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## THE METROPOLIS: A Conference in Honour of Hans Blumenfeld

When the United Nations held its Conference on Human Settlements in Vancouver in 1976 (Habitat), the man chosen by the Canadian Institute of Planners to present a position paper entitled "Canadian Planning Issues" was Hans Blumenfeld. It is not hard to understand the reasons for this choice. His extraordinarily long and varied professional life in architecture, urban design and planning spans two continents, five countries and more than six decades of distinguished work. There can be few planners in Canada or the United States who remain unfamiliar with his work.

The topics for the sessions of this conference — The Changing Metropolis, Transportation in the Metropolis, Housing in the Metropolis and The Liveable Urban Environment — were chosen to reflect the types of issues he has addressed most frequently in his professional life in North America. It is no accident that they provide an appropriate framework for reviewing our knowledge of the Metropolis, as well as honouring a man who has contributed so much to that knowledge.

The Metropolis Conference is scheduled for November 4-5, 1983, at the University of Toronto. Complete programme, registration and accommodation information can be obtained by contacting:

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### Urban Parks in Canada: Life Cycle of a Landscape, March 1984

The variety of people and disciplines that have been involved with parks since their emergence as an expected part of industrialized society, is an indication of the richness and importance of this feature of urban life. Whether or not directly involved with their planning and design, virtually everyone concerned with urban environments has some interest or connection with parks.

The purpose of this gathering is to rediscover some of the characteristic features of parks in towns and cities and to reassess the assumptions that have determined their form for over a century. Papers are invited on topics that relate to the history, design, use, purpose and future of parks and

similar spaces in Canadian towns and cities. It is expected that papers will address such issues as:

- the nature of leisure and recreation in parks
- methods of design and evaluation
- changes in park form, purpose, use and meaning over time
- the use of nature in achieving park purposes
- the relative roles of users, designers, public agencies.

Please submit abstracts or make further enquiries to:

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### New Supplement Volume Expands Coverage of Cities of the World

Gale's *Cities of the World—Supplement* (466 pp./\$65.00) compiles current information on the cultural, geographical and political conditions in 92 major cities located in 30 countries throughout the world. This new volume supplements Gale's 4-volume compilation, *Cities of the World* (published 1982), by presenting updated information on 45 major cities and adding information on 47 major cities not previously covered. Also covered briefly in the work are 447 minor cities.

The *1983 Supplement* is based on the 30 newest diplomatic personnel briefings, or *Post Records*, issued by the U.S. Department of State. Countries covered in the *Supplement* are: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bermuda, Bulgaria, Burma, Canada, Cape Verde, Colombia, Ethiopia, Geneva (separate report from Switzerland), German Democratic Republic, Greece, Guinea-Bissau, Hong Kong, Indonesia, The Ivory Coast, Jordan, Kenya, Malta, Morocco, Mozambique, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Suriname, Uganda, Upper Volta and Yugoslavia.

Information in the *Supplement* is arranged alphabetically by country. Major cities are listed at the beginning of each country report for easier reference, and new sections on "Schools for Foreigners," "Local Holidays," and "Recommended Readings" provide additional scope. A comprehensive Index provides access to information on all 92 major cities and the 477 minor cities covered.

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CITIES OF THE WORLD—*Supplement*. Edited by Margaret Walsh Young. 466 pages. (Based on the *Post Reports* issued by the U.S. Department of State.) Published by Gale Research Co., Detroit, 1983. L.C. Card No. 81-20177. ISBN 0-8103-1110-0. \$65.00. (Ready September 1983)

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### Recent Publications

J.M.S. Careless, *Toronto To 1918: An Illustrated History* (Toronto: James Lorimer and Co. and National Museum of Man, 1983).

This volume is the latest in the *History of Canadian Cities Series*, joining histories of Winnipeg, Calgary, Vancouver and Hamilton.

In the easy writing style that has graced his many works, Careless traces the steps in Toronto's evolution: the fur trade depot, the village of York founded by John Graves Simcoe in 1793, the port and commercial town of the pre-Confederation era, the railway and regional hub of mid-century, and the industrializing city of the late 1800s. Between 1895 and 1918, Toronto was the "nearly national metropolis," as the Queen City sought to extend its control over much of Canada and battled with Montreal for supremacy. In each period, Careless weaves together the city's economic, political and social history, as well as descriptions of the city's changing population and landscape. The text is illustrated with 10 maps and 100 historical engravings and photographs.

