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National Building Museum Opens In Washington, D.C.

October 24, 1985 marked the official opening of the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C., the only museum in the United States dedicated to past and present accomplishments in American building and design. It is intended to stimulate interest in the quality and beauty of the country's buildings, and to encourage public participation in discussions of the relationship between the built and the natural environments.

The National Building Museum will serve as an information centre to help building and design professionals, students, and researchers find the materials they need on architecture, construction, and building technology used throughout America's history. The museum's documentation centre offers both visual and written archives, including drawings, photographs, models, artifacts, and correspondence concerning buildings of national significance. The museum works in conjunction with other professional groups in the country involved in the building arts to ensure the comprehensive scope of its holdings and programs.

The museum celebrated its inauguration with a major exhibition: "Building a National Image: Architectural Drawings for the American Democracy." The exhibit, which featured 82 architectural renderings of buildings from the late 18th to the early 20th centuries, was supported by United Technologies Corporation, one of the museum's founding members.

The museum also operates a national membership program, offers tours, and publishes a quarterly newsletter, *Blueprints*. For further information, contact the National Building Museum, U.S. Pension Building, Washington, D.C. at (202) 272-2448.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, *Recent Research Results* (November 1985): 4

French City Assembly Clones a Younger Version

A "municipal council of the young," comprised of 27 elected members, works on a consultative basis with the regular city council, comprised of 27 elected members, in the French town of Enghien (pop. 10,000) in the Oise valley. The idea came from mayor Françoise Kohler-Chevrot and won the approval of the council, which arranged for the election of the youth council from among the students of both private and public secondary schools in the community.

Eight members of the youth council, elected by their peers, chair committees and meet one evening a month with members of the regular city council to hear about and discuss the full range of community issues. The full city council takes note in its deliberations of any recommendations transmitted by its members who meet on a regular basis with the youth council committees.

SOURCE: *Public Innovation Abroad* (March 1986).

CONFERENCES

Ad-hoc Committee on Housing and the Built Environment International Sociological Association

The Ad-Hoc Committee on Housing and the Built Environment has organized several sessions and workshops at the New Delhi XIth World Congress of the International Sociological Association August 18-23, 1986. Seventy-five papers have been accepted for presentation at the New Delhi Congress, with emphasis on Third World housing problems. A variety of housing topics will be covered by speakers from such countries as Indonesia, Turkey, Brazil, Korea, Mexico, Japan, U.S.A., Britain, Canada, The Netherlands, France, Switzerland, Italy, Federal Republic of Germany, Poland and Australia. For more information, contact:

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International Conference on Urban Design

"Designs on Montreal: Plans for the Future" will bring together participants to share their expertise and ideas on revitalization of the downtown and inner city, in Montreal, October 9-11, 1986.

In a series of workshops, speakers from across Canada, the United States and Europe will present recent projects outstanding for their urban design quality of their innovative approach to planning, financing and participation of various sectors of the community. Invited speakers will represent government and public sector agencies and private professionals involved in urban development and community

groups. This international conference is organized by the Urban Intervention Group of Montreal together with the Association for the Promotion of Art and Architecture.

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and from a variety of disciplines and will combine a mixture of local and international interests. Subscription rates are \$56.00 per year. For more information, contact:

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PUBLICATIONS

Small Towns Institute

Small Town is the only magazine in the United States and Canada exclusively devoted to covering the issues and problems facing smaller communities. Each bi-monthly issue published by the Small Towns Institute focusses on communities that have helped themselves by devising new and innovative solutions to their problems. Recent articles have discussed how Miamisburg, Ohio, conducted a downtown tenant search; living with the boom/bust economy on Colorado's Western Slope; municipal hydroelectric facilities in New Hampshire; historic preservation as part of a comprehensive development strategy in Lafayette, Indiana; turning a landfill into parkland in Connecticut; etc.

