B, New York, NY 10017, USA) are co-sponsors of a conference in New York on 13th-15th October 1990 on "Building a More Democratic United Nations". Useful background information from both organisations.

A Preparatory Committee has issued a Call to a World Constituent Assembly to convene on 29th December 1990 to discuss a draft Constitution for the Federation of the Earth. Information from Philip Isely (WORLD CONSTITUTION AND PARLIAMENT ASSOCIATION, 1480 Hoyt Street, Suite 31, Lakewood, CO 80215, USA).

"What is today's idealism may be tomorrow's conventional wisdom". Dr. Keith Suter (Trinity Peace Research Institute, 72 St. George's Terrace, Perth, WA 6000, Australia) on REFORMING THE UNITED NATIONS, February 1989 Contemporary Review (61 Carey Street, London WC2A 2JG).

The First Global Convention of People of Indian Origin, New York, September 1989, appealed to the U. N. to support a NEW INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ORDER based on the natural rights of all world citizens. Dr. Sebastian Devasia (Postfach 1317, D-4290 Bocholt, West Germany).

FOOD, FARMING AND HEALTH

Half a dozen companies have 70% of the grocery trade in Britain. The food industry spent £570 million on advertising in 1988 - chocolate, breakfast cereals and coffee topped the list - while the Health Education Authority found it hard to raise £2 million for its "Look After your Heart" campaign. THE LONDON FOOD COMMISSION (88 Old Street, London EC1V 9AR) has helped to put food on the political agenda. Its director Tim Lang, in FOOD MAGAZINE (September 1989), notes that passive consumers are becoming active citizens - a concept dear to the present British Prime Minister, but within strict limits!

IRISH ORGANIC FARM GUESTHOUSES, linked with the Irish Organic Farmers and Growers Association and affiliated to the Soil Association, hopes to have built up European links by the year 2000, so that a young person will be able to cycle or hitch from Tipperary to Crete - without eating, drinking, or breathing industrial by-products. Details from Gillies Macbain (Cranagh Castle, Templemore, County Tipperary, Ireland). THE SOIL ASSOCIATION (director Nigel Dudley, 86 Colston Street, Bristol BS1 5BB) aims at 20% of British agriculture organic by the year 2000. Is this ambitious enough?

The Quebec Government is providing ECOLOGICAL AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS (Stuart Hill, PO Box 191, Macdonald College, 21,111 Lakeshore Road, Ste-Anne de Bellevue, Quebec, Canada H9X 1C0) with 3-year funding for a new organic agriculture information service. A database has been set up, and demands on the service are growing fast.

"The worst chronic degenerative diseases of our time can be prevented and tackled with inexpensive low-technology methods which, by detoxifying the body and restoring its defences, enable the organism to heal itself". In her 5-page paper on "Organic Food in Cancer Therapy" in NUTRITION AND HEALTH, Vol. 6, 1989, Beata Bishop (27 Waldeck Road, Strand-on-the-Green, London W4) gives evidence that organic food is not merely poison-free but possesses positive qualities absent from chemical food.

In the February 1990 WHICH? WAY TO HEALTH (Consumers Association, 2 Marylebone Road, London NW1 4DX) Dr Peter Mansfield (Templegarth Trust, 82 Tinkle Street, Grimoldby, Louth, Lincs LN11 8TF) gives evidence for a link between bad diet and anti-social behaviour. He mentions the remarkable achievements of the HYPERACTIVE CHILDREN'S SUPPORT GROUP (Sally Bunday, 71 Whyke Lane, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 2LD) and the help it has given to thousands of parents. We were sad to hear from HACSG's latest journal that the Department of Health has turned down their application for financial support.

Three items from Dr Trevor Hancock (Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University, 4700 Keele Street, North York, Ontario, Canada M3J 1P3). 1) Toronto's HEALTHY CITY project (3-page update of September 1989) is "now well positioned for a serious long-term commitment to action in the decade leading up to the year 2000". 2) Papers from a York University conference last year on HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT and ECONOMY: the close interconnection between health, environment and economy is no longer disputed; "the overarching challenge is to change the development path of the human world"; and there may be a link on a biological level between people's self-image (including how they perceive their social circumstances) and the ability of their immune system to fight off disease. 3) An active Canadian HEALTHY COMMUNITIES Project is being coordinated by Susan Berlin (Canadian Institute of Planners, 126 York Street No.404, Ottawa, Ontario).

GOOD PLANETS ARE HARD TO FIND, WHO Healthy Cities Paper No.5, by Dr Ilona Kickbusch (WHO-Europe, 8 Scherfigsvej, DK-2100 Copenhagen, Denmark) is a 31-page booklet on the concept of an ecological public health. The Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion (1986) and the Brundtland Report "Our Common Future" (1987) outline a new public health agenda for the 21st century, re-establish the link between public health and social reform, and call for sustainable development strategies bringing together health, environment and economy.

Two other valuable 1989 publications from WHO-Europe are: **SELF-HELP: A BIBLIOGRAPHY** (1384 items) by Jan Branckaerts and Peter Sielen (International Information Centre on Self-Help and Health, E. Van Evenstraat 2C, B-3000 Leuven, Belgium); and **HEALTH PROMOTION IN THE WORKING WORLD** (249 pp), papers from an international conference organised by the Federal Centre for Health Education (Ostmerheimer Str. 200, D-5000 Cologne 91, West Germany).

