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[Our lead article is particularly relevant, as this issue is being laid out during the big DC World Bank/IMF protests. Disturbingly, the Washington Post, April 15, p. 1 Metro section headlined a story, "Sitting This One Out — All Efforts Fail to Get Black DC Activists Involved in IMF Fight" - CH.]

The world economy is in a state of what is commonly viewed as unprecedented growth. But with this growth has come dangerous and destructive economic disparity. On the one hand, we see the "impressive" economy in the Northern Hemisphere, particularly in the United States, where Silicon Valley, a region of 2.3 million people, has produced tens of thousands of millionaires, with 64 new ones every day. There are regular U.S. reports of historically low unemployment rates, labor shortages and booming economy.

On the other hand, many people of color, particularly those in the Southern Hemisphere, do not have enough food to eat, resulting in malnutrition and disease. They face growing inflation while their governments, which used to subsidize some aspects of their marginal living, are urged to stop subsidies for food and adopt a more market-oriented economics. Many workers in these economies are trapped in poor working conditions with low pay. Women are often expected to do back-

breaking farm and domestic work, with few rights or benefits. Yet many of the fiscal policies pushed onto developing countries and adopted in northern countries exacerbate the problem of the most marginal while celebrating the wealth of the rich.

In the North as well, people of color often find themselves being left farther and farther behind. Even as states in the U.S. and the nation as a whole report budget surpluses, we seem unable or unwilling to provide adequate housing for the growing number of working-class and homeless families, to repair the physical structure of schools that house low-income students of color, or to provide social services or medical attention for those most in need.

Sweatshops that employ people of color working as virtual slave laborers are tolerated — even encouraged — as part of the new world trade. The public space people of color and marginal groups are most dependent on — whether it is public hospitals, schools, parks, or a social welfare system — is constantly attacked as inconsistent with the needs of capital and the market. Indeed, we are encouraged to remake public space to mimic private space with a market, anti-democratic orientation where we are consumers, not citizens.

How are these disparate conditions related to globalism, and why are people of color under the most severe

threat from this process? Certainly, other people are also under a threat from this globalization process, and some would assert that democracy and capitalism itself may be undone by this process if it is not checked. To answer the above question and to understand why minorities and other marginal populations are most at risk, it is first necessary to better understand what globalism is, particularly the type of globalism that dominates today's markets.

What Is Globalism?

In the most general sense, globalism refers to the process in which goods and services, including capital, move more freely within and among nations. As globalism advances, national boundaries become more and more porous, and to some extent, less and less relevant.

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Since many of our early industries, such as steel, were location-sensitive, there was a natural limitation to globalization. To be sure, some things remain location-sensitive, but mobility is the trend. It is assumed that liberalizing laws and structures, so that goods and services can become more globally focused, will produce more wealth, and indeed this seems to be true. Using this general understanding of globalism and globalization, it would be accurate to say this process has been developing and growing for well over a hundred years.

But there have been many changes in the globalization process in the last two decades that makes it distinct from earlier incarnations. The major thing being traded in today's global market is information and capital itself, rather than commodities or other products. Technological change allows capital to move almost instantaneously. Changes in monetary policies, as well as in what is being traded and the importance of capital, have created a global market distinctively different from previous eras. Earlier products and capital were more rooted to a place. Today, many of the things traded and produced in the global market, such as knowledge and computer technology, are extremely mobile or rootless.

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The United States has emerged as the only world superpower. This has allowed the U.S. tremendous influence in setting the terms for global trade. The style of globalism pushed by the United States has favored the free movement and protection of capital, while being at best indifferent and at worst hostile to the more place-dependent labor. It is the dual relationship of mobile capital and fixed, unorganized and unprotected labor that has created the conditions for capital to dominate. This has been greatly enhanced by the U.S. position toward organized labor and capital. While the U.S. has been aggressive in protecting capital both at home and abroad, it has encouraged both the weakening of organized labor and removing protections for workers.

While both Japan and Europe have aggressively pushed for globalism, each has been more willing to protect

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labor, the environment and certain markets — at least within their own borders. It is the United States that has consistently been the most radical on liberalizing capital and protecting it as it moves across boundaries, and the most hostile to protecting labor and fragile markets. Protecting labor expresses itself not only in strong unions and workers' benefits but also in a strong social welfare system. The United States has purposefully moved toward weaker labor unions, as well as an anemic social welfare system. It has used the globalism it advocates as justification for keeping workers' jobs insecure, pay and benefits relatively low. Workers are told that pushing hard for benefits will cause capital to leave to another location in the country or the world where workers are willing to work for less with fewer benefits.

The United States and the international organizations over which it has substantial influence, such as the International Monetary Fund, have demanded protection of capital and encouraged or tolerated the suppression of labor and the environment in the weaker southern countries. Capital is actively being directed to markets with low wages, where workers are sometimes abused and labor organizations suppressed. The wealth this globalism is creating is being forcefully subsidized by vulnerable workers and the environment, especially in the Southern Hemisphere. This logic is then used to weaken the position of labor in the North, as we are required to compete with unorganized, suppressed labor in the South.

While sweatshops and slave labor may attract capital investments, what about the futures of black welfare mothers in Detroit or the Aborigines in Australia, who need government assistance to take advantage of, say, the educational system? How or why does U.S.-style globalism affect their needs? U.S.-style globalism not only attempts to suppress labor, but also seeks to suppress social welfare systems and support for public expenditures that do not directly benefit the expansion of capital. The social welfare system and other public services, such as schools, social services in the North and food subsidies in the South, are supported through taxes, and taxes reduce short-term benefits to capital.

In the North, it is women and minorities who are most dependent on the public sector. These racial and gender correlations make it all the easier to attack the legitimacy of taxation for this purpose. Taxes are seen as undesirable because they reduce profits and interfere with the market. But the public space, including the welfare system, can only be supported by the public in the form of taxes. Whether we are talking about education or other public services, we are encouraged to believe that they should be as limited as possible and made to mimic the market. Those who cannot thrive in the market environment without help,

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Why Should We Care About the Fed?

by Tom Schlesinger

As the Federal Reserve steadily continues a series of interest rate hikes it began last June, investors and financial reporters are weighing each pronouncement from the central bank's marble headquarters as warily as a bomb squad inspecting a mysterious package. But why should ordinary citizens pay attention to the actions of this esoteric institution? Four reasons stand out.

First and foremost, the Fed's power to adjust interest rates and the money supply wields enormous influence over employment patterns, debt burdens, and the distribution of income and wealth.

- When interest rates remain low and stable, businesses thrive, labor markets tighten and individuals at the bottom of the job ladder find new opportunities for employment, training and workplace leverage. During 1998-1999, this virtuous circle widely benefited have-not and have-some communities as the Fed adopted an expansive monetary policy and unemployment dropped to the lowest sustained levels in two generations.

When the cost of business borrowing goes up, however, employers renege and workers lose their jobs. Less-skilled, lower-income workers are always the first to feel the pinch during a monetary tightening. According to a Jerome Levy Institute study by economist Willem Thorbecke, minority unemployment increases twice as much as white unemployment in the wake of rising interest rates. If downsizing, underemployment or job insecurity accelerates, workers lose leverage across the board.

The Fed's last concerted campaign to slow the economy illustrates the point. Despite the absence of inflation, the central bank began a series of seven interest rate hikes in January 1994 that doubled short-term interest rates by early 1995. As a result, economic growth slowed to a snail's pace — a mere 0.6 percent — by the first

quarter of 1995, and remained anemic for most of the year. For 1995 as a whole, the shortfall in national income relative to what would have been generated by a moderate growth rate of 3 percent amounted to \$75 billion — \$755 for every household in the country. Since each billion dollars of national income translates into 14,000 jobs, restrictive monetary policy probably cost Americans more than a million jobs in 1995.

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- Higher interest rates compound household debt burdens and stifle consumer demand by jacking up the cost of mortgage, car, credit card and student loan payments. When household debt expands at high real (inflation-adjusted) interest rates, as it did during the 1990s, income is redistributed from working households to wealthy creditors. The result: greater inequality.

Rate-sensitive households are especially vulnerable. Based on figures in the Federal Reserve's recently released Survey of Consumer Finances for 1998, the median household in the \$25,000-\$50,000 income bracket with mortgage, installment and credit card debt pays nearly \$12 per month more for every ¼ percent interest rate increase if it has a variable-rate mortgage, and its consumer loan balances are also susceptible to rate adjustments. That means \$569 per year in additional debt payments for every full percentage point rise in interest rates.

Second, the Fed's regulatory duties include enforcement of fair lending and

community reinvestment statutes, which powerfully influence the availability of credit and the ownership opportunities arising from it. The Fed also has substantial authority — almost all of it unused — to curtail predatory lending practices like usurious interest rates that target poor, working-class and minority communities. Recent legislation (the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act) that encourages mergers between banks, insurers and securities firms expands the Fed's direct regulatory reach far beyond the banking industry.

Third, the central bank maintains a little-known but extensive set of community development resources at its Washington headquarters (the Board of Governors) and 12 regional Federal Reserve Banks. This community affairs infrastructure is designed to support local development activities and dwarfs the corresponding divisions at other federal agencies that regulate depository institutions.

Fourth, the Federal Reserve has become the only game in town. As Congress and the Administration developed a bipartisan consensus to ratchet down the role of public spending and investment — and to use budget surpluses to retire Treasury debt — monetary policy has become the preeminent lever of federal influence over the country's economic direction. More than ever, the central bank effectively determines the governing choices of America's elected leaders.

In theory, these far-reaching powers equip the central bank to be a powerful engine of widespread prosperity

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We dedicate this issue of *Poverty and Race* to the memory and wonderful pioneering work of Gary Bellow, a true giant in the world of Legal Services.

and rising equality — a role it has embraced on some occasions, notably during the New Deal chairmanship of Marriner Eccles. In practice, of course, the Fed has usually embraced a narrower vision of the greater economic good — one defined by the wealth-preservation agenda of bankers and Wall Street.

The Fed's Unique Structure

Historically, the Fed's unusual structure and unique status have formed one of the biggest obstacles to people-friendly central banking. Unlike other federal banking agencies, the Fed is not part of the executive branch. And even though it's a creature of Congress, the central bank remains separate in most respects from the legislative branch as well.

For example, the Fed is the only civilian agency that writes its own budget and completely finances its own operations (mostly through earnings from its portfolio of government securities), without Congressional oversight, authorization or audits. It conducts its most important business behind closed doors due to unique exemptions to the Government in the Sunshine and Freedom of Information Acts.