The companion volume to this book, *Toronto Since 1918: An Illustrated History*, by James Lemon, is scheduled for publication during 1984, Toronto's Sesquicentennial year.

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John English and Kenneth McLaughlin, *Kitchener: An Illustrated History* (Kitchener: Wilfrid Laurier University Press, 1983).

The history of Kitchener is unique among cities in southern Ontario. Although Kitchener shares so much of the character of the region today, its past was considerably different. Until 1916, Kitchener was Berlin, "Canada's German capital." Over two-thirds of the residents were of German origin; many retained strong traces of that past. These became controversial when Canada fought two wars against Germany. By the middle of World War I, the idea of "a patch of Germany" in the heart of southern Ontario became untenable. Berlin became Kitchener, but not without a battle which split the small city.

This is the first scholarly history of Kitchener. Based on wide-ranging research, it illustrates how a community so unlike its neighbours became a part of the broader Canadian community in the twentieth century. Much of the information is new, and many myths are punctured. The romantic mists which have surrounded the story of the early Mennonite settlers are lifted. The full story of the great controversies of World War I is told for the first time. The impact of the Depression and the extraordinary economic boom which accompanied World War II are analyzed. Kitchener's sometimes-eccentric politicians are seen, not as deviations, but as representatives of a long tradition of civic populism. Over 100 photographs accompany the text. Maps and tables further illuminate Kitchener's development.

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Edwinna von Baeyer, *A Preliminary Bibliography for Garden History in Canada* (Ottawa: Parks Canada, 1983).

This publication is available, free of charge, by writing to: Research Publications, Parks Canada, 1600 Liverpool Court, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 1G2.

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- Stewart Clatworthy and Johnathan P. Gunn, *Economic Circumstances of Native People in Selected Metropolitan Centres in Western Canada* (1982), 84 pp., 35 tables. \$9.00.
- *Proceedings of the Infill Housing Seminar*. Held December 16, 1982 at the University of Winnipeg, 40 pp., appendices. \$6.50.
- Stewart Clatworthy, *Native Housing Conditions in Winnipeg* (1983), 173 pp., 38 tables. \$16.00.
- Johnathan P. Gunn, *Housing for the Disabled in Winnipeg* (1983), 40 pp., tables. \$6.00.
- Johnathan P. Gunn, *Profiles of Housing Alternatives Available to Manitoba's Disabled* (1983), 30 pp., tables. (Second of Three Reports).
- Johnathan P. Gunn, *Housing Manitoba's Disabled: Case Studies of Representative Housing Types* (1983), 20 pp., tables. (Third of Three Reports).

— Robert Fenton, *The Distribution of Government Assisted Insulation Activities in the City of Winnipeg* (1983), 40 pp., tables. \$6.00.

— Robert Fenton, *Residential Energy Conservation Behaviour of Winnipeg Households* (1983), 35 pp., tables, appendices. \$5.50.

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**BOOK**

J.R. Miron and J.B. Cullingworth, *Rent Control: Impacts on Income Redistribution Affordability, and Security of Tenure* (April 1983), 189 pp., \$12.00.

**RESEARCH PAPER SERIES**

S.E. Corke, *Land Use Control in British Columbia: A Contribution to a Comparative Study of Canadian Planning Systems* (April 1983), 158 pp., \$8.00. Paper No. 138.

D. Hooper, J.W. Simmons, L.S. Bourne, *The Changing Economic Basis of Canadian Urban Growth, 1971-1981* (May 1983), 49 pp., \$4.00. Paper No. 139.

B.H. Erickson, T.A. Nosanchuk, *The Size and Composition of Personal Networks in a Voluntary Association* (May 1983), 31 pp., \$2.50. Paper No. 140.

J.W. Simmons, *The Canadian Urban System as a Political System, Part 1: One Conceptual Framework* (May 1983), 42 pp., \$3.00. Paper No. 141.

**CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS**

*Women and Planning: Proceedings of a Conference Held in Toronto, May 1, 1982.* (May 1983), 73 pp., \$5.00.

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