



# NEWSLETTER

SOCIAL AND HUMAN FORECASTING

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*We are glad in this spring issue to be able to offer to our readers information we have receive from Romania, Czecheslovakia and Africa. The information from Romania is relative to the III World Future Research Conference which we all hope will be a real confrontation of ideas. We hope very much that this issue will be an incentive for our readers to send us information from many parts of the world so that this small Newsletter may really be a "letter from all to all"*

*We want also to convey our thanks to all that show us interest and send information, making in this way possible the publication*

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*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 ideal 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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**Center for interdisciplinary creativity**, Southern Connecticut State College

The general mission of the Center for I-D Creativity is to apply generalized versions of economizing principles (such as the principles of priority setting, substitution, and diminishing returns) to the two-fold task of restructuring knowledge and curriculum patterns to meet the requirements of the space age

By serving as a "half-way" for the meeting of theorists and practitioners, scientists and humanists, technical and nontechnical professional personnel, the Center seeks to involve the entire intellectual and professional community in metalanguage, multi-disciplinary dialogues

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Connecticut Chapter, World Future Society, Consortium on Systems Education in New Haven, International Task Force on Education, Society for General Systems Research, Northeastern States Division, Society for General Systems Research, Usa Division, Education Liaison Committee, World Organization for General Systems and Cybernetics

(Further information Jere W Clark, Ph D, Professor of Economics Southern Connecticut State College, 501 Crescent Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06515, tel 203/397-2101)

**Magoroh Maruyama**, *organizer of Symposium on Cultural Futuristics* of the American Anthropological Association, is Visiting Professor of Computer Sciences at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, 45387, Usa, and is developing two types of Computer programs 1 Symbiotization of heterogeneity in Society, and 2 programs to discover and modify underlying assumptions which have become obsolete Some Subroutines have been written

**Edgar L Morphet**, *project director of "Improving State Leadership in Education"*, future - oriented project Recent Major publications to date are entitled respectively "Emerging State Responsibilities for Education and Planning" and "Providing for Excellence in Education"

(Further information Edgar L Morphet, Project Director, Improving State Leadership in Education, 1362 Lincoln Street, Denver, Colorado 80203, tel (303) 892-2614 This is the correction to p 7, Newsletter n 4, Winter bis)

**A J Pennington** has moved and is now *Director* for Planning System, Decision Science Corporation, Benjamin Fox Pavilion Jenkintown, Pennsylvania 19046, Usa

**Alternative pathways to the future** is a course organized by the Center for I-D Creativity, Southern Connecticut State College, New Haven

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(Further information, write or telephone the Center for I-D Creativity, Southern Connecticut State College, New Haven, 06515 (Phone, 203/397-2101, Extension 329), or the Summer Session Office of College, (Phone 203/397-2101, Extension 325)

**Common Future of Men**, the Third World Future Research Conference in Bucharest, Socialist Republic of Romania, September 4-10 1972

The Continuing Committee (C C) and the World Future Research Conference (W F R C) and the Romanian Organizing Committee (R O C) appointed a conference Directorate to be coordinated by Prof Dr Pavel Apostol as Executive Director for the organization of the Conference

The general theme will be discussed in plenary sessions, work groups, seminars, round tables and especially in numerous informal exchanges of views The topics for Plenary Sessions are

— Methodology and Fundamentals of Prognostics

- Possibilities and perspectives of Soft Technology
- Future of Education for the Futures
- Creativity of Common Man
- The Future Role of Science
- Representations of Different People of their Own Future
- Future of the Contacts between People
- Future Research Second Look

