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"THE QUALITY OF MAN'S ENVIRONMENT"

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Mr. Dillon
Miss Lee
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Symposium

For most of man's long sojourn on this planet,
he has been -- to paraphrase slightly the words of the
poet Housman:

"... a stranger and afraid

In a world he never made."

But man is no longer a stranger ... not even
a mere spectator in today's world.

It may not be the best of all possible worlds, but
it is in large part the world he made.

*"stop the world, I want
to get off"*

Whether deliberately, as in the building of structures
and cities, or inadvertently -- as in the pollution of the air and
water -- he has drastically altered his physical environment.

It is therefore timely and urgent that you meet.

You will spend the next two days considering the *observations*

Proposals and results of a group of carefully-selected experts, who over the past six months have prepared statements concerning the principles which should guide the development of the physical environment *of man.*

I think this is the right approach.

*urbanization
mechanization
Transportation*
~~I believe~~ Conventional attitudes and methods for dealing with the physical environment must be reconsidered.

*have added
a new dimension
to our
environmental
problem*
~~I believe~~ the fragmented approach of the past must be replaced by a broader and more comprehensive view of our environment, seen as a whole.

And for this, we need to call not only on people who

*Redesign
our cities -
also
Renaissance
Man*
work day-to-day in architecture or city planning, ~~for instance~~, but also on men and women concerned with the broadest possible scientific and human considerations.

*Condition
of
People*

*Environment of Earth, of Atmosphere
of Sea, of Space - The Study of the Solar System
our Environmental home*

I know that your chairman, Miss Lee, will do her best to channel this symposium into innovative and creative directions. As Minister of the Arts in Her Majesty's Government she has done a good deal to better man's environment.

I wish you well and I look forward to reviewing the results of your labors.

We welcome your counsel and direction.

now may I present the
Right Honourable Miss Jennie
Lee, Minister of the Arts in
Her Majesty's Government.



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