CHA Commentary

As Chairman of the Board of the Center for Health Action, I would like to reflect on the common thread of the fluoridation confrontations throughout this country. We are all united against this travesty because it is a measure which is diametrically opposed to this country's framework of individual freedoms and consent of the governed rather than dictation by a few.

There are many toxins in our water and our environment which cause us to be become alarmed, including EDB, PCB, sulfur dioxide, fluorocarbons and so many more. Why should we be alarmed about one more chemical called sodium fluoride or hydrofluosilicic acid being added to our water for "preventive health purposes"?

The pertinent question is: How can our elected officials be allowed to treat entire populations through the water supply with a known water contaminant? Will we keep control over what is now a prescription drug with known adverse side-effects for internal use? Or will we be given the right to informed consent realizing the benefits versus the risks of fluoride treatment? Or will we through our apathy allow our freedoms to be abridged by the implementation of this compulsory measure?

So many of you have shown your determination and commitment to defeat and remove fluoridation by your generous contributions to the new Center for Health Action. Please continue to support our right **not** to take fluoride. Taking a pill with a glass of water is one thing; but, making the glass of water the pill is quite another.

Save our water and our rights by supporting the Center for Health Action.

Susan I. Pare

Mayor wants fresh study of fluoridation

Mr. Assid Corban, Mayor of Henderson, New Zealand, called for a commission of inquiry into water fluoridation. "Now we have the history and effects, we should do it even if it costs us a million. We may even save that amount if we find out that fluoridation is actually causing more tooth decay than it prevents."

Auckland Star, July 27, 1984

Higher disease causes unknown

The headlines of newspapers throughout the U.S. and abroad are reporting significant rises in disease for which doctors can find no apparent cause. "Birth Defects Baffle Docs" "The Rise in Childhood Illness".

According to the *Weekly World News:* "While medical science has advanced tremendously, the number of babies born with defects has, for some unknown reason, doubled." In another article from *Newsweek* magazine, the National Center for Health Statistics show that the number of youngsters suffering from chronic illness (from asthma to diabetes) has doubled, from 1.7% in 1958 to 3.8% in 1981.

This is not to say that fluoride must be the culprit. But, with the acknowledged ability of fluoride to inhibit enzymes, to disrupt the DNA repair system and reduce the body's immune system capacity, certainly fluoride should be considered as a contributing factor in rising chronic disease incidence as should other toxic environmental substances.

Feedback

CHA received the following comments from Betty McKinney of Loudonville, NY regarding the pamphlet entitled, **Fluorosis: What is it? Who has it? What can you do about it?**

McKinney: "This is as unscientific a presentation as I have ever read. How can you expect support (except from free-floating, anxiety-prone neurotics who are afraid of everything) without some sound documentation? Give me some and I might be glad to support."

CHA: "The fluorosis brochure was not designed as, nor intended to be, a scientific documentation of the reasons we oppose fluoridation. This pamphlet was intended to arouse curiosity and invite one to seek out the facts by contacting CHA for further information. For the individual who already has seen the documentation, CHA is seeking whatever financial support they can give so our educational campaign about fluoridation will continue."

McKinney: "Who says that? Where is the proof that fluorosis is one of the most widespread and serious diseases in the U.S. today, that over 50% of Americans have this disease?"

CHA: "Who says this? The World Health Organization says that enzyme function is impaired at fluoride levels of 0.4 to 1 ppm in the water supply. D.B. Ferguson found shortly after fluoridation that serum enzyme levels were altered. (**Nature New Biol. 231**, pp. 159-160, 1971). Since 50% of the U.S. is fluoridated, these adverse alternations in enzyme activity are experienced by 50% of Americans drinking fluoridated water."

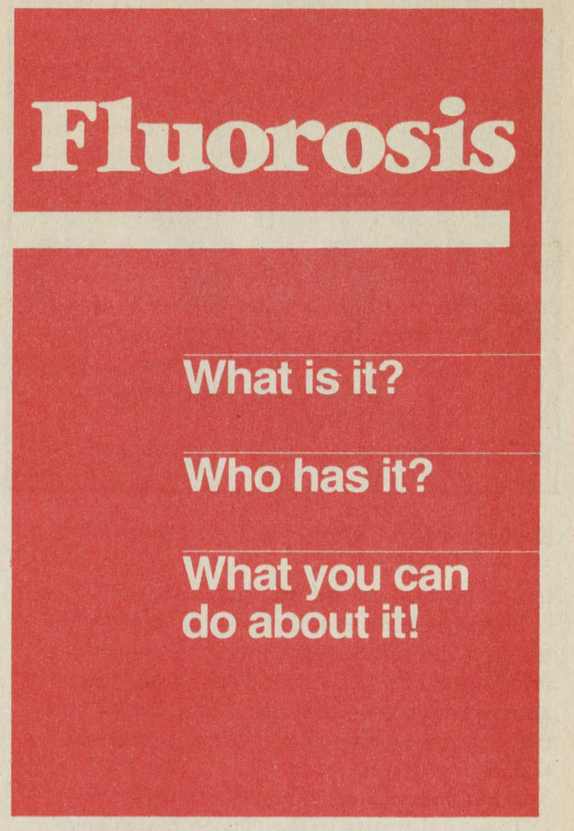
McKinney: "Who says these symptoms of fluorosis are allergic-type reactions, gastric distress, fatigue, muscular weakness, stiffness and arthritis?"

CHA: "The symptoms specified as attributable to fluoride toxicity are documented in the **Physicians' Desk Reference** and the **United States Pharmacopedia**."

McKinney: "Where did you get the figures that as many as 35,000 deaths each year from various causes may now be attributable to fluoridation?"

CHA: "According to figures from the Center for Disease Control which were corrected for age, sex and race, death from all causes is 5% higher in fluoridated areas than in non fluoridated areas."

CHA would like to extend sincere thanks to Betty McKinney for her candor and questioning spirit. It's people like her who keep the search for truth in science alive and well.



Fluorosis brochures are available for $10.00 per 100 or the first 100 are free to patrons.

Letter to the editor

Dear Friend,

After attending the meeting in Columbus, Ohio when the Center for Health Action was organized, I am convinced that if fluoridation is ever to be stopped nationwide, this is the group that will get the job done! They have a positive plan of action and a council that will see the job through.

All they need is the help and support of people like you all over the United States.

They need physical assistance as well as financial support. Pass the word on to all of your friends as soon as possible. Let's all band together for victory.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Russell J. Hale
Illinois Pure Water Committee