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From an Independent Perspective.

DDT and Our World of Politicized Science.

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The lies perpetrated by environmental opportunists.

The pest control products used by the Green Space Industry may create the same problems encountered with DDT.
The human race is challenged more than ever before to demonstrate our mastery — not over nature, but of ourselves.

Quote from Miss Rachel Carson.

1907–1964.

U.S. zoologist, marine biologist, spinster, and cancer victim.
Introduction. ■
Our world of politicized science.

This series of documents will be anathema to the «ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT». The neutrality of these documents might even be disputed. We will examine a lot of things that may not be generally known, but need to be explained. Throughout these documents, the reader will be forced to revisit some of our society’s most deeply held beliefs. Many of these beliefs have been entrenched in our minds for decades by our trust in science that has become «POLITICIZED» by «ENVIRONMENTAL TERRORISM».

In our world, the «POLITICIZATION» of science occurs when «ENVIRONMENTAL TERRORISTS» use economic or legal pressures to influence public policy. In many cases, «TERROR» is spread to certain portions of the population because these policies often lead to business failures, bankruptcies, unemployment, despair, and destitution. And more sadly, even death — on a massive scale.

«POLITICIZED SCIENCE» has triumphed whenever politics have outweighed scientific fact. «POLITICIZED SCIENCE» has prevailed when measures were taken that often had little basis in fact or «SOUND SCIENCE». (WIKIPEDIA-POL)

There is now a prevailing belief that our world of «POLITICIZED SCIENCE» discredited one of the most impressive chemicals of the Twentieth Century — «DDT». Those claims that have demonized «DDT» are given no credibility in this document.

We are told that the current array of pest control products used by the «GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY» may create the problems once encountered with the likes of «DDT». This is false! The «GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY» needs to remind the public of the many misconceptions concerning «DDT». The public needs to be given a reality check on this matter.
The removal of «DDT» from the world market is a good example where politics outweighed «SOUND SCIENCE». The measures that were urged for its removal had little basis in fact or science. «DDT» had to be eliminated in order to «SAVE» the environment — the reader will see that this is a move that appeared to be self-serving and under-handed. The fact that millions of people were hurt and killed with the removal of «DDT» has been ignored, especially by «ENVIRONMENTAL TERRORISTS». Sadly, the «SAVING» of the environment appeared to be a cause that is greater than any human suffering. Some people have described this as a form of «DEPRAVED INDIFFERENCE».

A classic example of «DEPRAVED INDIFFERENCE» by «ENVIRONMENTAL TERRORISTS» was displayed in 1971, during Congressional testimony before the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture. The discussion focused on the chemical alternatives to «DDT». The substitutes may have been more environmentally acceptable, but they were truly UNSAFE for use by applicators, such as farm workers.

**The response from environmental defenders was shocking!** The following statement was attributed to an executive of the U.S. Environmental Defense Fund. — (Norton)

<< It doesn’t make a lot of difference because the organophosphate [ substitute ] acts locally and only kill [ sic ] farm workers, and most of them are Mexicans and Negroes. >>

This is it! Now that we have your attention ... we shall see where all this leads to. Let the debate begin!
Let’s get to it!

The following NINE statements will challenge the «POLITICIZED» world of «DDT». The FIRST statement will be examined in detail throughout the next instalment, the first of several parts. The remaining statements will be discussed in other documents.

1. Things were not better before «DDT».
2. «DDT» was a pretty good product.
3. «DDT» saved countless lives.
4. The turf industry embraced «DDT».
5. The environmental effect of «DDT» was contradictory.
6. The effect of «DDT» on birds was exaggerated.
7. Removing «DDT» was politically motivated.
8. The removal of «DDT» led to the death of millions.
9. «DDT» is back again today.
First, we deceived everybody about DDT. Now we can do the same with 2,4-D.
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