

## 5 A Concluding Comment

There is a danger that the economic analysis presented in this book may seem to many readers to be unduly remote from the very worrying pollution problems of the day. No attempt has been made to relate society's excreta to the rate of population growth, to the threatening exhaustion of important natural resources, to the ethic of consumerism, to imperialism as manifested by the vast international corporations and so on. Even if it were possible to do this effectively, it would take us beyond the territory of economics. But that is precisely where we may have to go if we are really to get to grips with many of the most fundamental problems currently facing mankind.