Moreover, the Fed contains a unique mix of public, private, federal and regional features — including a power-sharing arrangement that gives policymaking authority both to Federal Reserve governors, who are nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate, and Reserve Bank presidents, who are appointed by regional boards of directors, the majority of whose members are chosen by commercial banking firms.

This structure provides the central bank its famous insulation from partisan politics. But it also enables banks, securities firms, money management companies and other segments of the financial industry to lobby the Fed quietly and continuously

out of public view.

Over the years, reformers have persistently tried to increase the Fed's accountability and democratize its governance through legislation and litigation. But virtually all these attempts — including those led by senior members of Congress and powerful business interests — have failed.

Reform Efforts From Below

Given this history of frustrated reform, it may be time to consider other approaches to changing the Fed. For example, some organizations are attempting to increase the number of Reserve Bank directors who represent labor and community groups (the law expressly provides for representation

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of these interests along with those of agriculture, commerce and services).

In addition, some of the same organizations have undertaken efforts to boost Reserve Bank accountability to residents in their districts. In 1997, for example, an informal alliance of labor, community and non-profit organizations began an initiative focused on the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. The group's concerns fell into three areas:

- ***governance*** — diversifying the interests and perspectives represented on the boards of directors at the Richmond Bank and its branches
- ***community development*** — strengthening the Richmond Bank's role in community-based reinvestment and development activities
- ***monetary policy*** — encouraging the Richmond Bank to adopt a more worker- and community-friendly approach to macro-policy

by expanding and diversifying its collection of regional economic data and its analysis of the distributional effects of interest-rate policy decisions.

During 1997 and 1998, members of this informal alliance held three meetings with Richmond Fed President Alfred Broaddus, Jr. and other senior staff at the Bank. Participating organizations also sponsored day-long trips for President Broaddus, arranging for him to meet with leaders, staff and members of grassroots groups, union locals and other organizations. Two trips, sponsored by the Virginia Organizing Project, took Broaddus to Virginia's southside and eastern shore. Another, organized by the South Carolina AFL-CIO, took him on a tour of the Palmetto State. In addition, the informal alliance conducted a briefing for CRA compliance examiners at the Richmond Bank and helped the Bank's community affairs office conduct workshops in Roanoke and Charlottesville.

As a result of these activities, the Richmond Fed decided to create a Community Development Advisory Council, which held its initial meeting in November 1998. Its members include three leaders from the informal group: South Carolina AFL-CIO President Donna DeWitt; architect Greta Harris, who directs Richmond's Local Initiatives Support Corporation; and Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter, who works at a domestic violence center and is the first African-American since Reconstruction and the first woman ever to lead a party in the South Carolina General Assembly.

A few days of exposure to factory workers and other ordinary citizens in southside Virginia and South Carolina does not appear to have changed President Broaddus' hard-money world view. But to their credit, Broaddus and the Richmond Bank have not conceived their new advisory group as a perfunctory nod to narrow community development interests. Instead, the Council is designed to incorporate a broad range of previously overlooked perspectives and information into the Bank's regional economic surveys, research agenda and monetary policy calculus.

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New PRRAC Education Grants

We recently made eight research/advocacy grants under a Joyce Foundation-funded project to focus on school reform issues as they impact students at the intersections of poverty and race.

Woven throughout many of the proposals we reviewed is the theme of accountability for educating poor and minority students to high standards through implementation of *appropriately designed* accountability systems and standards-based reform; and the critical role of information in building the capacity of parents, communities and activists to hold schools accountable. The challenges imposed by institutional barriers in the form of fragmented data, politicized decisions and hidden information, particularly with respect to the race and class dimensions of public education, are massive.

The eight projects we selected deal constructively with these issues, via targeted research and a range of concrete advocacy activities:

Applied Research Center, as part of its ERASE (Expose Racism & Advance School Excellence) Project, is developing further and implementing its Racial Justice Report Card, a tool designed to research and analyze racial disparities in schools and to promote action for equity. ARC will be providing training, consultation and production assistance to three community partners: Connecticut Branch of the NAACP in New Haven; Coalition of Alabamians Reforming Education (CARE) in Birmingham; and People United for a Better Oakland (PUEBLO) in Oakland..

*[ED00-101] Grant amount: \$7,500
Contact: Terry Keleher, Applied Research Center, 3781 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94611, 510/653-3415.*

Common Sense Foundation is creating a "Standardized Testing Guide" for North Carolina parents. The handbook will assist parents throughout the

state in evaluating the ways in which their local school districts are implementing the state mandates and the possible negative impact on poor and minority students. The handbook will address issues of testing, standards and accountability as these systems are being implemented in North Carolina.

*[ED00-102] Grant amount: \$10,000
Contact: MaryBe McMillan, Common Sense Foundation, PO Box 10808, Raleigh, NC 27605, 919/821-9720.*

DC VOICE (District Community Voices Organized & Informed for Change in Education), a collaborative of parents, teachers and community members committed to ensuring every child in Washington, DC a high-quality public education, is developing and implementing a model for engaging the community and parents in evaluating standards-based reform implementation in the Shaw/Columbia Heights neighborhood of DC, in order to ensure that schools are held accountable to the needs of the students and families they serve. The evaluation model will then be used to implement public engagement and organizing campaigns in other DC communities.

*[ED00-103] Grant amount: \$8,000
Contact: Nicole Johnson, DC VOICE, PO Box 73055, Washington, DC 20056, 202/986-8535.*

National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, as part of its "Removing Barriers to the Education of Homeless Children & Youth" project, is undertaking research on the emerging phenomenon of "shelter schools" — the establishment of separate schools for homeless children (now in at least 19 states). Preliminary research indicates that such schools provide an inferior educational experience, as well as isolate and stigmatize students, in violation of the federal McKinney Act. The report then will be used to bring states now running such schools into compliance with

the Act; to get the US Dept. of Education to issue compliance directives to the states; and, in at least one state, to gauge the impact of legal advocacy in ensuring state compliance with the Act.

*[ED00-104] Grant amount: \$8,747
Contact: Sally McCarthy, National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty, 1411 K St. NW, #1400, Washington, DC 20005, 202/638-2535.*

North Carolina Justice & Community Development Center is preparing a report documenting the achievement gap between minority and majority students in the state's public schools. The research will be used in pending litigation and in advocacy with the state legislature.

*[ED00-105] Grant amount: \$9,000
Contact: Gregory Malhoit, NC Justice & Community Development Center, PO Box 28068, Raleigh, NC 27611, 919/856-2150.*

Oakland ACORN is examining use of substitute teachers in the Oakland (Calif.) Unified School District, to document its prevalence and negative impact among schools serving predominantly low-income and minority students, and to analyze the institutional structures that undermine efforts to recruit and maintain stable teaching staff. As part of its Parents/Schools Organizing Project, they then will put forward a set of short- and long-term solutions, applicable to other school districts as well.

*[ED00-106] Grant amount: \$9,705
Contact: Amy Cohen, Oakland ACORN, 3205 Farnam Ave., Oakland, CA 94601, 510/436-5690.*

Rethinking Schools is carrying out a research project to determine if there is a correlation between inequitable education funding in the Milwaukee metropolitan area and the racial composition of the districts in the area. The final report will be disseminated

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widely, published in their nationally distributed quarterly journal *Rethinking Schools*, and used in ongoing legal, legislative and political battles for equitable school financing in Wisconsin and the nation.

[ED00-107] *Grant amount: \$10,000*
Contact: Leon Lynn, Rethinking Schools, 1001 E. Keefe Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53212, 414/964-9646.

Jeannie Oakes and John Rogers, working with the ACLU of Southern California, are principals of an expert team, comprised of UCLA faculty and administrators and representatives of advocacy organizations, which is developing rigorous curricular opportunities for high school students and policy alternatives to the inequitable role of Advanced Placement courses in the UC admissions process. (The project is being implemented in tandem with the *Daniels* case, a lawsuit brought by the ACLU to address unequal access to AP courses, which are much less available in high schools serving low-income and minority areas and therefore provide students attending more affluent schools with a GPA advantage in applying to the UC system, creating unequal access to the best public higher education institutions.) The project will provide additional evidence for ongoing legislative advocacy for equitable opportunity in high schools and equitable access to California public universities; for alternative mechanisms for students with fewer AP opportunities; and for broader high school and higher education reform that dismantles inequitable tracking mechanisms.

[ED00-108] *Grant amount: \$2,500*
Contacts: Profs. Jeannie Oakes and John Rogers, UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, Los Angeles, CA 90024-1521, 310/206-4620. □

Small steps like this won't turn the Fed on its ear and don't negate the need for systemic changes in Reserve Bank governance. But persistent, local, move-the-runner-over measures have been a missing ingredient in most previous Fed reform efforts. Without sustained political and intellectual ferment bubbling at the grassroots, even the best-conceived swing-for-the-fences legislation or litigation is unlikely to

alter the Fed's governing structure in the future.

Tom Schlesinger is executive director of the Financial Markets Center, a nonprofit institute that provides research and education resources to citizen groups, labor unions, journalists, policymakers and others interested in the Federal Reserve and the financial sector (see accompanying box for contact inf.). □

Resources from the Financial Markets Center

FOMC Alert: Newsletter covering monetary policy, financial regulation and institutional issues. Published eight times a year on same schedule as Federal Open Market Committee meetings.

Beige Book Review & Analysis: Same-day analysis of the Fed's main report on regional economic conditions (published eight times a year).

Flow of Funds Review & Analysis: Quarterly commentary on U.S. lending, borrowing and investment trends revealed by the Fed's most comprehensive series of financial data.

Capital Flows Monitor: Quarterly commentary on international lending, borrowing and investment trends revealed by data series from various public and private sources.

Community Affairs Monitor: Semi-annual assessment of Federal Reserve programs designed to support community development.

Federal Reserve Research Roundup: Quarterly summary of Fed research on topics ranging from

school vouchers to inflation forecasting to living wage ordinances.

Financial Markets & Society: Imprint series on subjects ranging from investment issues in philanthropy to international monetary reform.

The Federal Reserve and Local Economic Development: 52-page report on the Fed's community affairs programs (September 1999).

Reserve Bank Directors Election Tool Kit: How-to information and background material on promoting candidates for Federal Reserve Bank boards.

www.fincenter.org: The Center's web site includes an array of analytical, teaching and archival tools, including a primer on the Fed and the only online access to key central bank documents.

