

conditions in American industry?

Among student effort, one which shows promise is a newly formed project by Environmental Resources, Inc., one of two lasting organizations which grew out of the Environmental Teach-In and Earth Day last April 22. In their head office in Washington, DC, the five initial members of the project have started building a working resource library, establishing contacts with labor unions, medical schools and environment groups, and writing a general handbook on the problem and several brief booklets on specific problems and diseases.

Led by Rick Atkins, a third-year medical student on leave from Stanford, and Paul Witt, a Stanford political science graduate, the group stresses "sensitization" to workers' problems and local initiatives by coalition groups of students, workers, and community members. They have received a \$20,000 grant from the Stern Foundation to begin work, and their advisory board includes Leonard Wookcock, Stewart Udall, Willard Wirtz, and George Wald.

Among specific student activities they will help organize and promote are:---conducting inventories of local industrial hazards and applicable laws;---holding seminars and teach-outs on the problem of in-plant pollution; ---making university laboratories and skills available for analyzing gas and particulate matter found within plants;---setting up regional, week-long training sessions at medical schools for union representatives and university students.

In addition, the project members hope to interest the national media in the problem, perhaps eliciting a network documentary. They also want to establish a national toll-free telephone number for workers to call for

specific answers on industrial hazards.

Another student group begun this summer is Youth Projects, led by former University of Pennsylvania instructor Jim Goodell. Also working with foundation grant money, they have several projects underway, one of which is a content analysis of news media in coal mining regions of Appalachia. The horrors of Black Lung disease among miners and the callousness and corruption of owners and union leaders have been nationally documented, but the local media in those areas have been largely silent. Goodell hopes to gather evidence on how the industry-dominated ownership of newspapers and television stations results in bias in the news.

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### STUDENT PARTICIPATION FAILS TO DEVELOP

WASHINGTON (CPS)---The massive student participation in election campaigns that was predicted last spring has not materialized this fall.

In the wake of the U.S. intervention in Cambodia and the shootings of students at Kent State University and Jackson State College last May, thousands of students came to Washington to lobby in Congress. A number of groups were set up to coordinate an outpouring of student political activity that was to culminate in widespread student campaigning for peace candidates. That hasn't happened.

A check with correspondents across the country and with some of the student coordinating groups indicates that student participation in election campaigns is only slightly above normal and is far below the level of student participation in the 1968 Presidential campaign.

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