

Nixon team is rooting for the environmental rapists and pillagers make careful exceptions of CEQ Chairman Russell Train—although some people feel he has lost some clout by letting himself be “used” by the Administration—and EPA Administrator William Ruckelshaus. Ruckelshaus has managed to achieve the impossible. He has remained steadfastly loyal to Nixon in his public utterances and, even in the midst of trying to consolidate a brand-new agency, has built a reputation as an honest and aggressive enforcer of environmental regulations. “They talk about law and order all the time,” says one congressional staffer. “He’s the only real law and order man in there.”

As the pre-1972 political winds gather momentum, it becomes increasingly difficult to separate political maneuvering from honest endeavor. Senator Jackson, for instance, has come forth with a proposal for a National Environmental Policy Institute, a public-private Rand-type organization, to supply the kind of coordinated long-range scholarly input which is now lacking. It closely resembles the Environmental Institute which President Nixon glowingly recommended early this year but about which little has been heard since. Gordon MacDonald, a CEQ member, testified in hearings against the Jackson proposal on the grounds that authority for such an institute already exists. This is another of many instances where members of Congress can claim that legislative action is replacing Administrative rhetoric, and where the Administration can retort that the formulation of wise policies requires time and that Congress is merely trying to make political hay by premature action.

Next year promises to produce an even more intensive level of conflict. Lobbying, as well as presidential politicking, is getting more vigorous. Industry lobbyists, says one conservationist, have been rudely jolted by such developments as the defeat of the SST and the tough new stance adopted by the Atomic Energy Commission. They are coming to realize that cosmetic adjustments will not satisfy the government and that the public’s belief in the inevitability of “progress” and the virtue of new technology for new technology’s sake is rapidly disintegrating.

Environmental lobby groups continue to expand their purviews. A recently formed group is the Highway Action Coalition, whose chief objective is to get some of the money in the highway

trust fund diverted to mass transit systems.

The main danger for the movement now is probably not that it will, as has been feared, turn into a passing fad, but that the American public may decide the heavy costs of effective pollution abatement are more than it cares to bear. If radiation laws and pesticide restrictions result in power shortages and moth-eaten crops, for example, some people may find immediate personal comfort more attractive than clear air and sparkly rivers.

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APPOINTMENTS

Loren R. Heiple, chairman, civil engineering department, University of Arkansas, to dean, College of Engineering at the university. . . . **Lee Harrisberger**, chairman, mechanical and aerospace engineering department, Oklahoma State University, to dean, College of Science and Engineering, University of Texas. . . . **Martin Schwartz**, chairman, biological sciences department, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, to chairman, division of science at the university. . . . **Charles F. Cooper**, professor of natural resource ecology, University of Michigan, to director, Center for Regional Environmental Studies, San Diego State College. . . . **Russell H. Morgan**, professor of radiology, Johns Hopkins University, to dean, Johns Hopkins Medical School. . . . **Leslie E. McDonald**, professor of physiology and pharmacology, University of Georgia, to dean, College of Veterinary Medicine, Ohio State University. . . . **Samuel B. Gould**, chancellor emeritus, State University of New York, to vice president, Educational Testing Service, and president, Institute for Educational Development. . . . At the University of Oregon: **Harry Alpert**, professor of sociology, to vice president for academic affairs and provost; **Aaron Novick**, professor of biology, to dean, Graduate School; **Frederick W. Munz**, professor of biology, to head, biology department; **William T. Holser**, professor of geology, to head, geology department; and **Gordon G. Goles**, associate professor of chemistry and geology, to director, Center for Volcanology. . . . **Bruce E. Spivey**, associate professor of ophthalmology, College of Medicine, University of Iowa, to dean, School of Medical Sciences, University of the Pacific.

RECENT DEATHS

Bjorn Andersen, 74; chemical engineer and former vice president, Celanese Corporation of America; 27 September.

Roy C. Avery, 85; professor emeritus of bacteriology and immunology, Medical School, Vanderbilt University; 22 July.

John M. Baldwin, Jr., 56; associate professor of clinical medicine, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University; 17 September.

John D. Bernal, 70; former professor of physics, Birkbeck College, London; 15 September.

Paul C. Bibbee, 76; former professor of biology, Davis and Elkins College; 9 September.

John H. Billings, 83; professor emeritus of mechanical engineering, Drexel University; 29 September.

C. E. Brehm, 82; former president, University of Tennessee; 25 July.

Leonard J. Cole, 55; manager, immunology program, Stanford Research Institute; 13 September.

H. Chandler Elliott, 64; former professor of anatomy, University of Nebraska College of Medicine; 23 September.

Wallace O. Fenn, 78; distinguished university professor of physiology, University of Rochester; 20 September.

Merrell R. Fenske, 67; professor emeritus of chemical engineering, Pennsylvania State University; 28 September.

Carlo Foà, 91; former chairman, physiology department, University of Milan, Italy; 11 September.

Lester H. Germer, 74; senior research associate, applied physics department, Cornell University; 3 October.

Bernardo A. Houssay, 84; former chairman, physiology department, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina; 21 September.

George W. Martin, 84; mycologist and former professor of botany, University of Iowa; 11 September.

Abou D. Pollack, 73; professor emeritus of pathology, Johns Hopkins University; 1 August.

Malcolm G. Preston, 65; professor emeritus of psychology, University of Pennsylvania; 13 September.

Otto H. Schindewolf, 75; professor emeritus of geology and paleontology; University of Tübingen, West Germany; 10 June.

Philip M. Stimson, 82; professor emeritus of clinical pediatrics, Cornell University; 13 September.