Publications are available at no charge by contacting the Financial Markets Center, PO Box 334, Philomont, VA 20131, 540/338-7754, info@fmcenter.org. Please specify electronic or surface mail delivery.

"High Student Mobility/Classroom Turnover: How to Address It? How to Reduce It?"

PRRAC is convening a by-invitation working conference on June 16 at Howard Univ. Law School in Washington, D.C., to develop an advocacy and research agenda that will address the causes and impacts of high student mobility/classroom turnover in high poverty schools and farmworker areas. We will examine both the root causes that move students and their families around and the subsequent effects on their educational development as well as their social and emotional lives.

We will look at how schools and community supports can best mitigate the negative impact of high mobility rates; how housing policies can help reduce the extent of mobility and homelessness; how government programs (e.g., HOPE VI public hous-

ing reconstruction, foster care and child welfare services, welfare reform, etc.) inadvertently cause harm to families by requiring moves that disrupt children's schooling; and what is the impact of accountability systems that do not "count" students who are not in the same school for the entire academic year.

The conference will bring together advocates and researchers from the education, housing and child welfare communities to achieve the following objectives:

- To present existing research on classroom turnover/student mobility with respect to the causes and the challenges of mobility and its impact on children's development and opportunities to learn.
- To provide a forum for collabora-

tion among researchers, education advocates, child and family advocates, housing advocates and educators on the issue of student mobility.

- To develop a research/advocacy agenda and strategies to address the challenges raised in the conference.
- To produce an online resource and a handbook, to be widely disseminated, providing strategies for reducing mobility and addressing the students' and families' needs created by high mobility rates.

If you have done or plan to do research and/or advocacy on this issue and are interested in participating in the conference, or for more information, please contact Sandra Paik at spaik@prrac.org. □

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especially if they are people of color, are seen as free-loaders and illegitimate. In many ways, much of the public space in the United States becomes associated with people of color.

Goodbye, Democratic Vision?

Public purposes and civic goods — to the extent they are even recognized — are no longer to be achieved through public institutions but are to be privatized. The democratic vision associated with public functions is to be abandoned or seriously curtailed in favor of the ideal of efficiency. There is an abiding belief that democracy must be limited because it interferes with the private decisions of market experts, thereby reducing wealth and capital. And anything that is perceived as interfering with the growth of capitalism — be it the social welfare system, labor unions, civil rights or gov-

ernment programs — is being curtailed, while government policies and structures that protect capital, including the military, are enhanced.

Although proponents of this style of globalism purport to support democracy, it is only in a role subservient to capital. In the United States, we are softly encouraged to vote, while being constantly reminded that in these global matters that shape our every-

***We can bring about
change by working to
make the invisible
visible.***

day life, we have no say. We are told that no city, state or nation can or should try to influence this powerful but uncontrollable process. We are reminded that one can regulate capital, and any attempt to do so will hurt the economy.

The deregulation of capital is made

to appear both good and natural. Our attention is drawn away from the fact that there are powerful organizations supported by the U.S. government's leadership that protect and facilitate the flow of capital. These institutions include the World Bank, International Development Association, International Finance Corporation, International Monetary Fund, World Trade Organization, etc.

Unfortunately, there are no organizations of equal stature to protect the interests of workers, racial minorities, the environment, or women and children. There are, of course, several treaties and international instruments dealing with some of these issues, such as the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious or Linguistic Minorities, and so forth.

However, they are nearly impotent,

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compared with the institutions with far-reaching and substantial goals of protecting capital. When citizens try to raise such issues, it is simply asserted that making working conditions or the environment part of trade agreements would unduly interfere with free trade. American-style globalism has

not just transformed the flow of capital, it has transformed the role of government and the meaning of citizenship.

People are now brought together as consumers but kept apart as citizens. The transformed role of government is not to protect citizens or the precious safety net of public space but to protect and facilitate the flow of capi-

tal. So today we speak of free markets but not of free labor. We speak of an expanding global market, but a diminishing public space, and we hardly speak at all of citizen participation and justice. This is an authoritarian vision where armies police people and nations, so capital might be free.

It is very doubtful that capital, de-

PRRAC Update

● **Staff Additions:** We welcome as our new Administrative Assistant **Melissa Best**, who comes to us from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of Civil Rights. **Jana Rumminger** has also joined us for a 6-month internship as a Mickey Leland Hunger Fellow — a program that places young people with a local food program (Jana was in Lubbock, TX), then in DC for six months with a relevant public interest group. She graduated Princeton two years ago, will start law school in the fall, and currently is helping us put together a successor “best of *P&R*” volume to *Double Exposure*.

● **PRRAC’s Race-Poverty Research Colloquium** at American Univ. has been going very well. At the initial January session, we decided on a 3-part model: a researcher to provide an overview of recent findings; an advocate/policymaker to discuss how research is used and outstanding research needs; and a media representative to discuss how research is (and isn’t) reported. February’s topic was Education (presenters: **Sam Stringfield** of Johns Hopkins’ Ctr. for the Social Organization of Schools; **Paul Weckstein** of the Ctr. for Law & Education; **Lynn Olson** of *Education Week*). The March topic was Welfare (presenters: **Steve Savner** of the Ctr. for Law & Social Policy; **Deepak Bhargava** of the Ctr. for Comm. Change; David Whitman of *U.S. News & World Report*). The

April 27 colloquium (the final one for this academic year) will be on Housing and will feature **Margery Turner** of The Urban Inst., **Sheila Crowley** of the Natl. Low Income Housing Coal., and **Michael Grunwald** of *The Washington Post*. We expect to resume the series in the fall.

The idea underlying these colloquia — sharing research findings and putting them to use, identifying advocates’ research needs, understanding better how important research can be brought before the public, networking among the academic, advocacy/public policy and media worlds — is highly useful. We would be happy to share ideas and provide whatever assistance we can to others interested in organizing a similar project in other cities.

● **“High Student Mobility/Classroom Turnover”** is the subject of a June 16 PRRAC conference. See p. 7 for details.

● **Edith Witt Internships:** PRRAC has been asked to administer a new internship program to honor the memory of Edith Witt, a wonderful staff member of the S.F. Human Rights Commn., who specialized in housing & urban development (and with whom PRRAC Exec. Dir. Chester Hartman worked closely in the 70s). The Internship — “helping to develop a new generation of community activists” — will be awarded to a grassroots community group working

on housing or another social/economic justice issue. This first year the award will be made to a Bay Area group, but in future years groups anywhere in the country will be eligible. Further information from PRRAC.

This is a “first” for PRRAC, and we’d be happy to administer (without taking any administrative fees) similar funds — a wonderful way to keep alive the work and memory of progressive activists.

● Thanks to the **AMJ Foundation** and **Theodore Pearson** for recent financial contributions.

● In the last issue, we noted that Board member Shari Dunn Buron had taken a new position as Vice-President of Power of Attorney in NYC, but failed to describe that organization and her work there. POA is a national organization working to create a more diverse and effective environment through which business lawyers are able to provide pro bono legal services to nonprofit groups. POA provides funding to pro bono programs and works to create a national network of pro bono providers in order to encourage shared learning, innovation and enhanced effectiveness. Shari will be concentrating on expanding the capabilities of local nonprofit pro bono programs across the US. She’s reachable at sdunnburon@powerofattorney.org; POA is at 330 Seventh Ave., 19th flr., NYC, NY 10001, 212/643-6242.

spite advances in technology, would be nearly as mobile as it is without the nationally brokered agreements that have the force of law and the coercive power of the state behind them. But while capital relies on the government to do its bidding, we enjoy freedom as individuals without the power that only comes from the collective action of informed citizens. While it might be true that cities and states, and certainly private individuals, can do little to influence globalism, it is clearly false that nations, especially the United States, are powerless in the face of globalism.

Undermining Social Movements

During the last part of the 20th century, the Civil Rights Movement, the women's movement and the environmental movement advanced their claims for inclusion and justice. An attack on the public role of the state is a powerful strategy to limit the aspirations of these groups. They are made impotent in a forum where wealth, not votes, dictates policies. These groups are marginalized in an economic arena that transforms the market, with decisions made behind closed doors, and not in public and civic spaces.

Destruction of the public space also results in a decline of the public voice. In the United States, this decline in the role and scope of democracy in the relationship to the market occurred just when the Civil Rights Movement began to make significant gains in securing for blacks and other minorities real access to the political process.

This article, then, is not an attack on globalism per se but on the excess and undemocratic nature of the U.S.-style globalism popular now, which is particularly hostile to people of color and other marginal groups. This style of globalism disempowers average Americans in every way, except as consumers. Globalization has been happening for over a century and will continue. It must be re-envisioned to appropriately protect capital, but also to

protect labor, the environment and people of color. These concerns must be seen as interrelated, not as separate. Furthermore, we must create the necessary international structures with transparency and accountability in order to make this vision a reality and to develop suitable remedies for the plight of marginalized peoples. These steps should not be seen as hostile to business, but as an appropriate cost of doing business in a justice-oriented and sustainable global economy.

Despite the rhetoric about the unmitigated good that can come from U.S.-style globalism, there is an increasing call to look more closely at the process as it relates to people and the environment throughout the world. Some assert that U.S.-style globalism threatens democracy. Others argue that this style of globalism threatens capitalism itself. We think that both claims may be right.

We believe it is critical to look more closely at what globalism means for

The democratic vision is to be abandoned or seriously curtailed in favor of the ideal of efficiency.

people in general and people of color in particular. Given its more recent history of developing a social compact that includes all people, the United States should not be championing a style of globalism that is blind to the needs of some sectors. If this process continues, we are likely to permanently re-inscribe a subordinated, life-threatening status for people of color all over the globe and rationalize it with an invisible hand. We can change this by working to make the invisible visible.

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Race/Racism

- **"Without Sanctuary: History, Memory & Denial"** is the extraordinary photo exhibit of lynching, at the NY Historical Society. A complementary program series featured (on April 29) "Lynching in Amer. History," with Kenneth Jackson, Leon Litwack et al. The May 20 program, "The Anti-Lynching Movement," features Eric Foner, Tera Hunter & Randall Kennedy. For related programs, a copy of the exhibit catalog, contact the museum, 212/873-3400, www.nyhistory.org.

- **"Youth at the Edge: Hate Groups Reach Out to a Troubled Generation"** is featured in the Fall 1999 issue of the So. Poverty Law Center's *Intelligence Report*. Available (possibly free) from the Center, 400 Washington Ave., Montgomery, AL 36104, 334/264-0286.

