

would be if the agitators had been dumping garbage in the mountain stream that flows past the retired couple's home.

When a local farmer who has been planning to spend part of his summer making improvements to his farm abandons those improvements, because he hears that regulations being promoted by these agitators may make it impossible for him to farm anyway - on land that has been farmed for 150 years and with resources that have been saved by several generations of his family, the environment of that farmer has been polluted.

The farmer's love for the land and for the wildlife that is nurtured in the meadows, ponds, and streams within his farm turns to something else - its is no longer love - it is anxiety and unhappiness. This, too, is a form of environmental pollution.

The founding fathers of the United States knew about and anticipated this form of pollution. They referred to the preservation of domestic tranquility. They established a government dedicated to the preservation of political and economic liberty - to the preservation of private property and the rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

These rights are not respected by pseudoenvironmentalists. They seek undeserved economic and political power over the people of the United States. The fundamental rights of the American people are an impediment to their efforts. They pose as friends of entities that cannot speak for themselves - the forests, fish, streams, plants, and animals. They are not interested in the truth about these entities. They only wish to use their own positions as self-proclaimed champions of the environment to further their own power.

I have watched as the community in which we live, the Illinois Valley Basin, comes under the same sort of pseudoenvironmentalist attack that is polluting thousands of communities across our country. In this Valley the very people who have lived in harmony with nature - the people who are responsible for the fact that our Valley remains one of the natural jewels within the United States - are being smeared continually by the paid propaganda of a pseudoenvironmentalist business that has insinuated itself into our lives.

Pseudoenvironmentalism is a new form of pollution. It has no more support in our community than do the older forms of pollution. It trades largely upon lies and misinformation. Each of us must, as responsible citizens, make an effort to help prevent this sort of environmental pollution in our communities.

On the broader basis of our whole nation, this pseudoenvironmental pollution is becoming a greater and greater problem. It is quite popular with certain elements within the new administration in Washington. They are especially interested in promoting pseudoenvironmentalist lies about carbon dioxide and the use of coal, oil, and natural gas.

In its research program on carbon dioxide, the Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine is trying to do its part in gathering the truth about the biological effects of carbon dioxide. We hope that our efforts in combination with those of scientists working in other institutions will construct a shield of truth between the American people and the damaging effects of pseudoenvironmentalist lies about carbon dioxide, a new form of environmental pollution.

AMERICAN CIVIL DEFENSE PROSPECTS IN 1993

During the past seven years, Fighting Chance has initiated and carried out many projects on behalf of American civil defense. These have included books, newsletters, video tapes, legislative initiatives, public shelter displays, and other projects with two general objectives. The first objective