



Ecological Holiday

Chancellor Woodruff announced today that all classes scheduled for Earth Day, Wednesday April 22 are CANCELLED. The chancellor said that he made the decision to cancel Wednesday classes in order to allow students to participate in the special activities planned in observance of Earth Day. He added that the University has an obligation not only to the students, but to the entire community, to support anti-pollution activities.

EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES

8-10a.m.: Lecture Series. Pesticides and Cells; Waste Disposal; Noise Pollution.

10-11 a.m.: Lecture Series. Water Pollution. Joseph Maselli, Water Resources Laboratories.

1-3 p.m.: Afternoon Film Festival. Auerbach Auditorium.

1-4 p.m.: Teach-out. Speakers on I-291 problem. West Hartford Green.

4 p.m. (approximate time).: Bicycle parade to Bushnell Park from West Hartford Green.

8 p.m.: Panel discussion: "Are present or planned uses of the Conn. River consistent with public health and a quality environment?"

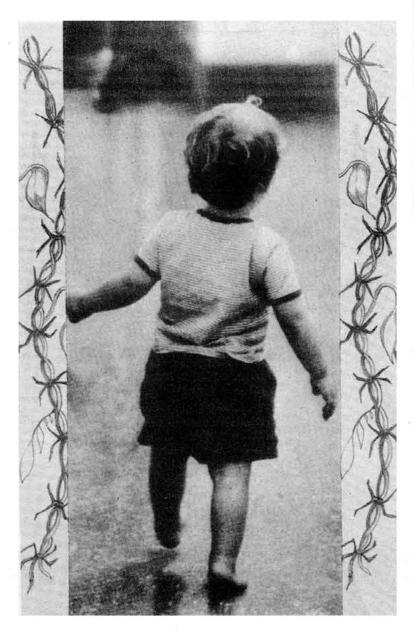
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Participants from the Water Resources Commission, Audubon Society, Army Corps of Engineers, and Capitol Region Planning Area. So. Cafeteria.

11 p.m.-7 a.m.: All-night camp-out and ecology discussion. Hog River.

University Takes First Step

On Friday, April 17, University Treasurer Charles Dwight announced the transfer of proxy votes for 400 shares of General Motors Stock formerly administered by the Connecticut Bank & Trust. The stock will be transferred to Ralph Nader's "Project on Corporate Responsibility." Mr. Dwight said that although the proxies had recently been voted, CBT has been instructed to order an annulment of the votes so that they may be committed to the GM reformers.



We Must Save **Our Mother**

by Chopper

Once there were trees and rivers. Once there was grass where you could stand. And in the air there was a baby's cry and once there was a time for man.

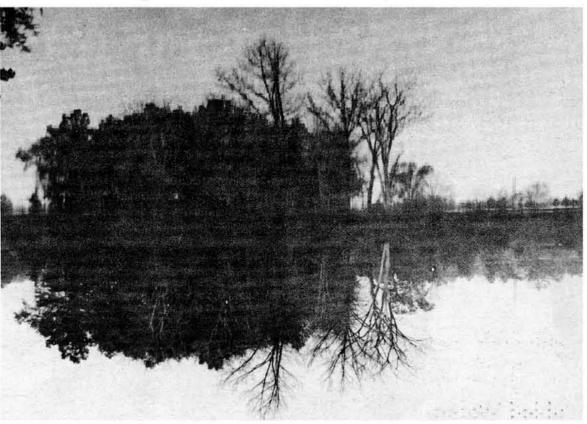
And man murdered the trees and destroyed the rivers. And the freedom and life of the grass was suffocated by the concrete monsters. A baby can no longer cry because we have silenced him, and soon there will be no time left for man.

lost the But man has also sucked the life out of his mother's yeah, let it be. body. He has raped her once unquestionable beauty. She is now on her death bed, clinging to life, hoping that her children will save her from her painful fate.

And we are her children, we have to save her. Maybe not because we love her, but because without her, we will die. We need her to feed us. We need her to give us shelter. We need her to live and for everything that gives us life.

It seems that we no longer care that life is at an end. That we might be extinct in a matter of a few years. That we may no longer have the chance to obtain the things we love. And we look away and look beyond the present. We look at the things we can never have. We want the moon. But we will never have it because our greed is far ahead of our thought.

