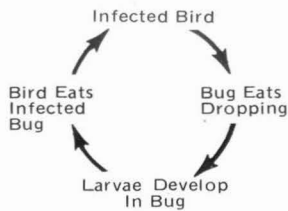


the droppings and worm eggs. The egg develops into an infectious larva in the bug. A bird eats the bug, larvae and all, and develops a heavier and heavier parasite burden as the larvae mature into adult worms.



If you can eliminate the intermediate hosts (all arthropods in this case) you preclude the proventricular worm problem in your birds. The key to eliminating the arthropods (sow bugs, millipedes, etc.) is to remove all debris from the cage floors and keep your aviaries dry. The bugs need places to hide and they need moisture to live.

When you have eliminated the intermediate hosts and have dosed your infected birds with medicine, examine their feces. If, after three or four examinations at ten day intervals, you find no *Dispharynx nasuta* eggs, you may be fairly certain that particular problem has diminished ■

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View from the Perch

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Most of our elected officials, and their appointees, believe it is necessary for them to make decisions for the masses of persons whom they represent. Here, in the United States and throughout the World there is a movement to establish a World Government wherein the United States would become one of many states and we the people would, to a great extent, be forced to comply with regulations established by others

than our elected representatives.

Are all the crisis we have been faced with during the past year, or so, steps in this direction? The oil and energy shortage? The wheat deal? The sugar shortage? I wonder. There is more to all this than meets the eye.

Are the efforts of the United States Department of Interior and The United States Department of Agriculture stepping stones in this direction? Why, last

fall, did a high government official say he would like to see the destruction of one half of the nation's pets (so the food consumed by them could be sent to Africa and Asia)?

Why did the USDA close a seed and feed dealer in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, rationalizing that mice were contaminating the sacks, which in turn might transmit Salmonella to people? If the people are the Government, then why is it these bureaucrats, who are supposed to operate for our benefit, did not lend their support and expertise to eradicate the mice?

The view from here appears as if the tail is wagging the dog. How does it appear to you? Our representatives are not paying any attention to us. They go along their merry way, passing new laws day by day, week by week, month by month. All the letters and appeals fall on deaf ears. Why is it that individuals must organize and band together to raise funds and hire lawyers to protect our God given rights? These people in Washington D.C. are paid by us and are supposed to be working for us. Instead they are our adversaries. Even the State of California has to take the USDI to court in an effort to maintain their rights.

In these days of high interest rates, high property taxes, and inflated values, more and more persons are being forced out of private residences into apartments and condominiums. Nearly always there are "NO PETS ALLOWED" signs. Most landlords, however, have no objection to a tank of fish or a pet bird.

If the USDI has their way with the "Injurious Wildlife Regulations", allowing only Canaries, Zebra, and Society Finch, there can not possibly be enough to go around. There are thousands of other innocuous birds, which make wonderful pets, and would be permitted by landlords, that could give many hours of pleasure and comfort to lonely people.

The American Federation of Aviculture intends to remain active for many years to come. Our primary goal is to teach everyone the joys and personal satisfaction achieved by the Aviculturist. Those of you who have already received satisfaction from this hobby might consider making an effort to encourage others to become involved, thereby broadening the scope of the hobby. If enough persons become interested in Aviculture as a hobby we would have a much stronger voice and quite possibly would have much more influence with our adversaries. Our future depends upon your interest and efforts ■

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