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As a result of the discussion, in which the above points were raised, a resolution was passed by a vote of 56 in favor to 39 against that IEG No. 5 publication should not be continued.

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For a Cleaner Lake Tahoe

As the attempt to reduce water pollution in the vicinity of Lake Tahoe progresses, Abelson predicts that the use of fertilizers may be banned (Editorial, 20 May, p. 1015). If one were to take all the fertilizers used in the entire area and dump them directly into Lake Tahoe, it would not change the measurable concentration, provided that uniform distribution could be accomplished. Only 2000 tons of nitrogen are used in an entire year in the whole state of Nevada. Even this amount of nitrogen would scarcely change the concentration in Lake Tahoe sufficiently to measure by any means, including a biological one. Banning the use of fertilizers on garden plots seems very extreme, but organic pollutants feeding constantly into lakes and streams in increasing quantities are another matter.

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