

*No More Flights*

**No More Health  
Problems**

*Save Our  
Children*



### **PUT YOU MONEY WHERE YOUR HEALTH IS**

The Alliance of Residents Concerning O'Hare, at its regular June monthly meeting, voted to boycott the major retail companies whose names appeared in newspaper ads stating their support for a new runway, which will bring hundreds of thousands more flights into O'Hare Airport.

More flights will increase levels of noise, add to safety problems and, of greatest concern, add more deadly toxic air pollutants that will profoundly affect public health. It has been estimated that millions of people in Northeastern Illinois are adversely affected by O'Hare air pollution mainly because airplanes fly over our heads. Since technology is up to 30 years away from adequately reducing the problems, it will be too late for a large percentage of our population. It is unconscionable that these companies support more negative health consequences by increasing O'Hare flights at any cost. This is particularly disappointing given there are better options available.

O'Hare Airport and its aircraft most certainly cause us major public health problems, some of which are cancer, asthma, sinusitis, brain tumors, emphysema, heart disease, leukemia, plus many other diseases and afflictions. A Los Angeles School District study shows that it takes only about 15 jet flights a day, to add a significant increase in cancers; O'Hare has 2,500 flights a day! A recent study from Harvard School of Medicine found that days of elevated concentrations of ambient particulate air pollution have been associated with increased hospital admissions for cardiovascular disease.

At the AReCO meeting, a boycott committee was formed and targets were developed. It appears that all of the companies targeted do business nationally. In the United States over 2,000 airports are being expanded to handle a predicted massive increase in flights, expected to double nationally by 2010 and every eight to ten years thereafter and there is much opposition nationwide. Therefore, it was recommended that we request US-Citizens Aviation Watch Association, with association members and associates in 27 countries and representing about 1.5 million members in the U.S., to also join the action.

AReCO also wants to publicly thank Elk Grove Village and its mayor, Craig Johnson. The mayor and the village have put their money where our health is. They are removing \$87 million in village funds out of four banks that publicly stated their support for new runways at O'Hare Airport. Several other communities are also considering such action. We congratulate them for standing strong to protect public health and the safety and welfare of the communities which they represent.

AReCO is in the process of developing plans for an informational demonstration and developing instructive material to be distributed to the public.

We are calling on our members and all of our supporters to avoid doing business with, or buying products from the following companies, that because of their actions will harm families and their children:

- B.P Amoco
- Chicago Tribune
- Jewel Food Stores
- McDonalds Restaurants
- Parker House Sausage Company products
- Quaker Oats products
- Sara Lee products
- Sears, Roebuck and Company
- Wrigley Chewing gum

AReCO also noted that it would not take any action against a charity, United Way/Crusade of Mercy, for a number of reasons which included United Way publicly stating that they have no official stand on the airport and do not endorse the runway additions.

We oppose any more flights at O'Hare. Our children's health needs to be protected from existing airport and aircraft operations. Airport operations emit extraordinary amounts and types of serious and deadly air, noise, ground, and water pollutants, which remains largely unregulated.

Enough! No More Flights! **Put Your Money Where Your Health Is!**