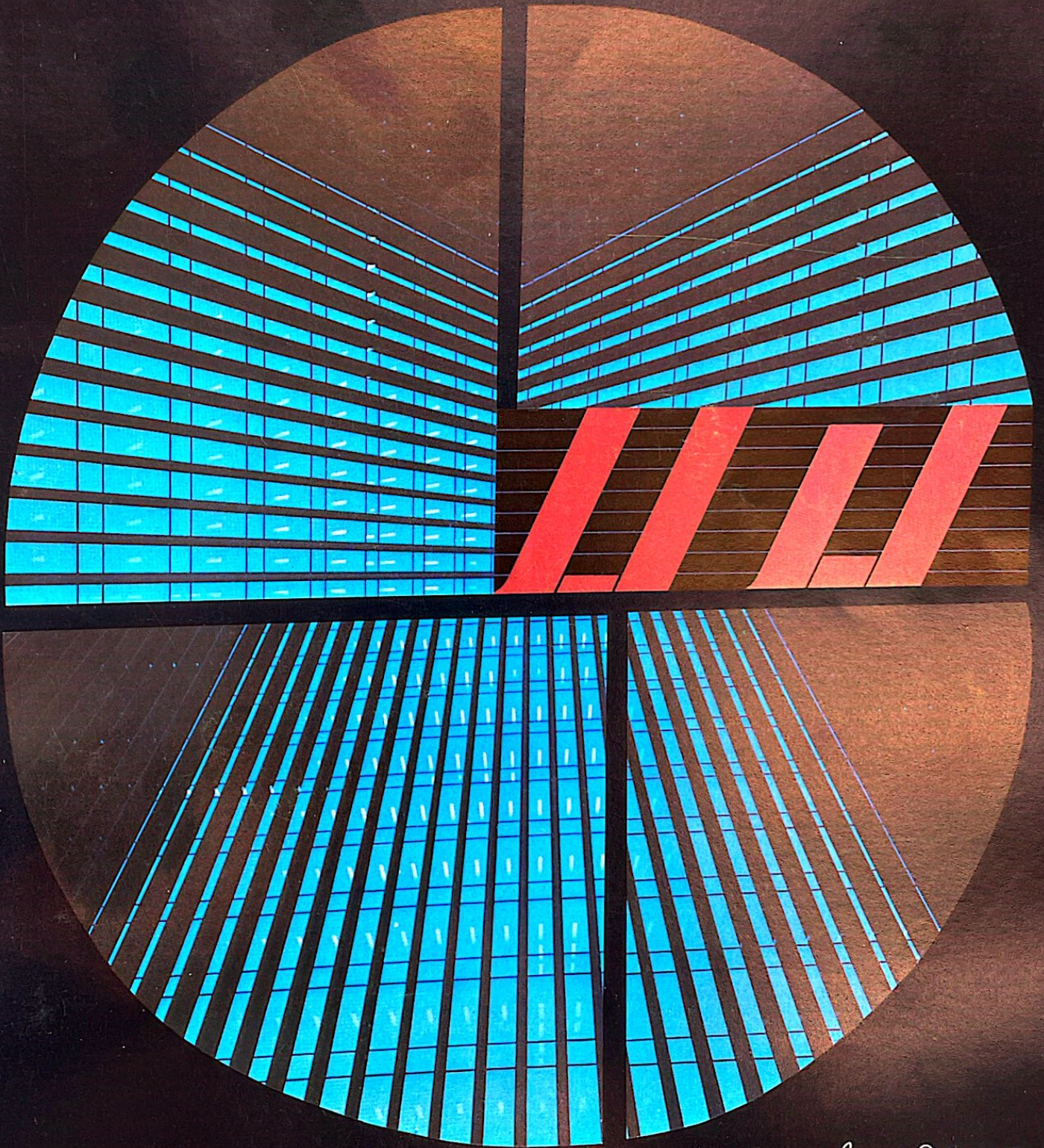


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In our attempt to bring fresh vitality to the Center, we find ourselves bumping constantly into tried and tested tradition. Our aspiration is to become as resilient and substantial today as the Center was early in its history, which now reaches back more than twenty years. But we recognize that we can do this not by memorializing the past, or by shucking it, or even by wishing to start anew, afresh, alone, unencumbered by any legacy. Rather, we will do our work well to the extent that we learn to identify the enduring strengths of that ongoing tradition, to adapt them to compelling present human interests and needs.

Our founders, in 1959, believed the work of the Center should concentrate on "democratic institutions," and one by one. In 1969, the focus was significantly broadened, and the intellectual temper significantly extended and modified. Then, the Center began to study not only labor unions, but the quality of working life; not only schools, but the learning process; not only churches and synagogues, but the inner spiritual quest.

Now, in 1980, we are redefining the focus once again, in a manner which keeps faith with the past and reaches out for new territory. We are taking "Democracy" as our major topic, and we are as interested in analyzing its nature and function as we are intent upon cultivating and devising perspectives that might enable us to see it afresh. We believe that this is the most effective way to exercise vigilance over individual liberties, human rights, and personal freedoms. And this we understand to be the reason the Center was originally brought into being.

But the success of ventures of this kind is never automatic. We have no legislated mandate nor any clearly identifiable product to trade or sell to make ends meet. We are dependent upon your generous help and support.

And if you journey this way, be sure to let us know so that you can attend a dialogue session. We believe you'll like what you see, and will find the new spirit both contagious and reassuring.

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