The **HOINA LEPROSY RESEARCH TRUST** (director Eliazar T. Rose, Postbag 1, Muniguda, Koraput District, Orissa, India 765020) is a small Trust working in an isolated area of economically backward Western Orissa. With a leprosy eradication programme funded by LEPRO, UK, the Trust aims to cure every leprosy patient in the area by the year 2000.

ORGANISATIONS, NETWORKS, JOURNALS, NEWSLETTERS (cont. from page 16)

LIVING GREEN is the new-format newsletter of the Lifestyle Movement (Editor John West, 31 Osburton Place, Hunters Bar, Sheffield S11 8XL). Patrick Rivers and James Robertson are among contributors to the Spring 1990 issue (price 70p from Margaret Smith, 1 Manor Farm, Little Gidding, Huntingdon, Cambs PE17 8RJ).

THE SHROPSHIRE ALTERNATIVE is a new green quarterly (25p from Editor Eve Wright Thompson, Omega Publications, The Stables, Wentnor, Shropshire SY9 5EE). Excellent first issue, Winter 1989/90.

In **SLIPSTREAM No.2** on Philosophy, Politics and the Environment (£1.20 from 32 Malvern Road, St. Johns, Worcester WR2 4LE) Mike Thomas (120 York Road, Swindon, Wilts SN1 2JP) reports on his visit to the newly-formed Future In Our Hands group in Freetown, Sierra Leone. Anthony Guy Simmons (35 Dartmouth Street, Stafford, Staffs ST16 3TU) sent us this. See to him for "A Vision of Staffordshire in 2089".

VACE (Alternative Visions for the Continent of Europe) is a small network of groups in Britain, Spain, Italy and West Germany concerned with holistic and sustainable forms of social organisation. International launch and 4-day seminar in Berlin in April. Information from Norman Duncan (Institute for Holistic Development, Community Office, Birdwood House, 44 High Street, Totnes TQ9 5ES).

THE NETWORKING MARKET is one of a number of initiatives launched by Sabine Kurjo McNeill (120 The Vale, London W3 7JT). Others are the **TURNING POINTS** (no relation!) lecture series and the **FEMALE BYTES** computer courses for women.

"We have to learn how to communicate on a human level to release the great human potential that lies unused." Workshops and retreats offered by the **COMMUNICATION AND COUNSELLING FOUNDATION** include "Envisioning The Future". Information - also on **WOMEN, EARTH AND SPIRIT** - from Hilary Thompson (Glanrhyd, Cilcennin, Dyfed SY48 8RU).

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"Japan's Responsibilities in an Interdependent World" describes the medium-term programme of the SASAKAWA PEACE FOUNDATION (3-12-12 Mita Minato-ku, Tokyo 108). Projects will cover global policy issues, people and information exchanges, and grassroots initiatives. SPF welcomes project proposals. Information from Programme Officer, Takahiro Suzuki.

CIRCIT (Centre for International Research on Communication and Information Technologies, 1st Floor, 4 Byrne Street, South Melbourne, 3205 Australia; free monthly newsletter) has been set up to research the functioning of the global information economy, including science and technology policy and the institutional context for the creation of new knowledge. Prof. William H. Melody is director, and Prof. Donald Lamberton deputy director.

THE INSTITUTE FOR 21st CENTURY STUDIES (1611 North Kent Street, Suite 610, Arlington, VA 22209, USA), an independent non-profit organisation, helps industrialised and developing nations to explore alternative strategies for sustainable economic development and security. Its founder, Gerald O. Barney, directed the Global 2000 Report for President Carter.

NEW EUROPEAN (Editor John Coleman, 14/16 Carroun Road, Vauxhall, London SW8 1JT; £10 p.a. in UK, £12 in EEC countries, £15 elsewhere) is an influential quarterly journal of ideas about Europe's future - culture, environment, politics, business and finance. Did you know that in the 4-year period when the Community is spending £7 million warning Europeans of the danger of cancer and £13 million on cancer research, it will pay out £2 billion in subsidies to tobacco growers? - from the Summer 1989 issue.

TOURISM CONCERN (personal membership £10, coordinator Alison Stancliffe, 8 St. Mary's Terrace, Ryton, Tyne and Wear, NE40 3AL) is a new network for people who care about the quality of tourism, including "the essential equality of host and guest that lies at the heart of worthwhile travel experiences". Tourism and cultural change is one of the topics in its first newsletter (Autumn 1989).

"The battle for our inner and outer environments will rage throughout the 90s and beyond. The myth of endless growth is dissolving before our eyes. A society caught in a TV stupor is waking up". ADBUSTERS, US\$5 quarterly from The Media Foundation (1243 W 7th Ave, Vancouver, BC, Canada V6H 1B7) is launching "a new environmental movement of the mind" to wake North America out of its TV addiction.

THE CONSERVATION TRUST (National Environmental Education Centre, George Palmer Site, Northumberland Avenue, Reading RG2 7PW) has over 300 journals in its resource bank, listed on computerised databases. The Trust deals with about 15000 queries a year and publishes its magazine "Conservation" three times a year - £1 per issue.

CLEAN SLATE is the new quarterly journal of the Centre for Alternative Technology (Llwyngwern Quarry, Machynlleth, Powys SY20 9AZ, Wales) - £1.50 per issue.

PROUT (Progressive Utilisation Theory) Journal, Summer 1989, contains articles by David Morris on Self-Reliant Communities and Ravi Batra on a Wealth Tax, and an interview with Johan Galtung (#2 from PROUT INSTITUTE, PO Box 2667, Santa Cruz, CA 95063, USA).