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NEW HOPE COMMUNITY BREAKS GROUND IN FEBRUARY 1985

Jim Wyker

Many years of planning, experimenting and testing have culminated in New Hope Community. With members, funds and co-workers, we begin construction of homes and apartments on 114 acres of beautiful rolling hills near Berea, Kentucky in 1985. Here a group of eventually 300 persons will live and work in a way that for us solves most of our personal, economic, political and social problems. We are developing a human economy within the present exploitative one.

We will have our own land in trust, produce our own food, build our own homes, fish and swim in our own ponds, educate our children, sing and dance in our own festivals. We will develop interaction of intimacy and togetherness. All this for less cash expenditure than most of now spend in traditional living. It will be a satisfying life style, developing our bodies, minds and feelings.

A Beloved Community

New Hope will become a community, six-in-one cooperative, implementing scriptural goals: New Hope:

"When I was hungry,	The Community Land
you fed me	Trust
When thirsty, you	Well and irrigation
gave me drink,	co-op
A stranger and you	Housing co-op
took me in;	
When I was naked you	Clothing co-op
clothed me,	
Sick and you came unto	Health co-op
me;	
In prison, and you	Credit co-op
visited me.	

The Current American economy is very shaky; land is always the best security.

*Jim Wyker has been a concerned and active member of School of Living since 1950. He and New Hope have our interest and cooperation.--Ed.

New Hope land will be in trust, to be used by the whole group. Every member, including children, will understand how food becomes blood, nerve, bone and muscle cells in the body. Every member can train in crafts --carpentry, repairing, mechanics; and in arts - sketching, painting, writing, drama, music, dance; and in swimming, tennis, hiking etc.

Our sensible economy is best described in our New Hope Manual - \$3.00 a copy. Any person, whether or not he/she plans to live in New Hope, can loan to our treasury. Persons approaching retirement are responding to our plan. Anyone loaning to New Hope receives no interest, but they can live rent-free in a New Hope home or apartment. Their loans are refunded on their departure or death. If one does not loan, he can pay rent (rather than purchase-price) on a living unit. Note that our financing and economy eliminate inflation. There will be no usury, profit or income tax. It reduces an average person's expense of living by \$7000 per worker, when compared with an average expenditure 'outside' the community.

Architects and engineers have tramped over our farm, and have sketched solar-oriented homes and apartments. For singles and couples, a long row of apartments will stretch along a covered walk connected with a community hall and dining room. Homes for families with children are clustered nearby, around our school with trained Montessori teachers.

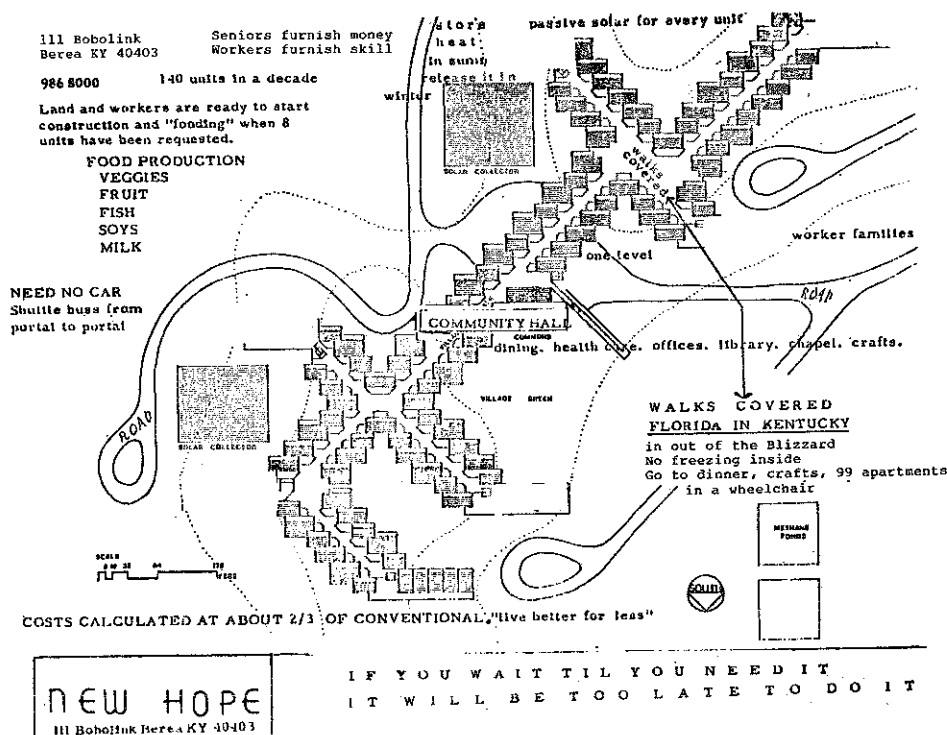
In each home and apartment is a kitchenette where families will prepare breakfasts and suppers. Everyone shares a substantial noonday meal in the Community Hall, provided by a food crew, directed by a trained nutritionist. Our food will be primarily veggies and fruit from our high-humus soil.

