

REMARKS

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Mound Senior High School  
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IF YOU ARE READY AND WILLING TO MAKE THIS COMMITMENT..  
...THEN LET'S CHANGE FROM RHETORIC TO REALITY.....LET US CON-  
CENTRATE ON SOME POSITIVE AND IMMEDIATE STEPS THAT CAN BE  
TAKEN.....STEPS THAT WILL NOT ONLY HAVE A VISIBLE IMPACT ON  
MANY OF OUR ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS, BUT WILL MOST CERTAINLY  
WIDEN THE SCOPE OF ACTIVE COMMUNITY AWARENESS TO THIS VERY  
CRITICAL SITUATION NOW CONFRONTING OUR SOCIETY.

I RECOMMEND THAT THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS ESTABLISH  
THE 1970s AS THE DECADE OF PEOPLE, ENVIRONMENT AND PEACE - THE  
"PEP" DECADE, AN ENTIRE DECADE DEDICATED TO PEOPLE.....RECOG-  
NIZING DIGNITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S HUMAN RIGHTS.....AN ENTIRE  
DECADE SET ASIDE TO CONCENTRATE ON THE BATTLE THAT MUST BE FOUGHT  
AGAINST POLLUTION.....AND A DECADE BORN IN THE FRUSTRATIONS OF WAR  
AND DEDICATED TO A PEACE THAT PROVIDES MEANING FOR OUR ULTIMATE  
GOAL OF BUILDING TOGETHER IN PEACE A BETTER WORLD FOR TOMORROW.

Supt. *[Signature]*  
Principal *[Signature]*  
Ed Behrman

*upon which to concentrate  
our attention* 001933

~~THESE ARE A FEW OF THE THINGS.~~ WE ~~SHOULD~~ HAVE FOUR  
LEVELS. -- WHAT CAN YOU DO AT THE LOCAL LEVEL; WHAT CAN  
YOU DO AT THE STATE LEVEL; WHAT CAN YOU DO AT THE NATIONAL  
LEVEL; AND THEN, OF COURSE, THE FINAL -- WHAT CAN YOU DO  
AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL. *yes,* AT THE LOCAL LEVEL IT REQUIRES  
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, REWARDS AND AWARDS; AT THE STATE  
LEVEL IT REQUIRES ~~STRICT~~ STRICT STATE LAW, STRICT AND MEANINGFUL *enforcement*  
STATE ENFORCEMENT.

(1) *L* WE SHOULD CALL UPON EVERY LEGISLATURE TO PUT AT THE  
TOP OF ITS AGENDA FOR THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION STARTING 1971  
THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

(2) AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL WE MUST CALL UPON THE CONGRESS  
TO ESTABLISH STRICT STANDARDS ON ALL FORMS OF POLLUTION.....  
STANDARDS THAT WOULD PREVENT THE FAMILIAR ECONOMIC BLACKMAIL  
WE HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO HERE IN MINNESOTA, WHERE A MAJOR  
EMPLOYER CASTS ASIDE THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND PUTS A GUN TO THE  
COMMUNITY'S HEAD BY THREATENING TO CLOSE HIS PLANT AND PUT

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THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE OUT OF WORK IF MADE TO CONFORM TO EVEN  
THE MINIMUM POLLUTION ABATEMENT MEASURES FOR AIR AND WATER,

*Pollution privilege by moving to*  
WITH FEDERAL LEGISLATION, COMPANIES SUCH AS THIS, WHOSE <sup>prime</sup> INTEREST <sup>is</sup> THEIR ANNUAL PROFIT, WOULD BE <sup>found no haven of</sup> ~~MOVING TO ANOTHER STATE WHERE POLLUTION REQUIREMENTS~~ <sup>if governed</sup> ~~BY THE STATE~~ <sup>only by state laws might be less</sup> ~~OTHERWISE~~ <sup>demanding.</sup>

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~~AT THE SAME TIME~~ THE CONGRESS SHOULD REVIEW EVERY  
LAW REGARDING THE ENVIRONMENT THAT IS NOW ON THE BOOKS.

