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We would like first of all to ask our readers to excuse us for the delay of this issue of "Newsletter" due to the summer holidays and the organization of many conferences, meeting etc. The present issue is rather different from the others as it will give the reader information which we received after the dead-line for the publication of Social forecasting 1972 of which the "Newsletter" is an up-dating. For this reason we are able to offer more information on organizations or conferences than in other issues and publish "errata corrige" for the same Social forecasting 1972, we are also willing to do so in the future if our readers will indicate other mistakes they would like to see corrected. The "Newsletter" is from this issue connected with "Social Forecasting Abstracts", also published by IRADES, which give information on publications and events held during the current year (it is issued 3 times a year)

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The link between the two publications is as follows

The "Newsletter" offers very recent or future information on publications and events, "Abstracts" offer information about the current year's past publications and events with abstracts, in this way it offers more information but a little later than does the Newsletter

The link is specifically indicated on the present issue by the addition of a synoptic table of events. Many of you may have already received a synoptic table the present one is the follow up of the previous, distributed in Bucharest. We would like to have your reactions to this new service which we are offering the readers of "Newsletter" and which we are willing to carry on. If any of our readers is interested in receiving the previous synoptic table distributed in Bucharest, we are willing to send it

We would like to underline that the Newsletter is not simply a mean of information but a way of intercommunication, a service between the people that send the information and the people who receive it

This publication is a letter through which all may communicate to all

1) Any information which it is considered to be of particular interest and relevance to the efforts now being made to anticipate needs, means appropriate goals and to our emerging world community

2) Any idea it is useful to exchange with others, of concerning which information is required

The editing group will always be glad to meet any of the readers who happen to pass through Rome

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ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL FUTURIBLES (up-date pag 81 of Social Forecasting 1972) on the 22nd of June 1972 Prof M Pierre Piganol has been elected *President* of the Association Internationale Futuribles

(Further inf Maison de Futuribles, 52 rue des Saints Peres, Paris VIIe, France)

**THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERDISCIPLINARY SOCIAL SCIENCES,
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA, TAMPA, FLORIDA**

(add to pag 200 of Social Forecasting 1972)

The general purpose has been to provide two kinds of intellectually integrative curricula. These have been 1) courses that make use of the "convergence approach" and 2) area studies courses

The "convergence approach" involves the following basic considerations

- 1 a problem or phenomenon under study possesses aspects that are customarily dealt with separately by different, academic specialties,
- 2 information is drawn from these separate specialties that shed some light on the problem under review,
- 3 an attempt is then made to show not only the relationship of the segments of information used to one another but — what is more important — an attempt is also made to show the sense in which all the information selected 'converges' on an effort to understand the problem or phenomenon as fully as possible, and finally
- 4 an effort is made to bring out the sense in which the problem under focus is related to other important problems and phenomena, generally thought of as quite independent of one another

One major task in this fourth step is to show that we are really dealing with an envelope of problems

The content of these courses will be found illustrated in the following volume *Ventures in Social Interpretation* (Appleton — century — Crofts, Inc 1968, 551pp) The rationale for the convergence approach is dealt with in the following work *Education and Culture in the Complex Society*

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(University of South Florida 1971, 252 pp) The area studies courses, dealing with one or more countries of a given region, select and emphasize subject matter from the following topics its history, its people and their cultures, its social psychology and national characteristics, its resources, its economic and industrial characteristics, its literature, religion and dominant values, its political framework and outlook, its social structure and its current problems

(Further inf Henry Winthrop, Department of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, University of South Florida Tampa, Florida 33620, USA)

FORECASTING RESEARCH CENTER, Technical University of Wroclaw, Wroclaw, Poland Scope of research methodology of exploratory and normative forecasting, technological forecasts, applied research on integrated systems of forecasting and planning, R and D long-term planning Publications Bulletins of FRC, Papers on Science of Science and Forecasting (quarterly -- in Polish with English abstracts) Head Karol I Pelc

(Further inf Forecasting Research Center, Wroclaw, Wybrzeze Wyspianskiego 27, Poland, ph central 25021, 27041, 27051, ext 268 and 896, direct 23245)

