

TURNING POINT

NEWSLETTER, September 1977

Turning Point is a network of people, mainly in Britain, Europe and North America. We share a common feeling that mankind is at a turning point, although our individual concerns range very widely—environment, sex equality, third world, disarmament, community politics, appropriate technology and alternatives in economics, health, education, agriculture, religion, etc. 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 seek help from one another.

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FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

The cost of our two 1977 newsletters has been largely met by a grant from the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust. Many thanks to the Trust, and also to individual contributors. Future issues will be self-financing. *A contribution of £1 (more if you can, less if you can't) will keep you on our mailing list through 1978.* Please send us yours (cheques to Turning Point), plus items and suggestions for the next newsletter, before the end of January—also see editorial (page 2).

MEETINGS, etc.

11 – 13 November, 1977: Residential weekend in Wales (fee £15.50). **MODERN SOCIETY AT THE TURNING POINT: NEW DIRECTIONS FOR THE FUTURE.** Contributors will include Peter Cadogan, Colin Hutchinson, Alison Pritchard and James Robertson. Write direct to: C.W. Stockham, The Hill Residential College, Pen-y-Pound, Abergavenny, Gwent NP7 7RP.

26 November: Meeting, 10am – 7pm, Conway Hall, London.
TURNING POINTS IN SPIRITUAL AWARENESS: WHAT FUTURE FOR RELIGION?
URSULA KING – 'Eastern and Western Religions in a Converging World'
UNA KROLL – 'The Remnant Church'
MALCOLM STEWART – 'New Dimensions of Consciousness: The Work of Modern Practitioners'

Enclosed, for addressees in this country, is a fuller note about this meeting and an order form for tickets (£2 each).

4 March, 1978: Joint Meeting, Turning Point/Tract (see page 11). 10am – 5pm. Library, Conway Hall, London. An opportunity for Turning Point and Tract people to exchange views about the future, especially on *Education*. Attendance will be by invitation. Please let us know if you are interested.

EDITORIAL

Overdeveloped, overspecialised institutional systems and intellectual structures are part of ~~what~~ **what** is breaking down. Personal and group experience, action and self-reliance are part of **what** is breaking through. Helping the former to break down in good order is to *decolonise*. Helping the latter to break through successfully is to *liberate*. Both processes *enable* people to develop autonomy.

We intend to give space in the next newsletter to specific practical examples of *decolonisation*, *liberation* and *enabling*. So please send us information you would like to pass on, suggestions you would like to make, or requests for information you would like to receive.

CORRESPONDENCE

You sent us a large number of imaginative and useful suggestions for the programme, speakers, etc. for the November meeting. We are confident that it will be an exciting day. Many thanks.

You also sent many appreciative comments about the meeting on 'The Politics of Tomorrow' and about the last newsletter. We only have room for a few specific points.

Walter Grainger (24 Glanyrafon Gardens, Sketty, Swansea, SA2 9HY) likes the idea of 'the politics of the volunteer', but has some doubts: 'When it **comes** to the business of the running of self-governing communities, much of which would involve difficult and non-glamorous work, would there be sufficient dedicated volunteers? Perhaps there would. The doubt one has arises from the fact that we have evolved the representational form of democracy presumably because this is what suits most people, who do not want to have to think about politics and the difficult choices it often involves—they want to leave all this to professional politicians and be free to get on with their own lives, reserving the right to moan like hell when things do not turn out to suit them, and to elect another lot of professionals in their place. I am not saying all this because I enjoy being a wet-blanket, but because one needs to consider all angles.'

Patrick Peacey (Holly Lodge, Aldeburgh, Suffolk IP15 5HG) stresses that we must give far more consideration to the Third World countries. The new direction to be taken by industrialised countries must mesh with the interests of the world's poorer peoples. He also sent us copies of some good questions on nuclear power which he had put in to the Windscale Enquiry.

Alison Williams (12 Homefield Road, London SW19 4QE) commented: 'As a church-going Christian who still has confidence in established NGO's (non-governmental organisations) as a means of doing what the individual can't, I feel I'm as far out on a limb at TP gatherings as Ken Smith in his anarchistic way. But I'm glad your loose association provides a frame for all of us.'

John Coleman (The Nook, Hook Village, Warsash, Nr. Southampton) writes: 'I was a little disturbed at having the Common Market Monitoring Association and the Liaison Committee for Small Business and Worker Co-ops described as "alternative Conservative". In the former case particularly I think this description is mistaken. Like Turning Point itself we really are non-party. We have very strong membership throughout the Trade Unions, especially in Wales and we work very closely with the Constituency Labour Parties throughout Hampshire. I doubt if they would like to be thought of as "alternative Conservative". Many would be happy to be considered alternative but not really party alternative. And I feel somewhat like that myself.