For Work Groups, Seminars etc

Until now a great number of work groups and seminars are announced

- A seminary for Mathematical Models and Formal Techniques in Futures Studies will debate the current and/or new methods of forecast (prognosis) and planning,
- A special work group will discuss Models of International Relations and their development,
- Three session of a work group may be devoted to the urgent problems of the Long Range Ecological Policy,
- Innovation in Education constitutes the topic of a work group on concrete educational action - programs,
- Two sessions are reserved for the debates on Information Technology Threats and Promises,
- In addition to a regular press service, organized by the Conference Directorate, a Communication Work Group, headed by Professor Dr Robert Jungk, is to direct four seminars on Future-Orientated Science-Journalism Journalists from the world's greatest newspapers, magazines and Radio/TV systems will be invited to participate,
- A round table is planned in order to deal with the Future of Professions,
- A special section, Research and Action in Futures Study and Creation, will deal with problems concerning the ways

to improve the mutual influence of future research, forecast and planning, in the framework of efficient social activity

- Finally, Robert Jungk will direct a Future Creating Workshop

Out of the framework of the Conference, but simultaneously some other manifestations will take place

- A large round table is foreseen to be held concomitently with the Conference on the topic Future of Youth and Youth of the Future On this point we remark that the participants at the Conference can attend this round table being provided with a special invitation issued by a separate organizing committee of youth

More informal round tables are planned and will be announced in due time

During the Conference a working meeting of the Futurology Commission of the World Sociological Association will also take place (on the proposal of Mr E A Lisle)

At the same time, in Bucharest, a special meeting on Information and Documentation on Futures Studies, as well as an exhibition of World Literature in Futures Studies will be organized by the Romanian Center for Information and Documentation in Social and Political Sciences

The hope is that the conference would be a Discussion-Conference

In this respect, there are three kinds of contributions contributed papers (with a summary on two typewritten pages - double spaced), invited lectures or comments (reading time about 12-15 minutes, 3 000 words), introductory lectures (20-25 minutes, 3 500-4 000 words) Contributed papers can be proposed and given by all registered participants at the Conference (at most 3 500 words) They

should be not read by its authors, but reviewed in the introductory lectures, delivered by the moderators and, in this way, submitted to discussion in plenary sessions, round tables, work groups etc

Abstracts must be sent to the R O C or the Directorate at test by May 15th, 1972 in four copies The full text of the contributed papers must be available for the moderators by the end of June, 1972 Invited lectures or comments will be selected from the contributed papers and in other ways by the moderators of the plenary sessions, work groups, seminars etc (at the most 4 500-5 000 words) They will be published as the 1st volume of the Proceedings and handed in at the beginning of the Conference The introductory lectures, the debates and the contributed papers make up the following volumes published after the Conference

The final establishment of work groups, sections, round tables etc as well as the list of moderators will be achieved after the closure of the registration and the list of appointed papers

The conditions of registration and participation are established by common circular-letters issued by the Continuing Committee, the Romanian Organizing Committee and the Conference Directorate

A special attention is to be given to the relations between the Conference participants and the public of the host country The Directorate will assume the task to try new communication chanel between the Conference and the public The traditional isolation of scientific meetings from contacts with public opinion will be substituted by small informal meetings consisting of different social and

professional groups, public lectures delivered by some participants etc

Brief News

— The correspondance concerning the preparatory activities of the Communication Work Group headed by Professor Dr Robert Jungk is to be directed to IRADES - Via Paisiello 6, 00198 Roma, Italia

— All information in connection with the work groups and seminars below are to be requested as follows

— Work Group Long Range Ecological Policy Professor Ernst Winter - Transnational Research Center - Schloss Eichlbuchl, A-2801 Katzelsdorf - Austria

— Seminary Mathematical Models and Formal Techniques Professor Dr Lars Ingelstam - Kungl Tekniska Hogskolan - Institutionen for Matematik - Stockholm 70 - Sweden

(Information received from the Bucharest Newsletter n 1 Bucharest I, Calea Victoriei 125, Romania)

**Ecology, Economics & Engineering** is a one day seminar held on Friday, 24th March 1972, by Departement of Biology, Faculty of Science, Liverpool, England  
Speakers were Professor P B Checkland, Dr R J Elliot, Mr J Oldfield, Mr K Thomas, Mr R H Anderton, Prof G W Dumbleby, Prof Wynne-Edwards FRS

