

Book knocks holes in ozone depletion hoax

The Holes in the Ozone Scare, The Scientific Evidence that the Sky Isn't Falling, a 356-page book that demonstrates point by point that the so-called ozone depletion catastrophe is a hoax, was released by *21st Century Science & Technology* magazine to the U.S. media at the National Press Club in Washington on June 17. On hand to brief the press were co-author Rogelio A. Maduro, atmospheric scientist Dr. Hugh Ellsaesser, automotive air conditioning specialist Bob Holzknicht, and *21st Century* managing editor Marjorie Mazel Hecht. Hecht opened the press conference by explaining why *21st Century* was publishing the book "because we are determined to overturn the 1987 Montreal Protocol," which mandated the phaseout of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) on the fraudulent basis that the CFCs, the best known of which is the refrigerant Freon, are responsible for the depletion of the Earth's ozone layer. "The phaseout of CFCs will kill people—millions of people, especially in the developing sector," Hecht continued. "There is no scientific evidence for banning CFCs, just ideology, speculation, and computer models that don't correspond to reality. . . . And finally, because we are concerned with saving this planet and preserving its most important resource—its only creative resource—mankind."

She described the 15-year campaign to ban CFCs which culminated in the Montreal Protocol, saying that it was made possible by pouring millions of dollars into environmentalist groups for the explicit purpose of spreading panic about ozone depletion.

"We don't have millions of dollars," she said, "but we have a powerful weapon: the truth." She challenged the press and others present to investigate the issue, and to talk to the many scientists around the world whose research tells them there is no evidence that the ozone layer is being depleted. She further challenged the media to ask the proponents of the ozone scare whether they think there are too many people in the world and how they propose to get rid of the "surplus." "Ask Richard Benedick, who organized the Montreal Protocol, who headed up the U.S. State Department's Office of Population. . . . Ask Sherwood Rowland, the president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, who came up with the ozone depletion theory and was a signer to the Morelia declaration calling for 'liberation movements among species so that one day we can attain genuine equality among all living things'. . . . Ask Dr. Rowland if the CFCs ban, which will kill millions of people, is part of

this 'genuine equality' movement."

Hecht told the press that as a result of the December release of the German edition of the book, co-authored by Ralf Schauerhammer, two German members of parliament had launched official inquiries into the ozone scare.

No press coverage of opposing voices

Next, Rogelio Maduro described how in 1988 he had believed the ozone scare; however, while researching global warming, scientist Reid Bryson told him to check out Mt. Erebus, the volcano at the South Pole, which was emitting tons of chlorine per day, just upwind of the atmospheric chlorine measuring station at McMurdo Sound. Maduro described his interviews about the ozone hoax with leading scientists, whose research contradicted the ozone propaganda. Most of these scientists are named in the book and are well-known specialists in their fields, but they are never covered in the press. Pointing to the chart on p. 78 of his book, Maduro showed how the Ozone Trends Panel had measured ozone levels from 1969 to 1986, beginning and ending in the middle of a solar cycle, such that ozone levels appeared to decrease. In fact, if they had begun their measurements a couple of years earlier, the same data would have shown an increase in ozone levels. (Some of the politically correct scientists in the audience were experiencing distinctly uncomfortable warming trends.)

Maduro challenged the public to find out what the scientists who oppose the ozone scare have to say, to read the papers they produced, which he and Schauerhammer list in the 190 references in their book.

Dr. Hugh Ellsaesser, a participating guest scientist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory spoke next, commenting on how problems like ozone are approached through a "one-way filter," seeing only the negative. Ellsaesser, who retired from the Air Force Weather Service after 21 years and from Lawrence Livermore after 24 years in climate research, has followed the ozone hoax for many years. He noted that the scientists writing papers on the ozone layer who don't go along with the scare can't get published in the United States. One of his papers, he said, was not published by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for this reason. Another scientist had to find a Canadian journal after U.S. journals turned him down—not because the work wasn't competent, but because it was not politically correct.

Bob Holzknicht, who heads up the Ozone Truth Squad spoke next, saying that the ozone scare was a deliberate fraud, that people were being brainwashed. He raised questions about the purported rise in skin cancer, which is attributed to ozone depletion. In fact, the less frequent, but lethal cancer, malignant melanoma, does not come from increased exposure to ultraviolet radiation, he said, because it occurs in places where the sun doesn't shine—under the armpit or between the toes, but these facts aren't covered in the major media.