'For those who are against the Common Market there is a fundamental link, in my opinion, with alternativism. I find the crux of the whole situation summed up in a couple of crystal clear sentences in Hugh Stephenson's "The Coming Clash": "The choice, within the present structure of nation states, is therefore limited. Either the political and social framework is adjusted to suit the requirements of large scale industry, or a social experiment is conducted outside the mainstream of industrial advance."

'If we really mean our alternativism, our unity with the rest of humanity will consist in knowing that others are thriving and busy and contented like ourselves. We will only need co-ordination at a continental or world level when we know that great difficulties or disaster have struck our fellow men elsewhere on the globe. I would question even the global exchange of ideas because that has such a deadly effect on the joy of discovery locally. In Britain I would like to see Westminster disbanded as a political club. The political clubs should be in the constituencies. The real government should be in the constituencies and the MPs should leave their club a couple of times a week to go to Westminster to deal with a minimum of business at that level. Globalism is only necessary to adjust to the requirements of large-scale industry. The concept of the "global village" is, in my opinion, one of the most dangerous concepts ever invented because it creates an authoritarian pattern of what every village should be like. I prefer a million, or ten million villages, each deciding what each should be like. Why, large scale industry would be quite happy with—indeed it may be exactly what it wants—ten million identical villages with predictable demands all related to its products and operation.'

Bob Howes (The Hut, Richmond Street, Aston-u-Lyne, Tameside, Manchester) suggests that newsletters have been outdated by radio communication. 'Until we use the best tools available we shall not be heard by more than a small minority.' He has a plan of action, and will reply to enquirers.

RELIGION, NEW CONSCIOUSNESS, etc.

There seems to be a lot going on, including the following. We will no doubt hear more about them at the Turning Point meeting on 26 November.

The Teilhard Centre For The Future Of Man welcomes all--members of the Centre, newcomers and friends--to its 1977-78 programme (details from address on page 16). The Centre aims to help people to become increasingly aware of their responsibility for the future. The Teilhardian method recognises the validity and value of all human experience, faith and culture, and does not seek the dominance of any one system.

As a contribution to preparations for the Lambeth Conference in July 1978, **The Christian Parity Group** is sponsoring a preaching/lecture/seminar tour of England in April 1978 by Sister Mary Michael Simpson from the cathedral of St John the Divine, New York. She is the first nun to become an Anglican priest. During her tour she will be discussing the contribution that women can make to the ordained ministry. Details (s.a.e. please) from Una Kroll, 46 Rosehill Avenue, Sutton, Surrey SM1 3HG.

Stephen Verney's 'Into The New Age' (Fontana, 65p) will appeal to many Turning Point participants. Good pre-conference reading for 26 November.

'An epoch in human history is coming to an end and a new era is beginning. We are living at a time of fundamental transformations of consciousness and the social order. Our concern is with the development of people who are creative and responsible participants in this process of transformation, who are open to the universal source of spontaneity and creativity, who are centred and grounded in a deeper reality of life, and hence experience themselves as a unity of their creative potentialities.' From the programme of the **New Era Centre** (Arna and Fred Blum, Flaunden, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, HP3 OPU).

Alan Martin (30 Leigh Road, London N5) has sent us an interesting note on the **Bahai Faith**. Its founder in the middle of the 19th century 'claimed to bring a revelation from God that this was the promised age of fulfilment for mankind . . . The appearance throughout history of major prophets--Moses, Zoroaster, Krishna, Buddha, Jesus and Mohammed--represented a progressive revelation of the will of God, and the coming of each unleashed a spirit which powered the continuing evolution of mankind . . .' Bahais have been building a new world order based on their founder's plan, and are now active in 75,000 centres world-wide.

The New Humanity is 'a politico-spiritual journal and addresses itself to the emerging new world order. A fusion is taking place between spirituality and politics whereby the wisdom of the individual is being invoked to serve the evolutionary welfare of all humanity.' A sample copy of the **New Humanity** is 35 pence or £2.50 for eight issues post free. 51a York Mansions, Prince of Wales Drive, London SW11.

The Lucis Trust (235 Finchley Road, London NW3 6LS) say that 'the energy of goodwill when mobilised, focussed and expressed is the active principle of peace.' Their formula for world peace and progress is an affirmation by men and women of goodwill around the world. Text of the affirmation (and details of a Festival Week of the new group of world servers, 21 - 28 December, 1977) from the above address.

'Each New Age has its Teacher. Now as we enter the Aquarian Age a World Teacher is expected together with his disciples, the Masters of the Wisdom. These perfected, enlightened men are helping humanity to create a new world order based on sharing and co-operation.' Details of meditations and talks from Benjamin Creme, 59 Dartmouth Park Road, London NW5.

The Anthroposophical Society in Great Britain (information from R. Lissau, Rudolf Steiner House, 35 Park Road, London NW1 6XT) undertakes practical activities—education, curative education and medicine, artistic, social, agricultural and scientific—based on the work of Rudolf Steiner.