It is said man is the maker of We must resign ourselves to the his world and that he has become fact that we will soon have the master of his environment. nothing at all. We are not e enough conception of what his must realize that the time to let environment really is because he things be is here. Heal our has managed to destroy it. He has mother's wounds and... Let it be,



Declaration of Interdependence

WHEN IN THE COURSE OF EVOLUTION it becomes necessary for one species to denounce the notion of independence from all the rest, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the interdependent station to which the natural laws of the cosmos have placed them, a decent respect for the opinions of all mankind requires that they should declare the conditions which impel them to assert their interdependence.

We hold these truths to be self-evident that all species have evolved with equal and unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. THAT to insure these rights, nature has instituted certain principles for the sustenance of all species, deriving these principles from the capabilities of the planet's life-support system. THAT whenever any behavior by members of one species becomes destructive of these principles, it is the function of other members of that species to alter or abolish such behavior and to re-establish the theme of interdependence with all life, in such a form and in accordance with those natural principles, that will effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that cultural values long established should not be altered for light and transient causes, that mankind is more disposed to suffer from asserting a vain notion of independence than to right themselves by abolishing that culture to which they are now accustomed. BUT when a long train of abuses and usurpations of these principles of interdependence, evinces a subtle design to reduce them, through absolute despoilation of the planet's fertility, to a state of ill will, bad health, and great anxiety, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such notions of independence from other species and from the life-support system, and to provide new guards for the re-establishment of the security and maintenance of these principles. Such has been the quiet and patient sufferage of all species, and such is now the necessity which constrains the species Homo Sapiens to reassert the principles of interdependence. THE history of the present notion of independence is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations all having in direct effect the establishment of an absolute tyranny over life. TO PROVE this let facts be submitted to a candid world. 1. People have refused to recognize the roles of other species and the importance of natural principles for growth of the food they require. 2. People have refused to recognize that they are interacting with other species in an evolutionary process. 3. People have fouled the waters that all life partakes of. 4. People have transformed the face of the earth to enhance their notion of independence from it and in so doing have interrupted many natural processes that they are dependent upon. 5. People have contaminated the common household with substances that are foreign to the life processes which are causing many organisms great difficulties. 6. People have massacred and extincted fellow species for their feathers and furs, for their skins and tusks. 7. People have persecuted most persistantly those known as coyote, lion, wolf, and fox because of their dramatic role in the expression of interdependence. 8. People are proliferating in such an irresponsible manner as to threaten the survival of all species. 9. People have warred upon one another which has brought great sorrow to themselves and vast destruction to the homes and the food supplies of many living things. 10. People have denied others the right to live to completion their interdependencies to the full extent of their capabilities.

WE THEREFORE, AMONG THE MORTAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ETERNAL PROCESS OF LIFE and evolutionary principles, in mutual humbleness, explicitly stated, appealing to the ecological consciousness of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do solemnly publish and declare that all species are interdependent; that they are all free to realize these relationships to the full extent of their capabilities; that each species is subservient to the requirements of the natural processes that sustain all life. AND for the support of this declaration with a firm reliance on all other members of our species who understand their consciousness as a capability, to assist all of us and our brothers to interact in order to realize a life process that manifests its maximum potential of diversity, vitality and planetary fertility to insure the continuity of life on earth.

> (from ECOLOGY ACTION, Berkeley, Calif.; reprinted by BOSTON AREA ECOLOGY ACTION)



Wouldn't It Be Nice If...

President Nixon sent to Congress a new bill allotting fifty million dollars for the study of the contributions to the pollution problem by all U.S. industries.

Upon the conclusion of this study, fines will be levied (according to the amount of damage) upon those industries causing damage to the environment.

President Nixon wishes to thank Ralph Nader for stimulating him to act on the matter of pollution. "Thank you, Ralph."

Government Concern??? Hartford Car Ban!!!

Solutions

A letter writer in Chicago, Mrs. Esther Friedman, proposes her own solution to environmental problems. "Why don't we go ahead with much more pollution? In that way, the bodies of the younger generation can build up immunities. That in turn, will produce offspring with built-in antipollution protection.

Through the years, we have developed many pesticides. And what happened? The bugs came along with an entire new generation that were completely immune. Are we going to allow the infinitesimal bug to out-smart

> Chicago Daily News, February 4, 1970

Troubled Waters

If the government is so concerned about pollution, then why is the U.S. Navy allowed to dump raw sewage into the Thames River in New London, Connecticut???? The Navy makes fishing VERY interesting...

If the government is so concerned about pollution, why does it award thousands of dollars worth of defense contracts to Electric Boat General Dynamics (the submarine people) when EB is one of the major polluters of the Thames River (along with Dow Chemical)????