(Further information Dr G S Puri, Departement of Biology, Byrom Street, Liverpool, L3, 3AF, Tel 051 - 2073581)

**Information Society of the 70's and 80's**, a Trans-Atlantic Exchange will take place on June 1-2, 1972 - The

Brussels-Hilton - Brussels, Belgium, sponsored by the Conference Board - New York, NY Usa, co-sponsored by Science Policy Foundation, London, England, European Cultural Foundation - Amsterdam - The Netherlands, to have an open exchange of views between Europe and the United States on the information process in which policy considerations and their implementation can be assessed and the need for additional research and exchanges of views can be determined

From the Draft Agenda

Opening the Trans-Atlantic Exchange,

The Changing Information Environment Dr John McHale

Influences on Traditional Institutions J R Gass, Harol Howe

Influences on Traditional Institutions Jan Myrdal, William D Carey

The Individual Enriched or impoverished? Master or Servant? Bernard Cazes, Donald N Michael

Multi-National and Supra-National Organizzazioni Ernest Goldstem

Technological Positions of Europe and the United States in the Information Society Prof Bor A Rexed

Today's Leadership Initiatives Decisions that cannot wait Alexander King, Aurelio Peccei, Simon Ramo

**The infotech State of Art Lectures 1972** are organized on the following topics

- Computer design, March 21-23

- 1980, April 11-13

- Cobol or PL/1? May 9-11

- Computer Systems Measurement June 13-16

(Further information The Registrar, Infotech Education Limited,

Nicholson House, High Street, Maidenhead, Berks, UK, Tel Maidenhead 32588, Telex 847319)

**International Congress of Cybernetics and Systems** will be held at Queen's College of Oxford University from the 28th of August to 1st of September, 1972 This Congress is organised by the World organization of General Systems and Cybernetics

An Exhibition of books and journals of relevance may also take place in the context of the Congress

Agenda Two Symposia on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings (29th and 30th August) (Cybernetics and Automation, Cybernetics and Health), a plenary meeting on Tuesday morning (29th August) at which two main papers will be given, meeting of six sections on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons (29th, 30th and 31st August), Artificial Intelligence, Neuro- and Bio-Cybernetics, Engineering Cybernetics (Automation), Social and Economic Systems (Including management and ecosystems), Cybernetic Modelling and Computer Simulation, Cybernetics, Education and Communication

(Further information Dr J Rose, Director-General, WOGSC c/o Blackburn College of Technology, Blackburn BB2 1LH, Lancashire, England, Tel Blackburn 64321)

**Dr John McHale** delivered a public lecture "On the Future of the Future" in Honolulu Hawaii on January the 2nd 1972 cosponsored by the Commission on the Year 2000 and the University of Hawaii's College of Continuing Education and Community Services It was one of six events featuring Dr McHale during the University of Hawaii Interim Program

**Problems of Futurology** a series of lectures was held at Deutsche Bibliothek Rom Goethe - Institut Palazzo Odescalchi - Via del Corso 267, Rome - Italy  
In cooperation with Facoltà di Lettere e Filosofia, University of Rome, Institut of Sociology, University of Rome, Perfectioning School of Moral and Social Sciences, Review "Futurbili", on 23 - 24 - 25 -29 of February 1972

The titles of the lectures were

1 The Town of the Future A trail analysis without illusions

(Die Stadt der Zukunft Versuch einer illusionslosen Betrachtung) by Alexander Mitscherlich (Professor of Psycho-analysis at the University of Frankfurt on Main and Director of Institute Sigmund Freud)

2 Contribution of empirical Sociology to Futurology  
(Der Beitrag der empirischen Soziologie zur Futurologie) by René König (Professor of Sociology and Director of the Institute of Sociology of the University of Cologne)

