

years, the picture that Dr. Linvill has seen is rather spectacular. In the winter months, the levels of ozone are lowest, but in spring, the levels of ozone rises like a wave across the United States following the sweep of greenery as the trees blossom with the onset of the new growing season. The highest levels of ozone are found when the plants are actively growing.

### The Los Angeles basin

The levels of ozone "pollution" in Michigan are clearly determined by soils and vegetation. Now, what about Los Angeles? Again, it is worthwhile to research the historical record. The Los Angeles basin is named the "valley of smoke" in all the accounts of the early explorers going back to the original Spanish discovery. In one of his books, Richard Henry Dana describes the characteristics of the smoke in the valley in the last century, following a trading trip, and the same description is found in the diaries of the people that colonized the West. Indian folklore describes the Los Angeles basin as "on fire" every summer.

According to Dr. Hugh Ellsaesser from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, the smoke, haze, or smog comes from the peculiar precipitation pattern in southern California. Following heavy rains in the winter, there are very dry, hot summers, so that plants, in order to survive transpire hydrocarbons in the process of photosynthesis, instead of water. These hydrocarbons are highly reactive, much more so than hydrocarbons from fossil fuels, and are quickly converted into ozone by sunlight. That is why the highest concentrations of "ozone pollution" are not found in downtown Los Angeles, or where cars and industries are located, but in the wooded hills. Dr. Ellsaesser concludes that environmentalists could eliminate every car and industry in Los Angeles, and it wouldn't reduce smog one bit.

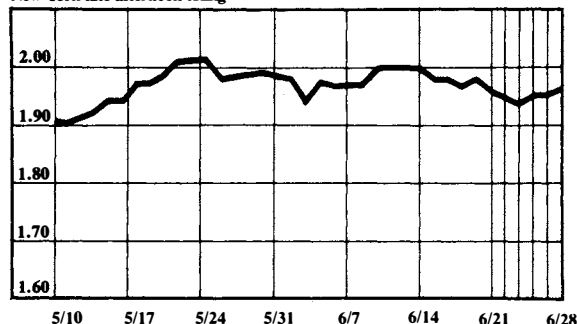
The Environmental Protection Agency, now implementing what its head William K. Reilly referred to as the "clenched fist" policy against "polluters," such those who are "culpable" for ozone pollution. This will cost hundreds of billions of dollars to the economy, the livelihood of millions of workers, and will harshly reduce the standard of living of the great majority of Americans. All of this despite the fact that all the scientific evidence reveals their arguments to be a scientific fraud.

The latest EPA report states "ozone levels are highest during the day, usually after heavy morning traffic has released large amounts of volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides." Yet some of the highest concentrations of "ozone pollution" in the United States are found in the Smoky Mountains and a few other heavily protected wilderness areas, hundreds of miles from away from any "heavy morning traffic." How does the EPA explain that? Perhaps the purpose of all these regulations is not to protect individuals from natural levels of ozone or other natural gases, but to shut down modern industrial society.

## Currency Rates

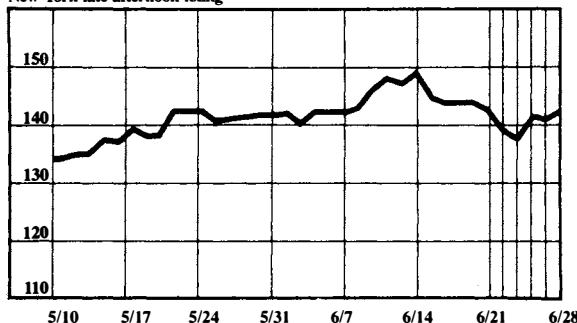
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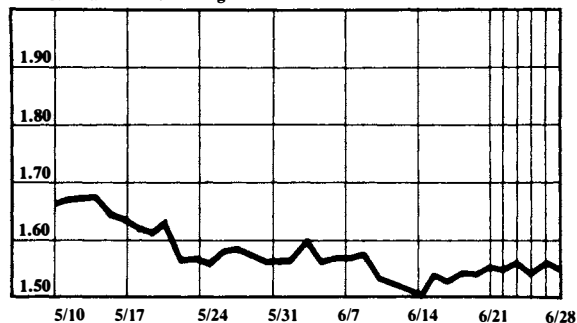
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