



"Pesticides have done much good," he added. "There is no doubt about that. But evidence of the price we have paid is around us. We cannot longer ignore the unanswered questions.

"What are we doing to our total environment by spreading millions of pounds of deadly chemicals over the land? Are we in danger of losing part of our precious wildlife heritage? What price can we put on the song of a bird?"

"The answers to these and other problems cannot arrive too soon, it is already late evening on the conservation front," Secretary Udall continued. "For although nature has been good to us as a Nation, we first responded by trying to undo nature and created instead an amoebic growth of urbanization that walled nature out and ushered in the problems of pollution--of our rivers, the air, estuaries, and the land itself.

"Today we need to heal those wounds by cleansing civilization's offal from our land, water and air. We need to save living remnants of the big country our forefathers knew. We seek a marshalling of the talents of the researcher and the farmer to provide increased yields of food and fiber to meet the needs of rapidly increasing populations, and above all, we look for increased understanding of how we can reach these goals without trampling on nature.

"Let us hope the route to be followed by those who work in this laboratory is one leading to a better control of what we regard as nature's enemies without muting or diluting the total living environment of which we are a groping part."

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