INSTITUTE FOR FUTURE STUDIES (IFS), established in 1969 by Academy for Research on Futures in Denmark The Danish Institute for Future Studies was established explicitly to provide institutional means for the advancement of research of particular interest for the Danish business world Further more it is to provide industry with information and documentation Three projects have already been undertaken in the spring of 1972 a project named Perspectives for Danish Foreign Trade was published Two projects, What do Danes want to eat in 1980? by Peder Helms, M D and Manpower Needs in Industry by Hans Andersen, M S (eng) are in the process of being published The Institute is headed by a 10 man board of

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directors, half of which is elected by the Academy for Research on Futures, the other half till now provide the main financial source for the Institute The board is headed by former-secretary-general of OECD, Thorkil Kristensen, with Niels Ivar Bech in charge of the daily activities

(Further inf IFS - Institute for Future Studies, Vester Farimagsgade 3, 1, DK-1606 Copenhagen V, Denmark)

KOREA INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (KIST)

(add to pag 303 of Social Forecasting 1972)

Founded in 1968

President Sang Joon Hahn

Vice-president Jae Hyun Yang - Man Yung Chung

(Further inf Korea Institute of Society and Technology, 39 - 1 Hawolgok - Dong, Sumgbuk-Ku-Seul)

PLANNING RESEARCH UNIT (PRU)

Operates within Department of Urban Design, Regional Planning, University of Edinburgh

Founded in 1962, Edinburgh

Public, non profit

Aims to involve comprehensive analytical techniques in the urban and regional planning process, through interdisciplinary research, *is interested in* urban and regional planning with activities of research, training, promotion and information, directed towards Central and local government

Among others projects undertaken

- Preparation of a threshold Analysis handbook for application in comprehensive Planning in Developing Countries October 1971 - September 1972

- Publications* – Planning for Disabled people in the Urban Environment, Planning Research Unit, Ekistics, September 1971,
 – The Place and Role of Threshold Analysis in the Model Planning Process, J Kozlowski, Ekistics, November 1971,
 – Planning Research and Developing Techniques in Britain, paper presented by Richard T Bigwood at the second Warsaw/Edinburgh Conference on Planning Research, Warsaw, Poland, November 1971,
 – Some aspects of British Planning Practise and Techniques course of twenty lectures given to Brazillian Planners in Rio de Janeiro by R T Bigwood, in 1971,
 – Threshold Analysis Theoretical Background, Evaluation and Development, J Kozlowski with J T Hughes and R Brown, report prepared by James Hope in August 1971 for the Social Sciences Research Council,
 – Annual Report Research Activities of the Planning Research Unit prepared by Professor P Johnson Marshall and R T Bigwood for the Leverhulme Trust, August 1971,
 – Threshold Analysis in Developing Countries Report prepared by Richard T Bigwood with Jurek Kozlowski and R Brown, January 1972, for United Nations Organisation, New York,
 – Planning Workshop on the Application of Threshold Analysis Background Papers and Assumptions, by J Kozlowski, R Brown, N Famelis, J T Hughes edited by R T Bigwood, March 1972,
 – Threshold Analysis in Developing Countries R T Bigwood, R Brown, S Subiotto, May 1972,
 – An Outline Version of Threshold Analysis Handbook for Application to Comprensive Planning Practise in Developing Countries R Bigwood, J Kozlowski, R Brown, S Subiotto, May 1972,
 – Annual report Research Activities of the Planning Research Unit P J Marshall & R Bigwood, August 1972

President Percy Johnson Marshall

Director Richard T Bigwood

(Further inf 57 George Square, Edinburgh EH8 9JU, Scotland)

SOCIETE' D'ETUDES ET DE DOCUMENTATION ECONOMIQUES INDUSTRIELLES ET SOCIALES (SEDEIS) *(Society for Studies and for Documentation in Industrial and Social Fields)*

President Bertrand de Jouvenel

Director Helene de Jouvenel

General Secretary Hugues de Jouvenel

Please add on p 139 of Social Forecasting 1972

(Further inf SEDEIS, 52 rue des Saints Peres, Paris VIIe, France, ph 548-50-53)

SWISS ASSOCIATION FOR THE FUTURE RESEARCH(SZF)