- **"The Monitor - Unmasking the Right: A Year in Review"** is an 18-page publication, available (\$5) from the Ctr. for Democratic Renewal, PO Box 50469, Atlanta, GA 30302, 404/221-0025.

- **"Undoing Racism: Fairness & Justice in America's Cities & Towns: The 1999 Futures Report"** (31 pp.) is available (likely free) from the Natl. League of Cities, 1301 Penn. Ave. NW, Wash., DC 20004, 202/626-3000.

- **Transforming Race Relations: The State of Asian Pacific America**, ed. Paul Ong (a member of PRRAC's Social Science Advisory Board) - 507 pp., 2000 - has been co-published by Leadership Educ. for Asian Pacifics (LEAP) & the UCLA Asian American Studies Ctr. (headed by PRRAC Board member Don Nakanishi). \$20 from the Ctr., 3230 Campbell Hall, UCLA, LA, CA 90095-1546, 310/825-2974, dtu@ucla.edu. A 12-page Exec. Summary is available for \$5.

- **Solutions for the New Millennium: Race, Class & Gender**, ed. Vernon McClean (292 pp., 1999), has been published by Kendall/Hunt. Among the 3 dozen contributors: Hillary Rodham Clinton, Gloria Steinem, Barbara Ehrenreich, Charles Lee.

- **Counting on the Census? Race, Group Identity & the Evasion of Politics**, by Peter Skerry (248 pp., 2000, \$29.95),

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has been published by Brookings, Dept.029, Wash., DC 20042-0029, 800/275-1447.

- **America's Original Sin: A Study Guide on White Racism** (178 pp., 1995 - rev. ed.) is available (\$10) from Sojourners, 2401 15th St. NW, Wash., DC 20009, 800/714-7474. Sojourners Resource Catalog also available.

- **"Crossing the Racial Divide: America's Struggle for Justice & Reconciliation: A Study Guide"** (82 pp., 1998) is available (\$7) from Sojourners, 2401 15th St. NW, Wash., DC 20009, 800/714-7474. Sojourners Resource Catalog also available.

- **"Moving Beyond Racism: Learning to See with the Eyes of Christ"** is an April 2000 statement of the Roman Catholic Bishops of Illinois, released on the anniversary of the Martin Luther King assassination. Available from us with a SASE.

- **The Debt: What America Owes to Blacks**, by Randall Robinson of TransAfrica (Dutton, 2000), presents a compelling case for reparations.

- **Creating an Anti-Racist Agenda Reader: A Reader in Progress** is "a 700-page collection of essays, graphics, biography & poetry dedicated to strengthening anti-racist activism & organizing in predominantly white progressive constituencies." Table of Contents, with graphics, is available (\$1 in stamps + label) from Challenging White Supremacy Workshop, 2440 16th St., PMB #275, SF, CA 94103, 415/647-0921, cws@igc.org. The full looseleaf reader is \$45.

- **"Making Choices as a Diverse Society: Taking Responsibility for a Promising Future,"** the 15th annual conf. of the Natl. Multicultural Inst., will be held **June 1-4** in DC. Inf. from NMI, 3000 Conn. Ave. NW, #438, Wash., DC 20008-2556, 202/483-0700.

- **The Black Radical Congress** is holding a Natl. Organizing Conf., **June 23-25** in Detroit. Inf. from 313/438-3114.

- **The 33rd Fisk Univ. Race Relation Inst.** will be held **July 10-16**. Invited speakers include Marian Wright Edelman, Bill Cosby & Wilma Mankiller. Inf. from the

Fisk Race Relations Inst.,
1000 17th Ave. N.,
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- **“Bridging the Gap: Moving from Margin to Mainstream”** is the annual Rainbow PUSH Coalition/Citizen Educ. Fund conf., **July 26-29** in Chicago. Inf. from Rainbow/PUSH, 930 E. 50 St., Chicago, IL 60615, 773/373-3366.

Poverty/ Welfare

- **“The Broken Promise: Welfare Reform Two Years Later”** – a 32-page, Jan. 2000 Exec. Summary is available (\$2.50) from Equal Rights Advocates, 1663 Mission St., #550, SF, CA 94103, 415/621-0672, info@equalrights.org. Downloadable at www.equalrights.org.

- **“How Welfare Reform Impacts Non-Metropolitan & Metropolitan Counties in Virginia”** is available, free, from Karen Mundy, VA Tech., 540/231-9443; on web at www.reap.vt.edu/reap/publications/reports/r46.pdf.

- **“The Social Safety Net at the Beginning of Federal Welfare Reform: Organization of & Access to Social Services for Low-Income Families,”** by Martha R. Burt, Nancy Pindus & Jeffrey Capizzano (29 pp., Jan. 2000), is available (likely free) from The Urban Inst., 2100 M St. NW, Wash., DC 20037, 202/833-7200, paffairs@ui.urban.org.

- **“The Hidden Third Party: Welfare Recipi-**

ents’ Experiences with Employers,” by Susan Gooden, appeared in the *J. of Management & Social Policy* (5:1, 1999, pp. 69-83). A related article by Prof. Gooden (Virginia Tech.), “All Things Not Being Equal: Differences in Caseworker Support Toward Black and White Welfare Clients,” appeared in the *Harvard J. of African American Public Policy* (Vol. IV, 1998, pp. 23-33). Both report disparate negative treatment of black welfare clients by, respectively, employers and caseworkers. Available from us with a SASE.

- ***The End of Welfare? Consequences of Federal Devolution for the Nation***, ed. Max B. Sawicky (254 pp., 1999), has been published by M.E. Sharpe. Available (\$24.95 + s/h) from 800/EPI-4844.

- **“Covenant to Overcome Poverty,”** originated by Rev. Jim Wallis’ Call to Renewal, has been endorsed by a range of mainline and evangelical Protestant orgs. For a copy of the 6-page document & further inf., contact Call to Renewal, 2401 15th St. NW, Wash., DC 20009, 202/328-8745.

- **“‘Some Days Are Harder Than Hard’: Welfare Reform & Women with Drug Convictions in Pennsylvania,”** by Amy E. Hirsch (83 pp., Dec. 1999), is available (likely free) from the Ctr. for Law & Social Policy, 1616 P St. NW, #150, Wash., DC 20036, 202/328-5140, info@clasp.org.

- **“Welfare Reform & Beyond: Making Work Work”** (68 pp., 2000), a

Comm. for Econ. Dev. report, is available (free) from project director Marc Bendick, Jr., 4411 Westover Pl. NW, Wash., DC 20016-5555, 202/686-0245, bendickegan@mindspring.com.

- **“Tapping TANF for Youth: When & How Welfare Funds Can Support Youth Dev., Educ. & Employment Initiatives,”** by Marie Cohen & Mark Greenberg, is available (no price given) from the Ctr. for Law & Social Policy, 1616 P St. NW, #150, Wash., DC 20036, 202/328-5140; also on their website: www.clasp.org.

- **“The ABC Evaluation: A Better Chance for Welfare Recipients? What the Public Thinks,”** by David Fein, is available from Abt Associates, 617/520-2991; on line at www.abtassoc.com/reports/welfare-download.html.

- **“Windows of Opportunity - Strategies to Support Families Receiving Welfare & Other Low-Income Families in the Next Stage of Welfare Reform,”** by Eileen Sweeney, Liz Schott et al., is a Jan. 2000 report, available from the Ctr. on Budget & Policy Priorities, 820 First St. NE, #510, Wash., DC 20002, 202/408-1080, center@cbpp.org.

- **“How Congress Left the Poor with Only Half a Lawyer”** is a paper, on Legal Services restrictions, available (likely free) from the Brennan Ctr. for Justice, NYU Law School, 161 Ave. of the Americas, 5th fl., NYC, NY 10013, 212/998-6730.

- **“The Persistence of Poverty: Getting Beneath the Surface”** is the theme

of the Jan./Feb. 2000 *Clearinghouse Review: Journal of Poverty & Law*. Among the 5 articles are: “The Importance of Issues at the Intersection of Housing & Welfare Reform for Legal Services Work,” by Barbara Sard; “A High Dive into a Water Glass? Serving the ‘Hard to Serve’ in Welfare-to-Work,” by John H. Bouman; “An Employment Law Agenda: A Road Map for Legal Services Advocates,” by Sharon Dietrich, Catherine Ruckelhaus, Jim Williams, Rick McHugh, Rachel Paster & Michele Palter. Contact the Natl. Ctr. on Poverty Law, 205 W. Monroe St., 2nd fl., Chicago, IL 60606-5013, 312/263-3830, admin@povertylaw.org.

- **“Lawlessness”** is the theme of the Feb. 2000 issue of *Organizing*, available (possibly free) from the Ctr. for Comm. Change, 1000 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Wash., DC 20007. The issue “focuses on examples of ‘lawlessness’ in the implementation of welfare reform... We define lawlessness as practices on the part of state or local agencies that violate the *actual language and/or intent of federal (and sometimes state) welfare law*.”

- **“A Plan for Increasing Personal Savings”** is a 4-page, March 2000 Idea Brief, available (free) from The Century Fdn., 41 E. 70 St., NYC, NY 10021, 212/452-7750, ideas2000@tcf.org.

- ***Ending Welfare As We Know It***, by R. Kent Weaver (352 pp., 2000, \$23.95), has been published by Brookings, Dept. 029, Wash., DC 20042-0029, 800/275-1447.

- **The Home Front: Implications of Welfare Reform for Housing Policy**, ed. Sandra J. Newman (264 pp., 1999, \$19.50), is available from Urban Inst. Press, 877/UIPRESS.

- **"Giving Tax Credit Where Credit is Due: A 'Universal Unified Child Credit' that expands EITC & cuts taxes for working families,"** by Robert Cherry & Max Sawicky (22 pp., April 2000), is available (\$5 + s/h) from Econ. Policy Inst., 800/EPI-4444.

- **Dialogue on Poverty 2000** is a Natl. Town Hall Meeting, sponsored by the Natl. Assn. of Comm. Action Agencies, **June 15** in Wash., DC. Contact NACAA, 202/265-7546.

Community Organizing

- **The Phoenix Fund Clearinghouse Listing** (3rd. ed., Jan. 2000) has 350+ entries covering 8 types of worker organizing projects, labor-community collaborations & resource groups. Available (possibly free) from The New World Fdn., 666 West End Ave., NYC, NY 10025, 212/497-3446.