The following individuals and organisations are concerned with religious aspects of business and industry:

Kenneth Adams, St George's House, Windsor Castle, Berks SL4 1NJ.

Industrial Mission Association

e.g. **Peter Challen**, South London Industrial Mission (SLIM), 27 Blackfriars Road, London SE1 8NY.

Frank Scuffham, 45 Rushton Road, Rothwell, Kettering, Northants.

Peter Dodd, 26 The Oval, Benton, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE12 9PP

Frank Hackett, 51 Courtenay Gardens, Upminster, Essex HM14 1DH.

O J Holth, The Clergy House, St Barnabas Street, London SW1W 8PF.

Christian Association of Business Executives (CABE), 114 Mount Street, London W1Y 6AH.

Industrial Christian Fellowship, St. Katherine Cree, 86 Leadenhall Street, London EC3A 3DH.

Christian Industrial Enterprises Ltd (CIEL), 31 Green Street, London W1.

The Urban Church Project (David Wasdell, St. Matthias Vicarage, Poplar High Street, London E14) is concerned with the new missionary frontier in an advanced, industrial, and densely urban post-Christian society. 'The alternative to the self-limiting pastoral strategy of radial dependence on the priest is a strategy of mutual interdependence within the congregation—a strategy of network care.'

In 'Britain Today and Tomorrow' the British Council of Churches is carrying out a programme of investigation of ten major national issues facing Britain. Details from Andrew Morton, British Council of Churches, 10 Eaton Gate, London SW1W 9BT.

For information about courses by C. Maxwell Cade in self-control and self-development, based upon the modern science of Biofeedback and the ancient meditations of Yoga and Meditation, send s.a.e. to Audio Ltd., 26-28 Wendell Road, London W12 9RT.

The Christian Parapsychologist (annual subscription £1.50 or enquiries to Margaret Brice-Smith, 284 Earls Court Road, London SW5 9AS) is produced for the Churches' Fellowship for Psychical and Spiritual Studies.

Earth, The Alternative Global News Magazine, has just published its first issue. Ten issues for £3 from Earth Magazine, 69 Siren Street, Senglea, Malta. Or information from Ian Hackett, 9 Grange Park, London W5 3PL.

POLITICS, PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND THE FUTURE

A Liberal Ecology Group for Economic and Social Reform has been set up with **Tony Beamish** as chairman and **Judy Brander** as secretary. They tell us they have held a useful meeting with SERA (Socialist Environment and Resources Association), the Ecology Party, and a newly formed Conservative Ecology Group. Further information from The Secretary, Liberal Ecology Group, c/o Policy Division, Liberal Party Organisation, 1 Whitehall Place, London SW1.

Krishan Kumar (Keynes College, The University, Canterbury, Kent CT2 7NP) organised a conference for the Acton Society on 'Growth, No Growth and Other Dilemmas' on 30 June. His own excellent paper on that topic suggests, 'Britain was the first industrial society. Might it not therefore be poised—on the basis of a different set of values and practices from the conventionally utilitarian—to be the first post-industrial society?' Write to him if you are interested in the subject, or in the Acton Society itself.

Campaign For The North (Paul Temperton, Birchcliffe Centre, Birchcliffe Road, Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire, HX7 8DG) calls for 'Self Government for the North. Fight London-based centralism. Rediscover the lost nation of the North of England.'

John McLaughry (Institute for Liberty and Community, Concord, Vermont 05824, USA) has been exploring the possibilities and philosophy of a Smallness Coalition outside the left/right, Liberal/Conservative spectrum of conventional politics, and has initiated a campaign to decentralise government, education, energy, economy, welfare, and public services in Vermont.

Bob Welke (page 12) has drawn our attention to the idea (in 'The Causes of Biological Diversity', by Bryan Clarke, Scientific American, August 1975) that recent 'modification of Darwin's theory of evolution in order to accommodate polymorphism could produce as profound a revolution in the social sciences as Darwin's original statement did.' The recognised existence of diversity may 'encourage the search, not for the ideal social or political system, but for the ideal array of social and political systems. We should, perhaps, ask for polymorphism in our institutions to match the polymorphism in ourselves.'

Alternative Socialism Newsletter No. 2, contains the idea of alternative socialism as a mutual resource pool. 'If we are serious about changing society and ourselves we will want the power (energy/attention/resources) to do this. We will want to assert our own power (capacity, genius, determination), and to use this power not for personal or group self-aggrandisement, but to empower others by our example—helping to reveal to them their own existing power which is at present being sucked out of them or being loaned out on unfavourable terms.' (Keith Paton, 29 Milford Street, Bedminster, Bristol BS3 1EE).