Founded in 1970 in Zurich

(add to pag 360 in Social Forecasting 1972)

Activities a first annual meeting in February 1971 in Ruschlikon (Zurich) devoted to the problem of the future development of Switzerland

The proceedings were published in the following Book P Dubach and B Fritsch (ed) Zukunft Schweiz Berziger Verlag, Zurich, Koln 1971, a second annual meeting was held in April 1972 also in Ruschlikon (Zurich) on the general subject Public Participation in Planning in a Democracy, the proceedings and papers of this meeting have been published in the 1972 Year Book of Association Suisse de Science Politique

Two permanent working groups were established

– Working Group on New Technologies (Chairman Paul Dubach)

– Working group on Social Goals with a subgroup on environmental problems (Chairman Dr W Bodmer, Zurich)

President Prof Dr B Fritsch

Executive Committee P Dubach (Wetzikon), Dr A Gnehm (Magden), Dr G Kocher (Zurich), Dr R Koller (Zurich)

Secretariat Dr Dieter von Schulthess (Zurich)

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PROF SAMUEL N BAR-ZAKAY

(correct pag, 430 of Social Forecasting 1972)

instead of "He set up" The Center for Technological and interdisciplinary forecasting at Tel-Aviv University "he was asked to help set up"

RACHEL ELBOIM DROR

(substitute to pag 430 of Social Forecasting 1972)

Laszow, Poland, 1931

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Previous activities lecturer and tutor in Retraining Department of School of Education of Hebrew University, external teacher in Educational Administration, School of Education, Hebrew University, Lecturer in Educational Administration at Hebrew University, research and consultation study on the structure of the Youth Department of the Ministry of Education and Culture, member of Research Committee for study on higher education planning in Israel; member of Educational Administration Committee of Israeli management center, coordinator of faculty Seminar of School of Education on Reform of the Structure of Israeli education system, consultant on educational administration to administrative college, Tel-Aviv, consultant to inservice of Ministry of Education and Culture,

Present activities research on theory of educational administration, member Educational Planning Committee, Van Leer Foundation, Jerusalem,

Research Images of Educational Futures by School Inspectors in Israel, supported by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem,

Author of The Resistance to Change of Educational Administration, in Futures, September 1971, The Management System Education and Staff Relations, in Educational Administration and History, 1971, contributes to Futures and to Journal of Educational Administration

(Further inf 48 Shimon Str , Jerusalem, Israel)

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(p 388 Social Forecasting 1972)

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(information added to Newsletter n 4 and pag 428 of Social Forecasting 1972)

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Present activities sociological research, child rearing and futurology, futurology and the developing countries, ecological research

Cooperates to Indian Institute of Human Science, director, University of Calcutta, Professor International Sociological Association, Milan, Italy, member of the research Committee

Research Language and futurology, Calcutta in the Year 2000

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SAN JOON HAHN

(please substitute to pag 437 Social Forecasting 1972)

Choong Nam, Korea, 1921

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DENNIS LIVINGSTON is initiating a curriculum development consulting service in education for alternative world futures. Based on his own experiences during eight years of university teaching, he will share his ideas, contacts, bibliographies, and other information in lectures, seminars, or brainstorming sessions with teachers and students involved in or planning courses of programs in the subjects of world order and peace studies, political futuristics, science fiction and utopias, and science, technology and society. He is also available for public lectures on these subjects.

(Further inf Dennis Livingston, 2640 Dartmoor Rd, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118 or (216) 932-3334, USA)

COMPUTER COMMUNICATIONS was an international congress held in Washington D C on October 24 26, 1972 and organized by F M Trapnell T C Hudson Associates Limited, 28 Crowford Street, London W1H 1PL, UK

L'ETUDE ET L'AMENAGEMENT DU MILIEU NATUREL (*Study and Organization of the Natural Environment*) is a post-graduate course organized in Paris, Toulouse, Montpellier, in 1972-1973 by the Commission française pour l'UNESCO

(Further inf UNESCO, Place de Fontenoy, Paris, France)