- **Community Action School**, a natl. training, will be held **June 8-11** at the James MacGregor Burns Academy of Leadership, Univ. of MD. Speakers/workshop leaders include Linda Chavez-Thompson, Wilma Mankiller, Manning Marable, Heather Booth, Maude Hurd, Steve Max et al. Inf. from the Academy, 1107 Taliaferro Bldg., Univ. MD, College Park, MD 20742-7715, 301/

405-8564, CAS@Academy.umd.edu.

- **The Southern Empowerment Proj.** is holding 3 comm. org./fundraising trng. sessions in Maryville, TN, **July 10-15, July 17-21, July 24-29**. Inf. from SEP, 343 Ellis Ave., Maryville, TN 37804, 865/984-6500, souempow@bellsouth.net.

Criminal Justice

- **"In the Crossfire: The Impact of Gun Violence on Public Housing Communities"** is a 50-page, 1999(?) HUD report, available (likely free) from HUD's Office of Policy Development & Research, Wash., DC 20410-6000.

- **"The Punishing Decade: Prison & Jail Estimates at the Millennium"** is a Feb. 2000 report from the Justice Policy Inst, available by calling 202/678-9282 or on their website: www.cjcj.org/punishingdecade.

- **"Minorities & the Criminal Justice System"** is a 16-page report (1999?), available (free) from Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse, 800/638-8736, puborder@ncjrs.org.

- **Juvenile Court Centennial Initiative:** A set of materials, including a Local Organizer's Kit & Fact Sheets, is available from JCCI, 1324 G St. NW, Wash., DC 20005, fax: 202/347-0493, Secondchances@earthlink.net. Sponsors include Bernardine Dohrn of the Children & Family Justice Ctr. (and a former PRRAC grantee), Vincent Schiraldi of the Ctr. on

Juvenile & Criminal Justice, and Mark Soler of the Youth Law Ctr.

- **"The Color of Justice: An Analysis of Juvenile Adult Court Transfers in Calif.,"** by Mike Males & Dan Macallair, a 10-page, Feb. 2000 report, is available (possibly free) from the Justice Policy Inst., 415/255-1946.

Economic/Community Development

- **"Accessing Markets & Fortifying Entrepreneurship: Sectoral Approaches to Microenterprise Development,"** by Marva Williams (34 pp., March 2000), is available (possibly free) from The Woodstock Inst., 407 S. Dearborn, #550, Chicago, IL 60605, 312/427-8070, woodstock@woodstockinst.org.

- **"Helping Small Businesses Grow: Core Competencies of the Nonprofit Technical Assistance Industry"** is a 26-page, Jan. 2000 report, available (no price listed) from the Calif. Reinvestment Comm., 474 Valencia St., #110, SF, CA 94103, 415/864-3980.

- **"Community Reinvestment & Cities: A Literature Review of CRA's Impact & Future,"** by Susan White Haag (149 pp., March 2000), is available (likely free) from the Brookings Inst. Ctr. on Urban & Met. Policy, 1775 Mass. Ave. NW, Wash., DC 20036-2188, 202/797-6139.

- **"There Goes the Neighborhood: A Re-**

gional Analysis of Gentrification & Comm. Stability in the SF Bay Area," by Cameron Y. Yee & Julie Quiroz-Martinez (29 pp., 1999), is available (\$20) from Urban Habitat Prog., PO Box 29908, Presidio Sta., SF, CA 94129, 415/451-3333.

- **The Natl. Coal. for Asian Pacific Amer. Comm. Dev.** is holding (has held, depending on arrival date of this issue of *P&R*) its Inaugural Convention **May 1-3** in Wash., DC. Contact: Aleyamma Mathew, 108-110 Norfolk St., NYC, NY 10002, 212/979-1108, x 103, 104, aleyamma@aafe.org.

- **"The Courage to Build Community: Stepping Beyond Traditional Lines"** is the annual conf. of the Natl. Comm. Building Network, **May 3-6** in LA. Inf. from NCBN, 101 Broadway, 2nd fl., Oakland, CA 94607, 510/663-6226. network@ncbn.org.

- **"Microenterprise Builds Community,"** the 10th annual conf./membership mtng. of the Assoc. for Enterprise Opportunity, will be held **May 10-13** in Lowell, MA. Contact AEO, 1601 N. Kent St., #1101, Arlington, VA 22209, 703/841-7760, x26, aeo2000@assoceo.org.

- **"Looking Back to Where We're Going"** is the 10th Inst. on Women & Econ. Dev., **June 1-4** in Santa Cruz. Inf. from the Ms. Foundation for Women, 120 Wall St., 33rd fl., NYC, NY 10005, 212/742-2300.

Education

- **“Do Welfare Recipients’ Children Have a School Attendance Problem?”** by David Fein, Wang Lee & E. Christina Schofield (2000?), a Delaware-based study, is available from Abt Associates, 617/520-2991; online at www.abtassoc.com/reports/welfare-download.html.

- **“Defending Public Education”** is a 164-page primer/resource guide, available (\$20 orgs., \$15 indivs., \$10 low-inc.) from Political Research Associates, 120 Beacon St., #202, Somerville, MA 02143, 617/661-9313, publiceye@igc.org.

- **The Natl. Assn. for the Educ. of Young Children** has available its 2000 Catalog of early childhood resources: NAEYC, 1509 16th St. NW, Wash., DC 20036-1426, 800/424-2460, x.604, resource_sales@naeyc.org.

- **“Teaching for Change: Multicultural Education Resources”** is the Spring/Summer 2000 catalog of the Network of Educators on the Americas, PO Box 73038, Wash., DC 20056-3038, necacdc@aol.com.

- **Standardized Minds: The High Price of America’s Testing Culture & What We Can Do to Change It**, by Peter Sacks, has just been published by Perseus: 617/252-5214.

- **“Recess is Over! It’s Time to Address Our Overcrowded & Deteriorating Schools”** is a 20-page, 2000 publication of the Natl. Priorities Proj. & Natl. People’s Action.

Available (possibly free) from NPP, 17 New South St., #302, Northampton, MA 01060, 413/584-9556, info@natprior.org.

- **“Facing the Consequences: An Examination of Racial Discrim. in US Public Schools”** (36 pp., March 2000) is available (\$5) from the Applied Research Ctr. (headed by former PRRAC Board member Gary Delgado), 3781 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94611, 510/653-3415; can be downloaded from www.arc.org.

- **“An Introduction to the Proficiency-based Admission Standards System (PASS)”** (36 pp., 2000) is available (likely free) from the Oregon Univ. System, 800/961-7277, cecelia_hagen@ous.edu.

- **“Universal Preschool”** is a 4-page, March 2000 Idea Brief, available (free) from The Century Fdn., 41 E. 70 St., NYC, NY 10021, 212/452-7750, ideas2000@tcf.org.

- **“A Piece of the Puzzle: How States Can Use Education to Make Work Pay for Welfare Recipients,”** an 84-page, 2000(?) report, is available (free) from Educ. Testing Service, Rosedale Rd., Mail Stop 50-B, Princeton, NJ 08541, 609/734-1200.

- **“Debate Over How to Teach Math Takes Cultural Turn,”** by Richard Lee Colvin, was a March 17, 2000 *LA Times* feature. Yours with a SASE to us, and we’ll also post it on our website (www.prrac.org).

- **Conflicting Missions? Teachers Unions & Educ. Reform**, ed. Tom Loveless (288 pp., 2000, \$22.95),

has been published by Brookings, Dept. 029, Wash., DC 20042-0029, 800/275-1447.

- **“Hope for Urban Education: A Study of 9 High-Performing, High-Poverty, Urban Elementary Schools”** (155 pp., 1999) is a US Dept. of Educ. document (prepared by the Charles Dana Ctr., Univ. TX-Austin). Available (free) from 877/433-7827 or 800/437-0833 and at www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html.

- **“Lessons from 21 High-performing, High-poverty Schools,”** by Samuel Casey Carter, a Heritage Fdn. report, is available (\$11.75) from 800/544-4843. Also: “No Excuses: 7 Principals of Low-Income Schools Who Set the Standards for High Achievement,” also by Carter (35 pp., 1999, \$5).

- **“Economic School Integration”** is a 4-page, Feb. 2000 Idea Brief, available (free) from The Century Fdn., 41 E. 70 St., NYC, NY 10021, 212/452-7750, ideas2000@tcf.org.

- **Turning the Tides of Exclusion: A Guide for Educators & Advocates for Immigrant Students**, by Laurie Olson & Ann Jaramillo (407 pp., 1999), is available from Calif. Tomorrow, 510/496-0220, www.californiatomorrow.org.

- **“When It Comes to Schooling... Small Works: School Size, Poverty & Student Achievement”** is a 20-page, Feb. 2000 report from the Rural School & Comm. Trust Policy Prog., PO Box 68, Randolph, VT 05060, 802/728-5899; no price

listed.

- **“Responding to Undocumented Children in the Schools,”** by Susan Morse & Frank Ludovina, is a 2-page ERIC Digest. Available (likely free) from 800/624-9120, aelinfo@ael.org.

- **“Breaking the Mold: Assessment in a New Century”** is the 1999 Annual Rpt. of Educ. Testing Service, available (free) from ETS, Rosedale Rd., Princeton, NJ 08541, 609/734-1010, ncole@ets.org.

- **“Collaborative Practices in Bilingual Cooperative Learning Classrooms,”** by John Gumperz, Jenny Cook-Gumperz & Margaret Szymanski; “The Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol: A Tool for Teacher-Researcher Collaboration & Prof. Dev.,” by Deborah Short & Jana Echevarria; “Personalizing Culture Through Anthropological & Educ. Perspectives,” by Rosemary Henze & Mary Hauser, are available (\$5.50 each) from the Ctr. for Applied Linguistics, 4646 40th St. NW, Wash., DC 20016, 202/362-0700, crede@cal.org.

- **The 1st Natl. Conf. on Rebuilding America’s Schools** will be held **May 23-24** in Wash., DC, sponsored by the Neighborhood Capital Budget Group. Free, some scholarships available. Contact Patricia Nolan, 312/939-7198, panolan@ncbg.org.

- **“Breaking Barriers: Working Together for Justice in Schools,”** sponsored by the Natl. Coal. of Education Activists, will be held

July 13-16 at UCLA. Inf. from NCEA, PO Box 679, Rhinebeck, NY 12572, 914/876-4580, rfbs@aol.com. Speakers include Jeannie Oakes, Bill Ayers, Bob Peterson, Susan Ohanian, Norm Fruchter, Paul Kivel et al.