Dave Miller (DCM Associates, 908 Fox Plaza, San Francisco, California 94102, USA) has developed the concept of the Certified Professional Citizen, whose 'role is positioned midway between the lay citizen and the appointed or elected government official. The status aspired to for the volunteer, auxiliary-service CPC is openly that of the meritocratic elite citizen. The CPC is selected from volunteer applicants, developed through systematic training and directed field service, and ultimately credentialled after passing rigorous examination. The CPC is thus strongly motivated and especially well qualified to investigate issues, and to stimulate and facilitate intelligent reflection, discussion and debate among her/his fellow citizens.' (It's worth pausing to think what you do like and what you don't like about this idea.)

PEP's latest Half Yearly Bulletin (Political and Economic Planning, 12 Upper Belgrave Street, London SW1) is about the proposal for 'a British Brookings': does Britain need a major new policy research institute? Not, perhaps, quite as 'vital' a debate for most of us as PEP suggests. But well worth reading if you are interested.

The Congressional Clearinghouse on the Future (Anne Cheatham, 3605 House Annex No. 2, Washington DC 20515, USA) recently concluded its first series of 'Dialogues on America's Future' between members of Congress and distinguished thinkers, including E. F. Schumacher, Hazel Henderson and Alvin Toffler. Write to Anne Cheatham if you are interested in the Clearinghouse's newsletter 'What's Next?'

Willis Harman of the Stanford Research Institute will open the next series of Dialogues for the Congressional Clearinghouse in September. Harman's excellent 'Incomplete Guide To The Future' (in the Portable Stanford series, Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford, California) can be warmly recommended to anyone interested in the transformation of society and methods of future research.

Colin Hutchinson (Kingswood, Beatrice Road, Oxted, Surrey) gave a paper on 'Futures Studies as Agents for Change' at a conference on the future at Ashridge Management Centre in May. Gordon Rattray Taylor also spoke on 'Prediction and Social Change.'

Steve Cook (University of Aston Management Centre, Maple House, 158 Corporation Street, Birmingham B4 6TE) organised a two day session on 'Interdisciplinary Research and Social Progress' at the British Association meeting on 1 and 2 September. Mairead Corrigan, Colin Hutchinson and James Robertson were among the speakers.

'Health, the Mass Media and the National Health Service' by Peter Draper, Gordon Best and colleagues at the **Unit for the Study of Health Policy** (Department of Community Medicine, Guy's Hospital Medical School, London), suggests that present media practices may constitute an obstacle to the considered public discussion of many news and current affairs questions. Proposals for reform are made which would facilitate diversity, participation and independent access to the means of mass communication.

ENERGY

'The trend towards ever fewer, ever larger generating stations will come to an end. The integration of medium-sized generating units, perhaps serving different masters, into a regional grid does not seem qualitatively different as a problem in system control from the integration of relatively large and independent consumers whose rates of usage of energy vary over time by large amounts, not entirely predictably. That problem was solved long ago.' 'The Coming Age of Conservation' by **Robert H. Socolow** (Centre for Environmental Studies, Princeton University, New Jersey 08540, USA).

'Some analysts believe that the only part of the GNP which is actually increasing these days is that part created by the costs of pollution, environmental degradation and human suffering caused by wasteful, inefficient and dangerous methods of production (especially of energy).' 'Jobs and Energy' by **Environmentalists for Full Employment** (Room 300, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington DC 20036, USA).

'Whose Power To Choose' by **Brian Johnson** (published by the International Institute for Environment and Development, 27 Mortimer Street, London W1N 8DE), 'proposes an institutional strategy to avoid international dependence on large quantities of plutonium and to offer developing countries a greater range of choice than present international institutions make available, in planning for their energy needs.'

Richard Turner of Energy 2000 (64 Salisbury Road, Sheffield S10 1WB) tells us: 'Energy 2000 was recently established in Yorkshire, and now has branches in Cornwall and South Wales. Its aims are to oppose the extension of nuclear power and to phase out the existing nuclear power programme; and to draw up alternative scenarios of energy consumption and production not involving the need for nuclear power. With a broad base of support, including MPs from the three main parties, and ranging from the National Union of Mineworkers (Yorkshire) to the Conservation Society, it is well placed to become an effective lobbying body with wide popular backing.'

Energy 2000's first major event is to be a mass lobby of Parliament, to take place on Wednesday 16 November, from 2-6pm, in the Grand Committee Room, House of Commons. This will be the first time the anti-nuclear movement has shown its strength to Parliament directly, and a large turn-out is expected, involving many MPs. If you are able to attend the lobby, please write to your MP beforehand to make an appointment, as this will significantly increase your chances of admittance to the central lobby. Please also inform Energy 2000 of any appointments you are able to secure. Membership forms are also available from the above address.'

