

Alternatives to oil

RIVERSIDE, Conn.- -The lack of oil and the consequent energy crisis are directly due to the failure to encourage and push the development of existing alternative sources of energy.

We can develop large scale energy from the sun. Huge rotating mirrors, concentrating the sun's rays on tanks of water, would generate steam, from which we can generate electricity. This was known to be technically possible 55 years ago and one of my sons, who is an engineer, tells me it is entirely feasible. Buckminster Fuller has devised a house which can be heated entirely by the sun, with excess energy being stored against sunless days or even weeks.

We can get large scale underground energy from natural steam and heat under the earth's crust. Pacific Gas and Electric Power Co. is now doing just that. Also, we can generate almost limitless energy from tidal power. There is a tidal power plant operating near Saint Malo in France.

Wind power can be utilized from windmills to generate electricity. Coal can be gasified and used to produce electricity at the mouth of the mine. We have an abundance of coal, and

most of it can be gotten from underground without stripping the land.

Naturally the privately-owned oil companies and generating plants do not like development of alternative energy sources. The Nixon administration, subservient to big business, does not push these alternative sources of energy, altho they are cheaper in some cases, nonpolluting, feasible, and would relieve us from the economic and political blackmail of the Arab dictatorships.

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