

Earth Day

Students ask — What is April 22? Some people answer, "It's a movement, not a day." Upon being given that answer all the trappings of confusion become obvious.

April 22 has also been called "Earth Day". A Day of the Earth (or commonly known as Ecology). This day is an important start in the finding of the actual role of students.

To find out what the students leaders, faculty, and students of our school have been doing for Earth Day, the following were asked

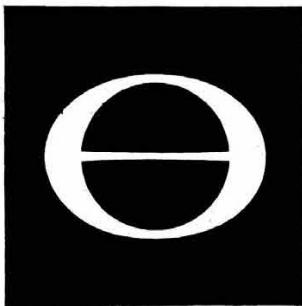
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE OR WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING FOR EARTH DAY?

Ben Holden — "I stopped throwing my empty cigarette packages on the street — second

by the Nixon Administration to divert protest activity from the important problems to one less important but more "acceptable" to the powers that be. Ecology is not an issue to tally without worth by any means, but it has of late become vastly over-inflated. Hopefully, the current flurry of activity will soon pass, and the issue may then be seen in its proper perspective. Guns and hunger kill a lot more people than air pollution.

Mark A. Bauman — "All I've done for this day is write this article."

Dr. Samolin — (professor of history) — "My car has the best air pollution devise that Detroit has to offer. And I use lead-free Amoco gas — I care about Ecology."



thought, no comment."

Ted Mather — "I am producing a documentary on water, air and noise pollution — for channel 24 and for the University of Hartford."

Norm Wilson — "I am doing nothing for the following reason. I feel that the issue of ecology is a deplorable play by the government to de-emphasize the war and urban problems, there by allowing old stagnant problems to continue."

Hank Mishkoff — "I agree emphatically with Norm. While I do feel that Ecology is an important issue, I feel that it is a less vital and certainly less urgent than other problems, such as the War in Vietnam and poverty. I feel that the sudden emergence of interest in ecology is evidence of an effort

Mrs. Davis (English teacher) — "I'm scared — we have to do something, but if giant Corporations don't stop putting all that junk in the air, what good would it do for me to pick up my garbage."

The Chancellor — "I'm going to speak at the college of Basic Studies on "Ecology" on April 20th at 1:30. And we began a new clean up project for the area around Mark Twain Drive and near the rail-road tracks."

Ralph Nader — "...the important part of this day is not the day itself — it's what happens afterwards. It should be an all year affair, not just one day."

All is not lost, for the earth is still here, but how long will it be before it is not. Stop thinking and start acting.

Technological Abstinence

Murray Gell-Mann, winner of the 1969 Nobel prize in physics, speaking recently at a symposium sponsored by the John Muir Institute for Environmental Studies of San Francisco, called for a basic reorientation of science and technology. The following is excerpted from his talk. (From Science, p. 727 Nov. 7, 1969)

We are all of us appalled at man's ravaging of his environment. The problem comes about as a product of three factors: population, the propensity for each individual to destroy the environment, and his capacity to do so through being armed with technology. All of these are increasing; all must be worked on in an effort to find some way to control the trend and ultimately make it level off or reverse.

It used to be true that most things that were technologically possible were done...Certainly, in the future, this cannot and must

not be so. As our ability to do all kinds of things, and the scale of them, increase — for the scale is planetary for so many things today — we must try to realize a smaller and smaller fraction of all the things that we can do. Therefore, an essential element of engineering from now on must be the element of choice.

...In trying to change the trend, we all look forward in the near future to certain landmark actions. Landmarks of technological renunciation. For example, if no supersonic transports fly supersonically over land, that would be an example of something we can do and don't do for environmental reasons. If there are no SST's at all, that's possibly even better.

...The major problem is to reorient the application of science and technology so that a major part of the application is in curing the problems that have arisen as a result of the applications so far.

Anti-Aircraft Conspiracy

Members of the newly-formed Anti-Aircraft Conspiracy continued plans to hold their April 14 rock rally at Bushnell Park despite tough legal roadblocks imposed upon them by the city's corporation council.

The anti-war group which is protesting war profiteering by United Aircraft Corporation has been negotiating with city officials for months for the right to use the park.

Earlier this week city council members voiced objection to the planned gathering because of a report in the local underground newspaper Hartford's Other Voice, that there would "naked people" at the gathering.

The "naked people" issue was talked about so much at that council meeting it obscured what AAC members called the real issue...why city officials were for the first time imposing legal restrictions on the use of Bushnell Park.

In an unprecedented demand the corporation council required that the anti-war group would have to:

-Lease the land from the city that day and insure the area against injury or property loss.

-Pay for extra police protection depending on the size of the gathering.

"Soon the city fathers will have to deal with the question of who controls the park, the people or the politicians," an AAC spokesman said Friday. Bushnell Park could well become another People's Park unless city hall loosens up."

While opposing the proposed Bushnell sight, city officials

unofficially offered an alternative location of Colt's Park for the Festival of Life, free of any legal restrictions. This was rejected by AAC members.

Spokesmen for the AAC contend it is their constitutional right to use Bushnell for a political gathering...regardless of bureaucratic technicalities.

AAC leaders also say it is now too late to change the location of the event. They maintain that people from all over have been notified of the Bushnell Park location and it would now be impossible to change plans.

In other late developments Yippie non-leader Jerry Rubin has been replaced by David Dellinger and John Froinos to speak at the festival, both Conspiracy 7 defendants.

Folk singer Phil Ochs has made tentative plans to appear at the gathering.

Plans continue for the AAC to picket P&WA the morning and afternoon of the 14th. Members of the group will gain legal access to the stockholders meeting with proxies.

Representatives of the Black Panther Party will speak at the festival as well as Dellinger and Froinos.

Attorneys for the AAC will take the Bushnell park permit issue to a federal hearing Monday afternoon.

Demands to be made at the stockholders meeting include:

-An end to United Aircraft war production.

-Conversion to life supporting production.

-Improved treatment of UAC employees.

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