CLW Notes - 15.963

First Meeting - 13 September

Items

- Announcement and CV
- Preliminary Schedule
- Roll cards Wednesday 20th
 Bibliographythen Jan W.

Question

- Readers of Limits of Growth
- Accessibility at Coop, elsewhere
- Copies French, Italian, Dutch, Japanese
 Others German, Spanish, etc.

Topics for Today

- A. If oversubscribed + 15 procedure as follows:
 - From accouncement ability to think and write
 - Up to 2 paragraphs double-spaced "Why you want to participate in seminar"
 - Attach name, address, telephone number how we reach you
 - Deliver to E40-253 by noon Monday 18th
 - Will notify decision by Tuesday evening 19th if we have not reached you please phone 3-1997 to learn decision Wednesday morning

- Selection For quality of statement
 - For diversity of composition
- B. Reasons I am interested in the Subject
 - 1. Increasing involvement in international affairs
 - AEC U308
 - Mining business
 - Manufacturing subsid abroad
 - CFR
 - MIT Fellows in Africa 1960-66
 - MIT Fellows in Colombia 1964-67
 - OECD 1961-70
 - UN 1963-71

Global Perspectives

- SCEP
- SMIC
- UN Conference
- COR

Bern

World Dynamics

Limits of Growth

New Projects

Sense of Discontinuity

Perceptions of change lag reality

Distortion due to short time-scales

Decline of institutions

- Government
- Churches
- School

Rising Chorus of warnings

- no consensus re time and scale of crises ahead

Need for a system for modelling

behaviour of main variables over time

2. System Dynamics

- Systems from physical world
- Non-linear feedback
- Industrial Dynamics 1960
 Urban Dynamics 1968
 World Dynamics 1971
 Limits of Growth 1972
 Subsid Papers
- Features for the non-expert
 - Relationships in clear prose can go in
 - Accessibility of assumptions
 - Rigor of definition
 - Interaction over time

- 3. History of World Dynamics Project
 - COR 1968

1970 - Problem - no methodology JWF

1970-72 - MIT Team

- Products Lo G

Papers

Tech Vol

March - Washington

Spread abroad - catalyzed work in many places

- 4. Limits of Growth
 - Chapters scope of each
 - Alternative runs assess effects on technol./
 pol./soc. changes
 - Main conclusions
 - Global debate

Main criticisms

- data
- deterministic
- science underated
- 5. Limits of Literature
 - Principally on reasons for concern
 - Paucity of postulation of societal models which may be sustainable

- Great differences in options for industrialized and less developed countries
- 6. Importance to those under 30
 - You'll be less than 60 in 2000
 - Your children if any will be less than 30
 - The lead-times for change are very long
 - Need visions of viable societies of high quality which may be sustainable
 - Synthesis of such visions and validation of quality requires creative imagination
 - Likely to be found in those like you who have a very large stake in the outcome
 - CLW can only guide and criticize no special expertise
 - See schedule for semester for preliminary ideas

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A Seminar on

Strategies for Sustainable Growth

The world-wide debate stimulated by the LIMITS OF GROWTH by the M.I.T. System Dynamics Group reveals among other things including passionate controversy the scarcity of studies and writing on such subjects as Features of the Steady State Society; Transition to Dynamic Equilibrium; Reducing Wasteful Consumption; Value Structures and Motivations in the Steady State Society; and historical examples and their relevance to "post industrial" societies. LIMITS OF GROWTH (by Meadows, Meadows, Randers and Behrens - Universe Press paperback \$2.95) was introduced at a symposium on 2 March 1972 sponsored by the Club of Rome, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the Smithsonian Institution and Potomac Associates. As of this time editions have appeared in languages and others are in preparation. This world-wide publication has been brought about by the Club of Rome which sponsored the study at M.I.T. which led to the report.

