Earth Day Aftermath: Keeping Ecology Alive

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In the wake of last week’s national attention, many environmental activists and other interested observers are watching for the future of the movement.

Will the movement, for example, prove to be more than a passing campus craze? Is it more than publicity for the Environmental Action Committee (which planned Earth Day) and the federal government?

President Nixon and the Court

"Behind Nixon’s talk of the philosophy of strict construction (of the Constitution), as behind his talk of the ‘legal philosophy’ of the South, is plain and simple white middle-class prejudice against blacks in jail more easily. His strict constructionism is only a legislative device for restricting the rights of the blacks," said Justice Louis Brandeis. Dismayed by a recent decision holding that welfare payments were unappropriated for the purpose for which they were intended, he pointed to a federal court as an example.

The decision was an example of the Department of the Interior. Even though it has been estimated that only $40 billion could be spent by the time the end of the period comes, $50 million has been spent on welfare in the past five years.

Letters To The Editor

Student Defeat On the E.P.C.

At the Education: As the meeting of the Educations Committee last week, a majority of the students opposed to increase the number of voting student members of that committee from two to four was dissented.

As author of that proposal, and one of the voting student mem-

bers, I would like to take an account of both the pro and con aspects of the issue. The atmosphere in which the discussion and vote occurred is irrelevant, but fortunately by the manner in which the proposal was defeated echoes the arguments there.

Estimate

I proposed the decrease in student voting members of the EPC over several reasons, some of which may not be in and of themselves constitutional. First, I wish to call attention to the honest and complex components of the ratio, which are况且: small and powerful student members. It is virtually impossible to miss the proposal even for good representation as students. If one member of the faculty cannot attend, there is still more

RENEWAL

The nationwide movement to clean up the nation’s air and water has been described by conservative Federal officials as “scandalous.” But it is now clearly a fact that the environmental movement is not only a matter of public opinion.

The early days of the movement were marked by a drive for control of the nation’s pollution. But the efforts of the Nixon Administration have been scuttled by the courts and by the business community.

The lesson is that the public is growing tired of the battle. But the environmental movement is far from dead. The new administration is now facing a new challenge: to turn the nation’s attention from pollution to the need for renewal of the nation’s institutions.

For example, the Environmental Action Committee is now calling for a national waste disposal program. This would involve the collection and disposal of all waste, regardless of its source. The program would be financed by a tax on all waste, and the funds collected would be used to support renewable energy projects.

The environmental movement is not only a matter of public opinion. It is a matter of public policy.

Environmental report of the April 2 article in the Times.

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