Community Hall will be the center for much of our common activity. It will be built for crafts, laundry, office, study, visitors, and clinic. Best of all, it will be the center for our daily two-hour gathering at noon. Here we will share a delicious meal, and more; discuss policy, hear reports, make decisions. Here people can be bonded in unity and harmony. Woes and sorrow can mingle gently with empathy and care; despair can be lessened by group affirmation;

Loneliness can be lost in mutual achievement.

In scores of ways, New Hope will implement its major goal -- putting the personal and human above "material things". New Hope seeks quality of living over quantity of goods.

Our expectation is that New Hope can be duplicated by others who strive for human life-styles in just and creative communities.



SCHOOL OF LIVING MEMBERS ASSESS NEW HOPE COMMUNITY

Tom Greco, School of Living trustee. Mildred Loomis and True Marks, staff members, spent Sept. 9-11 in Berea, Ky., with friends and members of New Hope Community. We were guests in Jim Wyker's home, Bobolink, Berea; and of Mrs. Edith Ambrose, wife of a former Berea College professor. We enjoyed continual discussion with a score of other local people.

John Capillo, who will head the building crew, and his wife Terry (to direct children's education) shared suggestions and proposals. We admired the beautiful solar home of Dr. Frank Gailey, professor of biology at Berea College and his shelves of books on all problems of living. We were delighted to recall that Dr. Gailey subscribed to SoL Interpreter in the 1940's and 1950's.

We picniced at the farm; we reviewed the 28 principles and practices of New Hope, which implement humane answers to most of SoL universal problems of living; we tramped in Kentucky blue grass, noting that the farm in question has been awarded a prize in conservation; we envisioned blue prints come into reality. Plans for combining or federating SoL and New Hope began to emerge. A sturdy tobacco barn could be remodeled into adequate SoL headquarters. School of Living could be the educational arm, and New Hope the functioning demonstration of 'optimum living'.

School of Living trustees on Sept. 25, approved further testing of a merger. Bill Camargo plans to survey New Hope shortly. Mildred Loomis has become one of 10 pledgers of \$5000 to secure the land. Her stroke may postpone her move to Berea until next summer.

Mildred J. Loomis
excerpted from Education and Living by
Ralph Borsodi, 1948

"The American system is rooted in decentralization, the primary and vital idea of which is that local affairs shall be managed by local authorities, and general affairs only by the central authority. "--T. M. Cooley, "Constitutional Limitations."

Between the local communities and the world as a whole there are regions -- entities larger than a locality, and of course smaller than the whole earth.

But if the concept of region and the consideration of the organization and composition of regional entities is not to be confused with the vague abstraction society, we must be clear on what a region is composed of, and how it differs from other human organizations and institutions.

A region is essentially geographic, and its composition will rest on groups or congregations of people which transcend the local community but do not include the people of the whole globe. To grasp the concept of region is to realize the tragic absurdity of nation. This error, which has plunged the modern world into war after war and which is now undermining what we still have left of freedom and natural rights, has been the acceptance of Nationalism*, along with teaching patriotic devotion to the essentially irrational entities called nations.

