We are now in the midst of Earth Week '72 (April 17-23), dedicated by Presidential proclamation to the "preservation and enrichment of our natural resources," April 22, 1970 was "Earth Day." Recognition of the need for clearing up our environment and conserving our natural resources so we might not be consumed by our own garbage, received such wide popular support, however, that President Nixon proclaimed a longer period—Earth Week—last year and again this year.

Nevertheless, much of the early ardor and enthusiasm of the masses for the ecology movement has waned, and rightly so. Everyone, loves the Utopian idea of a world completely free of pollution and technological adulteration, but now a backlash is developing against the high costs-both economic and social-associated with getting it.

Industry, backed by scientists, technicians, economists and government leaders, is conducting a cost-vs.-benefits analysis to determine just how far we can go without pricing ourselves out of business with antipollution devices and seriously hindering our technogical advancement with rigid statutes.

Organized labor has become cool towards the ecological movement, fearing loss of jobs from plants forced to close because they cannot meet unrealistically high antipollution requirements. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that up to 200,000 jobs may be wiped out by harsh antipollution enforcement over the next few years.

Last autumn, the President warned against "seeking ecological perfection at the cost of bankrupting the very taxpaying enterprises which pay for the social advance the nation seeks. . ." Nebraska Sen. Carl Curtis echoed these sentiments. This appears to be, however, just what the environmentalists are doing as they viciously lash out at the proposed trans-Alaska oil pipeline now being considered by the White House.

It is in part the fault of these ecological perfectionists that we have a dire energy crisis on our hands today (M.A. Wright, chairman of the board of the Humble Oil Refining Co. estimates we may be importing over half of our total petroleum requirements before the end of the decade).

The North Slope oil find (discovered in 1968) is estimated to contain some 10 billion barrels of oil and 25 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. Because of oil and gas shortages in America, it is imperative that we tap this rich source as soon as

The scare tactics and emotional appeals of the pipeline foes simply do not hold up under close scrutiniy. Pipeline planners have made arrangements to bury the pipe at least five feet under stream beds so as not to disturb fish movements, and will encase it in concrete so that waters will not be heated excessively. Its rigid and study construction will minimize rupture or leakage possibilities.

The line is to be routed away from all animal breeding areas; where it crosses caribou or other animal migration lanes, the line will be buried or overpasses and underpasses will be built. Revegetation studies have been conducted, and plans to clean up and plant fast-growing grasses along the route have been announced.

All in all, the Alyeska Pipeline Service Co., project constructors have taken ample precautions and to keep from damaging the ecology, yet environmentalists and other anti-technological primitivists persist in clamoring against its construction in the face of the United States' dwindling petroleum resources.

While everyone should be in favor of maintaining a balance between nature and progress, when a much-needed facility can be built with little environmental disruption, it should be given the go-ahead. As with many other projects, the ecology movement is attempting with knee-jerk reaction to condemn anything portending the destruction of little more than a few earthworms without analyzing the full impact of the community, on industry, on government and on the economy. These additional factors simply cannot be ignored. Utopia must be discarded for reason and practicality.



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