

All nations share environmental effects

by Nathaniel Scott

Everybody isn't talking about the environment, but at least one group, the Global Tomorrow Coalition, is doing something about it. And you, Mr. and Mrs./Ms. John Q. Public, are invited to join in.

The Global Tomorrow Coalition believes all environmental acts are interconnected. What happens in Russia, Africa, New Zealand and Poland, they say, affects the environment, world-wide. Nothing that seeps into the atmosphere can be controlled; each particle of contamination spilled upon the water ways of the world, plays out its string of adversity to the twirl of nature's baton, they say. It's important that we learn to live with the world we have because it is the only one we will ever have. And according to their point-of-view, we are rapidly destroying the planet we live on in two ways. One, we are moving closer and closer to a nuclear holocaust; and two, we are destroying the planet by contaminating it. They say it is time we reversed the trend and began to live again.

The Executive Director of the coalition is 52-year old Donald R. Lesh. From his office in Washington, D.C., Lesh directs the non-profit coalition with a paid staff of two and directs other coalition business, he explained in a recent address to the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

Lesh maintained that Russell Peterson, a former governor of Delaware, and now the president of the National Audubon Society, founded the coalition in 1981 because of "the Global 2000 Report to the President (Jimmy Carter). "It

was a catalyst that brought our group together," he added, maintaining that the general consensus then, was, "The report should be the basis for long-range planning." The Global 2000 Report to the President was concerned with what the earth would be like in the year 2000.

FLASH! The year is 2000. The Ragsdales, farmers from Georgia, scratch their heads and wonder why their crops won't grow.

In that same year, 2000, the Downturns from Florida, shed tears as they gaze at scrawny fruit trees that were once plentiful with lush fruit.

In Oregon, fishermen are befud-

dled by the small number of fish in their harvest nets. Remember the year is 2000; a mere 16 years into the future. Sixteen years of anticipation linking the Ragsdales, Downturns, and fishermen in a dramatic sequence of events.

The world over, in the year 2000, farmers need fertile soil, an abundance of water; lack of plant eating bugs, and substantial manpower to see crops through the cycle of seed to harvest. Their fate is tied to the environment.

Orchard growers, the same as the Downturns, the world over, need four things: proper amounts of water; a congenial climate; control over fruit-destroying bugs, and

caring hands to prune the bush that would have fed the hungry. And like the Ragsdales, the Downturns depend on the environment. They are dependent on spring, summer, fall and winter—the four seasons of the year-to replenish the earth with fruit-bearing subsistence.


And so we find all farmers, whatever their crop, are interconnected; tied to the dictates of nature; dependent upon the understanding of man and locked into a continuum that began long ago.

Not everyone is concerned about the continuum—the environment—at least not yet, but according to the Global Tomorrow Coalition, they need to be.