Regionalism

To see why Regionalism really solves problems which Nationalism not only has failed, but by its very nature cannot solve properly, we must assign two crucial and related public functions among various alternative local, regional and international-global entities.

1. Partition of the earth - i.e., the division of territory and allotment of land, and

2. Enforcement of law - the protection of persons against violence and their property-possession against theft or misappropriation.

*Nationalism is self contradictory; it ceases being national (if not authoritarian) in its operation and method. But Regionalism is administration of specified and limited functions by delegated and federated authorities. It is functional in both organization and method.

Both of these are functions which are being fulfilled, and which in the history of mankind, will probably always be fulfilled by an organized government of some kind. The simplest disposition of these two public functions is to assign them to nations. This is a centralist solution--to which Communist Russia, Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy and other despotic and totalitarian governments naturally resort.

This is the solution of those who believe with Thomas Hobbes in the necessity of strong government because of the innate bestiality of mankind...And this is the solution to which we, in nominally free America, have turned and are turning, as we lose our faith in the responsibility of the individual. We change the Republic bequeathed to us into an apparently paternal Welfare State; we transfer power from our states and local communities to what R. H. Tawney expressively called the 'omni-competent state'.

Partition of The Earth

Proper solution of furnishing access to the earth is not, however, simple. An over-simple solution, such as centering sovereignty in the nation, is ipso facto wrong.

Partition should be in accord with the nature of land and the wishes of the people. It thus becomes a two-fold problem involving Dividing whole regions of the earth among populations larger than mere communities (where people know each other) and Alloting of smaller parcels or plots among families, corporations and artificial "persons".

Territorial division obviously calls for some entity larger than the local community. Authoritarian or unilateral determination of boundaries equates might with right. To some extent the U.S. has disposed of this rationally by delegating the power to states, to determine the boundaries of cities, towns and counties. Continued on Page 6

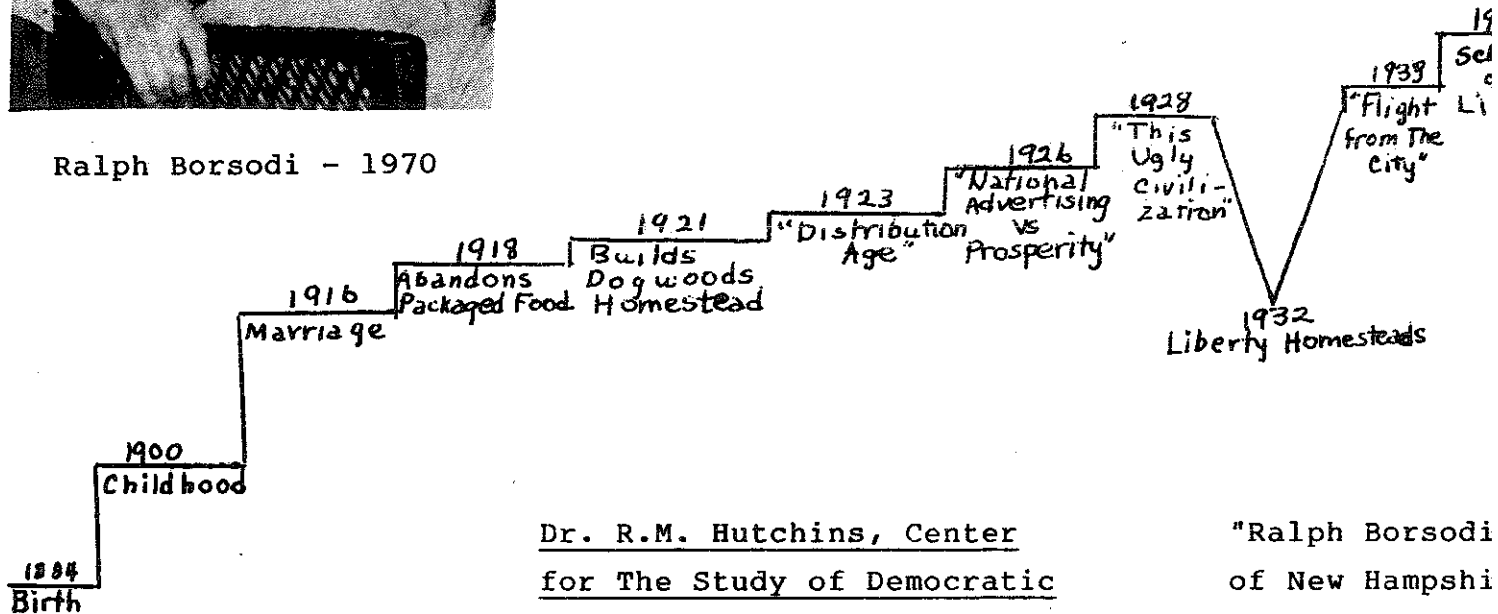
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Ralph Borsodi - 1970