Has anyone been swimming in the Connecticut River lately???? Try the water around Springfield...or Hartford... In Great Barrington, Mass., the

favorite garbage dump is the Housatonic River. In Sharon, Ct., the favorite swimming spot is the Housatonic River...
Has anyone been clamming or

scalloping in the Niantic River lately? Perhaps the refuse and sewage from a dozen marinas could account for the rapid disappearance of shellfish from

Law Suits

Lawsuits concerning pollution have recently been filed against America's largest industries by several government units and individual citizens.

The lawsuits include:

- A \$250 million suit filed by Florida abainst Humble Oil, a subsidiary of Standard Oil of New Jersey, concerning Florida's tourist reputation being damaged by an oil slick in Tampa Bay.

A Federal Court suit by California charging the four major U.S. auto makers with conspiracy to halt the development of smog control devices. California is asking the court to order the companies to install anti-smog equipment on used cars in the the auto manufacturer expense.

-- A damage suit against Chevron Oil Co. by two Louisiana oyster fishermen for oil slicks.

Return Of The Non-Returnables

In Bloomfield Hills, Mich., students from Andover High have started a campaign dubbed "The Return of the Non-Returnables.' In one week about 80 students of the Andover Students for Environmental Quality Club returned more than 100 packages of "non-returnable" bottles and cans to producers by mail. The packages included a letter from the club asking the producer to stop using throwaways and start developing alternative methods of packaging.

We Want To Know Who!!!

The Environmental Offensive has announced that they may take legal action to obtain information pertaining to SO2 pollution. They have hired attorney Igor Sikorsky, a specialist in environmental law, to issue a formal demand to Dr. Franklin Foote in order to gain a list of the 12 top sulfer dioxide emitters together with the tonnage per day emmission.

HELCO is obviously first on the list. On the average, they allow 36 tons of SO₂ per day, gush into our environment. Other polluters are now being sought but Foote stated that it was not public information and admitted that it was incomplete and inaccurate. The Environmental Offensive thinks differently.

Note: (SO₂, sulfur dioxide is 100 times more lethal than carbon monoxide.)

The earth is dying while scientists research remedies to the environmental crisis and politicians play with a new campaign issue. Prevention of further pollution can only be started by immediate action, and until permanent solutions are found, stopgap measures must be adopted. One such measure is suggested by Paul Goodman's essay, "Banning Cars from Manhattan." Its main concept is relevant to urban ecology. Presupposing the adoption of a non-polluting intracity transportation system, institution of a ban on city traffic in Hartford could become a prelude to similar nation-wide action. The experimental banning of automobiles and buses from Hartford would result in substantial purification of the city's air by (a) decreasing air and noise pollution, and by (b) increasing the supply of oxygen. The contribution of amount of automobiles and buses combustion engine motor vehicles to air pollution cannot be

overemphasized. In the Capitol Region, cars daily produce 960.5 tons of pollutants, 785 tons of which are carbon monoxide, constituting 81.1% of the area's total air pollution. The sheer

traveling daily in Hartford is hinted at by the table in the 1960 Unites States Census report which documents the number of workers employed in Hartford who are residents of the city and its metropolitan area and the means of transportation they use in commuting to and from work. Out of a total of 215,356 people fourteen years of age and older who work in Hartford, 148,324 ride to work in a private automobile or carpool, and 31,467 ride a bus. The amount of vehicles involved in non-commuting city traffic cannot be guessed at, but it must be great. Obviously, the removal of buses and passenger cars from the city streets, by removing the major cause of air pollution, would effect a dramatic decrease in the

amount of pollutants in the air. While the average American pays some attention to the unhealthy aspects of air pollution, he tends to ignore the effects of noise pollution. The desirability of its disposal, then, must be demonstrated. Constant noise pollution affects hearing by causing the gradual deterioration of the cells which carry sound from the ear to the brain. Most Americans have already lost a substantial part of their hearing faculties without realizing it. Moreover, noise pollution has been linked with other physical and psychological ailments. Researchers suggest a causal link between noise pollution and mental illness, stomach ulcers, indigestion, involuntary urination, impaired vision, spinalmeningitis, hypertension, excessive cholesterol in the arteries, and coronary troubles. The usual level of noise which the urban American hears has risen 100% since 1955. Continued exposure to 85 decibels of noise will start deterioration of hearing. An automobile produces up to 70 decibels, trucks and buses account for 95 decibels, and heavy city traffic frequently averages 90 decibels. Ineffectual attempts at controlling urban noise have been aimed at banning horn-blowing and the playing of transistor radios in motor vehicles, but these have not touched the main source of automotive noise, the engine. Listening to Hartford's noise pollution demonstrates that automobiles are a major contributor to the problem and that the only effective means of reducing noise pollution would be

