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Throughout the issue are scenes from the Denver Conference. The above shot is from the Security Life building restaurant overlooking the convention complex. A few hours after this was taken, some nut jumped out of one of the restaurant's windows.



EDITORIAL

MORE WARNINGS —

Yesterday I was sitting at my desk searching for some inspiration for this month's editorial. Obviously, it would be very nice to write about the Denver Conference and tell how everyone did such an outstanding job, but as interesting as this is, it sometimes does not make good copy. The fact is that it was an outstanding conference and I have the greatest regard for our national office, officers, suppliers and the Rockie Mountain GCS, who put the show together! But I digress!

My inspiration came last night during the news. Channel 2 reported that mercury was found in above acceptable levels in one of the wells in Aurora and several other communities. The mercury content, however, was not the primary source of concern since they have 7 wells pumping into a common header and thus diluting the mercury. Quality of water is not their overriding problem, **quantity** is. It seems the water levels are dropping so fast that they wonder if in the future there will be enough water to drink. Also in the news was the water situation at the Weston nuclear accelerator. At least five communities are fighting the proposed well to be drilled to 1600 feet at this plant.

There are any number of squabbles in this area over water rights. I am not familiar enough with the northern suburbs to quote statistics, however, in the south the two most striking examples are Park Forest South which didn't exist a few years ago and is expected to have a 110,000 population by 1985 and Matteson which for years was under 3000 and is expected to grow to 70,000 by 1980. It seems reasonable that there will be many more squabbles. You can probably think of some now.

So, what's the point? Everyone is presently up in arms about pesticide regulation and burning lawns without making much mention of water problems. If we have serious problems now, what will they be in the near future when we are further choked with population? What good is a \$200,000 automatic irrigation system when there is no water?