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UM PROFESSOR BLAMES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS
ON EXPLOITATION FOR PROFIT

BOZEMAN--

A University of Montana faculty member Tuesday blamed "exploitation of natural resources for profit" on the present crisis faced by man in his natural environment.

Addressing the 19th Sanitariums Training Conference under way at Montana State University here, Dr. E. W. Pfeiffer, a microbiology professor from the University of Montana, Missoula, reviewed "the present environmental crisis" and its short-term and long-term causes.

Dr. Pfeiffer, who has gained a reputation in recent years as an outspoken critic of U.S. weapon^s/developments, pointed out "the acute" environmental crisis of today, which he feels is a result of the "uncontrolled development of weapons technology."

He said he feels that tests with Army nerve gases and underground nuclear weapons "are contaminating the air and undermining the nuclear test ban treaty."

"The solution to the long-term problems of controlling man's interference in the ecosystem," Dr. Pfeiffer said, "is to replace exploitation of natural resources for profit with ecologically oriented management."

He stressed the need to reject that part of the Judeo-Christian ethic which, in his words, "says that nature has no reason for existence, save to serve man."

Dr. Pfeiffer called for^{the} "international control of technological interventions" threatening other countries and for more frankness by government agencies in informing the public.

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