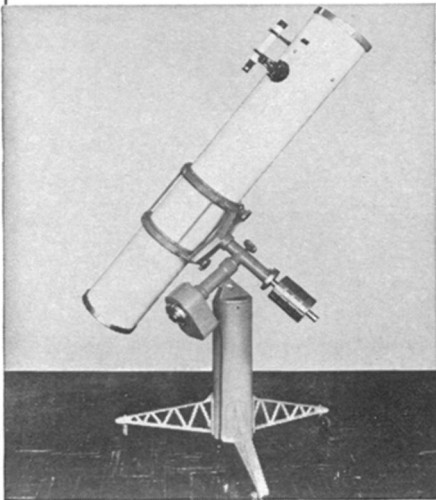


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to the editor

Lives there a man

Congratulations on your splendid articles dealing with pollution of the environment.

As my wife and I were traveling home by plane from Switzerland, we were thankful for our many blessings as Americans. But we regretted to leave the pure air of Zermatt (near the Matterhorn) where gasoline-driven vehicles are forbidden within the town, just as the previous year we were loathe to leave Wengen for the same reason.

At intervals over the Atlantic, several thousands of feet below our plane, I saw what appeared to be a wide blanket of wastes floating in mid-air, through which lower-flying planes or ships on the ocean were sometimes visible.

On our arrival, we found ourselves engulfed in the New York area's air pollution from industrial and apartment house smokestacks, and from the carbon monoxide belched from buses, cars and trucks. I asked: Breathes there a man with nose so dead . . . with throat so dead . . . who never to himself has said, "Is this my own, my native land?" We looked at the filth and dirt spewed into the rivers from industrial and other wastes; at the dead fish killed by the action of chemicals, and at the acres of rusting car bodies lining our once beautiful water and land highways, and I asked: Breathes there a man with eyes so dead, who never to himself has said, "Is this America the Beautiful?"

We are all guilty of the sin of letting the polluters, and those who can prevent pollution, get away with it. Things will get worse unless each one of us does all in his or her power to stop pollution!

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