Discussion and debate on these matters is lively at all levels in national and international institutions. Much of it centers now on the validity of the models World 2 and World 3 conceived first by Professor Jay Forrester in 1970 and presented

in his book WORLD DYNAMICS (Wright Allen Press 1971) and on the validity of the assumptions held by so many economists that scarcities will be readily met by the price mechanism which will introduce substitutions which will flow everlastingly from the cornucopia of science and technology.

A few groups are beginning to focus their attention on modes of sustainable growth material, institutional, intellectual and spiritual. One such group is the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington.

The M.I.T. seminar to be held weekly will continue through the full academic year. It will be limited to about 15 participants with preference being given to graduate students at M.I.T. and Harvard. A requirement will be demonstrated ability to write. Each term the participants will be expected to write a major paper on some aspect of the subject. This will require original work because the literature is so sparse. It is hoped that the best papers may be published together in a book in mid 1973. It is possible that a 2-3 week summer project in 1973 may be organized to bring together a number of the seminar participants and others to make an assessment of the state of knowledge and the programs of research and experimentation which are needed—in the manner in which the SCEP and SMIC studies were made at Williamstown and Stockholm in 1970 and 1971.

Details are as follows:

Subject - 15 ? (Special Studies in Management)

Title - Strategies for Sustainable Growth

Time - Wednesdays 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

First meeting Wednesday, 13 September. It will be assumed that those attending will have read LIMITS OF GROWTH.

Place - Sloan Building, 50 Memorial Drive, Room

Eligibility - Preference given to graduate students from

M.I.T., Harvard and Wellesley - total number about 15.

<u>Professor</u> - Carroll L. Wilson (room number and telephone)

(relevant CV attached)

15.963 Questions for discussion November 15, 1972

- 1. Is the American consumer through his buying behavior, the prime cause of growth? (Bill Martin)
- 2. No question obvious. (Kie Wei Tung)
- 3. Assuming a stable state economy, what criteria (hopefully quantifiable in a useful way) should be used as a basis for a decision in questions of resource allocation? (Dale Runge)
- 4. How can state legislation be developed to limit per capita consumtion equitably? How can the "over-consumption" problem be best presented to stimulate intelligent discussion of the problem which would lead to realistic legislation in this area? (Rebecca Cook)
- 5. What part do effluent charges and depletion quotas play in managing renewable and nonrenewable resources and aspects of environmental quality? Is minimizing total consumption or consuming according to some depletion quota based on a time horizon a better economic, political, social policy? (Tony Picardi)
- 6. Within the present social and economic order in the USA our experience of being humanly fulfilled is closely tied to notions of what constitute "incentive", "competition", "meaning", and "excellence." Explore the present and possible future content of these notions and determine if and how they are essential to our feeling humanly fulfilled. (David Gray)
- 7. How can the concept of "diversity" be extended to other fields besides landscape and animal species and how is it measured? How does one decide how much diversity is "necessary" and how are alternatives maintained? (Jan-Olaf Willums)
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PROJECT ON SUSTAINABLE GROWTH
Dinner Seminar, October 30, 1972

GUEST LIST

Speaker: David Freeman, Director of the National Energy Policy Project

Members of the Energy Policy Project

Table 2 Monte Canfield - Project Coordinator, Energy Policy Project Table 4 William Iulo - Senior Economist, Professor of Economics, Washington State University Table 1 Walter J. Mead - Senior Economist, Professor of Economics, University of California, Santa Barbara Table 3 Don Nicoll - Project General Consultant, former administrative assistant to Senator Muskie Table 1 Thomas Stoehl - Consultant, Attorney with Natural Resources Defense Council Table 4 Robert H. Williams - Assistant Professor of Physics and Research Associate, Institute for Environmental Quality, University of Michigan

