

Fundamental Problem Today Is Overconsumption of Resources



editorial

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Perhaps a sign of our time is the great number of oracles, more and more of whom are academics, who go around spouting about this problem or that. And all of them are legit; they have valid points. When the Sierra club points to our indiscriminate killing of rare animals, when the environmentalists point out pollution problems, when the Marxists point out alienation, when the conservative points out loss of culture, when M.I.T. points out our dwindling resource base, when Paul Erlich points out over-

population, we'd better listen because any one of these problems, as well as a hundred others could easily wipe out the human race, or at least rob it of its vitality.

Yet, perhaps the single linking factor between the doomsdayers, whether they be gurus, environmentalists or whatever, is that they all believe the particular problem they are arguing against is the single major task presently facing mankind in its great drive towards a perfect society. And, you know, it would be almost el-

ementary to solve most of these problems. Got alienated workers? Turn the factory over to them to run. Short on resources? Ban their use. Too many children being born? Shoot the excess. Too much pollution? Shut off the factories and the cars and so on down the list!

The point about all these solutions is that, while workable, they directly threaten one of the bases of our society whether morals (Puritanism), ethics (money), democracy (oligarchy-phitocracy) etc.

Therefore since the simple solutions are unacceptable, they lack for more complex, more technological answers. Bring in the pollution control units, the mental hospitals, the artificial substitutes instead of removing the sources of the problems; treat the symptoms-and use whatever resources you can muster to keep the symptoms down.

Hence, not only do you not solve the problem, you exacerbate others by using resources which could possibly have been used there or were, more directly (lesser gas mileage - and oil reserves- to reduce auto exhaust fumes.)

The "problem of Problems"

then, is that the solution - or attempt at finishing a solution- too frequently results in a worsening of other problems; that each time we attempt to make any progress towards an answer to any problem, we lessen the pool of resources; human, societal, and natural, which we must live on.

Unless we make some attempt to understand and to do something about this greatest of all problems, then there is no hope of finding a lasting solution to anything until we plug our drain on these resources. The best we can do is to keep each problem at bay-while continuing to waste our resources in order to keep them there.

The obvious question, of course, is what happens to these problems when we finally run out of one or more of these fundamental resources.

Hence, only one conclusion can be reached - that in order to prevent problems from recurring over and over and over, we must, at long last, stop this drain upon our resources.

Unless this problem is tackled, none of them is worthy of looking at. The others all hinge on it.



Vandalism - Again

Dear Editor:

This letter is directed to the retard-imbeciles who obviously want normal people to be aware of their presence on campus - day and night. Congrats - you've accomplished it. Thanks to who ever you are, the phone is wrecked in the Barn. But that's O.K. - when it rings it makes so much noise that you cannot hear the beautiful crunch of the walls as someone's foot, fist, or fat head is putting a hole in it.

It's also beyond me why certain people(?) must go around smashing those greyish-white flower pots placed around campus. I hope you feel reel good. And why do you think that the only reason to put up fences is for

you to break 'em down?

One more point - I wish that the ladies at the Pigs would take more care in the ladies room. I don't care how drunk you are, care about the person behind you,

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