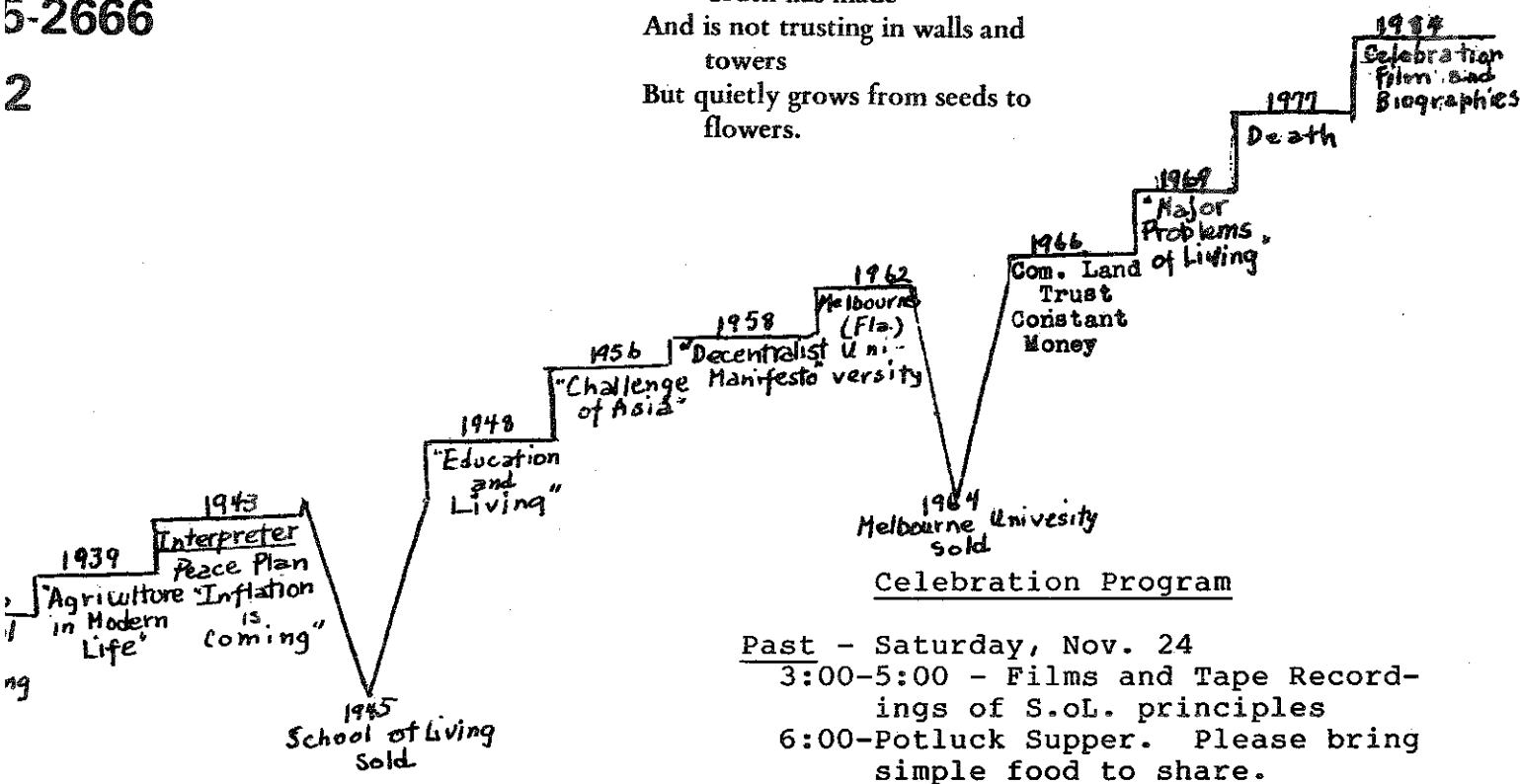
Dr. R.M. Hutchins, Center
for The Study of Democratic
Institutions: "It's a scandal
and a puzzle why Ralph Borsodi
is not better known. He's been
part of the dialogue for three
generations."