THESE LAWS SHOULD BE UPDATED.....MAKE SURE THE PENALTIES FOR  
POLLUTERS ARE STRONG ENOUGH.....AND EQUALLY IMPORTANT, MAKE  
SURE THE INCENTIVES TO TAKE CORRECTIVE MEASURES TO STOP  
POLLUTION ARE REALISTIC IN TERMS OF TODAY'S LONG RANGE COR-  
PORATE PLANNING.

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International

AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL, WORKING THROUGH THE  
UNITED NATIONS, WE SHOULD NEGOTIATE AND RATIFY TREATIES AND  
AGREEMENTS TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT, TO ESTABLISH ENFORCEABLE

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STANDARDS FOR CLEAN AIR; STANDARDS FOR CLEAN WATER; AND  
STRICT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO PREVENT CONTAMINATION OF  
INTERNATIONAL RIVERS AND THE OCEANS.

↳ A UNITED NATIONS BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL  
SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO SUPERVISE AND MONITOR ALL ENVIRON-  
MENTAL CONTROL EFFORTS.

*at the community level —*

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↳ I PROPOSE A COMMUNITY COALITION FOR A CLEAN ENVIRON-  
MENT -- A MOBILIZATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EFFORTS OF ALL  
AGE GROUPS AND ALL SEGMENTS OF THE SOCIETY.

↳ WE NOW HAVE AN URBAN COALITION IN OUR MAJOR CITIES,  
BUT THE COMMUNITY COALITION FOR A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT WOULD BE  
MUCH BROADER AND COULD GO INTO EVERY PART OF THE STATE AND  
BEYOND THE STATE, TO THE NATION.  
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TO COORDINATE ALL OF THE ESSENTIAL EFFORTS IN SUCH A PROGRAM, I SUGGEST THAT THE STATE ESTABLISH A CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD ON ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION AND RECREATION.

THIS STATE BOARD WOULD WORK WITH SIMILAR BOARDS ORGANIZED IN EACH COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT MINNESOTA TO ESTABLISH LOCAL STANDARDS ~~OF CONSERVATION~~, AS WELL AS, PROVIDING GUIDANCE, INFORMATION AND DIRECTION TO ITS LOCAL CITIZENS AND INDUSTRY.

THIS IS WHAT WE REALLY MEAN BY "CITIZEN PARTICIPATION" IN THE POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LIFE OF THE COUNTRY. LET'S TAKE POLITICS TO THE PEOPLE -- WHEN I SAY POLITICS, I MEAN THE WHOLE CONCEPT OF PUBLIC POLICY AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION TO THE PEOPLE.

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I PROPOSE A SPECIAL HONORS PROGRAM FOR OUR COMMUNITIES WHERE THE STATE OF MINNESOTA WOULD PRESENT AN "E" AWARD FOR "EXCELLENCE IN ENVIRONMENT".

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LIKEWISE, THERE SHOULD BE A REGULAR REPORT ISSUED OUT OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AS TO RESULTS IN BEAUTIFICATION AND

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ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION OF OUR STATE.....THE RESULTS OF WHAT  
LOCAL COMMUNITIES ARE DOING IN THEIR PARKS, AROUND CITY HALL  
AND IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS.....INCLUDING HOW WE ARE CLEANING  
UP THE AUTOMOBILE GRAVEYARDS, HOW WE'RE CLEANING UP ALONG  
ROADSIDES.

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L EACH COMMUNITY SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST ONE APPOINTED  
OFFICER, VOLUNTARY OR PAID, THAT WOULD SERVE LIKE A LOCAL  
CONSERVATIONIST OR ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER.

IN THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES THERE ARE LOCAL FORESTERS  
AND LOCAL CONSERVATIONISTS THAT HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A  
PARTICULAR AREA. L WE CAN DO THE SAME THING HERE IN OUR RE-  
SPECTIVE CITIES. THIS MAN CAN BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LOCAL  
CITIZENS' BOARD ON ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION AND RECREATION.

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L WE SHOULD CALL ON EVERY YOUTH ORGANIZATION IN THE  
STATE TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS OF THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT THEIR  
NUMBER ONE TASK. BOY SCOUTS, BOYS' CLUBS, FUTURE FARMERS AND  
OTHER ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS GIRL GUIDES, CUBS, BLUEBIRDS, ETC.