- **"Close the Gap"** is the 11th Natl. Conf. of The Education Trust (headed by PRRAC Board member Kati Haycock), will be held **Nov. 2-4** in DC. They've issued a Call for Proposals/Participation, with a May 15 deadline. They're at 1725 K St. NW, #200, Wash., DC 20006, 202/293-1217, x317, fax: 293-2605, nbrown@edtrust.org, with copy to swilson@edtrust.org.

Employment/ Jobs Policy

- **Improving the Odds: Increasing the Effectiveness of Publicly Funded Training**, eds. Burt S. Barnow & Christopher T. King (363 pp., 2000), deals with job training. \$24 from The Urban Inst., 877/UIPRESS.

- **"Choosing the High Road: Businesses That Pay a Living Wage & Prosper,"** by Karen Kraut, Scott Klinger & Chuck Collins, is a 2000 report from Responsible Wealth, on the more than 50 business owners who have signed RW's Living Wage Covenant, pledging to pay their workers over \$8/hr. and to publicly advocate for higher wages for all low-income workers. 617/423-2148, x13, bleondar-wright@ufenet.org.

- **Temps: The Many Faces of the Changing Workplace**, by Jackie Krasas Rogers (208 pp., 2000, \$19.45), is avail-

able from ILR Press, Cornell Univ. Press Services, PO Box 6525, 70 Cascadilla St., Ithaca, NY 14851-6525, 607/277-2211, orderbook@cupserv.org.

- **"What Jobs Require: Literacy, Education & Training, 1940-2006,"** by Paul Barton (60 pp., 1999), is available (\$10.50) from Educ. Testing Service, Mail Stop 04-R, ETS, Rosedale Rd., Princeton, NJ 08541-0001, 609/734-5694, pic@ets.org.

- **"Barriers to Working & Summaries of Baseline Status,"** by Rex S. Green, Lynn Fujiwara, Jean Norris, Shanthi Kappagoda, Anne Driscoll & Richard Speigelman (90 pp., Feb. 2000), reports on CalWORKS Needs Assessment. Available (likely free) from Public Health Inst., 2168 Shattuck Ave., #300, Berkeley, CA 94704, 510/649-1987.

- **A National Jobs Agenda** has been drawn up by the Coal. on Human Needs, endorsed by AFSCME, Children's Defense Fund, Natl. Council of La Raza et al. For inf. and to add your endorsement, contact Stuart Campbell at the Coal., 1700 K St. NW, #1150, Wash., DC 20006, 202/736-5885.

- **The Natl. Skills Standard Board** (see lead article in the Sept./Oct. 1998 *P&R* by Marcia Greenberger & Frank Gallo) has issued its 1998-99 Annual Report: available from them at 1441 L St. NW, #9000, Wash., DC 20005, 877/THENSSB.

Environment

- **"Dismantling Transportation Apartheid through Environmental Justice,"** by Robert D. Bullard, Glenn S. Johnson & Angel O. Torres, appeared in the Feb. 2000 *Surface Transportation Policy Project*. Copies of the 2-pager are available from Dr. Johnson, Clark Atlanta Univ. Env. Justice Resource Ctr., 223 James P. Brawley Dr. SW, Atlanta, GA 30314-4391, 404/880-8686, ejrc@cau.edu.

- **"Workshops from the Field 2000: Comm.-based Research for Env. Justice,"** sponsored by the Comm.-Univ. Consortium for Reg. Env. Justice, will be held **May 19-21** at Rutgers' Newark campus. Inf./reg. at www.cucrej.rutgers.edu/html.conference_flyer.htm.

Families/ Children/ Women

- **"The State of America's Children Yearbook 2000"** has just been published by the Children's Defense Fund. Inf. from CDF, 202/662-3619.

- **"Child Support Insurance"** is a 4-page, March 2000 Idea Brief, available (free) from The Century Fdn., 41 E. 70 St., NYC, NY 10021, 212/452-7750, ideas2000@tcf.org.

- **"Child Care After Leaving Welfare: Early Evidence from State Studies,"** by Rachel Schumacher & Mark Greenberg, is available (no price given) from the Ctr. for Law & Social

Policy, 1616 P St. NW, #150, Wash., DC 20036, 202/328-5140; also on their website: www.clasp.org.

- **"The Hours that Children Under 5 Spend in Child Care: Variation Across States"** & "The Number of Child Care Arrangements Used by Children Under 5: Variation Across States," both by Jeffrey Capizzano & Gina Adams, and "Child Care Arrangements for Children Under 5: Variation Across States," by Capizzano, Adams & Freya Sonenstein, are 7-page, March 2000 Urban Inst. reports, available (free) from them at 2100 M St. NW, Wash., DC 20037, 202/261-5687, paffairs@ui.urban.org.

- **"Community Counts: How Youth Orgs. Matter for Youth Development,"** by Milbrey W. McLaughlin, is a 32-page, 2000(?) report, available (no price listed) from the Public Educ. Network, 601 13th St. NW, #900N, Wash., DC 20005, 202/628-7460, HSchaffer@PublicEducation.org.

- **"Access to Child Care for Low-Income Working Families,"** a 1999 HHS report, is available at www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ccb/.

- **"Racial & Ethnic Disparities: Key Findings from the Natl. Survey of America's Families,"** by Sarah Staveteig & Alyssa Wigton, is a 5-page, Feb. 2000 Urban Inst. publication, available (likely free) from them at 2100 M St. NW, Wash., DC 20037, 202/261-5687; also on their website: www.urban.org, click on "Assessing the New Federalism."

- **“Child Support Offers Some Protection Against Poverty,”** by Elaine Sorensen & Chava Zibman, is a 5-page, March 2000 report, available (free) from The Urban Inst., 2100 M St. NW, Wash., DC 20037, 202/261-5687, paffairs@ui.urban.org.

- **“Remember the Children: Mothers Balance Work & Child Care Under Welfare Reform: The Conn. Perspective”** - an Exec. Summary & further inf. available from Sharon Lynn Kagan, Bush Ctr., Yale Univ., New Haven, CT 06511, 203/432-9931. It is part of the “Growing Up in Poverty Project,” studying FL and CA as well. For inf. about the CA work, contact Bruce Fuller, Grad. School of Educ., Univ. Calif., Berkeley, CA 94720, 510/643-5362.

- *Children of 2010*, eds. Valora Washington & J.D. Edwards (174 pp., 1998), is available (no price listed) from Natl. Assn. for the Educ. of Young Chn., 800/424-2460.

- **“International Trafficking in Women to the U.S.: A Contemporary Manifestation”** is an 80-page, April 2000 CIA (sic) report, by Amy O’Neill Richard, available on their website, www.cia.gov. PRRAC can send you a hard copy

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- **“Domestic Violence & Children”** is the 144-page, Winter 1999 issue of *The Future of Children*. Available, free (as is a 7-page Exec. Summary), from the David & Lucile Packard Fdn., 300 2nd St., #200, Los Altos, CA 94022, circulation@futureofchildren.org.

- **The Internatl. Fatherhood Conf., 2000**, sponsored by the Natl. Ctr. for Strategic Non-profit & Comm. Leadership, will be held **May 29-31** in NYC. Inf. from NPCL, PO Box 66748, Wash., DC 20035, 888/528-6725.

- **The 19th Annual CASA [Court Appointed Special Advocate] Conf.** will be held **June 24-27** in Arlington, VA. Inf. from 800/628-3233, x27.

- **“Contextual Effects & Developmental Competencies in African-Amer. Children & Young Adults,”** a symposium, based on 3 longitudinal & 1 cross-sectional HRSA/MCHB-funded studies, will be presented at the 5th Natl. Head Start Research Conf., **June 28-July 1** in DC. Contact Gontran Lamberty, GLamberty@hrsa.gov.

- **“Women of African Descent: Reaching Across the Diaspora”** is the 10th annual Women’s Studies Conf., **Oct. 6-7** at So. Conn. St. Univ. Submissions deadline is June 2. Inf. from June Dunn, Women’s Studies, MO B007, S. Conn. St. Univ., 501 Crescent St., New Haven, CT 06515, 203/392-6133, womenstudies@scsu.ctstateu.edu.

Food/ Nutrition/ Hunger

- **“A Place at the Table: Food & Env. Justice”** is the theme of the Winter 2000 issue of *Race, Poverty & the Environment*, a joint project of Calif. Rural Legal Asst. (headed by PRRAC Board member José Padilla) & the Urban Habitat Program. Subs. \$15/4 issues, \$40 insts., free for low-inc. persons & comm. gps. from RPE, Box 29908 Presidio Sta., SF, CA 94129.

- **A Program to End Hunger** (161 pp., 2000) is available (\$18) from Bread for the World, 1100 Wayne Ave., #1000, Silver Spring, MD 20910, 301/608-2400, institute@bread.org.

- **“1999 Status Report on Hunger & Homelessness in America’s Cities”** is a Dec. 1999 report of the US Conf. of Mayors, surveying 26 major cities. Available by calling 202/861-6772 or on their website: www.usmayors.org/uscm/new/press_releases/hhrelease.htm.

Health

- **“Welfare Leavers, Medicaid Coverage & Private Health Insurance,”** by Bowen Garrett & John Holahan, is a 5-page, March 2000 Urban Inst. report, available (free) from the Inst., 2100 M St. NW, Wash., DC 20037, 202/261-5687, paffairs@ui.urban.org.

- **“Breaking Barriers: A Grassroots Guide to Identifying Access to the Children’s Health**

Insurance Program” (Oct. 1999), a jt. proj. of NW Fed. of Comm. Orgs. & Grassroots Innovative Policy Prog., is available (possibly free) from GRIPP, 145 Campbell Ave. NW, #314, Roanoke, VA 24011, 540/857-3088.

- **“Who Are the Adult Uninsured?,”** by John Holahan & Niall Brennan, is a 7-page, March 2000 Urban Inst. publication, available, free, from them: 2100 M St. NW, Wash., DC 20037, 202/621-5687; or on their website: www.urban.org — click on “Assessing the New Federalism.”

- **“Welfare Reform & the Perinatal Health of Immigrants - Preliminary Findings”** was an April 4 HRSA/MCHB Research Roundtable. Inf. from Gontran Lamberty, GLamberty@hrsa.gov.

- **“Supporting the Rural Health Care Safety Net,”** by Barbara A. Ormond, Susan Wallin & Susan M. Goldenson (51 pp., March 2000), is available (possibly free) from the Urban Inst., 2100 M St. NW, Wash., DC 20037, 202/833-7200, paffairs@ui.urban.org.

