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SUBJECT: "Road to Survival" by William Vogt

I have made a quick reading of William Vogt's book, "Road to Survival." It is nowhere nearly as temperate, although perhaps it is more comprehensive than Osborn's recent book, and I think its influence is much marred by the vituperative passages in which everything from private property to the Pope and Communism are rather indiscriminately damned, really without much sense; for in his final chapter, if not elsewhere, it is indicated that on the scientific side the difficulty is one of knowledge and education, either of which is very far from complete. It surprises me that he did not include a direct slam on RF; at least I myself raised very seriously the question of the usefulness of what we are doing in practically every field in view of the population problem. In view of Vogt's book, which possibly will stir up some blasphemous criticisms of RF, specifically how do we justify the Mexican agricultural program, considering his strictures?