FUTURE OF CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, some twenty futurologists and research workers, specialized in different fields, coming from some ten different countries, met in France at the Centre for studies for the future, which has been set up on the site of the former royal salt mines at Arc et Senans (Doubs), and a European Symposium on prospective cultural development was held from 7th to 11st of April 1972

The participants issued a final statement in which they submit the proposals on the following themes

Industrial development What is the Future? Culture at the Crossroads

A new Approach The participants concluded that a reversal of policy is made necessary with the following aims in view

- to replace passive consumption by individual creativity,
- to break the constrictive hold of technology so as to allow room for human responsibility
- to replace democratisation of inherited or elitist culture by diversity of cultural expression founded in social pluralism
- to give priority to restoring harmony between man and his environment
- to substitute for a cultural system aimed at reproducing the present state of

affairs a system directed towards protecting — including protection in political and technical terms — groups and individuals whose creative abilities offer the best means of coping with the situations created by the shock effect of the future

The meeting was prepared by the Foundation for Cultural Development the European Cultural Foundation and with the participation of the Council of Europe and the French Ministry for Cultural Affairs

(Further inf Fondation pour le Developpement Culturel, 8, rue de la Cossonnerie, Paris I, France)

THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION IN EUROPEAN SOCIETY is a seminar held in York (UK) from the 3rd to the 7th of October 1972 organized by Fondation Europeenne de la Culture within project n 1 on Educating man for the 21st century

(Further inf Fondation Europeenne de la Culture, Jan van Goyenkade 5, Amsterdam 1007, The Netherlands)

L'INFORMAZIONE E LO SVILUPPO DEI POPOLI (*Information and Development of People*) is a conference organized at Recoaro Terme on September 7-10, 1972 by Centro Studi "Nicolò Rezzara"

papers — L'informazione come strumento di partecipazione allo sviluppo (Information as a tool of participation to development),

— L'incidenza dell'informazione nello sviluppo sociale, tecnico ed economico dei popoli (The incidence of information in social, technological and economic development of people)

— Libertà e diritto all'informazione (Freedom and the right to information)

(Further inf. Centro Studi Nicolò Rezzara, Contra della Grazia 12, 36100 Vicenza)

AN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK is to be demonstrated at October 1972 ASIS Annual Meeting Funding received from National Science Foundation

(Further inf ASIS, American Society for Information Science, 1140 Connecticut Avenue N W Suite 804 Washington D C 20036 USA)

MANAGEMENT'S COMMITMENT IN BUILDING THE WORLD OF TOMORROW is the world meeting organized in Munich on October 23-26, 1972 by CIOS

Papers on Management and the Basic Trends of Socio-economic Development, Management's tasks and Methods in different socio-economic Systems, The Human Dimension in Management, Modern Management Methods and Techniques, Learning and Training Prerequisites for Attaining Management Objectives

(Further inf CIOS, D-6000, Frankfurt am Main, 8 Postfach 119193, Germany)

RESOURCES AND THE TERRITORY FULCRUM OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROGRESS was a meeting held in Rome by the Italian Society for International Organization in cooperation with U N for socio-economic information Were present among others; Edward Goldsmith, David Woods, Aurelio Peccei

(Further inf SIOI, Societa Italiana per l'Organizzazione Internazionale, Via san Marco 3, Palazzetto Venezia, 00186 Roma Italy)

THE SILVER ANNIVERSARY YEAR MEETING was held at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis on August 27 September 1, 1972, and organized by AIBS

Among the papers

– Technology versus ecology is there a need for confrontation?

The effects of technology on science of ecology

The close collaboration between ecologists and technologists in preparing environment impact statements and the development of non-polluting technologies

– An AIBS multi-media theatre presented several programs currently being used in biological education Workshops will be conducted to teach multi-media techniques, including photography, sound track production, programming, project control and topics of special interest in biological teaching

(Further inf "Care of AIBS Meeting" Coffman Memorial Union, University of Minnesota Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55455 USA)

The Third World Future Research Conference was held in Bucharest from the 3rd to the 10th of September on the theme **THE COMMON FUTURE OF MAN**, and was inaugurated by the President, State Council of the Socialist Republic of Romania, Nicolae Ceausescu The conference was organized by the Continuing Committee of the World Future Research Conference, President Bertand de Jouvenel, and the Romanian Organizing Committee, President Manea Manescu