3 Futurology and Fantasy Contradiction or Consistence?  
(Zukunftsforschung und Phantasie Widerspruch oder Zusammenklang?) by Röber Jungk (Professor of Futurology to Technische Universität of Berlin)

4 Methods of Social Forecasting  
(Methoden der gesellschaftlichen Vorausschau) by Helmut Klages (Professor of Sociology to Technische Universität of Berlin)

**The annual report of the Commission on the Year 2000** - Honolulu, Hawaii was submitted to the Governor of the State of Hawaii and subsequently to the Legislature of the State of Hawaii, on December 31st - 1971 The report describes the background, the Commission on the Year 2000, the action program for 1972

(Further information Mr George Chaplin, Commission on the Year 2000, 2500 Dole Street, Room 106 - Honolulu, Hawaii 96822)

"Application of the confrontation Forecasting Method on the problem of evolution of distribution ways" is a research in progress for 1972-1973 by Centre de Recherches Science et Vie, Paris, France

(Further information Centre de Recherches Science et Vie 2, Rue de la Baume, Paris 8e, France)

**Canadian Education and the Future, a Select Annotated Bibliography 1967-1971**, edited by Hugh A Stevenson and William B Hamilton History of Education Departement Althouse College - The University of Western Ontario - Canada 1972

In recent years, the future has become a topic of considerable discussion among scholars in many disciplines Many of the ensuing research projects and publications have very special significance for educators Even the worst of them, the most superficial studies and the most popularized forms warrant analysis It might well be otherwise if quality were always regarded as a true index of potential for influencing the development of policy Canadian educational History provides no such assurance

The second objective was to survey Canadian futuristic



activity relevant to educators - parents, teachers, trustees, administrators, civil servants in Departements of Education, scholars and researchers in faculties of education - each of whom in his own way contributes to educational policy-making This selected, annotated bibliography of 260 items is the result

#### Summary

Canada Trends and Descriptive futures with Educational Implications Canadian Educational Futures - Specific Alternatives and Reforms Bibliographic aids and other Sources of Information Addenda

(Information added to Newsletter n 2 Fall 1971

Further information Hugh A Stevenson and W B Hamilton The University of Western Ontario, London 72, Canada)

**"Definition of national technological objectives"** study carried out in 1970-1971 for UNESCO and tending to the definition of a methodology for the nazionalization of policies of developing technologies in developing countries, by Centre de Recherche Science et Vie, Paris, France

(Further information Centre de Recherches Science et Vie 2, Rue de la Baume, Paris 8e, France)

**"Delphi survey on the future development of mass media"** is carried out in 1970-1971 By Centre de Recherches Science et Vie, Paris, France

(Further information Centre de Recherches Science et Vie 2, Rue de la Baume, Paris 8e)

**The Future of Public Services** A research project was recently completed by Robin Roy, Faculty of Technology,

Design Departement, The Open University U K , on the Future of Public Services, it indicated that using a simple combination of gaming and simulated Technology the responses of people to new services may be obtained

(Further information Dr Robin Roy, The Open University, Faculty of Technology, Walton, Bletchley, Bucks, U K )

**"Project Match a European Plan of study of crises"**, is a research by the Centre de Recherches Science et Vie, Paris, France, in 1972-1973

Aim answer to need of organization (specially industrial) interested to forsee the possible evolutions

— of the world context, from a global point of view

— of special social situations categories in the context

The projet must end in a prospective rapport which gives evidence specially to critic aspects of forseeble evolutions

(Further information Centre de Recherches Science et Vie 2, Rue de la Baume, Paris 8e, France)

**The Research Committee on Futurology** discussed in Varna, Bulgharia in September 1970, will hold an Editorial Committee in Bucharest in September 11th 1972

(Further information J Niaudet, General Secretary, c/o CREDOC, 45 BD De La Gare, Paris XIIIe, France, Tel 7079759)

**Social Indicator Research** by Peter J Henriot, Staff Associate with specific interest in the developing nations

(Further information Peter J Henriot Center of Concern 3700 13th Street NE - Washington D C 20017)

