

Environment
Teach-ins

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In the coming weeks the students of our colleges,
universities and high schools will give special emphasis

Environment

Pollution

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to the problems of our environment. Let us also hope

that these pollution conferences will concern themselves

with not only the problems but the improvement of our

environment. There are no "over night" solutions.....

Much of the pollution control measures are going to

require legislation from the Congress and the state

legislature, and require action from the President and

the Governor, and additional local action from city

councils and mayors as well as from industry. A good

deal of this legislation will be costly if we are to

set right the wrongs that have been created in our

ecological system. The higher cost is a result of the

new technology necessary for controlling the pollution

of the air and water.

Legal

Cost of
action

Hillman

Sleepy
Eyes

Austin

Crookston

YDFL

Rec
Committee

DNC
O'Brien

My coming
to 7th

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+ Action
Set for DME!

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What
we can
do

Nevertheless, there are some things that can be done that will immediately improve the environment that are of little or no cost and only require individual citizen responsibility and participation. For example, as we discuss the problems of our physical environment and what to do about it, let's get busy and do something about it. We can clean up junk yards in our local communities.....we can eliminate backyard burning of household refuse.....we can take a look at ourselves and how we act and realize that there is an endless list of small personal efforts that each one of us can do that will have an immediate and radical effect on the air we breathe and the water we drink. The time has come for individual awareness on the crisis confronting us in our physical environment. The people of our state will never have a better opportunity for participation, insight and knowledge of the depths of this crisis than during the month of April when the students of our schools will bring into hundreds of Minnesota communities open forums of discussion and information on these pollution problems.

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I am personally going to take part in as many of these conferences as possible and I want to urge you..... especially those of you in this audience of the adult generation.....to support the efforts of these concerned students by your participation in their seminars and your encouragement of their goals. I am sure you will see, as I did recently at a similar environmental conference at the high school in Lakeville, Minnesota, that these young people are sounding an alert to those of us of my generation that they want to do something about the very critical challenge of improving our environment. Their first step in this direction will be environmental teach-ins, seminars, symposiums and converences, through well reasoned, thoroughly discussed and thoughtfully prepared solutions arrived at in a free exchange of information and dialogue with experts in the field, with community and state leaders, and with each other.



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