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## Washington Digest

By BAUKHAGE  
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### Man Is Riding Life Cycle Toward His Destruction

WASHINGTON. — Today we have two visitors whom I met recently at the Smithsonian Institution. Mrs. Neanderthal (her husband wasn't available) and Mr. Cro-Magnon.

They have come a long way. The Neanderthals lived about 25,000 years ago — but what's a few thousand years among friends — or relatives? I doubt that the Neanderthals are relatives of ours — and I'm not sorry.

They lived early in the Old Stone age, and died without leaving any known heirs, as signs or descendants — which may be just as well for the rest of us who might have inherited some of their characteristics. They were sub-humans — stocky folks — but they couldn't take it. They died out.

Now Mr. Cro-Magnon was a different proposition. He was a superior human and I wish he were a relative to us — better body, better brain. If he'd only existed what a career he would have had in Hollywood — and what he might have done for us. He might have saved us. He may still.

I've been reading two new books — "Our Plundered Planet," by Fair-

field Osborne and "Road to Survival," by William Vogt. Our friend Neanderthal probably managed to stick around 200,000 years or so before his environment or his neighbors finished him off.

Today we are rapidly changing our environment, and unless we cease destroying our sources of food and shelter, we shall soon destroy ourselves, as our sub-human friend was destroyed.

We know that there are two things which chiefly distinguish man from the animal. The way he has developed the use of his hands and the way his brain works. But his hands, at the levers of machines, conceived by our brains, have so disturbed the cycle of nature, have done such terrible things to all forms of life, that they have proved our undoing — if they don't blow us into atomic eternity first!

Forgetting atomic destruction, let's look at some others. We are very expert at reproducing. In three centuries the population of the earth has increased almost five times. In the seventeenth century there were 400 million people. There are 2,600 million today. Five times as many mouths to feed.

Osborne says: "If one takes four billion acres, representing an area of land estimated as not available for cultivation, it means that there are less than two acres per capita. Contrasted with this is a generally accepted computation that two and one-half acres of land of average productivity are required to provide even a minimum adequate diet for each person."

Think of that! It takes two and one-half acres to feed you properly. There are now only two acres available. So you can see why there are such food shortages around the world.

Osborne goes on: "The relation between land-health and health of human beings is actually no more than a delicate aspect of the delicate complex aspect of all life." The cycle of life in the soil that feeds and clothes our own life — is a part of the single whole which contributes to the fruitfulness of the earth. I haven't space here to go through the whole list of crimes that man has committed in the race to break that cycle — to destroy the fruitfulness of the earth — that fruitfulness upon which his own existence depends. Take the most striking example — the topsoil.

Topsoil. When that goes, we go with it. Osborne, as I mentioned in this space last week, estimates the average depth of the topsoil on the earth is about one foot. It is estimated that it takes nature, under favorable conditions, from 300 to 1,000 years to build one inch of that vital source of our food, clothing and shelter.

"Yet," he says, "what may have taken a thousand years to build can be, and in some places has been, removed by erosion in a year, or even in a single day." Erosion. That comes from overuse, wrong use or removal of protecting grasses and trees. We overgrazed the plains to get quick money for beef, mutton and wool. We plowed fields of grass, left them exposed, and you remember what happened — the dust bowl. We slaughtered the forests and respected the yearly devastating floods. Today our food and shelter runs down the muddy rivers to be lost in the ocean.

And animal life? We killed off millions of wild animals on this continent. We replaced them, to some extent, by domestic animals. But we are breaking the magic cycle of life there, too, for the life-giving properties of most of our domestic animals do not return to the soil as did the bones and bodies of wild life that lived in their course, died and were enveloped in their mother earth. Sheep and cattle are shipped to day to slaughter houses where what little is left disappears in disposal plants or goes back to the ocean.

We are killing the soil. Gradually removing it and the tiny animals and plant cells it contains, and thus destroying the potential for reproducing the tiny living organisms in the top soil which are a part of the relationship of all living things.

I haven't space to go on, but I don't want to leave on a too-depressing note. It's true that our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Neanderthal, the sub-human folk with the little brain, couldn't take it. But we can hope that his successor, Mr. Cro-Magnon, who had a better brain than we have, passed some of it on to us, with the spark of something else that made him lift his chin a little from the clod.

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In 1943, Cooney entered military service, serving three years with 18 months of this as an enlisted man. Upon return to civilian life, he served as state commander of one of the leading veterans organizations: During these years of leadership, Cooney has met and talked with thousands of people in the 17th district about their problems — the problems of the community and of the nation.

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