The themes of the plenary sessions were the following

– The Role of Science in Social Innovation

– Methods to Approach the Future

– Debate on the program of the United Nations Commission for the Future (UNITAR)

– The Social Responsibility of Future Research

– Representations of Different Peoples on their own Futures
– The Future of Consumption, a joint debate with the International Marketing Federation

– Education for the Future

– Social Position and the Image of the Future

– Creativity of the Common Man

– Future Research A Second Look

The working groups were the following

1 Mathematical Methods in Future Research

2 Models of International Relations

3 Long-range Ecological Policy

4 Research and Action in the Study and Shaping of the Future

5 The Future of Developing Countries

6 Social Prognosis, Scientific and Cultural Prognosis

7 New Concepts of Growth and Future of Economy

8 Communication Working Group

– A Round Table on the Future of Youth and Youth of the Future was also organized under the auspices of the Minister of Youth

– An exhibition of World Literature in Future Research was also held and a round table on Informations and Documentation in Future Studies organized by the Center for Information and Documentation in Social and Political Sciences

– A working meeting was held of the Futurology Commission of the International Sociological Association

– A plenary was also held on the proposal for a World Future Association

– A round table on the future and the aged was organized by the International Gerontology Association

– The participants were about 550 including participants of the International Marketing Federation whose members met during the Conference

– An information Bulletin was issued every day with details of proceedings and interviews to the participants

(Further inf Prof Pavel Apostol, 212 A Str Galati, Bucharest 9, Romania)

EVENTS

meetings, courses, lectures, exhibitions

PRIMO CONVEGNO INTERNAZIONALE PER L'INFORMAZIONE SOCIALE (*First International Conference on Social Information*) is being organized on November 30 – December 2, 1972, at Saint-Vincent by Regione Autonoma della Valle d'Aosta, Assessorato della Sanità e Assistenza Sociale *Among Papers* L'informazione sociale per lo sviluppo dei servizi sociali (Social Information for the Development of Social Services)

(*Further inf* Regione Autonoma della Valle d'Aosta, *Valle d'Aosta, Italy*)

Synoptic table to be added to the synoptic table published in August 1972
as an appendix of Social Forecasting 1972

DATE	THEME	PLACE	ORGANIZERS
1972			
April			
7-11	<i>Future of Cultural Development</i>	Arc et-Senans (France)	Fondation Européenne de la Culture Fondation pour le Développement Culturel
July			
23-28	<i>Energy Technologies for the Future</i>	Vermont Academy, Saxton Rivers, Vt (USA)	Engineering Foundation
23-28	<i>Technology Assessment Methodologies</i>	New England College, Henniker, NH (USA)	Engineering Foundation
27-1 August	<i>L'uomo nella scuola del futuro</i> (Man in the School of the Future)	Hohenheim (Germany)	SIESC

DATE	THEME	PLACE	ORGANIZERS
August			
21-25	<i>6th International Conference on Optional Research</i>	Dublin (Ireland)	AFCEET - Association Française pour la Cybernétique Economique et Technique
25-5 Sept	<i>La crise de la société urbaine</i> (The Crisis of the Urban Society)	Alpach (Austria)	Osterreichisches College, Reichstratstrasse
27-1 Sept	<i>The Silver Anniversary Year Meeting</i>	Minneapolis (USA)	AIBS
September			
3-5	<i>Energy and Umanity Production World Resources, Short and Long-Term Human Needs, Syde-Effects, By-Products</i>	London (UK)	The International Society for Social Responsibility in Science
7-10	<i>L'informazione e lo sviluppo dei popoli</i> (Information and Development of People)	Recoaro Terme (Italy)	Centro Studi "Nicola Rezzara"
October			
11-13	<i>Water Pollution Research Laboratory Open Days</i>	Stevenage (UK)	Water Pollution Research Laboratory
11-15	<i>Management Horizon 80</i>	Paris (France)	Institut national de gestion previsionnelle et de contrôle de gestion
18-29	<i>Technology Assessment</i>	Gargnano (Italy)	Nato Advanced Study Institute Technology Assessment
6-7	<i>Management in evoluzione</i> (Management in Evolution)	Bar (Italy)	ISEO
23-26	<i>1972 Annual Meeting of the American Society for Information Science A World of Information</i>	Washington (USA)	American Society for Information Science - ASIS
24-26	<i>Computers Systems and Technology</i>	London (UK)	Conference Department, Institution of Electronic and Radio Engineers

