

## Get Military Out of Water Management

Anthony Wayne Smith, president of the National Parks Association, has recently recommended to President Nixon that the President, by executive order, transfer the military personnel of the Army Corps of Engineers back into military service, and the civilian staff to the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration & (Department of Interior) and the National Air Pollution Control Administration (Department of HEW).

Smith heads the National Parks Association, a private non-profit organization interested in preserving the National Parks System. The organization addresses broader environmental issues through educational and research programs.

Smith maintains that the management of the water resources of the nation by a military agency is an anachronism. The growing complexity of environmental problems now requires a new professional approach to watershed and river basin management. Moreover, this new approach requires a sensitivity to human considerations and flexibility in adoption to public needs which the Army Engineers have clearly demonstrated in practice they do not possess, Smith feels.

Effective coordination of the work of the agencies can best be provided at the Presidential level, according to Smith, with the assistance of the Council on Environmental Quality.

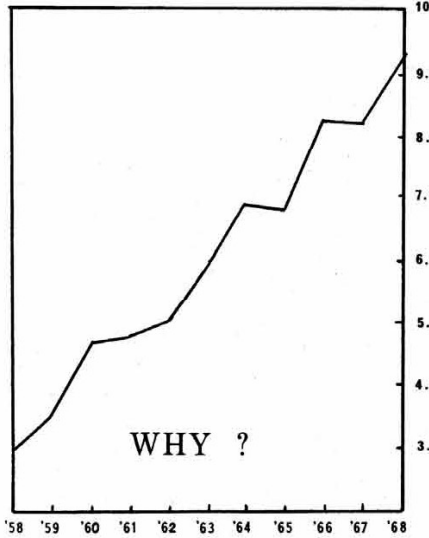
Such a reorganization, contends the Parks Association, would enable an immense saving in federal expenditures on harmful and useless river basin construction projects. The money now being wasted on big dams could be rebudgeted into the all-important efforts to eliminate air and water pollution.

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## Bill Would Ban Phosphates

Legislation which would require removal of phosphates from detergents—identified as one of the leading polluters of lakes and streams—was introduced March 5 by Rep. Roman Pucinski, R-Ill. Pucinski noted a recent study by the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration advisory board. The board, which studied pollution in Lake Erie, Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence Seaway, named phosphate detergent as a "major constituent" of the pollution.

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## Laundry Tips

The individual who is concerned about water pollution can do more than simply change to a low-phosphate (9.8 per cent or 5.0 percent) detergent. STOP, Society to Overcome Pollution, a women's action group in Canada, has come up with a procedure that will give a white wash with less than one per cent phosphate. It is a soap and soda.

Washing soda is available in super-markets (Arm and Hammer is a well known brand), as is soap powder (or soap flakes). They are reputedly cheaper than detergents, and as effective when properly used.

There is a possibility of the clothes yellowing if you switch directly from detergents to soap and soda, without "stripping." Stripping means washing the clothes by machine in hot water with 4 tablespoons of soda. This

"strips" the clothes of all remaining detergent residue. After stripping, soap and soda will give you a "white" wash.

For the amount of soap, read the package directions. Add from 2 to 4 tablespoons of soda to the machine, depending on the hardness of your water.

## Ecology Crimes Tribunal

A referendum on the state of the local environment will be on the ballot April 7 in Madison, Wisconsin. The referendum concerns the rights of the people to "...a clean and healthy environment," which takes

## Rehearse For The Apocalypse

YES FOLKS! NOW YOU CAN BE THE FIRST ON YOUR BLOCK TO EXPERIENCE THE ECOLOGICAL DISASTER. WHY WAIT TILL 1980? DON'T LET THE FUTURE TAKE YOU BY SURPRISE. PREPARE NOW FOR THE END OF CIVILIZATION. REHEARSE FOR THE APOCALYPSE. HERE ARE A FEW SUGGESTIONS:

Better start preparing your palette and stomach for the fare of the 80's:

—Mix detergent with everything you eat and drink. There's already quite a bit but there will be a lot more in the future.

—Learn how to digest grass and other common plants.

—Start fattening your dog, cat, parakeet, and puppies for the main course of the future.

—Develop a taste for grubs and insects—your ancestors weren't too proud to lift a rock for their dinner.

—Practice starving.

—Every night before bedtime drink a glass of industrial and organic waste on the rocks (with mixer if you prefer).

Appreciating that most services and products will disappear over the next ten to twenty years, we suggest this little dry run:

- Turn off your gas
- Turn off your water
- Turn off your telephone
- Turn off your heat
- Turn off your electricity
- Sit naked on the floor and repeat this chant:

precedence over the use of the environment for public or private ends.

Recently in Madison, three student groups from the University of Wisconsin planned an ecology crimes tribunal when representatives of several oil companies were on campus. The trial was held in the evening before a crowd of about 200 people.

After reading a conviction verdict, students marched on a local lobby for the oil companies and burned a mock derrick. The local oilers pled ignorance to questions the marchers asked concerning the oil industry, so the students requested a panel of experts meet them. As yet the oil companies have not replied.

Another ecology crimes tribunal is tentatively set for April 22.

