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● **Larson**

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"The desire for more protein in the diet seems to be common to all societies. The level of income appears to be the only important factor constraining the level of animal protein intake.

"The use of grain for direct consumption never seems to exceed 400 pounds per person per year regardless of the level of income. Once annual incomes reach several hundred dollars a year, the direct consumption of grain as food begins to decline, dropping to 150-200 pounds where it seems to level off.

"Sharp population increases, occurring mostly in the world's less developed regions, are reflected in the fast-growing demand for foodgrains."

Larson continued, "Food shortages for the most part are

not due to a lack of potential for expanding world food production but to the inability to realize the potential quickly enough.

"Agricultural production in the developing countries themselves will have to be raised enormously, if the spectre of global hunger is to be dispelled.

"For three years the World Bank has been emphatic in encouraging its borrowers to 'get on with agricultural development,' and has backed its urgings with increased lending for such things as fertilizer production and agricultural training schools.

"U.S. food aid, for the first time, is being hitched to detailed programs of agricultural 'self-help' in the receiving nations, he said.

**WHY SHOULD WE BE CONCERNED?**

Larson went on to say, "I

believe every United States citizen and taxpayer, when confronted with the outlay of large amounts of manpower and public funds for research, education, foreign aid or any other major program, has the right to ask this apparently rather selfish question—'Why Should We Be Concerned?'

"Aside from the rather obvious humanitarian aspects of helping these people, we must face the fact that 'One way or another a balance between food production and population will be reached.'

"If the balance is not reached by desirable social means, it will be reached by the ancient methods of famine, pestilence and war," he said.

"As Carroll Streeter, Farm Journal editor, rather bluntly put it," he continued, "These people aren't going to starve quietly . . ."

Coming back to his "The Telescoped Evolution" idea—where he likened the two views of the world food situation to the two ways of looking through the telescope (1, magnify the situation or 2, reverse the instrument and put considerable distance between you and the inevitable), the Dean said:

"It is my intention that we

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in the farming community and its many related ag-industrial counterparts impress upon our non-farm friends, neighbors, business associates and political leaders the national and international economic and social values of a healthy agricultural atmosphere. (Persuade them to look into the 'right end' of the telescope when they view our industry.)

"This industry will require the interest, energies and abilities of our youth, if it is to meet the challenges that lie ahead. It will also require the support of non-agriculturists if we are to win the worldwide race between the stork and the plow," Larson concluded.

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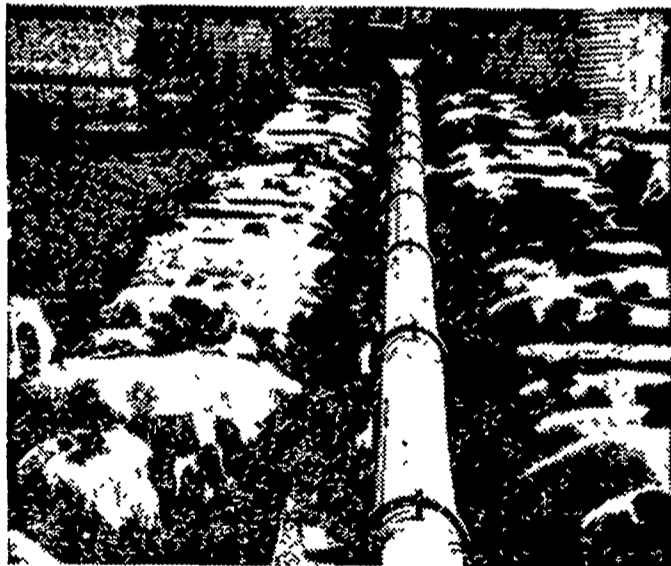
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