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of New Hampshi
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That cause can neither be lost
nor stayed
Which takes the course of what
Truth has made
And is not trusting in walls and
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But quietly grows from seeds to
flowers.



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ee World's answer
ie Gandhi of
best teacher I
. Gordon Lameyer.

- Past - Saturday, Nov. 24
- 3:00-5:00 - Films and Tape Recordings of S.oL. principles
 - 6:00-Potluck Supper. Please bring simple food to share.
 - 7:30-Orientation - Mildred Loomis
 - Ralph Borsodi, Man for our Time, Dr. Richard Schubart, Exter Acad.
 - Decentralist Coworkers, Dr. Paul Salstrom, Brandeis University
 - 9-10-P.M. - Singing and Dancing, Grace Lever, Sonnewald Homestead
- Present - Sunday, Nov. 25 - Bill Comargo, Convenor
- 9:15 - Liberty Challenged, John Judge, Stop-Pentagon-Now
 - Liberty in Action, Devcor Community, Don Newey, Cal.
 - 10:45 - Organic Homesteading, H. R. Lefever, Sonnewald
 - Berkshire Land Trust, Robert Swann, Pres. Schumacher Society
 - New Age Journalism - Tom Greco
- Future- True Marks, Convenor
- 1:30- Creative Decision-Making
 - New Hope, Berea, Ky. - Jim Wyker, Co-ordinator
 - Past, Present, Future, Marion Pettie, Finders, Wash., DC
 - 3:00-Planning, Commitees etc.

But the problem will never be completely resolved as long as (not only the U.S.) but all nations each claim the inviolability of the territory which they are (in legal terminology) "well seized". Plainly territorial division of the earth underlain with minerals among its various populations calls for a global and not national authority.

By the same reasoning allotment of small plots of land calls for implementing not by the state or nation nor by private and real-estate subdividers, but by the local community. Patents or (or use-titles) to land should issue from the local community, not from the nation. From the point of view of the people and human rights, jurisdiction over land and territory calls for decentralization among local, regional and global authorities.

I - Allotment of Land

Land, the marvelous skin of the earth, differs in quality, nature and location. It can be fertile fields, barren deserts, mountain forests, near rivers, ports, harbors, or underlain with coal, oil and minerals. Surface lands call for jurisdiction by a local authority; mountains, forests, watersheds, ports, harbors call for regional authorities; land underlain with coal, oil or minerals calls for a global authority. Jurisdiction of no kind of land calls for assignment to a national government. (All who say this, including R. B. in 1948, pronounce the deathknell of nationalism.)

National allotment of land by U.S. government is responsible for disgraceful pages in our history; despoilation of American Indians by breaking treaties with them, seizure of territory from Mexico; seizure and transfer of land from the Mormons to the U.S. government.