the banning of motor venicles Furthermore, the banning of motor vehicles would open to revitalization land now devoted to parking lots and paved roads. The more open land, the more plants, and therefore the greater will be the oxygen supply. The prevalence of carbon monixide and other noxious gases in the air necessitates an increase in the amount of oxygen to counterbalance them, but people are killing their main source of oxygen, photosynthesizing marine life, by dumping DDT and similar chemicals into the ocean. Americans are consuming more and more oxygen by burning (oxidizing) fuels. Thus, a new source of oxygen is needed. Banning of automobiles in Hartford would drastically reduce the amount of paved streets and parking lots. A skeletal system of highways and thruways would remain



"If President Nixon's war on pollution is as successful as President Johnson's war on poverty, there are going to be a lot of dirty poor people around."-Martin and Rowan, Laugh-In.

Announcing The Winner

Who Pollutes More Contest

RUNNERS-UP

Sweden says her air pollution is becoming unbearable. Canada is itching because of the phosphate level in detergents. Russian industrialists battle conservationists over the world's deepest lake. Norway has warned that the fish off her coast are doomed to extinction. The Aswan Dam threatens Egyptians with extensive earthquake damages. South Vietnam suffers from extensive defoliation damage. Italians despair over the damage done to structures in Vienna. Hungary, Bulgaria, and Czechoslovakia suffer from thick smog.

Germans fall ill because of drinking the Danube's water. France's fisherman have to dump their tuna back in the sea because they smell of petro.

Spanish peasants stare at the black smut on their beaches.

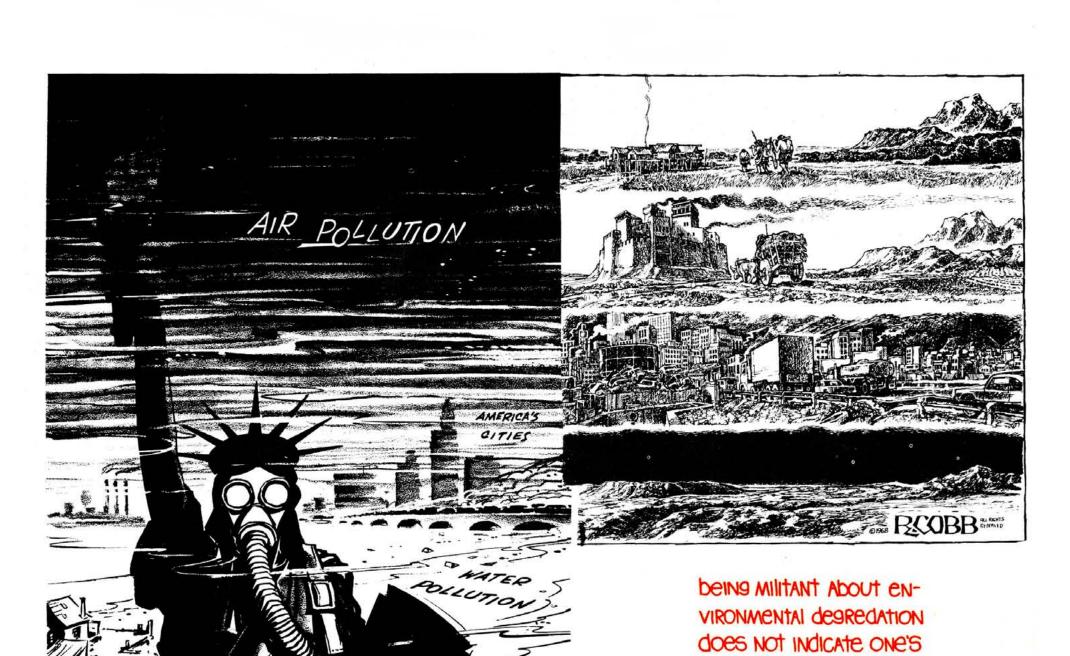
The United States: chokes to death,

wades in sewage, stumbles through garbage, drinks DDT, sees two feet ahead of her, swims in her oil, chops all her trees, kills all of her grass, burns anything and everything litters space,

WE WIN WEWIN!!!!!!!!!!!!!

OUR RATIONALIZATION??????????? "IT'S CHEAPER TO POLLUTE" CONGRATULATIONS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (we hold our head up high...but we cough)





Politics. It only indicates

one's desire to sur-

VIVE. RODERICK CAMERON, executive director