John Habgood (Bishop of Durham) concludes—in 'The Proliferation of Nuclear Technology', published by the Council on Christian Approaches to Defence and Disarmament and available (25p by post) from Publications Department, British Council of Churches, 10 Eaton Gate, London SW1—that Britain should opt out of nuclear development at this stage. 'It is not often that a decision of this magnitude, which is above party politics and which will deeply affect the future of the nation, can unite those who are worried on a purely technological level with those who see deeper social, ethical and ultimately religious issues at stake.'

In a memorandum to the Secretary of State for Energy earlier this year **The Society of Friends** (Friends House, Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ) urged the government to defer for some years any decision to build a commercial fast breeder reactor, and to seek internationally an immediate halt to the building or sale of fission reactors or reprocessing plants.

Richard Baker (Hardingley, Cawley Lane, Holmfield, Sheffield S18 5SD) has sent us a copy of his interesting pamphlet on 'Nuclear Power and Society'.

People for a Non-Nuclear World (Renee-Marie Croose Parry, Flat 7, 81 Onslow Square, London SW7) published a full page letter to President Carter from several thousand signatories in the 'Guardian' on 2 May, asking him to continue to give a lead for world denuclearisation.

'How to use Natural Energy' is a catalogue and handbook for energy conservation (price £1.00) from **Conservation Tools and Technology Ltd.** 143 Maple Road, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 4BH.

WORK

The **Vanier Institute of the Family** (151 Slater, Ottawa, Canada K1P 5H3) is compiling a 'Whole Work Catalogue' as part of its Family and the Economy Programme. This will contain names of persons, groups and organisations, plus related information, having to do with new and more human approaches to working, income-earning, and the economy. Write to the Institute if you are interested.

Bill and Sandra (Mason) Martin (Lint Growis, Foxearth, Sudbury, Suffolk), who work from their home as Leisure Consultants, have developed two alternative scenarios for leisure in the 1980s. One basic question is whether people will opt for more money or more time.

Jim Haynes (Atelier A2, 83 rue de la Tombe-Issoire, 75014 Paris, France) does not 'work' (i.e. spend energy painfully), he 'fullers' (i.e. spend energy joyfully). He calls himself a Groucho Marxist, and his slogan is 'Fullerers of the world unite.' He plans to produce a book on Fullering, and would like to hear from people who do things which are meaningful, fun, rewarding, etc., and who want to encourage fullering and eliminate work.

What Future For Work? (see page 16).

BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

Michael Marien (Information for Policy Design, La Fayette, New York 13084, USA) recommends the following new decentralist books from the US.

Wendell Berry. **'The Unsettling of America: Culture and Agriculture'**. Totawa, New Jersey: Sierra Club Books, July 1977. \$9.95. Critique of agribusiness and mechanised agriculture, with focus on gap between consumer and producer.

Scott Burns. **'The Household Economy: Its Shape, Origins and Future'**. Boston: Beacon Press, January 1977. 252 pages \$ 4.95 paperback. (Originally published as **'Home, Inc'**. by Doubleday in 1975.) An important book by a neo-Borsodian economist. For further appreciation of this fundamental concept, and for a foundation for a holistic economics, see Ralph Borsodi, **'Prosperity and Security'** (New York: Harper & Bros., 1938--40 years ahead of its time!).

Nicholas Georgescu-Roegen. **'Agrarian Economics'**. NY: Universe, March 1977. 200 pages \$15.00. By the author of **The Entropy Law and the Economic Process** (Harvard, 1971).

William Ophuls. **'Ecology and the Politics of Scarcity'**. San Francisco: Freeman, April 1977. 303 pages. \$6.95 paperback. Advocates a small-scale, frugal, steady-state economy.

Michael Perelman. **'The Myth of Agricultural Efficiency'**. NY: Universe, March 1977. 192 pages. \$14.00. Also note two essays by Perelman in Richard Merrill (ed.) **'Radical Agriculture'** (Harper Colophon, 1976).

Kenneth E. Watt et al. **'The Unsteady State: Environmental Problems, Growth and Culture'**, Honolulu: University Press of Hawaii, June 1977. \$ 12.95. By the author of **'The Titanic Effect'** (Dutton, 1974).

Michael Marien's own **'Societal Directions and Alternatives'** (self-published at \$16.50 from the above address) has been receiving wide acclamation as 'the best available road map for the serious explorer of the future of the advanced industrial societies.'

Robert Jungk's **'The Everyman Project'** (Thames and Hudson £5.50) is subtitled **'Resources for a Humane Future'**. Libraries ought to have it. It contains a lot of useful information and interesting ideas.

In **'Proposal For A New College'** (Heinemann Educational Books, £1.50) Peter Abbs and Graham Carey discuss the features of a college 'whose aim is to integrate the experiences of living and learning, of community and culture; a college which may help to quietly usher in that post-industrial society on which the continuation and development of life must now depend.'