**Arab-Ogly, E Matnými brýlemi** (With Frosted Glasses)  
Otázky míru a socialismu 1971, No 1, pp 88-90

A review of the present bourgeois social futurology its aims and tactics, its close connection with the state monopoly system, various trends and their representatives

Growing efforts to express a progressive alternative against the bourgeois apologetic concepts /Kt/

Abstract from *Trend*, Forecasting Socialist countries n 4, 1971

(Further information *Trend*, Praha 1, Konviktska 5, Czechoslovakia)

**Saverio Avveduto e Cristopher Freeman - Rapporto sulla scienza**  
Etas - Kompass, Milano, February 1972

**Budougnost A Boj Idejí** (The future and the clash of ideas)  
Otázky míru a socialismu 1971, No 1, pp 19-22

Characterisation of marxist and bourgeois social prognostics The basis of pessimistic futurologic concepts in the capitalist world The significance of marxist social prognostics for the revolutionary struggle against imperialism

Abstract from *Trend*, Forecasting in Socialist countries n 3, 1971

(Further information *Trend*, Praha 1, Konviktska 5, Czechoslovakia)

**Bernard Cazes Explorer l'avenir** (Exploring the future)  
Informations et Documents n 313, December 1971,  
Futurologie, is a critical analysis of the work of authors, sholars in futures studies

(Further information *Information et Documents*, 2 Rue Saint - Florentin, Paris 1er, France)

**Pierre-Maurice Clair** *L'Afrique et la Prospective* is a monographic number of CIREs, Cahiers Ivoiriens de Recherche économique et sociale, which analyses Africa and forecasting (Further information Mr Pierre-Maurice Clair, Université D'Abidjan, Centre Ivoirien de Recherches Economiques et Sociales B P 20901 - Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire)

**Edward S Cornish** *Futuristes and Futuribles* in Informations et Documents n 313, December 1971, Futurologie, is an excursus of futures studies up to the present day (Further information Informations et Documents, 2 rue Saint - Florentin, Paris 1er, France)

**H. Deleeck** *Introduction a la Planification Sociale*, (Introduction to Social Planning) edited by Centrale Chrétienne des Travailleurs du Bois et du Bâtiment is the publication of a study by H Deleeck with the cooperation of V Hoebeke-Staes and J Vranken, prepared for the meeting of the Centrale Chrétienne des Travailleurs du Bois et du Bâtiment in 1971 (Further information Dr H Deleeck - Centrale Chrétienne des Travailleurs du Bois du Bâtiment - 33, Rue de Trêves, 1040 Bruxelles)

**Federal/State Science Policy and Connecticut** A Futures Research Workshop, by Selwin Enzer, October 1971, 68 pp (Information received from the Institute for the Future)

**Multipurpose Planning Games**, by Olaf Helmer, December 1971 (information received from the Institute for the Future)

**A Framework for Community Development Action Planning**, Vol 1 An Approach to the Planning Process, by Harold S Becker and Raul de Brigard, February 1971 (Information received from The Institute for the Future)

**A Framework for Community Development Action Planning**, Vol 2 Study Procedure, Conclusions, and Recommendations for Future Research by Harold S Becker and Raul de Brigard, February 1971 (Information received from the Institute for the Future)

**Yona Friedman**, "Pour l'Architecture Scientifique" presents a methodology aiming a future architecture, making possible all decisions concerning individual and collective environment to be taken directly by the future user, without necessity to refer to a middleman Edition Pierre Belfond, Paris (Further information Yona Friedman, 42 Bd Pasteur, Paris 15e, France)

**Yona Friedman**, "Utopies réalisables" a study of "utopias" as characteristics of the human species itself, new utopias signal a transformation of the species Edition Bernard Grasset, under press (Further information Yona Friedman, 42 Bd Pasteur, Paris 15e, France)