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Other Guests of the WWC

Table 2	Wallace Bowman - Chief, Environmental Policy Division, Library of Congress
Table 4	Lester Brown - Senior Fellow, Overseas Development Council
Table 3	Jens Evensen - Director General, Legal Section, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway
Table 4	Ed Freed - Senior Fellow, Foreign Policies Study Program, Brookings
Table 3	Walter Hamilton - Vice President of Public Affairs Research, The Conference Board, Inc.
Table 1	Joseph Lieberman - Senior Specialist, Environmental Policy, Library of Congress
Table 2	William Matthews - Assistant Professor, Civil Engineering, MIT
Table 2	Dennis Meadows - Author of Limits to Growth, Professor, Dartmouth College
Table 4	Roger Naille - Participant in Limits to Growth Project, Dartmouth College faculty
Table 1	Gerald Pollack - Corporate Planning Department, Standard Oil Company
Table 1	Joel Rahn - Participant in Limits to Growth Project, Dartmouth College faculty

Table 3 Charles Scarlett - Economist, Standard Oil Company Table 42 Robert Stein - Environmental lawyer, Alumnus of WWICS Table 3 Carroll Wilson - Professor, Sloane School of Management, member of Executive Committee, Club of Rome Woodrow Wilson Center Staff Table 3 Ben Read - Director, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars Table 4 Albert Meisel - Deputy Director, Woodrow Wilson Center Table 4 Michael Lacey - Assistant to the Director, Woodrow Wilson Center Woodrow Wilson Center Fellows Table 3 M. Baldwin - Attorney, Senior Legal Associate, The Conservation Foundation Table 1 R. Brown - Legal Consultant to the Government of Tanzania on international and commercial affairs H. Blaney - Foreign Service officer on assignment as Special Table 2 , Assistant to the Chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality Table 2 C. Cooper - Coordinator, WWICS Growth Study Program, former government official, research administrator, author Table 2 L. Costa-Pinto - Professor of Sociology, University of Brazil Table 1 L. Gordon - Political economist, former Professor of International Economic Relations, Harvard University Table 1 S. Hug - Economist, former Minister of Education and Scientific Research Table 3 J. Milton - E cologist, Deputy Director for International Programs, The Conservation Foundation Table 3 F. Murphy - Professor of History - Academia Alfonsians, Rome; Visiting Professor of Politics, Princeton University, 1971-72 Table 2 C. Nader - Political Scientist, Associate Director, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, National Science Foundation Environmental Program Table 2 R. Ojikutu - Senior Research Fellow (Anthropology and Human Biology), School of African and Asian Studies, University of Lagos Table 13 A. Pardo - Minister of Ocean Affairs, Government of Malta; Permanent Representative to the United Nations Table 4 E. Rabinowitch - Editor, Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, Journal for Science in World Affairs Table 4 A. Spilhaus - Oceanographer, environmentalist; President, American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1970-71 * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

Notes on 15.963 Preliminary Schedule

Wednesdays 3:00-5:00 p.m. 52-365

September 13 - Rationale - Review of <u>Limits of Growth</u>
History of System Dynamics Literature
General Plan for the Year

September 20 - Global Political Setting
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September 27 - Roles of Institutions in A, B and C

October 4 - Definitions - Growth

- Sustainable - Stable Society

October 11 - Options for Industrialized Countries
Options for Less Developed Countries

October 18 - Value Structure - Changes and the Role of Churches

October 25 - Energy - Demand/Supply
Levels as Social Index
Impact on Climate

November 1 - Non-fuel Minerals - Choices and Limits

November 8 - Food

November 15 - Some Basic Boundary Conditions of Stable Societies

November 22 - Illustrative Life Styles in a Stable Society

November 29 - Historical Examples of Stable Societies

December 6 - Economic Viability of a Modern Stable Society

December 13 - Institutions

December 20 - Transition from Here to There

- Possible five-day full-time session during IAP in January
- Second semester to be focussed on Models of Steady State Societies their institutions, value structures, etc.
- Major term paper by each participant each semester; the best may be assembled as a book.
- Guest discussion leaders from time to time