Patrick Rivers' **'Living Better on Less'** is published by Turnstone Books (Alick Bartholomew, 37 Upper Addison Gardens, London W14.) 'You become more self-reliant, supplying more of your needs by your own efforts instead of buying them from the System. You have escaped from a trap to find you are free.'

We recommend that you have a look at **Tract**. It is a journal edited by Peter Abbs, and run on non-profit, community-based principles. It takes no commercial advertising and has actually turned down Arts Council assistance. **Tract** 'depends on a supporting community of readers and can only grow in relationship to that community. It is written for people who wish to have a general grasp of current thinking about education, culture, ecology and sociology. It is not written for academics but for those anxious to find broad, unifying principles on which new experiments in individual and community living can be based. **Tract** ranges widely, from psychotherapy to ecology, from mass-culture to education, but each issue defines and explores certain common values. All the writers assert a belief in the power of man to create, to confer meaning to the world, and to transform his own culture. All are critical of industrial civilisation and the qualities and relationships it perpetuates. Each **Tract** makes sense of this central philosophy in terms of a particular discipline, pre-occupation or activity.'

Subscribe, by sending a cheque for £2.50 to The Gryphon Press, 38 Prince Edwards Road, Lewes, Sussex, for the next four issues of the quarterly. Or send 60p for a copy of the current issue. Or go to: The Corner House Bookshop (14 Endell Street, London WC2); Dillons; or Housemans.

Linkage is a newsletter (financed by the Social Science Research Council) about the processes and problems of communication and joint decision-making between organisations, especially in the field of local community services. Write for it to the Programme Secretary, Institute for Operational Research, 4 Copthall House, Station Square, Coventry CV1 2BR.

Gabriel Chanan's '**The Crowd Who Disappeared Into A Man**' is the first publication by a new grass-roots publishing venture (90p from Blackbored, 125 Vansittart Road, Windsor, Berks SL4 5DG). Three stories of emotional liberation and social issues--period 1968-70.

If you are interested in peace, non-violence or Northern Ireland, Ciaran McKeown's '**The Price of Peace**' is a must. Send 50p + 10p postage to the Peace People, 8 Upper Crescent, Belfast 7, Northern Ireland.

Learning For Change In World Society is a resource for secondary school teaching on contemporary world affairs, including the causes of poverty, interdependence between peoples, appropriate technology and alternative lifestyles, human rights, disarmament, and ecological balance. (£1.75 from World Studies Project, 24 Palace Chambers, Bridge Street, London SW1).

The Third World Priorities (£8.40 for 12 issues from 7 Welbeck House, 62 Welbeck Street, London W1), a new monthly magazine edited by Jimoh Omo-Fadaka, starting in October, will be concerned with policies for implementing a new international economic order.

New Internationalist (£4.75 from Victoria Hall, Fingal Street, London SE10 ORF) is published monthly by a joint subsidiary of Oxfam and Christian Aid. It is about the radical changes necessary within and between nations if the basic needs of all are to be met. . . . ideas and action in the fight for world development.

OTHER NETWORKS, NEWSLETTERS, AND DIRECTORIES

Futures Network is a new informal association of people—mainly from the business, government, trade union, and management sectors—who are interested in exchanging information and views about Futures studies and the use of Futures thinking. Colin Hutchinson and James Robertson are members of its council. Contact: J.M. Williamson, Inter-Bank Research Organisation, Moor House, London Wall, London EC2Y 5ET.

Housing Network Exchange has recently come into existence to encourage greater personal and local autonomy in housing—'housing by people'. Contacts: **International**, John F. C. Turner, Development and Planning Unit, Bartlett School of Architecture and Planning, University College London; **National**, Peter Stead, Associated Housing Advisory Services (AHAS), 3 Provost Road, London NW3; **London**, Bertha Turner, 30 Greenwood Road, Hackney, London E8.

Network Quodlibeta (Bob Welke, Zietenring 7, 6200 Wiesbaden, West Germany) has made a flying start—two newsletters in July and August. It is: decentralist; English language but continental European, as well as British and North American, in coverage; anthropological in emphasis; and has a revolving library.

Alternative Society Newsletter No. 11 (Lower Shaw Farm, Shaw, Swindon, Wiltshire SN5 9PJ) contains information about Local Enterprise Trusts; projects on self-built housing, neighbourhood health, and probation; and the work of Lower Shaw Farmhouse.

URBED newsletter (Urban and Economic Development, 12-13 Henrietta Street, London WC2) contains information about the economic regeneration of city centres and, in particular, about providing, converting and obtaining premises for small economic enterprises in city centres. (Incidentally, at a recent conference chaired by David Rock, 5 Dryden Street, Covent Garden, London WC2, on Working Communities and Urban Renewal, six major case studies were discussed.)

Write (with sae) to **Rhys Taylor** (New Mills Rural Alternatives Project, Luxborough, Watchet, Somerset TA 23 0LF) for information about contacts, etc. in the environmental movement, including Scandinavia.