- **“What Did Welfare Reform Do to Medicaid in Your State & What Can You Do About It?”** is an Action Kit for Advocates, available (likely free) from Families USA, 1334 G St. NW, Wash., DC 20005, 202/628-3030, info@familiesusa.org.

- **“The Role of TennCare in Health Policy for Low-Income People in Tennessee,”** by Christopher J. Conover & Hester H. Davies (120

pp., Feb. 2000), is available (possibly free) from The Urban Inst., 2100 M St. NW, Wash., DC 20037, 202/833-7200, paffairs@ui.urban.org

- **“Immigrant Access to Health Benefits: A Resource Manual,”** produced by the Natl. Health Law Program & the Access Project, is available (free) from the latter org., 30 Winter St., #930, Boston, MA 02108, 617/654-9911, info@accessproject.org.

Homelessness

- **“A Different Kind of Smart: A Study of Educ. Obstacles Confronting Homeless Youth in New England”** is a 36-page report (1999?), available (free) from New England Network, 25 Stow Rd., Foxboro, MA 01719, 978/266-1998, nemw@ma.ultranet.com.

- **“The Forgotten Americans — Homelessness: Progs. & the People They Serve”** is available from HUD: 800/245-2691, www.huduser.org.

Housing

- **“Who Really Gets Home Loans? Year 7: Mortgage Loans to African-American & Low-Income Borrowers in Calif., 1992-98,”** by Kathryn Supinski, Alan Fisher & Kalini Misi (38 pp., Feb. 2000), is available (no price listed) from the Calif. Reinvestment Comm., 474 Valencia St., #110, SF, CA 94103, 415/864-3980.

- **“Making Fair Lending a Reality in the New Millennium,”** by

Amy S. Bogdon & Carol A. Bell, is the 55-page Proceedings of a June 30, 1999 Fannie Mae Foundation Research Roundtable. Available (free) from the Foundation, 4000 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Wash., DC 20016-2804, 202/274-8000, fmpubs@fanniemae.foundation.org.

- **Redlining in NYC:** Sen. Charles Schumer released a study of HUD data on mortgages and refinance lending in 6 comparable white and black neighborhoods in Bklyn., the Bronx & Queens, showing that black neighborhoods are 6 times as likely to rely on predatory lenders as white neighborhoods. Available on the web (schumer.senate.gov) or from us with a SASE.

- **The Housing Information Gateway** contains links to housing-related orgs., literature, events, researchers & a 4000-item bibliography (some with abstracts): www.colorado.edu/plan/housing-info/.

- **“The Relation of Residential Segregation to All-Cause Mortality: A Study in Black & White,”** by Sharon A. Jackson, Roger T. Anderson, Norman J. Johnson & Paul D. Sorlie, appeared in the April 2000 *Am. J. Public Health*. We’ll send a copy of the 3-page study with a SASE. Conclusions: “These results suggest that minority residential segregation may influence mortality risk and underscore the traditional emphasis on the social underpinnings of disease and death.”

- **“Housing Affordability in the Milwaukee Met. Area: A Matter of Income, Race**

& Policy,” by Gregory D. Squires, Sally O’Connor, Michael Grover & James Walrath, appeared in the Fall 1999 *J. Affordable Housing*. Reprints of the 39-page article may be available from Prof. Squires, Dept. Sociology, PO Box 413, Univ. Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI 53201, 404/229-4388.

- **Worst Case Housing Needs:** HUD’s latest iteration, based on 1997 Amer. Hsng. Survey data, can be ordered at www.huduser.org/publications/affhsg/worstcase00.html. 5.4 million households (homeless families & indivs. not included) have incomes below 50% of area median, pay over half their income for housing or live in severely inadequate housing, and receive no housing asst.

- **The Natl. Low Income Housing’s “Advocate’s Guide to Housing & Comm. Dev. Policy”** (2000 ed., 161 pp.) is available (\$25) from the Coal, 1012 14th St. NW, #610, Wash., DC 20005, 202/662-1530, info@nlihc.org.

- **“Housing Our Elders: A Report Card on the Housing Conditions & Needs of Older Americans”** is a 52-page, Nov. 1999 HUD report, available (likely free) from HUD’s Office of Policy Development & Research, Wash., DC 20410-6000.

- **“Rural Rental Housing: HAC’s 1999 State of the Nation’s Rural Housing Report”** (35 pp. + Apps., Jan., 2000.) is available (\$6) from the Housing Asst. Council, 1025 Vermont Ave. NW, #606, Wash.,

DC 20005, 202/842-8600, hac@ruralhome.org.

- **Long Overdue: Desegregation Litigation & Next Steps to End Discrim. & Seg. in the Public Housing & Sec. 8 Existing Housing Programs,”** by (former PRRAC Board member) Florence Wagman Roisman, appeared in Vol. 1, No. 3 (1999) of *Cityscape*. Reprints likely available from Prof. Roisman, Indiana Univ. School of Law, 735 W. New York St., Indianapolis, IN 46202-5914, 317/274-4479, froisman@iupui.edu.

- **“‘Containment’ On the Home Front: Race & Federal Housing Policy from the New Deal to the Cold War,”** by Arnold R. Hirsch, appeared in the Jan. 2000 *J. Urban History*. Reprints of the 32-page article likely are available from Prof. Hirsch, Dept. History, Univ. New Orleans, New Orleans, LA 70148. The article is based on PRRAC-funded research.

- **Predatory Lending:** ACORN has available a packet of materials on this problem. Contact Steven Kest, ACORN, 739 8th St. SE, Wash., DC 20003, 202/547-2500.

- **“Introduction to Predatory Lending Policy”** is a 16-page handbook (n.d.), available (no price listed) from the Comm. Reinvestment Coal. of N. Carolina, 919/667-1557.

- **“Shedding Some Light on Lending: The Effect of Expanded Disclosure Laws on Home Mortgage Marketing, Lending & Discrim. in the NY Met. Area,”** by

Richard D. Marsico, appeared in Vol. 27 of the *Fordham Urban Law J.* (1999). Reprints of the 52-page study are available (\$5) Prof. Marsico, NY Law School, 57 Worth St., NYC, NY 10013, 212/431-2180. A free email copy is available by request: rmarsico@nyls.edu.

- **Opting In: Renewing America's Commitment to Affordable Housing** is a 26-page, April 1999 HUD document, available (likely free) from HUD's Office of Policy Development & Research, Wash., DC 20410-6000.

- **"The Widening Gap: New Findings on Housing Affordability in America"** is a 15-page, Sept. 1999 HUD report, available (likely free) from HUD's Office of Policy Development & Research, Wash., DC 20410-6000.

- **"HOPE VI: Community Building Makes a Difference"** is a 90-page, Feb. 2000 HUD report, available (likely free) from HUD's Office of Public & Indian Housing, Wash., DC 20410-6000.

- **"Outline of How Fed. Housing Progs. Can Help Provide Employment & Trng. Opps. & Support Services to Current & Former Welfare Recipients"** is available from the Ctr. on Budget & Policy Priorities, 202/408-1080; downloadable at www.cbpp.org/1-6-00hous.htm.

- **Natl. Housing Law Proj. Teleconference** on "Changes to Admission, Occupancy & Rent Standards for Public Hsng. & Sec. 8 Progs." will be held **May 16**, 10am (Pac. time). Registration (by May 8) on

their website: www.nhlp.org or asiemens@nhlp.org.

Immigration

- **Organizing Immigrants: The Challenge for Unions in Contemporary California**, ed. Ruth Milkman (272 pp., 2000, \$22.45), is available from ILR Press, Cornell Univ. Press Services, PO Box 6525, 70 Cascadilla St., Ithaca, NY 14851-6525, 607/277-2211, orderbook@cupserv.org.

Rural

- **"Strengthening Our Communities,"** the Housing Assistance Council's Natl. Rural Housing Conf., will be held **Dec. 6-9** in Wash., DC. Inf. from HAC, 1025 Vermont Ave. NW, #606, Wash., DC 20005, 202/842-8600, x108, conference2000@ruralhome.org.

Miscellaneous

- **"The State of the States 2000: Critical Needs, Federal Priorities"** (28 pp., 2000) is available (no price listed) from the Natl. Priorities Proj., 17 New South St., #302, Northampton, MA 01060, 413/584-9556, info@natprior.org.

- **"Resources for Understanding & Challenging the Political Right"** is the 2000 catalog of Political Research Associates, 120 Beacon St., #202, Somerville, MA 02143-4304, 617/661-9313, publiceye@igc.apc.org

- **Field Guide to the Global Economy**, by Sarah Anderson & John Cavanagh, has just been

published by New Press.

- **SALSA** (The Inst. for Policy Studies' Social Action & Leadership School for Activists) has its Spring 2000 class/workshop schedule available. Contact IPS, 733 15th St. NW, #1020, Wash., DC 20005, 202/234-9382, x229.

- **"Are We Ready? - Social Change Philanthropy & the Coming \$10 Trillion Transfer of Wealth"** is a new report available (\$25) from the Natl. Comm. for Responsive Philanthropy, 2001 S St. NW, #620, Wash., DC 20009, 202/387-9177.

- **Reflections on Regionalism**, ed. Bruce Katz, has contributions by (PRRAC Board member) John Powell, (PRRAC Soc. Sci. Adv. Bd. member) Margaret Weir, David Rusk, Kenneth T. Jackson et al. Contact Brookings Press, 800/275-1447.

- **Digital Divide:** "Online Content for Low-Income & Underserved Americans: The Digital Divide's New Frontier," by Wendy Lazarus, is a March 2000 report from The Children's Partnership. For inf., www.childrenspartnership.org.

- **LINK** is "a new, free, easy-to-use internet service introducing nonprofit agencies to university-based researchers seeking research topics." It's based at Stanford: 800/883-7204. Website: www.LINKResearch.org.

- **Census Undercount:** In March, the Presidential members of the US Census Monitoring Board issued a report analyzing the potential effect on the

distrib. of federal funds of an undercount in the 2000 Census. The report is available at www.cmbp.gov.

- **The Alliance for Justice's Annual Report on Its Judicial Selection Project** is available (likely free) from the Alliance, 2000 P St. NW, #712, Wash., DC 20036, 202/822-6070.

