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FOREWARD

Increasing human population densities throughout the world are drastically altering our renewable resources. Deficiencies in food, clean air, and water, as well as wild land which will support native animals and plants are becoming more apparent. Solutions to the problem are not simple, but a greater awareness of the problem by more people each year may ultimately provide the impetus for action.

The membership of The Wildlife Society believes that wildlife and other outdoor resources have a permanent place in our culture and that conservative use and sound management enhance the esthetic, recreational, and economic values of wildlife as part of our living standard. The Society further recognizes the close interdependence of renewable resources and the need for coordinated management of the total environment for the common good of all people. The continued geometrical rate of increase in the human population is inimical to sound resource management.

The Ohio Chapter of The Wildlife Society was asked to represent the Society at the 19th Annual AIBS Meeting, held in September, 1968, at The Ohio State University and the Chapter's AIBS Committee (T. J. Peterle, C. P. Stone and T. M. Stockdale) believed that the most timely subject would be authoritative discussion of the world's population problems in relation to the concern for sound management of our renewable resources, a symposium which took place on September 5. The authorities whose presentations follow were invited to take part in this symposium. These people are among the top conservationists in the country and the papers which follow are rich in the wealth of their knowledge and experience in the fields of human ecology and conservation. The Ohio Chapter of The Wildlife Society wishes to thank each participant for his part in the symposium, and The Ohio Journal of Science for publishing the papers.

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¹Symposium papers received during September, 1968.