Youth

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*Air Pollution  
Report*

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I PROPOSE THAT THE RADIO, TELEVISION AND NEWSPAPERS  
START INCLUDING WITH EACH WEATHER REPORT A DAILY AIR POLLUTION  
COUNT FOR THEIR PARTICULAR COMMUNITY.

~~THE INFORMATION CAN BE READILY MADE AVAILABLE FROM THE  
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY POLLUTION  
ABATEMENT BOARDS. THESE AIR POLLUTION REPORTS WOULD PROVIDE AN  
ACCUMULATIVE COUNT OF THE TOTAL OF MICROGRAMS OF SOLID MATTER  
IN THE AIR YOU BREATHE IN THE PRECEDING 24 HOURS. ALL OF THIS  
WOULD BE REPORTED IN RELATION TO THE 75 MICROGRAMS WHICH IS THE  
ESTABLISHED LEGAL MAXIMUM ANNUAL AVERAGE. DO THIS ONE LITTLE  
THING AND YOU'D SOON SEE AN OTHERWISE APATHETIC CITIZENRY  
BECOME ACTIVELY CONCERNED WHEN THEY FIND -- AS THEY DO IN THE  
TWIN CITIES RIGHT NOW -- THAT THESE DAILY COUNTS OFTEN RUN  
MORE THAN 20% ABOVE THIS LEGAL LIMIT OF 75.~~

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THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION IN THIS STATE --  
TOGETHER WITH THE WATER QUALITY LAB IN DULUTH -- SHOULD

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PROVIDE A WEEKLY PUBLISHED REPORT OF WATER POLLUTION  
IN THE LAKES, STREAMS AND RIVERS OF THIS STATE.

NOW I REALIZE THAT THIS IS QUITE A FORMIDABLE  
TASK AT FIRST THOUGHT. HOWEVER, I AM CONFIDENT THAT SUCH  
AN ANALYSIS REPORTING SYSTEM COULD BE ESTABLISHED BY USING  
EXISTING FACILITIES WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES AND COUNTIES.  
NOW A WATER POLLUTION REPORT, SUCH AS THIS, WILL BE OF NO  
VALUE IF THOSE MAKING THE SAMPLE ANALYSIS DRAG THEIR FEET,  
HIDE THE FACTS, OR ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE INTIMIDATED BY  
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS -- BE THEY POLITICAL OR INDUSTRIAL.  
JUST IMAGINE HOW QUICKLY A REPORT SUCH AS THIS WOULD POINT  
OUT AREAS NEEDING IMMEDIATE CONCENTRATION ON SUCH CORRECTIVE  
MEASURES AS NEW SEWAGE TREATMENT CENTERS. THIS WOULD ALLOW  
US TO DISCOVER THE PROBLEM AND TAKE REMEDIAL STEPS BEFORE IT  
BECOMES TOO LATE.

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"THE COLUMBUS CHALLENGE"

IN THE 30 SHORT YEARS LEFT IN THIS CENTURY, THE U.S. WILL HAVE TO BUILD AS MUCH AS HAS BEEN BUILT IN THE WHOLE NATION ALTOGETHER SINCE THE ARRIVAL OF THE WHITE MAN IN 1492. BY THE YEAR 2000 NEARLY HALF OF US WILL LIVE IN HOUSES OR APARTMENTS NOT YET STARTED AND ON LAND NOT YET BROKEN.

POPULATION GROWTH FACTS

IN THE PAST 30 YEARS THE CITY OF BALITMORE HAS ADDED TO ITS POPULATION A CITY LARGER THAN MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, ( 1 million, 127 thousand persons); AND IN THE NEXT 20 YEARS IT WILL ADD A CITY ABOUT THE SIZE OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, (1 million, 153 thousand persons).

DURING THESE SAME NEXT TWENTY YEARS OUR NATION'S CAPITAL WILL BE ADDING TO ITSELF A CITY THE SIZE OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND (925 thousand persons).

