Knollenberg opposes world pact

BY TIM RICHARD

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abould the U.S. Senate ratify the global warming agreement? "I need two words: hell no," replied U.S. Rep. Joe Knollen-berg, R-Bloomfield Township, who spent a week in Kyoto, Japan, observing the negotia-

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The third-term congressing in from the 11th District of Oak-land and Wayne counties gave the usual reasons of harm to American industry, but he had some close-up comments about the United Nations-sponsored conference itself.
'I have never been in the gun-sights of so many countries. The deck was stacked against us. And it was a long time ago.

"The Green Movement (anti-industry environmentalists) was in charge. The U.S. was before we got to Kyoto. "We heard, The U.S. has an obligation' (from the Danes and Dutch) and 'America has a bur-den to pick up and carry the rest of the world."

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"It exempts 80 percent of the world's (developing) nations" like China, India and Mexico. "It gives them a license to pollute at will. Multi-national corporations would go there — and also get cheaper labor."

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But it was the European Union, rather than Asia, that was trying hardest to stick the U.S. with the job of scaling back emissions to 1990 levels, Knollenberg said in an interview this week in his Farmington Hills district office.

He said Time magazine was correct in reporting that the EU will have the easiest time meeting emissions targets. Reason: The collapse of East Germany in 1990 forced many inefficient, pollution-belching factories and power plants out of business, cutting Europe's emissions as side benefit.



miners' union in 1986, and the nation switched to natural gas. France will have little trouble because it's reliant on nuclear energy — and Knollenberg thinks that's the way to go, even though nuclear power plants and research have been halted here.

"The president won't send it (the treaty) to the Senate," Knol-lenberg predicted. "He'll use the regulatory process, the EPA (Environmental Protection Agen-

(Environmental Protection Agency)."
What about Vice President Al Gore's apeech in Kyoto favoring of a global warming treaty?
"Gore made a speech, got back on Air Force 2 and left. He would say he jump-started the reaction. There was actually a mixed reaction Gore.
"There was heavy, heavy press. I went to a press conference the second day. The press was enviro-laden," he said, quoting a question about alleged strong poll support for an energy tax in the U.S. "Not in my district," Knollenberg said.

Participants took it for a fact, engraved in granite, that the world is being dangerously warmed by energy emissions. "No one questioned it. It's a fact

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utilities can't be all wrong. The AFL-CIO is connected to my view."

He cited University of Michigan research — still incomplete—on pumping carbon dioxide, the chief emission, into a tented area. "We know carbon dioxide helps trees. There are more trees in the country than at the time of the Pilgrins." Some scientists are saying, Let's study this before we jump off the cliff. "If you believe in global warming, this treaty won't get you there, "Knollenberg wen ton. "It won't clean the environment, and it will be devastating to the American worker because the cost of energy will rise."

Knollenberg and 13 other U.S.

Knollenberg and 13 other U.S. representatives were appointed by Speaker Newt Gingrich, R. Ga. Knollenberg is a ranking member of the House Appropriations subcommittee on energy and water.

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That panel oversees the
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weapons and reactors, nuclear
wastes, the Army Corps of Engineers, energy research and
development, the Tennessee Valley Authority (now zeroed out of
the budget), and the Appalachian Regional Commission.

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The feeling is bipartisan.
John Dingell (D-Tenton, and
dean of the Michigan congressional delegation) and I see eye
to eye. Dingell was there," Knollenberg said.

Next-door congressman
Sander Levin, a Democrat,
already is battling EPA air qualtity atmadrads, saying, "In my
viow, EPA's new standards
would have a negative impact on
the nation's economy and the
economic well-being of southcastern Michigan."

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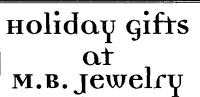
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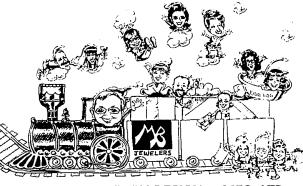
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