



AMERICANS CLUSTER -- The U.S. has 200 million persons, but they're not evenly divided. One of every five lives in a "megapolis," an interlocking chain of cities. Observerland and Detroit are considered part of the Cleveland-Chicago chain along the Great Lakes.

'Fertilizer' Pollution Hits Lake Michigan - Sen. Hart

Lake Michigan is suffering from a kind of pollution far more serious and complicated in the long run than sewage, toxic chemicals or oil slicks, according to U.S. Sen. Philip Hart.

U-M Professors Receive \$46,075 Carnegie Grant

ANN ARBOR -- Two University of Michigan professors have been awarded a one-year grant of \$46,075 by the Carnegie Corp. of New York for inter-university research on residential undergraduate study units.

The project's co-directors, Theodore M. Newcomb, professor of sociology and associate director of the University's Residential College, and Donald R. Brown, professor of psychology and research associate at the U-M Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, have already collaborated with researchers and officials at several universities which have launched residential colleges.

Five schools are now participating in the study, although it is hoped that as many as 10 others will join later.

Hart, a Michigan Democrat, uses a recent newsletter to point to the severe problem of "nutrient pollution."

"EVEN THE BEST waste treatment plant does not return pure water back to the streams and lakes. . . . Treatment plants simply reduce sewage into toxic chemicals," says Hart. "And back into the lake goes nitrogen, phosphates and potash--a combination that any home gardener recognizes as a superb fertilizer."

"This fertilizer generates a great algae growth, first in the waters along the shore and finally deeper and deeper into the lake--an algae growth that is already beginning to silt the beaches of western Michigan. "Overabundant algae carries two dangers. It can make beaches unpleasant for bathing and, in dying and rotting in the water, it begins to soak up oxygen needed to sustain fish."

"GLACIAL LAKES, like Michigan, begin with water as pure as desert sand--and just as sterile. Little by little, nutrients dribble in, allowing plant and fish life. As more nutrients come in, algae eventually overpowers a lake. It fills up with dead plant life and other sedi-

ment, eventually turning into a swamp.

"Even at the present fertilization rate, Lake Michigan will not be a swamp for many thousands of years. But the fact remains that we have done more to age the lake in the past 20 years than nature could have done in the next 1,000."

"If we are to slow down the aging process, we must cut down on non-toxic nutrients. It's unlikely we can ever fully remove all three of the chemical elements that make up fertilizer, but that's not really necessary."

"If we remove just one--the phosphates--then the other two, nitrogen and potash, will lose much of their effect. A consistently effective way to take phosphates out of treated sewage has not yet been found, but scientists are getting close."

"When we do get a workable system, it will mean a new round of sewage treatment construction, new local taxes, new federal appropriations, new problems for industry, new political debates on the virtues of economy."

"Water pollution control just isn't easy work. It can generate all sorts of unpleasant things like tax levies, factory shutdowns, and complaining letters to politicians."

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