- **"Falling Through the Net: Defining the Digital Divide — A Report on the Telecommunications & Inf. Technology Gap in America"** is a 124-page, July 1999 report from the Natl. Telecommunications & Inf. Adm. and the US Dept. of Commerce. Available on NTIA's website (www.ntia.doc.gov) or from their Office of Public Affairs, 202/482-7002.

- **The Preamble Ctr.**, a research, publications & outreach/communications group that takes the Preamble to the US Constitution seriously, has a publications list: 2040 S St. NW, Wash., DC 20009, 202/265-3263.

- **Census Fairness:** The Leadership Conf. on Civil Rights and the Census 2000 Initiative have launched a new website to provide up-to-date inf. on Census 2000 operations & policy issues to comm.-based leaders, census organizers & members of the press: www.censusnetwork.org.

- **Speak Out!** is "the country's *only* natl. not-for-profit speakers & artists agency. Committed to political, econ. & social justice....we seek to move people to action." Catalog available from them at PO Box 99096,

Emeryville, CA 94662,
510/601-0182,
speakout@igc.org.

- **To Establish Justice, To Insure Domestic Tranquility: A 30-Year Update of the Natl. Commission on the Causes & Prevention of Violence** (131 pp., 1999) is available (no price given) from the Milton S. Eisenhower Fdn., 1660 L St. NW, #200, Wash., DC 20036, 202/429-0440.

- **"Perspectives on Regionalism: Opportunities for Community-Based Orgs. to Advance Equity - A Review of Academic & Policy Literature"** (86 pp., Jan. 2000); "Community Based Initiatives: Promoting Regional Equity - Profiles of Innovative Programs from Across the Country" (41 pp., Jan. 2000); "Community-Based Regionalism: California Convening - Proceedings of June 22-23 Meeting" (57 pp., Jan. 2000) all are available (possibly free) from PolicyLink (headed by former PRRAC Board member Angela Blackwell), 101 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94607, 510/663-2333.

- **The Right Guide** (to conservative, free-market & right-of-center orgs.), 4th ed., 450 pp., 2000, is available (\$49.95) from Economics America, 612 Church St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104, 800/878-6141.

- **Congressional Progressive Caucus Alternative Budget:** for inf., and to endorse, contact Tom Vinson, Office of Congressman Peter DeFazio, 2134 RHOB, Wash., DC 20515, 202/225-6416, Tom.Vinson@mail.house.gov.

- **"Breaking the Corporate/Political Monopoly: What Next?"** is the 5th Natl. Independent Politics Summit, **June 1-4**, in Madison. Inf. from the Independent Progressive Politics Network, PO Box 1041, Bloomfield, NJ 07003-9991, 973/338-5398, indpol@igc.org.

- **"The Thinning Metropolis"** will be held **Sept. 8-9**, sponsored by the Cornell Univ. Dept. of City & Reg. Planning. It will cover issues of land use, housing, econ. dev., governance & the environment. Contact Prof. William Goldsmith, wwg1@cornell.edu.

Job Opportunities/ Fellowships/ Grants

- **The Ctr. on Budget & Policy Priorities** is seeking a **Program Assoc.** for its Internatl. Budget Proj. Resume/ltr. to CBPP, 820 First St. NE, #510, Wash., DC 20002, 202/408-1080, center@cbpp.org.

- **Trial Lawyers for Public Justice** is hiring a **Public Interest Lawyer**, a **Consumer Rights Fellow** & a **Communications Director**. Resume/writing sample/refs. to TLPJ, 1717 Mass. Ave. NW, #800, Wash., DC 20036.

- **The Natl. Ctr. on Poverty Law** is filling a **Staff Atty.-Legal Editor** position (f.t. or p.t.). Resume/ltr./short writing sample to Ilze Hirsh, NCPL, 205 W. Monroe St., 2nd flr., Chicago, IL 60606-5013, ilzehirsh@povertylaw.org.

- **The Peace Development Fund** (Amherst, MA) is seeking an **Executive Director**. Contact Egmont Associates, 521 Grove St., Norwell, MA 02061, 781/659-9905, egmont@mediaone.net.

- **The Natl. Low Income Housing Coal.** is seeking a **Legislative Director** & a **Research Director**. Ltr./resume to NLIHC, 1012 14th St. NW, #610, Wash., DC 20005, fax: 202/393-1960.

- **The Joyce Fdn.** is hiring a **Program Officer** for its Education Program. Resume/ltr. to Susan Himmelfarb, 711 Superior St., Oak Park, IL 60302, 708/848-0086.

- **The Ctr. for the Child Care Workforce** is seeking an **Assoc. Dir.** Resume/ltr. to CCCW, 733 15th St. NW, #1037, Wash., DC 20005-2112, fax: 202/737-0370, ccw@ccw.org.

- **The Natl. Women's Law Ctr.** (co-directed by PRRAC Board member Nancy Duff Campbell) has available 2 paid **Health Law Fellowships**, starting Sept. (JD required for one, college degree for other) and a **Public Policy Fellowship** (\$25,000). Ltr./resume/list of refs. (pref. employers or profs.)/2 writing samples to Elena Cohen, NWLC, 11 Dupont Circle NW, #800, Wash., DC 20036, 202/588-5180. They also are seeking a **Grant Writer** (resume to Kris Robinson at above address).

- **The Ctr. for Policy Alternatives** is seeking a **Project Director** for its Community Voices Initiative, providing improved health care

access for the underserved. Ltr./resume to Ann Beaudry, CPA, 1875 Conn. Ave. NW, #710, Wash., DC 20009, 202/387-6030, jlong@cfpa.org

- **LINK**, "a new, free, easy-to-use internet service introducing nonprofit agencies to university-based researchers seeking research topics," is seeking a **Program Associate** & a **Community Outreach Consultant**. Ltr./resume/3 refs. to LINK, 559 Nathan Abbot Way, Stanford Univ. Law School 284, Stanford, CA 94305-8610, 800/883-7204.

- **The Natl. Survey of America's Families:** The Assoc. for Public Policy Analysis & Mgt. is seeking proposals (due by June 9) for small grants (up to \$20,000) to support research for the 2000-2001 academic year to encourage use of this data source. Consult APPAM website: www.appam.org.

- **The Ctr. for Law & Social Policy** (headed by ex-PRRAC Board member Alan Houseman) seeks to fill 2 **Policy Analyst** positions. Job descriptions on their website: www.clasp.org/Internsfellows.html#jobs.

- **Hotel Employees & Restaurant Employees Union** is hiring **Researchers** for organizing campaigns in Cleveland, DC, Phila., LA, Chicago, SF, Boston, Miami, New Haven (\$mid20s-mid30s). Resume/ltr. to HERE, 1219 28th St. NW, Wash., DC 20007-3389, fax: 202/333-6049.

- **ColorLines** magazine is seeking an **Assoc. Editor** (\$30-37,500).

Resume/3 writing samples/3 refs. to Bob Wing, editor, 3781 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94611, colorlines@arc.org.

● **The Open Society Inst.** has an opening for a **Program Officer** for their Access to Justice Prog. Resume/writing sample/list of 3 refs. to Catherine Samuels, OSI, 400 W. 59 St., NYC, NY 10019, 212/548-0600.

● **SEIU** is hiring 4 **Researchers**: Health Care, Building Service, Public Div. (those 3 DC-based) & Health Care (Calif.) — all connected to organizing projects. Resume/writing samples/list of refs. to SEIU Research, 1313 L St. NW, Wash., DC 20005, fax: 202/898-3309.

● **The Ctr. for Campus Organizing** is hiring an **Administrative Director**. Ltr./resume/2 writing samples/partial list of successful grants written/3 refs. to CCO, 165 Friend St., #1, Boston, MA 02114-2025, cco@igc.org.

● **Alternatives for Comm. & Env.** is hiring a **Coordinator** to launch/manage a new member org. to improve public transit (\$30-40,000). Also, a **Bookkeeper/Office Mgr.** (\$23-26,000). Job description from ACE, 2343 Washington St., 2nd flr., Roxbury, MA 02119, 617/442-3343, x23.

● **The Brick Award** honors outstanding leaders under 30 who are successfully strengthening their communities. Big money (\$100,000 Grand Prize, \$10,000 runner-ups). Applications due May 10. Contact Do Something, 423 W. 55 St., 8th flr., NYC, NY 10019, 212/523-1175.

● **The Ctr. on Budget & Policy Priorities** is hiring a **Policy Analyst** for their State Fiscal Proj. Resume/ltr. to CBPP, 820 First St. NE, #510, Wash., DC 20002, McNichol@cbpp.org.

● **We Interrupt This Message**, "an innovative, natl., nonprofit media training ctr. and PR firm

challenging racism & stereotypes in the media," seeks an **Assoc. Dir.** (\$41-44,000). Resume/ltr. to them at 965 Mission St., #220, SF, CA 94103.

● **Conn. Service Employees Assn.** is hiring an **Organizer** (\$24,000) & a **Field Rep./Organizer** (\$24-34,000). Resume to Kevin Brown, SEIU Locals 531/760, 760 Capitol Ave., Hartford, CT 06106, 860/560-8674.

● **The Funding Exchange**, "a natl. network of alternative foundations committed to funding progressive grassroots organizing locally, nationally and internationally," is hiring a **Development Officer** (\$38,000 min.). Ltr./resume to them at 666 Broadway, #500, NYC, NY 10012, 212/529-5300, fexexs@aol.com.

● **The Aspen Inst.** Nonprofit Sector & Philanthropy Prog./Nonprofit Sector Research Fund is seeking a **Communications Mgr.** (\$50-60,000). Ltr./resume

to the Inst., One Dupont Circle NW, #700, Wash., DC 20036.

● **Political Research Associates** is hiring a **Director** (\$45,000) & **Assoc. Research Analyst** (\$32,000). Resume/ltr. to PRA, 120 Beacon St., #202, Somerville, MA 02143, fax: 617/661-0059. More inf. from Jean Hardisty, 617/661-9313.

● **The Assn. of Maternal & Child Health Progs.** is hiring a **Director of Progs. for Women, Chn., Youth & Fams.**, a **Director of Assessment & Assurance Systems** (\$60s-90,000s) & a **Director of Policy & Prog. Dev.** Resume/ltr. to AMCHP, 1220 19th St. NW, #801, Wash., DC 20036.

● **The Los Angeles Comm. Design Ctr.** is seeking an **Asst. Prog. Mgr.** for its New Schools Proj. (\$33-38,000). Resume/ltr./salary history to LACDC, 315 W. 9th St., #410, LA, CA 90015.

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