Appropriate Technology for the UK News Exchange No. 3 for January/July 1977 (from John Davis, 10 Grenfell Road, Beaconsfield, Bucks) strikes a note of realistic optimism and records distinct progress. The 4Rs (repair, renovation, re-use, and recycling) join the 3Es (employment, energy and education) at the heart of AT thinking and action.

In The Making (75p from 84 Church Street, Wolverton, Milton Keynes, Bucks) is a Directory of Co-operative Projects, which provides ideas and practical information for people setting up alternative enterprises.

SENSE is a Skills Exchange Network for a Stable Economy. Their news-sheet includes courses, events and contacts on agriculture, bee-keeping, building, glass-blowing, goats, methane, plumbing, weaving, etc., etc. Send s.a.e. + 15p stamps to 18 The Forum, Chidham Park, Havant, Hants PO9 1DR.

Robert Theobald (Box 2240, 153½ Jefferson Street, Wickenburg, Arizona 85358, USA) —whose latest book is called 'Beyond Despair: Directions for America's Third Century' —will be known, at least by name, to people interested in Future Studies—perhaps for the guaranteed income proposals he published in the early 1960s. He is interested in possible linkages between a US and a European network. He rightly says that, at present, with some notable exceptions, such as Schumacher, ideas are flowing somewhat better from the US to Britain than vice versa.

Growing Without Schooling is a new newsletter about ways in which people, children and adults can learn and do things, acquire skills, and find interesting and useful work, without having to go through the process of schooling. Write for details to John Holt, 308 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass. 02116, USA.

The Scientific and Medical Network consists of scientists, medical people and philosophers with a common interest in a spiritual and non-materialistic world outlook. It promotes parapsychical and para-psychological studies, and organises courses and conferences. Details from George Blaker, Lake House, Ockley, Nr. Dorking. Surrey.

Health For The New Age Summer 1977 newsletter (20p from Marcus and Marika McCausland, 1a Addison Crescent, London W14 8JP) contains details of conferences, organisations and publications—also an article on **creative** self-development and healing.

The Bulletin for the Institute for the Comparative Study of History, Philosophy and the Sciences (Hugh Elliot, 35 Sinclair Road, London W14 0NS) reports activities based on the ideas of J. G Bennett and Gurdjieff.

Roland Chaplain's newsletters and Industry, Community and Appropriate Technology (ICAT) meetings continue to be a valuable source of information about people, organisations, ideas, events, etc. Roland now hopes that the Future Studies Centre (15 Kelso Road, Leeds LS2 9PR) will develop on more truly co-operative lines. If you are interested, please write to him.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Healing Research Trust has formed a supporters' organisation called 'Friends of HRT'. The Trust encourages alternative therapies like acupuncture, healing, homoeopathy, osteopathy, psychotherapy, chiropractic, herbalism, naturopathy, radionics, etc. For details e.g. of information and advice bureau, newsletter, local groups, etc., write to Norah Forbes, 5 Thorn Park, Plymouth, Devon PLG 4TG.

The Building and Social Housing Foundation is studying the possibility of establishing a multi-purpose co-operative village at Stanford Hall, near Loughborough. This is seen as a contribution to the coming transition to a sustainable economy. Details from Diane Diacon, BSHSF, 87 Belvoir Road, Coalville, Leicestershire LE6 2PH.

For information about the **Free International University** write to Robert McDowell, 17a Radley Mews, London W8.

Tony Hodgson (1 Castle Mill House, Juxon Street, Oxford OX2 6DR) is involved in an interesting project on 'The Miniaturisation of Agriculture', which includes experiments with very intensive cultivation (the Mini-Farm) and an ecological greenhouse (the Mini-Ark). This is part of an 'invisible village'—a quiet non-violent underground movement for the New Age.

Gary Robins (Department of Management Studies, Polytechnic of North London, Marlborough Building, 383 Holloway Road, London N7) is involved in a Self-Directed Learning Community—a part-time two year course (running now for six years) in which the students set up an organisation as a means of support, a resource centre, and as a taking off point for using new skills and getting into new kinds of work in the community. Exploring alternative forms of self-managed organisations for the satisfaction of personal needs and the achievement of personal learning goals.

The Institute of Local Self-Reliance (1717 18th Street NW, Washington DC 20009, USA) publishes six issues of 'Self-Reliance' a year (individual subscriptions \$6). Urban agriculture, neighbourhood planning, community development, energy conservation, are some of the topics covered.

