

U.N. CONFERENCE

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



only one earth

+ Publication of a Book, *Only One Earth*; + Recommendation for talks on a 10-year Ban on Whaling; + Recommendation for the establishment of a Gene Bank; + Recommendation for a Ban on Dumping of toxics into the oceans; + Recommendation to governments to stop *Deliberate Oil Dumping* in seas by 1975; + Resolution to hold a further Conference in 1976; + Recommendation for the establishment of an Environment Secretariat; + Resolution for the establishment of an Environment Fund of \$100 million; + Resolution condemning Nuclear Testing; + Recommendation for the establishment of a Pollution Monitoring System; + Some resolutions on specific issues.

SHORTCOMINGS

+ Absence of East European countries blocks global unity; + Outcomes largely recommendations, not resolutions--no binding agreements; + Environment Secretariat only empowered to recommend, not to initiate; + Resolutions involving conflicting national interests rendered meaningless through amendment; + Proposals considered with regard to economic costs, not ecological merits; + Unwillingness to discuss or recognize political issues concerned with pollution; + Inadequate treatment of Whaling Ban (Japan rejects proposal, USSR absent--80% of world's whaling industry) and Ocean Dumping Ban (the bulk of contamination is due to pollution deposits from the air, which were neglected).

+ Neglect of Ecocide in Indochina, Economic Growth in developed countries, Working Environment, Food Pollution, Centralization of Control over people and industry, Unequal Distribution of the fruits of production, Dominance of Third World by developed countries; Mental Environment (advertising, television, etc.).

+ All measures could be modified or dropped either by the formation of a Third World coalition to overcome the present First World domination or by the *Declaration on the Human Environment* having to be totally redrafted.

WHAT WE MUST DO

- + Expose the social, political, and economic Causes and Implications of environmental destruction;
- + Work together to create a more *fulfilling* and *ecologically sound* Way of Life;
- + Continue to struggle together to Take Control of our own Lives and the Means of Production.

+ form groups in your community; + buy unpackaged goods; + avoid disposable goods and plastics; + buy only to fulfill real needs; + reduce consumption; save resources, save water, save energy; + repair and reuse whatever you can; use public transportation instead of private; better yet, bicycle and walk.



Make up Your Own List of Things to do!

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