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Every year we add to our U.S. population a city the size of  
Philadelphia (2 million 800 thousand)

In 20 years the size of Los Angeles and San Francisco  
will double and New York will add 6 million more people  
(density of Harlem)

WADENA, MINNESOTA  
April 14, 1970

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GOOD PHRASES

ECOLOGICAL OBSCENITY

ENVIRONMENTAL INSULT

WHEN CLASSIFYING NATIONS OF THE WORLD, THE TERM  
"UNDEVELOPED COUNTRIES" IS A EUPHEMISM FOR "STARVING".  
THESE COUNTRIES COMPRISE TWO-THIRDS OF THE WORLD'S  
POPULATION. THEIR GROWTH IN POPULATION IS SO FANTASTIC  
THAT THEY DOUBLE THEIR POPULATION ANYWHERE FROM TWICE TO  
EIGHT TIMES AS FAST AS DEVELOPED NATIONS.

MANKIND'S INALIENABLE RIGHTS

1. THE RIGHT TO EAT WELL
2. THE RIGHT TO DRINK PURE WATER.
3. THE RIGHT TO BREATHE CLEAN AIR.
4. THE RIGHT TO DECENT, UNCROWDED SHELTER.
5. THE RIGHT TO ENJOY NATURAL BEAUTY.
6. THE RIGHT TO AVOID REGIMENTATION.
7. THE RIGHT TO AVOID PESTICIDE POISONING.
8. THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM FROM THERMONUCLEAR WAR.
9. THE RIGHT TO LIMIT FAMILIES.
10. THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION.
11. THE RIGHT TO HAVE GRANDCHILDREN.

(from THE POPULATION BOMB by Dr. Paul R. Ehrlich)

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Earth Day -

Jumbo Jet -

Tokyo to S.F. to mpls

Tokyo & Japan Pollution

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facts 200 Mill. on Tons fumes & fumes  
Spewed into atmosphere each year  
Cars - 60% of air pollution

20,000 Americans are dying every  
year from effects of Air Pollution  
Emphysema, Lung Cancer

Trees & plant life die - 100,000  
acres of Ponderosa & Jeffrey  
Pine trees in San Bernardino  
Nat'l Forest

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Pesticides + Insecticides -  
DDT - banned  
2, 4, 5T banned Jan 1.

80,000 to 90,000 injured every yr  
by Pesticides  
800 to 1000 die -

## Solid Waste

Each yr - American Junk  
 7 million cans.  
 20 million tons of Paper  
 48 billion cans  
 28 Billion Bottles

~~Nuclear Test Ban Treaty~~

## Water Pollution

Our oceans in Jeopardy - Maybe  
another 50 yrs oceans be polluted

Sub-surface water endangered  
 by industries dumping toxic waste  
 down deep injection wells

Brine Wastes in Canada erupted  
 in Michigan -

Texas Sweet water wells +  
 levees broken -

Rivers - Lakes -

Damules - Rhine, Ohio, Prattman  
Mississippi - Lake Erie,  
Superior

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- Radiolotopes - Atomic Waste

= Nuclear Test Ban

= non Proliferation Treaty

1899 Rivers + Harbors

1948 Fed. Water Pollution Control  
 Act  
 (Toans in Sewage)

1956 - Water Pollution Control  
 Act

1961

1965 - Water Q. Utility Act

1966 - Clean Water Restoration  
Act.

1969 Environment Quality  
Act - Council to  
Coordinators.

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② International - U.S.

1972 Conference Stockholm

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Here at Home



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Comm. Coalition

Legal  
Cong.

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NOW WHAT ABOUT YOURSELF?

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE CLEAN ENVIRONMENT IN OUR CITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND OLD PEOPLE ALIKE? ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SEEING THAT THE SLUMS ARE CLEANED UP? ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SEEING THAT THE NOISE AND THE CONGESTION THAT IS THE LIFE OF SO MANY OF OUR PEOPLE TODAY IS AT LEAST REDUCED? ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE POLLUTION OF RACIAL BIAS? BECAUSE LET ME TELL YOU A MAN THAT IS A BIGOT OR A RACIST IS POLLUTED, BEYOND REDEMPTION ALMOST. MENTAL POLLUTION — SPIRITUAL POLLUTION. <sup>there are</sup> THE WORST KIND OF POLLUTION. <sup>this is</sup> THE POLLUTION THAT BRINGS HATRED AND ANGER THAT DESTROYS YOU. AND WE <sup>have</sup> GOT ALL ~~KINDS OF~~ THAT KIND OF POLLUTION, WHERE PEOPLE NO LONGER REGARD MEN AND WOMEN ON THE BASIS OF THEIR CHARACTER, BUT BY THE COLOR OF THEIR SKIN.

