

TERSE VERSE

EPA regulates our external conditions.
Whatever we do requires its permission.
Its staff is composed of lawyers organic,
Whose method of work is creation of panic.
The ice caps are melting!
The Oceans will flood!
Monoxide is increasing and ruining our blood!
The air will be toxic and smother our breath,
Which everyone know is a horrible death!
We're destroying the ozone with aerosol cans.
Which greatly distresses deodorant fans.
Through a gullible press they create alarm,
Over chemical hazards from factory and farm.
Pesticides are a threat more fearful indeed,
Than nematode, fungus, insect; and weed.
They worry we'll eat astronomical doses,
If you eat fifty tons! It will give you cirrhosis!
They doubt all research, but believe every rumor,
Apprehensive do-gooders with no sense of humor,
When it comes to decisions, they do as they please,
All inscrutably written in governmentese.

B.E. Day, Prof. Plant Physiology
University of California, Berkeley
National Agricultural Chemicals
Association Newsletter, June, 1976

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