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He: Why don't we run off together to some place where there's peace, justice and happiness. Someplace like, um, uh.

She: Oh yes! Someplace like,

Together: Let's forget it.

We were in a dark and stormy mood. With Viet Nam, Amchitka, Apollo 12 and our oceans dying, wouldn't you?

Luckily the death is still a fiction, Viet Nam is many miles away and Amchitka is over for at least a month anyway. It's too early to worry, we're still breathing aren't

In a lighter vein the arts pages take a look at the literature in Ed-monton and the upcoming Poet and Critic conference.

By the way' don't let your children eat the snow. It may be full of chlorinated hydrocarbons.

An editor's

By DAN CARROLL

Do you expect to be alive by the year 1984?

Not that it's anything personal, there's just a few things that keep happening in this world that make me very pessimistic.

Today the United States of America is

launching Apollo 12, and at the same time pouring untold thousands of tons of poison into its lakes, streams, rivers and atmosphere.

Today the usual complement of bombs was dropped on North and South Viet Nam, the usual day's production of alphabet bombs rolled off the line and the normal amount of chemical and biological warfare materials were researched, developed and stockpiled. Tonight the great hungry majority will go

to bed as usual and wake up to a world a little

worse off than before—by one night.

The game seems to be "Let's see who can talk the most and do the least." At least as far as any kind of useful, peace producing, "let's try to keep this world liveable" action s concerned.

Could you imagine the progress in oceanic research that could have been made if NASA had been NOSA—National Oceanography and Sea Administration? Perhaps instead of a man on the moon and the accompanying prestige, America could have been able to feed the starving of this world. Or even have figured out how to avoid poisoning itself out of exis-

Canada and the rest of the world isn't doing any great deal of useful research or making anything other than frighteningly useless gestures in the face of poverty both at home and abroad, either.

Of course this whole harangue is just a bit of verbal masturbation on the part of yours truly, because even if you've read this far you know there's nothing you can do about it.



Which is basically true, because the decisions are not being made by people accessible to you and I (No Virginia, not even through our prime minister's "participatory democracy").

It's really too bad that we're all condemned to death by the profit motive and by the ins I'll see you in hell.

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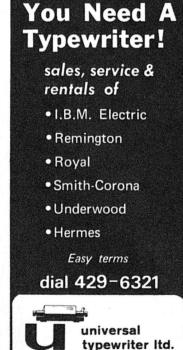
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