THE POLLUTION OF A BODY THAT IS A VICTIM OF DRUGS. THE POLLUTION OF A BODY THAT IS A VICTIM OF ABUSE. SO WHEN WE WAGE WAR ON POLLUTION, LET'S REMEMBER THAT WE WE'RE REALLY IN A SENSE TRYING TO EXERCISE SELF-DISCIPLINE. THAT'S WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT. ~~AND I HAPPEN TO THINK IF I CAN SAY TO THE FRIENDS OF MY GENERATION, THAT~~ DESPITE ALL THAT WE'VE SAID ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY, ~~THAT~~ THEY ARE MORE AWARE OF THIS THAN EVER WE WERE. <sup>AND</sup> I DON'T HAPPEN TO THINK THAT MY PREACHMENT IS GOING TO CHANGE A YOUNG MAN'S MIND OR A YOUNG WOMAN'S MIND, BUT YOU CAN HELP EACH OTHER. <sup>YOU</sup> CAN HELP EACH OTHER, IN YOUR THOUGHTS, IN YOUR ACTIONS. YOU CAN HELP SOME ONE THAT IS POLLUTING HIS BODY. YOU CAN HELP SOMEONE THAT IS POLLUTING HIS MIND. AND THEN YOU CAN REMIND THE OLDER

Drug

Pollution  
Body

Self  
Discipline

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GENERATION OF THIS COUNTRY THAT THERE IS ~~NOTHING~~? SOMETHING  
WORSE THAN STUDENT MILITANCY. IT'S ADULT APATHY, ADULT  
INDIFFERENCE. AND THERE'S FAR TOO MUCH ADULT INDIFFERENCE  
IN THIS COUNTRY, THE WILLINGNESS OF PEOPLE TO SAY "WELL IT'S  
ALWAYS BEEN THIS WAY: I CAN'T CHANGE IT: I'M NOT GOING TO  
GET INVOLVED." GET INVOLVED. TELL YOUR PARENTS. TELL YOUR  
GRANDPARENTS: ~~TELL YOUR UNCLE.~~ ~~TELL YOUR AUNT.~~ TELL ANYBODY  
THAT'S A LITTLE OLDER THAT IT'S YOUR LIFE THAT IS ON THE  
LINE AND THAT YOU DON'T INTEND TO LET A GOVERNMENT OR A  
SOCIETY DESTROY THAT LIFE WITHOUT AT LEAST HAVING SOMETHING  
TO SAY ABOUT IT, THAT YOU EXPECT SOME HELP. BUT IN THE PROCESS  
OF EXPECTING SOME HELP, SET A GOOD STANDARD, A STANDARD OF  
CIVIC CONSCIOUSNESS, A STANDARD OF RESPONSIBILITY. TAKE  
CARE OF YOURSELVES AND YOU CAN HELP TAKE CARE OF OTHERS.  
ASK OTHERS TO HELP YOU TAKE CARE OF THE COMMUNITY, AND THEN  
THE COMMUNITY WILL HELP TAKE CARE OF YOU. THINK NOT ONLY  
OF THE AIR THAT YOU BREATHE AND THE WATER THAT YOU DRINK AND  
THE LAND ON WHICH YOU LIVE, BUT THINK OF YOUR OWN MIND, YOUR  
OWN SPIRIT, YOUR OWN SOUL, YOUR OWN BODY. AND WHEN YOU DO IT,  
WE'LL HAVE WAGED ~~A~~ <sup>an</sup> ~~BETTER~~ EFFECTIVE BATTLE AGAINST POLLUTION  
OF MAN AND HIS CREATION.



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