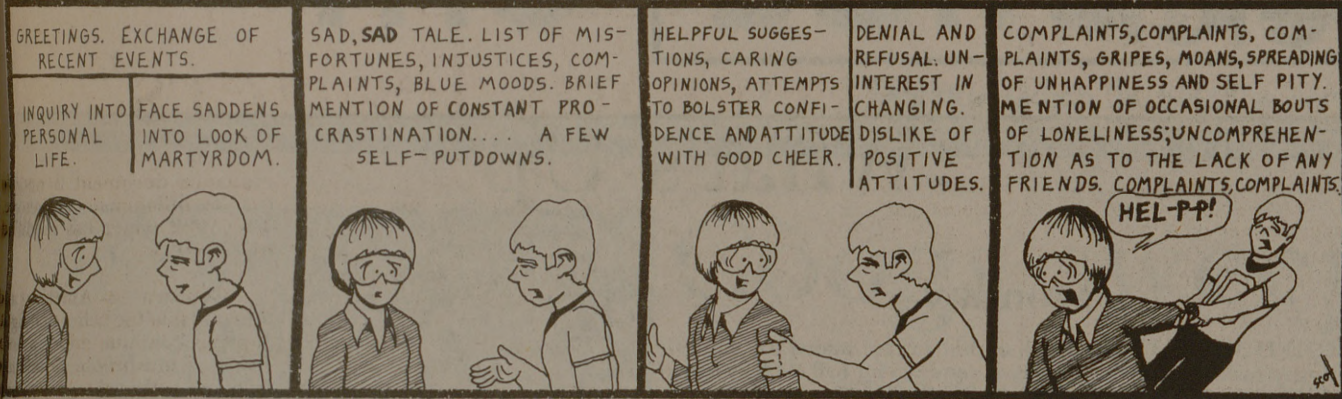


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United Nations' report:

Growth reduces resources

WASHINGTON — The Earth's ability to provide adequate food and energy resources is becoming increasingly uncertain as world population moves toward 5 billion, a U.N.-funded report said Saturday.

The study, conducted by the Worldwatch Institute, concluded that only "dramatic shifts in population policy" — particularly in Third World nations — will avert famine and severe economic hardship in many parts of the globe.

"The issue is not whether population growth will be slowed, but how," the report said. "Can it be solved humanely, through foresight and leadership, or will living standards deteriorate until death

rates eventually begin to rise?"

The U.N. Fund for Population Activities funded the study with the disclaimer the report did not necessarily reflect its views. The Worldwatch Institute is a think tank that focuses on global environmental trends and population issues.

The United Nations estimates that the current world population of 4.5 billion will reach 5 billion in just seven years. While the study did not offer a specific number of human beings that would exhaust Earth's resources, it forecast an inexorable decline in the amount of food and energy available per person.

"In many countries, reducing the birth rate rapidly enough to avoid a decline in living standards will require a herculean

effort — the constant attention of national political leaders," wrote the study's author, Worldwatch President Lester Brown.

The report cited several disturbing trends pointing to deterioration of the planet's biological support systems:

— "With population projected to continue growing to the end of the century and beyond, crop land per person will continue to decline and fertilizer use per person needed even to maintain consumption levels will continue to rise."

— "Since 1973, per capita grain production has shown little improvement, averaging 325 kilograms over the 9-year span."

— The oil output "in several major oil-producing countries has already begun to decline, be-

cause reserves are dwindling and because producers are trying to stretch out remaining reserves."

— If world oil output declines only 15 percent by 2000, and population increases occur, production will fall to 2.6 barrels per person. "Each person would have only half as much oil as at the peak of the oil age in 1979."

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Court grants unwed father visitation and child support

United Press International
TOPEKA — The Kansas Supreme Court Saturday said illegitimacy is no longer a disgrace and upheld a lower court decision granting an unwed father visitation rights and ordering him to pay child support.

The child's mother, Kimberly Kelly Martin, had appealed the original decision, contending the child's father, Vandal Carty, had no authority under Kansas law to sue to establish paternity.

The Supreme Court's ruling said Martin correctly maintained there is no statutory or common-law action in Kansas available to the father of an illegitimate child to have paternity declared by a court.

The Douglas County Court granted visitation and ordered Carty to pay \$40 per month child support.

Such a restriction on the father was acceptable when bastardy and illegitimacy were considered disgraceful, casting adverse reflections on all the concerned parties," the court said.

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