DATE	THEME	PLACE	ORGANIZERS
24-26 November	<i>C o m p u t e r Communications</i>	Washington	Hudson Associates Limited
30-2 Dec	<i>Primo convegno internazionale per l'informazione sociale (First International Conference on Social Information)</i>	Saint Vincent (Italy)	Regione Autonoma della Valle d'Aosta Assessorato della Sanita e Assistenza Sociale
1973			
March	<i>Environment</i>	Vienna (Austria)	European Council
May			
4-10	<i>First International Congress</i>	Netherlands	The International Society for Technology Assessment

DATE	THEME	PLACE	ORGANIZERS
June			
	<i>Prima conferenza nazionale sull'ambiente (First National Environment Conference)</i>	Urbino (Italy)	TECNECO
September			
25-30	<i>Human Needs, New Societies, Supportive Technologies</i>	Rome (Italy)	Continuing Committee World Future Research Conferences and IRADES

DATE	THEME	PLACE	ORGANIZERS
1974	III World Conference on Population	New York (USA)	United Nations, Population Division

N B Many important conferences held in 1972 will not be found in this synoptic table since they have already been inserted in the synoptic table published in August 1972 as an appendix of Social Forecasting 1972

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN CITY DECISION MAKING is the title of a new and experimental Unit being prepared by Simon Nicholson of the Faculty of Technology (Design) at the Open University, and Barbara Katharina Schreiner of the Oxford Polytechnic. The Unit will discuss the process of community participation and involvement in all aspects of the design process and will give case-studies drawn from societies world-wide. The Unit is a part of the courses DT 201 "Urban Development", to be offered by the Open University in 1973.

(Further inf Simon Nicholson, Treetops, Bayswater Road, Headington, Oxford, UK)

For a bibliography of the *publications* produced by members of the **DEPARTMENT OF INTERDISCIPLINARY SOCIAL SCIENCES**, the reader should consult the following: Henry Wintrop, Bibliography of Publications, 1942-1971, Tampa, Florida University of South Florida August 1971 pp 49

A PROJECT OF COOPERATION IN DOCUMENTATION AND INFORMATION IN THE FIELD OF FORECASTING has been developed by IRADES since 1970 when experts from various countries met in Rome feeling the need of coordinating and exchanging information in the field, other meetings were held and the project is now being developed.

(Further inf IRADES, Via Pasiello 6, Roma, Italy)

RESEARCH NEEDED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MINIMAL ETHICS BY MANKIND

Archie J Bahm, Professor of Philosophy, University of New Mexico,

Albuquerque, N M 87106 stresses the need for a research programme designed to reduce dangers due to destructive diversity or beliefs about diversity, he underlines the fact that in such a research programme five steps may be followed

- 1 Discover existing similarities
- 2 Discover complementarity of opposites
- 3 Discover the values of non destructive differences
- 4 Discover destructive differences
- 5 Discover possibilities for additional unities

(Further inf Prof Archie J Bahm, University of New Mexico, 1915 Las Lomas Rd N E Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106, USA)

A supplement to Chroniques d'actualites published by SEDEIS, 52, rue des Saints Pères, 75 Paris VIIe, has been issued for the first time in July-August 1972. **LES ACTUALITES PROSPECTIVES**, it is a bulletin of forecasting information and it is pluridisciplinary. The issue is centered on "Le cas de l'environnement" (The case of environment) giving a report of the Stockholm Conference in June 1972 and other news on the subject with also brief indication of publications and conferences

(Further inf SEDEIS, 52 rue des Saints Peres 75 Paris VIIe, France)

PROF SAMUEL N BAR-ZAKAY

(please correct pag, 17 and 19 Newsletter 7 as follows)

