

**Public must  
be informed**

Our present situation demands action as bold as that taken by Teddy Roosevelt 75 years ago. You as air pollution experts, and we, as politicians, all have a clear role to play. You are the experts who, in addition to the scientific and pollution duties of your jobs, must get the information about acid rain and its menace out to the general public. Then, and only then, can an aroused populace help create the political will which is a precondition for meaningful action by elected representatives.

I applaud the courage and foresight shown by newspapers such as the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, located as that paper is in a state heavily dependent on coal; a state that is a major contributor to the acid rain problem and is faced with tough economic times. In a series of recent editorials the *Plain Dealer* argued that, even though some Ohio politicians refuse to admit that an acid rain problem exists, and even though the cost of solutions might pinch, the long term and most important interests of the American and Canadian people require that strong and immediate steps be taken to stop acid rain. The *Plain Dealer* exemplifies both the spirit of neighbourly co-operation and the plain old-fashioned guts that are so necessary today.

This is the spirit that I call upon the Air Pollution Control Association to foster. I hope that if in the future I again have the privilege of addressing your organization, I will be able to bring you good news, and speak of the progress that we are making in defeating acid rain.

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