Pollution action

A little publicized event with great potential significance will take place in Kriege on December 29. The Federal Water Pollution Control Board will be holding a regional conference for college students interested in doing something about water pollution. A five-man regional board will be selected, and one member of that group will go to Washington to participate in a national board which will (supposedly) advise Interior Secretary Hickel on water pollution problems.

Federal planners looking into the future have already determined that environmental pollution will be the next target of activist youth when (if) the war is over ever since they cannot get on the right side of the war issue, they are apparently trying to get in on the right side of the pollution issue, or at least co-opt as many of the anti-pollution crusaders as possible.

What dawns upon us, however, is the date that they have chosen for the conference. Either the Department of the Interior is incredibly stupid in thinking that college students will be around on the 29th to participate in the conference, or else the Department is attempting deliberately to catch the people seriously concerned about ecology off guard and choose youth panels that won't look the other side of the pollution issue.

In either case, we urge everyone who is concerned about the destruction of our environment to attend the conference and to ensure that our regional board will consist of students who believe that people's right to clean water is more important than corporations' right to use rivers for sewers.

Merry Christmas

In keeping with the spirit of the season, The Tech would like to present Christmas gifts to various individuals who have been in the news during the last year.

For Professor Stark Draper: a post office contract which will help begin the "conversion" process. It is one way that the United States can lead the world in keeping their ballistic missile mail system which will deliver mail packets to several different destinations in the Soviet Union using only one missile.

For Richard Nixon: 500,000 pre-addressed congratulatory telegram which he can mail to himself after his next Vietnam speech.

For General Lewis Hershey: a 50-gallon drum of mustache wax which he can use to mix the lottery capsules a little more evenly.

For Professor Herbert Woodson: a copy of Uncle Tom's Cabin and shoe-shine kits.

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For David Eisenhower: a 1-A, an M-16, and a jar of wristlet.

For Assistant Dean Dick Sorenson: a jar of mustache wax.

For the MIT Public Relations Office: two free tickets to Owen Franklin's slide show about the November Actions.

For Carson Agnew: a one-way ticket back to Boston and a position in his junta, where he will undoubtedly feel at home.

As long as we continue to neglect the Army will need at least 250,000 draftees, too. Presumably all our reactions toward how circumscript DOD was about that number. If the budget squeeze does not mean the amount of money allowed for manpower in the Appropriaions for the Department of the Interior is incredibly stupid in believing that this country has nothing more than a cruel hoax, and that in May we will find ourselves savoring the labs from the Institute. If this happens, it will be a demonstration that when large amounts of pressure applied in an exceedingly complex issue are countered by a slickly managed, politically expedient "solution", one can win. The hopes of many will have been raised, only to be dashed.

Footnotes

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