Composite 1972-1982 to be published in 1973 by the Center for Technological and Interdisciplinary Forecasting, Tel-Aviv University, Israel
Lasers 1972-1982 to be published in 1973 by the Center for Technological and Interdisciplinary Forecasting, Tel-Aviv University Israel
Technology Transfer Model, Technological Forecasting and Social Change, 1971 carried out by Samuel N Bar-Zakay

(Further inf Center for Technological and Interdisciplinary Forecasting, Tel-Aviv University, Ramat Aviv, Israel)

THE CENTER FOR ECONOMIC RESEARCH AT THE SWISS FEDERAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ZURICH has published the following two volumes study **WORD TRADE FLOWS, INTEGRATIONAL STRUCTURE AND CONDITIONAL FORECASTS**

(Further inf Center for Economic Research, Scheuchzerstrasse 68, 8006 Zurich, Swiss)

PAUL DUBACH and **B FRITSCH** at the 3rd World Congress for the Future Research have submitted the following paper **THE PARTICIPATION-INFORMATION-FEEDBACK IN DEMOCRATIC DECISION PROCESS**

(Further inf Dr B Fritsch, Scheuchzerstrasse 68, 8006 Zurich, Swiss)

XOSE' MARIA FRANCO, "PROCESO DINAMICO DEL DERECHO EN VENEZUELA DEL FUTURO" SIC, Centro Gumilla XXXIV, 332, February 1972

(Further inf Xose Maria Franco, Centro de Estudios del Futuro de Venezuela, Universidad Catolica Andres Bello, Apartado 29068, Caracas, Venezuela)

THE INSTITUTE FOR THE FUTURE, non profit research organization in Menlo Park, California, has recently published a 124 page report entitled **ON THE FUTURE STATE OF THE UNION**, which was been written and compiled by its director of research, **DR OLAF HELMER**, and which is based in part on a number of separate investigations carried out at the Institute during the past few years

The report contains a brief analysis of the role of social indicators and satisfaction indices in describing and comparing possible alternative futures Included also is a list of a large number of potential future developments in science and technology, demography, social institutions, and changing values These forecasts are presented as probability estimates for the period from the present to the turn of the century The author takes into account many of today's dominant social issues as well as potential catastrophes and what he calls "anti-catastrophes" He enumerates important opportunities for our future and specifies significant choices which society will be making either by

deliberate planning or by default Among these choices are those between a full employment economy and a leisure economy, between war as an instrument of foreign policy and the obsolescence of war, between centralized and decentralized government, between bigger cities and new cities and between the old and a new vision of "the good life"

Three different scenarios for America's next thirty years are included in this volume, which also contains the description of a technical game designed to facilitate the study of other options with which our society may be confronted and to aid in the devising of additional plausible scenarios The game is intended for classroom use

The research upon which this report is based was in part supported by the Russell Sage Foundation

(Further inf Institute for the Future, 2725 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park, California 94025, USA)

PUBLICATIONS OF PLAN EUROPE 2000

DIE ZUKUNFT DES EUROPAISCHEN BILDUNGSWESENS (Friedrich Edding, Goupe 2000, Jan Tinbergen) Verlag Moritz Diesterweg, Frankfurt (publication foreseen in September)

POSSIBLE FUTURES OF EUROPEAN EDUCATION (F Edding, J Tinbergen, B Hake) M Nijhoff, The Hague (forthcoming)

For other publications see Newsletter, n 3 and 4

(Further inf Fondation Europeenne de la Culture, Jan Van Goyenkade 5 Amsterdam - 1007, The Netherlands)

RATTRAY TAYLOR, G RETHINK A PARAPRIMITIVE SOLUTION

Secker and Warburg, 1972 (For subsequent publication by Calmann-Levy,

Fischer Verlag and Dutton)

A study of the forces determining the nature of society and consideration of how it would be possible to bring about a society combining the more desirable features of a primitive society with the more desirable aspects of technology

(Further inf G Rattray Taylor, The Hall, Freshford, Bath BA3 6EJ, UK)

The March number 1972 of "Les livres et l'économie" presents a critical analysis and documentation on **LES RECHERCHES SUR LE FUTURE** (*Futures esearch by Jean-Pierre Forget*)

(Further inf Les livres et l'économie, 17 rue de la Felicite, Paris 17e, France)

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