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Abstract : Between September, 1962, and July, 1963, chlorinated hydrocarbon pesticides were found in 304 of 333 birds and 42 of 46 egg samples sent from different parts of Britain and Eire, and mercury residues in 55 of 142 birds. Sixty-six species were identified. Sources of the pesticides were considered to be garden chemicals in 154

in 59, and seed dressings in 45. Compared with previous years, there were the casualties in insectivorous and garden species, species feeding in flowing water and marsh areas, and birds of prey. Chlorinated hydrocarbons were found in 19 broods of nestlings that died in the nest, in all of 7 samples of worms and slugs on land treated with aldrin, and in leeches and fishes from a small pond. Death rates from dressings have declined as a result of the voluntary restriction on their use. Deaths from other applications such as spraying are increasing. It was concluded that the persistent chlorinated hydrocarbons be banned in gardens, forests and water.

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