here is hardly a person who reads the newspapers or watches television who is not to some degree aware of the threat to the environment that is fast being wrought by the human species. . . . Only now are we beginning to understand what such devastation means in terms of the potential suffering of literally millions of animals and the extinction of whole species of others with whom we share this earth," observed HSUS President John A. Hoyt in his message to the membership at the HSUS annual conference in October.

Behind these sobering words were accounts of ecological destruction from conference speakers representing almost a dozen organizations involved in environmental protection. These speakers also brought words of hope to those assembled in Houston, however. Humane sustainable agriculture—agriculture that does not harm farm land, farm animals, or farm people—was the focal point of experts participating in the preconference symposium on October 25. Conference keynote speaker Jeremy Rifkin of the Foundation on Economic Trends and The Global Greenhouse Network piqued the interest of Thursday's audience with a style one part university professor and one part revivalist. The HSUS's Dr. Michael Fox and the Rev. Dr. Andrew Linzey spoke from their perspectives as scientist/philosopher and theologian, respectively.

Global concerns did not crowd out more immediate problems, as workshops on up-to-the-week reports on the CITES conference, shelter problems, animal-exploitation events, and other topics attracted their share of attentive participants.

Whale expert Roger Payne brought unforgettable songs of humpback whales to a Friday night audience, then accepted the Joseph Wood Krutch medal on Saturday night.

H.I. "Sonny" Bloch received the James Herriot award for his tireless work on the "Living with Animals" television show. Finally, two long-time HSUS staffers, John Dommers and Patrick Parkes, were recognized in an affectionate tribute marking their last official HSUS conference at Saturday's banquet.
Left: Jeremy Rifkin of the Global Greenhouse Network was The HSUS's keynote speaker at the environmentally oriented conference.

Above: HSUS Chairman of the Board K. William Wiseman (left) presents the Joseph Wood Krutch medal to Dr. Roger Payne for his lifetime study of whale physiology and behavior.

Right: H.I. "Sonny" Bloch (right) accepts the 1989 James Herriot award from HSUS President John A. Hoyt and Mrs. Helen Boehm of the Boehm Porcelain Studio at Saturday's conference banquet.
Audio cassette recordings of the conference speakers and workshop leaders, including keynote speaker Jeremy Rifkin, luncheon speaker John Robbins, and the Rev. Dr. Andrew Linzey, are available from Professional Programs Audio Cassettes, 12035 Saticoy Street, Suite B, North Hollywood, CA 91605, for $8.00 each, plus shipping and handling. Contact Professional Programs for an order form and complete order information.

Above: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Linzey (left) accepts congratulations from John Hoyt after his Friday conference address.

Right: NAHEE Associate Director Paul Dewey assists NAHEE Director Patty Finch with a display, part of her “Helping Hands for Pets” presentation.

Above: Friday’s panel discussion on protecting wildlife featured (left to right) Lisa Landres of California, The HSUS’s John Grandy, program moderator Dr. Amy Freeman Lee, Sam Houston University’s Carol Allen, and Larry Sunderland of Arizona.
Left: The HSUS's Dina McDaniel helps a participant with his name badge prior to a conference general session.

Above: HSUS Vice President Phyllis Wright seems the center of attention during a break in the conference workshop program on Friday.
Westward, Ho!

The HSUS will hold its 1990 annual conference in San Francisco, California, October 25–27. Look for details in upcoming issues of the HSUS News.

Above: The HSUS's Vice President for Farm Animals and Bioethics Dr. Michael Fox (left) relaxes with speakers at Wednesday's symposium on humane sustainable agriculture.

Right: Eric Sakach of the HSUS West Coast office chats with conference during a break between sessions.
Left: HSUS President John A. Hoyt (left) shares a moment of humor with retiring vice president Patrick Parkes at Saturday's banquet.

Above: Jane Scheidler of the HSUS wildlife department discusses the National Wildlife Refuge Reform Coalition with her workshop attendees.

Above: James Noc of the HSUS Gulf States Regional Office and Ken Johnson of the Southeast office get to know attendees during their first on-staff conference.