



Take A Look At Your Environment

A sudden awareness of our environment and its problems may be too late. Man for centuries has drained this country of its resources with little thought of replenishment. After the transformation of the resources into products, he can't dispose of them.

The various problems of pollution, smoke, pesticides, waste paper, and oiled oceans, have reached monumental heights. We now desperately try to undo what we have done.

We as the human race, find it difficult to concern ourselves with any problem of mankind until the problem actually threatens our very existence. Human nature probably won't change with the arrival of this threat, but possibly our awareness and concern will.

All of this has been said before, but too many of us wish the problem away, and to others the problem seems far off and foreign. It is hoped that these scenes from your own community will stimulate concern.

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"Earth Day, April 22 marks a time of warning. We are fouling our streams, lakes, marshes. The sea is next. We are burying ourselves under 7 million scrapped cars, 30 million tons of waste paper, 48 billion discarded cans and 28 billion bottles and jars a year. A million tons more of garbage pile up each day.

The air we breathe circles the earth 40 times a year, and America contributes 140 million tons of pollutants: 90 million

from cars -- we burn more gasoline than the rest of the world combined -- 15 million from electric - power generation, one - third of the world's total.

Lead in San Diego's air gets deposited in layers on the Pacific. LA smog may cause mass deaths in 1975. Noise straining our lives, doubles in volume every ten years. There are 5,500 Americans born each day; 100 million more by 2000. We already consume and waste more than any other people.

We flatten our hills,

fill our bays, blitz our wilderness. The quality drains from our lives: I am one-twenty-millionth of a swelling megalopolis.

On Earth Day, Americans young and old are coming together for a national teach - in to talk about our wrecked earth. Environmental Action, a group of fired-up college kids, is coordinating the teach-in. But after Earth Day, the talk and warning end, because the fight to SAVE AMERICA starts now."

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