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When historians of future generations look back on the 1960s, they will surely how much of our progress has been achieved. Producing commodities inevitably has a cost. The most spectacular examples are the holes in our atmosphere; it has polluted our highways, which are indeed the scars on the environment which detracts from the beauty of our world. The commodity, synthetic detergents, which affect the purity of our water, was the specific intention that a certain amount, in quantity, they will be purified by a watercourse.

Chemical pesticides have become a major source of contaminants since distribution has become widespread. Adding to their impact are the by-products valued for their deadly effects. This is a major concern to both laymen and scientists. The concern about the kind and amount of pesticides can produce.

Pesticides have been found in the air we breathe, in our drinking water, in the clothes we wear. Large numbers of birds, fish, and mammals are poisoned. The same poisons are found in the remote reaches of the world, in the Antarctic.

The concern over the impact of these discoveries includes, of course, the consequences to humans. This symposium was designed to present a critical review of organic pesticides, the new approaches to be used in assessing their impact in foods have long been recognized. This symposium was devoted to this subject.