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Through all these new, and imaginative, and creative approaches to the problem of sharing our earth with other creatures there runs a constant theme, the awareness that we are dealing with life - with living populations with all their pressures and counter pressures, their surges and recessions. Only by taking account of such life forces and by cautiously seeking to guide them into channels favorable to ourselves can we hope to ~~reach~~ achieve a reasonable accommodation between the insect hordes and ourselves.

The current vogue for poisons has failed utterly to take into account these most fundamental considerations. As crude a weapon as the cave man's club, it has been hurled against the fabric of life - a fabric on the one hand delicate and destructible, on the other miraculously tough and resilient - and capable of striking back in unexpected ways.

The impact of chemical control has recently been subjected to detailed mathematical analysis by a Canadian scientist. The study showed that the apparent benefits of spraying are illusory, failing to depress the insect population as expected, sometimes actually building it up;

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