II - Enforcement of The Law

Centralizing police and military power into national governments has increased, not reduced, international crime and war. Evidence calls for distributing the power of the police and military among local, regional and global authorities.

People scarcely realize how far decentralization of police power has developed: e.g.

- our custom service and guards;
- school truant officers;
- penal patrol officers;
- port authorities and policemen;
- conservation and game wardens;
- fire departments and marshals.

Our trouble is not with our practice but failure to grasp its significance.

Solution to the problem of authority is de-nationalization, not nationalization. Police and military power should be delegated to specific authorities, each of which has concurrent powers (performing one or a few tasks among the total) organized not to compete, but to cooperate in all matters with one another.

What To Do

1-Voluntary Organization. If these functions are not being adequately fulfilled, a voluntary organization may do it.

2-Re-organization. If some group is failing to fulfill them (as U.N. to maintain peace) it should be reorganized.

3-Transferral. If a task has been transferred to wrong agency (as land allotment to real-estate agents) then it should be transferred to a proper one.

4-Leadership. Where leadership is lacking, new adult education via community schools of living can be organized.

Guidance - Regional and Natural Law

Law making is significant but that we need states or nations to make laws is false. Real law (natural or moral law) is never made; it is discovered. Humanizing of western culture depends on transferring functions (now mis-assigned to nations) to regional authorities. For this, a general biological principle is good to follow. E.G. "organisms possess their characteristics by the efficiency with which they meet the conditions of their environment."

In using this guide for composing public entities we consider how well they provide for optimal, fulfilled living. Because Nationalism has demonstrated it's inability for this, we should now take seriously Thomas Jefferson's famous words:

"...whenever any form of government becomes destructive to these ends (life, liberty and property) it is the Right of the People to alter or abolish it, and to institute a new form of government, laying its foundations on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

For Further Study

Education and Living, Ralph Borsodi

Especially pages 617-24. Research copies at S.o.L. library.

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50¢ - 3 copies, \$1.00

Alternative Americas, Mildred J. Loomis

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Letters

"I've missed
Green Revolution
since 1980. Please
put me on your mail-
ing list again."--M.E.,
Bradenton, Fla.

"I need copies of Borsodi,
Land Reformer; Ralph Borsodi,
Economist; and Ralph Borsodi,
Libertarian."--Heather Fndn., San Pedro
Cal.

School of Living Among the Greens?
"I'm sorry that The School of Living
was not included in 'the Green 100'
in our book, Green Politics. We
of course knew of Ralph Borsodi, but
not of the ongoing organization...
Thanks for the material on Dr. Bor-
sodi's work. It is, as you say, in-
deed Green."--Charlene Spretnak.--
Oakland, Calif.

Women's Work and Liberation. "In
spite of agitation for the right of
men and women to do the same work, I
question its wisdom. My thoughts have
to do with rural or homestead living;
--urban living is a different situation.

"We need a greater appreciation of
the contribution of the opposite sex
and not just a shift in roles. The push
for sameness in work is an urban situa-
tion, but makes little sense in a sub-
sistence economy.

"We have been shifting from dependence
on family, friends and neighbors, yet re-
main very dependent on the impersonal so-
ciety at large for our daily needs. Each
unit becomes more interchangeable (and
less needed personally). I suggest we
reverse this-become more dependent on our
families, neighbors and friends. As a
result of being needed, we become more
emotionally stable and happier persons.
...When you need your spouse for baking
bread or hauling logs, it can be a
stabilizing force, that otherwise might
cause separation...When each of us can do
each job equally well, we are less de-
pendent and less needed.

"Women's liberation is a response to
urban life. To adapt it to rural living
may be destructive...What we need now
is elimination of useless titles and
roles--we need the liberation of all en-
slaved and oppressed people. We need an
alliance of all concerned people for this
common end--without partisanship."
--Wm. S. Copperthwaite, Bucks Harbor, ME.
From Sept. 19, Manas, Bx 32112 El Serino,
Los Angeles, 90037

"Could you send me names and ad-
dresses of individuals and organiza-
tions related to School of Living re-
siding in Latin America or the Car-
ibbean area? I've been re-reading
Borsodi and want very much to study
his Seventeen Universal Problems. I'm
trying to integrate his approach into
my writings."--W. Comargo, Bally, Pa.