**Futures Research as an Aid to Government Planning in Canada** Four Workshop Demonstrations-Supporting Appendices, by Selwyn Enzer, Wayne I Boucher, and Frederick D Lazar, August 1971 (Information received from the Institute for the Future)

**Gordon Hoke, Project Investigator, Goodbye to Yesterday: Talent Development in a Changing Era.**

A study of emerging trends in rural development and concomitant changes in social institutions. Publication in Press. (Available from the Center for Instructional Research and Curriculum Evaluation, College of Education, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, USA, or the Gifted Program Development Section, Dept for Springfield, Illinois, USA)

**Glushkov, V.: Kybernetika a sociální prognostika.** - Cybernetics and social prognostics. - Otázky míru a socialismu 1971, No 1, pp. 36-41.

The importance of evaluating the exactness of forecasts. Extrapolation limits, method of expert evaluation; prognostic event system, process system. The significance of cybernetic methods. Characteristical features of the aims in social development. /Kt/.

Abstract from *Trend*, Forecasting in Socialist countries n 3, 1971.

(Further information *Trend*, Praha I, Konviktska 5, Czechoslovakia)

**Vranken Jan, The Future as a part of the social environment and the systematized efforts to control it.** Paper presented at the 4th International Conference "Sciences and Society" Herceg-novi, 1971, p 6

(Further information Jan Vranken, Center for Social Policy UFSIA - Prinsstraat 13 - 2000 -Antwerpen - Belgium)

**Vranken Jan: Planification Sociale et Prospective**, in H Deleeck, V Hoebeke-Staes et J Vranken, Introduction à la Planification Sociale p 115-182 Anvers, SESO, 1971 p 286.

(Further information Jan Vranken, Center for Social Policy - UFSIA - Prinsstraat 13 - 2000-Antwerpen - Belgium)

**Max Kaplan Leisure Theory and Policy**, the Mastery of Time and Self (tentative title) (in program) Projected completion, 1972 Three volumes I Leisure Theory, II Leisure Policy, III. Readings in leisure theory and policy

(Further information Mr Max Kaplan, Director, Center for Studies of Leisure - University of South Florida - Tampa, Florida 33620 - USA)

**Max Kaplan New Concepts of Leisure Today**, paper prepared for Lindeman Memorial Lecture - National Conference on Social Welfare Dallas, Texas - May 17, 1971

(Further information Mr Max Kaplan, Director, Center for Studies of Leisure - University of South Florida - Tampa, Florida 33620, USA)

**Neumann, O. Proti buržoasní futurologii, za humánní budoucnost** (Against Bourgeois Futurology, for a Humane Future). Otázky míru a socialismu 1971, no 1, pp 59-62

A progressive West-German author analyses bourgeois futurology the aims of futurology in a state monopolistic system, its apologetic orientation, technocracy and "cultural pessimism", the convergence theory in the struggle against communism /Kt/

Abstract from *Trend*, forecasting socialist countries n 4, 1971

(Further information *Trend*, Praha I, Konviktska 5, Czechoslovakia)

**Simon Nicholson, The Theory of Loose Parts** a paper concerning the general education-recreation environment of children, particularly in urban areas, and the possibilities for the future of education systems in early childhood, in society

It is published in "Landscape Architecture Quarterly", October, 1971 published at the Schuster Building, 1500 Bardstown Road, Luisville, Kentucky 40205, USA

(Further information Simon Nicholson, The Open University, Walton Hall, Walton, Bletchley, Buckinghamshire, U K )

**Harvy Nussbaum Futurism A New Direction in Management Science Education**, paper presented a session on Experimental Approaches to Management Science Education at the 12th American Meeting of the Institute of Management Sciences, Detroit, Michigan, October 1, 1971

(Further information Harvey Nussbaum, Director, Bureau of Business Research School of Business Administration - Wayne State University Detroit, Michigan 48202, USA)

**Sczepanski, J Marxismus-leninismus jako metodologický základ vedeckého predvídání** (Marxism-Leninism as a methodological basis for scientific forecasting) Otázky míru a socialismu 1971, No 1, pp 23-26