'Androgyny is a new theory of sexuality which offers us all a new measure of personal and political liberation. It may be the most radical idea to come along in our time. Just as citizens infused the word 'ecology' with extraordinary new significance, so the word 'androgyny' is now being infused with momentous importance by small voluntary networks. Androgyny transcends gender-trapped considerations. It is poised where ecology was ten years ago. It is ready to take off.' From 'Goodbye Ecology, Hello Androgyny' by Byron Kennard in the June 1977 issue of 'Rain' (2270 NW Irving, Portland, Oregon 97210, USA).

AAO say they are not a utopian vision of an ideal society, but an existing model for a new way of life based on collective living together, common property, common economy, and other principles of sharing and co-operation. Information from AAO Center, Friedrichshof, postfach 3, A-7100 Neusiedl/See, Austria.

Eichenmuhle (Rieterstr. 5, 8500-Nurnberg, Germany) are a group involved in alternative living, working, technology, agriculture. Newsletter in German.

James Robertson has been invited to visit Canada in October by the Vanier Institute (see pages 9 and 16). He and **Alison Pritchard** will be in Canada from 10 October to 1 November.

Elizabeth and David Dodson-Gray are co-directors of the Bolton Institute, Inc. (Suite 302, 1835 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20006, USA), whose 'mandate is to match the requirements of human societies with the welfare of natural systems.' Recent papers include 'Poverty and Limits to Growth', 'Super-Safety in the Nuclear Industry—a Whole New Ethical Space' and 'The Grief Dimensions of the Transition from Growth to Material Equilibrium':

Action Learning: information about action learning programmes and projects from Action Learning Trust, 10 Barley Mow Passage, Chiswick, London W4 4PH.

Career Change In Middle Age is the subject of a two year research study by **Audrey Collin**, Department of Management Studies, Loughborough University of Technology.

Parallel Cultures Group are people who are 'building new values-based cultures amid the existing ones, closing the gap between our private lives and our social views, helping each other to see that the ways we live, love, share, produce and consume are social acts.' Contact: **Barbara Hand**, 7 Waldron Drive, Oadby, Leicestershire.

Ecological Life Style Ltd. (**David Stephens**, 11 Lodge End, Radlett, Herts) offers Ecological Land Bonds as a way of getting back to the land in self-sufficient organic communities.

The Teilhard Centre (see pages 4 and 16) now has its own printing facilities. We have used them for this newsletter, and recommend them warmly. Enquiries to **Mike George**.

SOME FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

12 September, 7pm, Conway Hall, London. Ivan Illich on 'Disabling Professions'. Tickets £1 (50p students) at the door, details from Marion Boyars, 18 Brewer Street, London W1R 4AS. 01-439 7827.

14 – 17 September, Arc-et-Senans, Besancon, France. Workshop on 'Lifestyles and Social Change in Western Europe'. Several people who were present at the last TP meeting will be participating. This workshop is being organised by **Hugues de Jouvenel de Futuribles** (the international association for study of the future), 10 Rue Cernuschi, F. 75017 Paris, France.

24 and 25 September, Kensington Palace Hotel, London. Weekend seminar on 'Perception and Reality' organised by the **Institute of Cultural Research**. Margaret Broden, Peter Brent, Richard Gregory, Doris Lessing, Robert Ornstein. Details and tickets (£10) from The Conference Secretary, ICR, PO Box 13, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

29 September – 1 December, University of Surrey, Guildford. 'Mankind at the Turning Point'—ten Thursday evening meetings, 7.30 – 9.30. Speakers include Tom Burke (Friends of the Earth), John Davis (appropriate technology), Alec Forbes (Healing Research Trust), Ronald Higgins (The Seventh Enemy) and James Robertson. Further details from Jenny Maylam, Wentworth, 16 Grantley Close, Shalford, Guildford, Surrey GU4.

8 October, Kensington Square, London. 'What Future for Work?' Conference organised by the Teilhard Centre for the Future of Man. Programme will include:

James Robertson : Work and Society—Three Possible Futures

Sheila Rothwell : Work—Paid and Unpaid

Peter Challen : Work and Our Humanity

Details and tickets (£2) from The Conference Secretary, Teilhard Centre, 81 Cromwell Road, London SW7 5BW.

13 October, Toronto. As one of the highlights of his Canadian tour in September and October, **Dr E F Schumacher** will be presented with the Wilder Penfield Award by the Vanier Institute of the Family (**see page 9**), and will deliver a public lecture sponsored by the Institute.

15 – 29 October, Findhorn convocation 'Onearth 1977: Towards a Planetary Culture'. Speakers will include Marcus and Marika McCausland (Health for the New Age), and William Irwin Thompson (Lindisfarne Association, New York). Participants will be 'people who want to serve the vision of building a new world.' Details from the Conference Secretary, Findhorn Foundation, The Park, Forres IV36 OTZ.

23 October, Conway Hall, London. SPES Sunday morning meeting: Peter Abbs on 'Symbols and Rituals in Education'. Details of this and other SPES meetings from Peter Cadogan, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1.

NB – See front page for Turning Point events.