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Dear Dr. Kelroe,

More news of a West Coast critic - in this case anonymous - so if you answer it it will have to be through Dr. Johnson.

The correspondence arose after I heard a "scare" talk by Dr. Johnson at the Unitarian Fellowship I attend. He contended that in our lifetime we could be inundated by melting of the polar caps due to weather changes caused by CO₂ buildup. Shortly before this, at the same place, we had another "qualified" expert who maintained that due to the same "greenhouse effect" caused by CO₂, we would all be up to our ears in snow within 30 years!

In the question period, I answered Dr. Johnson (some what impatiently I'm afraid) quoting empirical evidence from Humphrey's book "Physics of the Air" to the effect that neither doubling or halving atmospheric CO₂ could

appreciably affect the weather. Since Dr. Johnson dwelled at length on the horrors to be expected from the $\pm$ atmospheric lead content, I sent him the latest paper I had of yours from the J. APCA.

Dr. Johnson also warned the congregation that a crash diet program might release sufficient DDT from a persons fat to kill him!

It strikes me that since "Earth Day" these harbingers of doom have increased logarithmically, both in number and in popularity, and that more often than not, the concern of these "Johnny Come Lately" experts is in inverse proportion to their knowledge.

I feel, as Byers states in a recent editorial (AIHA Jr.), that it's incumbent on the established health professions to take a firm stand and make themselves heard in the public domain on these issues. I would be glad to help in such an effort.

Best Regards,
Phil