Application of basic marxist theories in social forecasts theory of the class structure of society, theory of social development, historical character of social processes, stability and variability of the elements of social systems, the significance of conflicts in social development etc /Kt/

Abstract from *Trend*, Forecasting in Socialist countries n 3, 1971

(Further information Trend, Praha 1, Konviktska 5, Czechoslovakia)

**Secomski, K.. Prognóza, plán, hospodárská politika.** (Prognosis, Plan, Economic Policy) Otázky míru a socialismu 1971, No 1, pp 30-35

Influence of world opinion on prognostic conception The role played by prognoses in the planning system Main types of prognoses The part of prognostics in the socialist society /Kt/ Abstract from *Trend*, Forecasting Socialist countries n 4, 1971

(Further information Trend, Praha 1, Konviktska 5, Czechoslovakia)

**Sociální plánování v SSSR** (Social planning in the USSR) Hospodárske noviny 14, 1971, No 6, p 10

Characterisation of the concept of social planning Social prognosis as a part of marxist sociology Social planning under Soviet conditions /Ch/

Abstract from *Trend*, Forecasting in Socialist countries n 3, 1971

(Further information Trend, Praha 1, Konviktska 5, Czechoslovakia)

**Sulc, O Marxisticko-leninská prognostika v boji proti buržoasním koncepcím výzkumu budoucnosti** (Marx-Leninist Prognostics in the Struggle against the Bourgeois Concepts of Research into the Future) - Filosofický časopis 19, 1971, No 1, pp 102-110.

Recapitulation of some concepts and methods of bourgeois research into the future, criticism of the "projects without surprise" which in their essence are an apology and mean the conservation of bourgeois concepts on social advance disregarding qualitative changes Connections, methods and ideology "Official" and critical futurology, their clash at international meetings /Al/

Abstract from *Trend*, Forecasting Socialist countries n 4, 1971

(Further information Trend, Praha 1, Konviktska 5, Czechoslovakia)

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### **Social Forecasting versus Elite Forecasting?**

There is much talk and enthusiasm about social or human forecasting, about social responsibility, all over the world. Looking, however, at it more closely, it reveals itself as *mere technical improvements and extrapolative interpretations* of the present towards the future without even a hint for fundamental changes.

What do such social forecasting activities really signify? Has the bulk of forecasts and discussions on them anything to do with *social* besides the continuation of the status quo? What can be expected by social forecasting when the constantly deteriorating *social conditions* for the majority of the people are considered - measured against the economic, technical and political possibilities? Is it not sarcastic to forecast qualitative improvements on the basis of an anarchical capitalist economy in front of the growing social and human problems?

If those worldwide forecasting attempts are examined, even multi-national forecasts are in vogue (delphic worldwide e.g.), if the actions and reactions of governments, decision makers etc. are observed, all that much ado becomes strange for the future is forecast and consequently furnished by people-estranged scientists, experts, institutions, the dominant power structures. *Social should be turned into elite forecasting.* The so-called free, equal, self-determinating people have nothing to say with regard to the shape of their future - despite camouflaging assurances like democracy and participation.

Therefore the questions What for such a kind of man's future, by whom and for whom? *Is it really social* that 95 per cent of the population of a country given have no influence on their future, at all?

— *We consider it important to unveil the inhuman, non-social and non-democratic character* of the present so-called 'human or social' forecasting

— We consider it important to state that social forecasts and thus a socially developed future is *a political, i.e. a question of power*

— We consider it important that all those who are willing to create *a more humane and participatory future* should start putting into question the present state of affairs when trying to open up the future

— We consider it important to build *the future with the little man in the street* and not against him, i.e. if there are obstacles which hamper a human future then they have to be moved away, even against the powerful, and not compromising around them, as it is the rule nowadays

— We consider it important *to change this world* instead of interpreting, intellectualising, forecasting, speculating on it again and again

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