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Conservation Plan Proposed by Udall

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pressures, technological gains and a population explosion lessen mankind's hope of salvaging undisturbed remnants of natural scenic beauty, it was reported here Thursday.

Against such an ominous backdrop Interior Secretary Stewart L. Udall proposed a common market of conservation to the 328 delegates and observers from 72 countries attending the first World Conference on National Parks here.

Udall envisioned international coordination and personnel exchange to forestall further loss of scenic areas as time for such projects have rapidly dwindled. Such a program, on which the Interior Department is now working, would bring Africans and Latin Americans to the United States for a year, virtually being schooled in American national parks.

Although he was heartened by the progress symbolized by the conference itself, Udall sounded a somber note in his speech to the week-long meeting, which ends Saturday.

"So great is the power of men and nations," he said, "to enlarge the machine-dominated portion of the world"

not an exaggeration to say that few opportunities for conservation projects of grand scope will remain by the year 2000 . . . With few exceptions the places of superior scenic beauty, the unspoiled landscapes, the spacious refuges for wildlife, the nature parks and nature reserves of significant size and grandeur that our generation saves—yours and mine—will be all that is preserved."

The rising demand for parks and playgrounds, he said, will increase four-fold. He pointed to the 290 pct. increase in wilderness recreation in the United States during the last decade and predicted that such use would grow 10 times in the next 40 years.

"But as the need increases," he said, "land and forest and water are necessarily being preempted for other uses."

In addition, demographic projections that will double and redouble the world's population every 35 years would drastically alter man's relationship to land everywhere, he added.

"I would like to think that this conference strikes a wholesome note of sanity in a troubled world," he continued.

Udall acknowledged that re-



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