The Small Towns Institute is a growing national network of planning professionals and local leaders who explore new ideas, evaluate the effectiveness of working programs, and share possibilities for the future. For membership and subscription information, contact:

Small Towns Institute
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Third Avenue and Poplar Street
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Housing Studies

Housing Studies is a new quarterly journal devoted solely to housing issues and it will provide a regular source of information and lively debate on and around the subject of housing. The emphasis of *Housing Studies* is on housing in developed economies. It explores the changing nature of housing problems in these societies and the wider economic, political, financial, social and legal issues associated with housing. Each edition will contain articles of varying length

Journal of Planning Literature

A new publication aimed at professional planners began publication in 1986 at the Ohio State University. The *Journal of Planning Literature* is aimed at professional and practicing planners and will carry authoritative review articles on city and regional planning as well as abstracts of books, articles and research reports. Kenneth Pearlman, Chairman of Ohio State's Department of City and Regional Planning and a former editor of the *Journal of the American Planning Association* will serve as editor.

The *Journal of Planning Literature* is published quarterly beginning in January 1986. Individual subscriptions are \$20.00; library and corporate rates are \$38.00 per year. The address for subscription correspondence is Ohio State University Press, 1050 Carmack Road, Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A., 43210-1002. Editorial correspondence should be sent to Professor Pearlman, Department of City and Regional Planning, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A. 43210.

Archives Report

Ian E. Wilson, *Report of the Advisory Committee on Archives* (Ottawa: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, 1986).

The ad hoc Advisory Committee on Archives was appointed by the Social Sciences and Humanities Council of Canada in June 1983 and asked to consider the responses and discussions arising out of the 1980 SSHRC Consultative Group on Archives; resolutions of the 1982 National Archives Congress; and the recommendations of the 1982 Applebaum-Hebert Report on Cultural Policy. The bilingual Wilson Report gives details of the Advisory Committee's deliberations and recommendations. The latter are subdivided under the following headings: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council; The Public Archives of Canada; Canadian Studies Program, Secretary of State; Provinces and Territories; Archival Institutions; and, Professional Concerns. For further information, contact:

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Hamilton Historical Records Guide

The guide, *Historical Records of the City of Hamilton, 1847-1973* by Carolyn Gray, has been prepared to provide researchers with outlines of the principal responsibilities and administrative histories of the civic departments of Hamilton and concise descriptions of historical records retained by the city. No assessment has been made of the long-term or informational value of the material. Funding for the project was provided by the Social Sciences and Humanities of Canada and McMaster University. The 119 page report is available to researchers and libraries free of charge by contacting Professor John C. Weaver, Department of History, McMaster University, 1280 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, L8S 4L9.

Immigrants in Canada and Australia

Volume Three, the last of a three volume series of research reports, *Immigrants in Canada and Australia*, edited by A.H. Richmond and Freda Richmond, examines some of the geographic dimensions of recent immigrant adaptation, including the degree of urbanization of the native and foreign-born populations, the ecological patterns of residential distribution of immigrants in the two metropolitan centres of Melbourne and Toronto, plus an analysis of the significance of immigrant housing preferences for differences in their residential distributions in relation to their countries of origin. Special census tabulations furnished by Statistics Canada and the Australian Bureau of Statistics, provided the basis for an analysis of the extent to which the various birthplace groups differentiated themselves from each other and the native born with respect to their residential location; and, an analysis of the significance of socioeconomic status as a casual factor in the observed patterns of residential segregation in the two metropolitan centres.

Volume 1 — *Demographic Aspects and Education*, by Lakshmana Rao, Anthony H. Richmond and Jerzy Zubrzycki, \$14.00.

Volume 2 — *Economic Adaptation*, by Anthony H. Richmond and Jerzy Zubrzycki, \$10.00.

Volume 3 — *Urban and Ecological Aspects*, by Ian H. Burnley and Warren E. Kalbach, \$8.50.

The books may be ordered from the Institute of Social Research, York University, 4700 Keele Street, North York, Ontario, M3J 2R6.

REPORTS

Dr. Zbigniew Jan Gryz, *Heritage Preservation Among Ethnocultural Communities in Manitoba* (1985), 78 pp., \$10.00. Report No. 12.