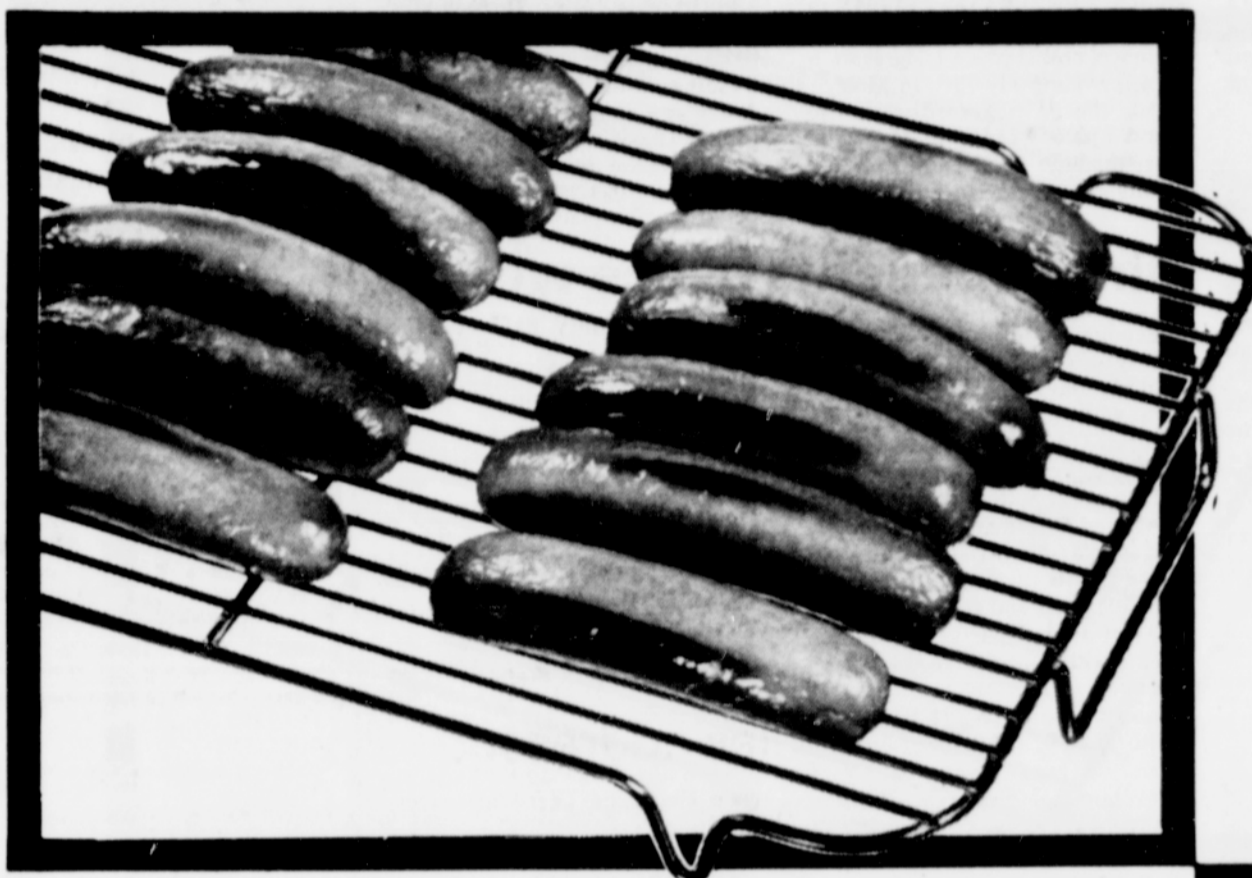
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Accommodations include rooms at either Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge or the Village, tipis, camp space, and trailer hookup. A price list will be mailed to potential participants during August.

Persons interested in attending should contact the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission at their earliest convenience so that attendance can be estimated. Questions should be directed to Susan Case at 503-238-0667.



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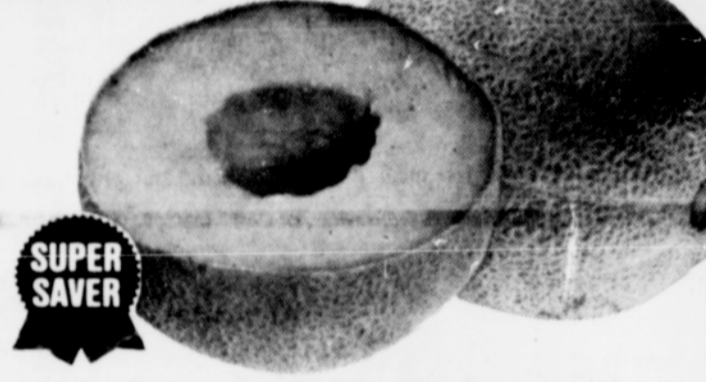
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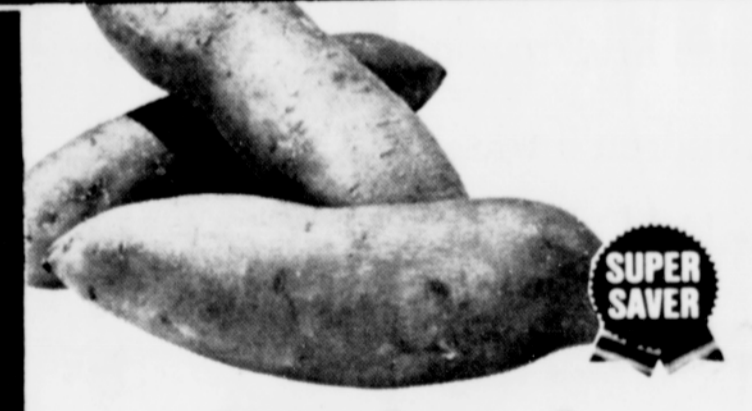
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