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Economics of Peace and War. "I agree that
peace activists should emphasize the
economics which cause war, at the root
of so much misery. The black woman I
described was not surprised by the White
Train because she is used to such exploi-
tation by the military-industrial complex...
I am calling for decentralization--peo-
ple should not look for nor expect solutions
from Washington, D.C."--Nora Hallett, FOR,
Nyak, N.Y. 10960.

Never More Need for SoL Than Now.
"Some years ago I read a most interest-
ing article on Ralph Borsodi, and I
want to know more about him. Send me
your book on Decentralism. With ever
more young people looking for work,
and not finding it, there never was
more need for the School of Living
philosophy than now. Please include
a book list."--Peter Hill, Innisfree,
Clonakilty, Co. York, Ireland.

"Your forward thrust toward a people's
economy based on land trusts and a
people's currency as promoted by Ralph
Borsodi is a clear ringing challenge."
--M.K., Mt. Vernon, O. 43050

"Vonu is the art of living "between
the cracks of 'culture'--free, uncount-
ed, uncoerced, untaxed, unnoticed, un-
known,"--The Old Pioneer, 225 E. Utah,
Fairfield, Cal 94535

During 1984 Spring and Summer Ken and Barbara Kern held home-building workshops in the southwest, in Florida, New England and in Oregon. With one exception they were well-received and profitable to all.

In 1985 the Kern workshops will build masonry stoves, and complete bath houses which include sauna, hot tub, bio privy and upper level room, all done in a clay dome. The first one will be in Santa Fe in April.

Kern's plans include more time in 3rd world cultures, where the clay dome is suited to the house-needy/countries. They will build some in Nicaragua this winter. Their book on clay-building will be handled by a Madrid publisher, in Spanish. Kern further researched clay building in NY City's main library, noting that his book will be one of the first in-depth examinations of clay building. Bamboo and other types of small saplings can be combined with clay.

L.E.T.S Make Money

"Money is an information system that deploys human effort" according to Michael Linton, (Courtenay, B.C.), founder of a Local Economy Trading System (L.E.T.S). This is a simple method of empowering people to create their own money, requiring a group of people willing to buy and sell goods, and keep records.

"Trades are arranged between persons who have listed their goods and services with the manager-trustee. The individuals negotiate a price for the goods exchanged, but no money changes hands. Rather, the transaction is reported to the trustee who keeps a set of books with an account for each member. A transaction is recorded as credit to seller's account and a debit to the buyer's account.

"In effect, the buyer creates money called "green dollars" by accepting credit (at no interest) from the seller. This is like overdrawing a bank account except that the buyer does not go into debt or face any interest or penalty. The seller can then spend these green dollars by purchasing goods and services from others in the system.

"Michael reports that during the first year of operation, exchanges within the L.E.T.S. system totaled in excess of 100,000 green dollars. Clearly, it's working!--Tom Greco, 93 Spruce Rochester, N.Y.

The Ten Trust for New Hope Community.
"The purposes of this non-profit Corporation (Section 501 (d) of 1984 Int. Rev. Code are:

To own and operate a land trust.

To provide perpetual land sanctuary for human beings in need.

To provide a prototype of land for use and not for profit.

To enable communities to lease land for the sustenance of their members.

To explore, demonstrate and promote soil conservation and restoration of providential land ownership.

To receive goods and grants and services, no part of which will be used for profit of any individual or any subsidiary agency or corporation.

Persons concerned in decentralist education and social change are urged to share, invest, loan or contribute to New Hope Community. Write Jim Wyker, 111 Bobolink Ave., Berea, Ky. 40403 Send SASE for descriptive literature: Copy of 10 Trust Articles of Incorporation. 30 page New Hope Manual - \$3.00

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