This report is a result of a study to determine the state of and interest in heritage preservation among ethnocultural groups in Manitoba. There were 86 ethnocultural organizations surveyed. The size, organization, heritage preservation activities, etc. of 48 ethnic groups are summarized in this report. Gryz also reviews the multicultural policy of the federal government since 1960, a policy that has strengthened the ethnocultural communities in Canada, and has recognized their role in the development of Canadian society.

Sue Corke, Michael Lazarowich, Gregory S. Romanick and Joan Simon, *Granny Flats: A Housing Option for the Elderly* (1986), 44 pp., \$7.00. Report No. 13.

Granny flats were the subject of a workshop offered at the Canadian Urban Studies Conference, held at the University of Winnipeg, August 1985. Susan Corke, Research Officer with the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, provided the provincial government's perspective on granny flats, while Gregory Romanick of the City of Waterloo's Planning Department discussed municipal mechanisms for the development of granny flats. Michael Lazarowich of the School of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Waterloo has been assessing Ontario's granny flat demonstration project to determine user need and satisfaction, and shared his findings. Joan Simon of the Department of Consumer Studies, University of Guelph, presented the prototype granny flat unit which she designed. This report is a collection of the papers presented at the workshop.

Sylvia Goldblatt, Farley Cates and John Phillips, *Housing Canada's Seniors* (1966), 43 pp., \$7.00. Report No. 14.

Population aging has been recognized as a significant social issue. It is attracting the attention of policy-makers and researchers who are concerned with the increasing needs and cost of services critical to an aging population. Housing is one of the many service areas to be addressed. Sylvia Goldblatt, Farley Cates, and John Phillips discussed housing and community planning options at the Canadian Urban Studies Conference, held at the University of Winnipeg in August 1985. Their papers are presented in this report.

Goldblatt reviewed government housing programs currently available to Canadians. Cates presented community development corporations as a delivery model for seniors' housing and Phillips proposed a community planning process which would ensure better distribution and delivery of service to seniors.

Frances Frisken, *Public Transit and the Public Interest: An Empirical Evaluation of Two Administrative Models* (1986), 73 pp., \$10.00. Report No. 15.

Two administrative models have long dominated discussions about the appropriate way to manage publicly-owned urban mass transit systems. One, the independent commission or "public corporation" model, rests on the principle that the public transit agency is in the business of producing a good for sale to those willing to pay the price. It calls for an organizational structure that permits the agency to operate as much as possible like any private firm.

The second model derives from a view of transit as a necessary public service that belongs, with other government services, under the immediate control of locally elected politicians who will ensure that its operations conform to government and community priorities.

This paper bases an examination of some of these assumptions on an extended case study of the transit system that has served the City of Toronto and its suburbs throughout this century.

Lynda H. Newman, *Community Economic Development: An Approach for Urban-Based Economies* (forthcoming 1986), 200 pp., \$16.00. Report No. 16.

In European countries, the United States and to a lesser extent, Canada, there is growing support for economic plan-

ning and decision-making at the municipal or community level. A range of local economic initiatives are emerging including the community economic development approach (CED). CED emphasizes an integration of social, economic and physical development goals; decision-making and implementation by the collective interests of the community; self-help; innovative/alternative development strategies; and use of formalized organizations for focussing and channelling community action. Qualitative, rather than quantitative, goals are emphasized. In 1985, the Institute of Urban Studies completed a study of CED experience in North America for the federal Department of Regional Industrial Expansion. The findings are published in this report.

RESEARCH AND WORKING PAPERS

J. David Hulchanski and Glen Drover, *Housing Subsidies in a Period of Restraint: The Canadian Experience, 1973-1984* (1986), 38 pp., \$7.00. Research and Working Paper No. 16.

The paper documents the shifting pattern of housing subsidies and their distributional impact during a period of restraint. From 1973 and 1984, Canadian housing subsidies were influenced by the practice of government fiscal restraint. In theory, restraint was intended to cover all housing programs in the same way through program cutbacks and curtailment. In reality, the social and private housing sectors were treated quite differently. This paper documents how subsidies on social housing were held to a minimum during the period, while private sector subsidies fluctuated, depending upon market conditions. Data show how private sector subsidies increased dramatically over the ten year period compared to social housing expenditures.