

## Editorial

### *Support the Dannemeyer resolution*

It is an extraordinary sign of the extent to which the American people have allowed themselves to be brain-washed, that the Clean Air Act and associated measures are being allowed to tax out of existence what remains of U.S. industry. Such suicidal measures are totally unnecessary, and based on the flimsiest of pseudo-science.

Propaganda about the expanding ozone hole and the greenhouse warming of the Earth, the various claims that trace elements in the atmosphere cause cancer, and similar tales about the use of DDT and such pesticides, are one and all deliberately concocted lies. Even were this not the case, the kind of remedies for these so-called problems proposed by the environmentalists are completely incompetent. Were these real threats to the environment, the answer to them would lie in the direction of high-technology development, not shutting down industry and technological progress.

The only sane way to safeguard against pollution of the atmosphere is through advanced technology. High on the list are nuclear power and the use of hydrogen directly for combustion. In the case of the presumed problems associated with the use of chlorofluorocarbons, one alternative to refrigeration would be the use of food irradiation—but this, of course, is opposed by the radical environmentalists.

But these are bogus issues. The so-called dire threats to the environment are hoaxes, challenged by leading scientists. Their proponents even admit that they cannot make a scientific case that growth of the ozone hole or greenhouse warming actually exist.

On the other hand, we see major environmental hazards, such as devastating forest fires in California and Hurricane Andrew. In the case of the forest fires, policy over the past several years has been to cut back on normal methods of scientific forestry, such as the culling of dead trees, which can successfully inhibit the spread of such fires. No one is complaining about the particulate matter introduced into the atmosphere from this unchecked combustion.

A hurricane, of course, cannot be prevented, but

its damage can certainly be lessened, with adequate investment in infrastructure and high-quality construction techniques. It is, of course, the poorest people, those with the flimsiest homes, who are the hardest hit. The situation here is similar in earthquakes, where there are building codes which minimize the damage, but which are not enforced, even in such earthquake-prone regions such as California.

The truth is that environmentalism is not a serious scientific enterprise; it is a thinly disguised cover for an ideological attack upon the sanctity of every human life; it is a statement, that mankind is no better than any other member of the animal kingdom. Thus if men, women, and children go hungry because of the consequences of ending cheap refrigeration, this is of no concern to those hoaxsters who manufactured the myth that the ozone layer is being destroyed by modern technology.

The death toll for replacing modern refrigerants with higher-priced, less effective substitutes is now estimated at \$2 trillion. This can be translated into as many as 20 million men, women, and children who will die, as a result of no longer being able to afford the cost of refrigerating their food.

Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-Calif.) has submitted a resolution to the House of Representatives which should be supported by every thoughtful American. He proposes the establishment of a presidential commission to investigate whether there has been any measurable depletion of stratospheric ozone beyond the seasonal variations caused by natural phenomena such as the Antarctic winter and loss of sunlight; and he also demands that such a commission investigate whether it can be scientifically established that man-made chlorofluorocarbons are damaging the stratospheric ozone layer.

We urge our readers to instruct their congressmen to support this resolution, and to let Congressman Dannemeyer know that they applaud his effort to introduce a much-needed note of sanity into the U.S. political scene.