

THE ENVIRONMENTAL HANDBOOK edited by Garrett De Bell, Ballantine Books 95¢.

I suppose you have heard many odds and ends of information on various factors that are detrimental to our environment, and probably have suffered momentary concern when a choice news item says that all Dihedral Frammised Leaf Thrasher birds and related families are about to become extinct because their main diet is full of DDT or some such chemical. Then maybe you have read about the effect of smog and blug and auto exhausts and divers air contaminating situations and how a bunch of people somewhere else fell over dead or had to be hospital bound because of the air. If you are like I WAS, you felt sorry for the poor birds who were goners and the people who were goners, the maybe, MAYBE, you took a deep sniff of the air, decided it worked as good as ever and forgot it.

Birth Control? Hell, I had three children before I realized it really could be a problem. And I was thinking of myself. Then one day I was returning from a trip out west and I heard an eminent fellow with a lot of letters after his name proclaim that by the year 2016 (that's a rough guess) we would all be standing belly to back all over the face of the Earth if people continued to multiply at the present rate. I was so amused that I could hardly wait to get home to tell about the crackpot. But by the time I got home I had a chance to think it over. Then I was not amused.

This book, composed of many chapters by many people on many aspects of the damage man is doing to himself is truly disturbing. Aside from the fact that it is very interesting and well done, it should be required reading for all. Beginning with the birth of man's industrial society it details the steamroller effect of man on his home and the catastrophic effects that could come to pass if we do not make some changes soon. It is not intended to be sensational for the purpose of selling books, but is a serious attempt to teach anyone willing to read how he daily contributes to his own or his children's downfall. An EXCELLENT book.

THE LUFTWAFFE WAR DIARIES by Cajus Bekker. Ballantine Books. \$1.25

A very interesting account of the Luftwaffe, including some good pictures, from it's earlier days to the end as seen from the German side. It seems fairly factual and includes many things of interest. Organization leaders, their responsibilities, their conflicts, and how each one helped or hindered the growth of an air force.

Of especial interest to me was the development of jet and rocket propulsion systems in aircraft. Even had some performance figures, pilots who flew different aircraft, and some details of the manufacturers who developed them. Interesting and mostly agreeable.

Extra good if you're a buff. Fair if not.

THE ZERO STONE by Anre Norton. Ace Books 60¢.

Boy I'm sure glad she writes enough of these things to keep my interest keyed up in the field. I can always count on Andre to set me up with a book I can't lay down. And when that happens I'm like a junky. I feel good for hours after.

Well knit adventure with something different and full of action. I like to have a young person as a central character. There is something about the coming out of a young person that enthuses me. It's like the freshness of a new dawn. I sure hope she doesn't change her style. Different and fresh. I may be high on this one, but it is because it's good.

Darn best triple A. You better read it.



BORIS KARLOFF - THE FRANKENSIENCE MONSTER by Forrest J. Ackerman. Ace Books 95¢.

If you have never done more than thrill at some time or other to the marvelous horror of Karloff in action you should be more than interested in this book. If the name Karloff brings back creepy feelings and

