

concerning toxic emissions by local manufacturers and the possibility of even more by Formosa Plastics.

If ALCOA is the most toxic plant in the U.S.A. I am a Nazi U-boat commander. Let's get serious! Can anyone possibly believe that? If Alcoa is so toxic how come there are so many birds nesting around the plant, abundant fish in the waters adjacent to the plant and even dolphin. Dolphin do not swim in polluted waters. Shrimpers even shrimp in the waters adjacent to ALCOA. When you go to a heavily polluted area you don't see birds, fish or wildlife of any type.

Now let's talk about FORMOSA. The Corpus Christi Caller called a "Blatant Polluter", the

the Houston Post called them a "Cancer causing factory". I know that Formosa spent \$21,000,000 cleaning up the plant they purchased in La. and the toxic emissions have been on the decline ever since. They have brought the emissions down by 90 percent. Formosa purchased a plant in Delaware and was given an award by the State for cleaning up that plant. Does that sound like the type of people who are "Blatant Polluters"? And now, locally, we are making judgement on a plant that as yet has not even been started.

The plant that will be built in Point Comfort will be the most technologically advanced plant of its type in the U.S. That means the most advanced tech-

nology in pollution control. Probably the most dangerous substance at Formosa is EDC(ethylene dichloride). The allowed emissions by the EPA is 10 parts per million, the design at Formosa will emit 1-2 parts per billion. Two-thirds of Formosa's waste will be sold for product. I have seen the proposals from Formosa and feel they have taken steps well above the requirements of the EPA and the Texas Air Control Board.

The control of emissions by plants today is highly scrutinized. The problems of yesteryear are predominant today therefore Industry cannot possibly pollute as they did years ago.

I do not want pollution in Calhoun County and I know you do not want pollution in Calhoun County and from all I've seen Industry is controlled and our environment from the Industrial viewpoint is much better than it was 20 years ago. I see more pollution in Calhoun County from septic tanks leaking into the bay, untuned automobiles and boats pumping a tremendous amount of carbon monoxide into the air, uncontrolled pumping of bilges just off shore and garbage from people in Calhoun County all over the roads and public parks that I do from Industry.

Industry in Calhoun County supports the good neighbor policy and has helped our community in every imaginable area.

The State and National media have been very unfair to Calhoun County and the damage has been done. The Chamber of Commerce has had out of town people calling asking if Calhoun County is really an unhealthy place to live.

If all of this was started locally they certainly have done us an injustice. We know how nice it is living here and now we must start educating the rest of the Country as to the wonderful area we live due to all the unjustified bad publicity we've received.

Will we lose the Winter Texans? Will we lose fishermen and pleasure boaters? Will we lose small businesses? Will we lose the retired? I certainly hope not.

Let's work together to change the image we have received

Formosa record defended

Dear editor:

We have, in the past months received a tremendous amount of publicity in Calhoun County

Let's work together to change the image we have received over the past few months. I thank the Port Lavaca Wave for the opportunity of saying what I feel.
Larry W. Robinson