

Limited supply causing fuel crises, Rickover tells Congress

WASHINGTON (AP)—The cause of the country's energy crisis is not lack of technical research, Adm. G. Rickover told Congress today, but simply because the supply is limited and demand is skyrocketing.

Rickover said experts are failing to make clear to the public that nature is impervious to human demands, to assertions that we have a 'right' to live in the style to which we have be-

come accustomed since the fossil age began some 30 years ago.

"There are no 'rights' that government or anyone else can enforce against nature," said Rickover, director of naval reactors.

He told a House Interior Committee probe on energy problems that economists and others still take pride in the rising consumption pattern, praising success on the basis of how many telephones, refrigerators and cars each person owns.

"What needs to be generally understood is that nature is completely unconcerned with man, his needs or his desires," Rickover said. "We are in a painful adjustment to a world from which we can neither escape nor control."

He said Russia seems much more aware of the importance of access to energy resources for all industrial countries.

"Compare her policy of courting the Arab oil companies with our policy of continuing to export

enriched uranium for the sake of improving our balance of payments position," Rickover commented. "Russia's new naval strength in the Mediterranean poses a very real threat that she might succeed in controlling the Middle East and its oil."

Seventy per cent of the world's oil supplies are in the Middle East.

Rickover said the Navy must be the equal of any other navy in the world if this country's

sources of energy—including the projected importation of half the oil supply within a decade—is to be protected.

"If we do not have a navy to insure the safety of our oil sources and the means of transportation, we could risk our industrial capacity," he said.

The admiral said the dependence on man made fuels has been unrealistically exaggerated as a hope for the future.

Rickover also suggested: Dis-

continuation at once of exporting energy sources this country now possesses, including coal and enriched uranium.

—Establish a minimum level of use for utilities and make it expensive to use more, creating incentives to use less rather than more energy.

—Discourage inefficient uses of energy, such as construction of office buildings with no windows or access to natural light and which therefore must be heated,

cooled and lighted by electricity.

—Tax automobiles by weight and the amount of fuel they require and put upper limits on what is allowed.

—Control the use of air conditioning, perhaps prohibiting it except where required for industrial or medical purposes.

OPA coeds begin spring local projects

TAMU coeds in Omega Phi Alpha put their shoulders to the wheel today in projects that will keep them busy the remainder of the spring semester.

Members of the national service sorority will work a house-to-house campaign in the Cancer Crusade, according to Projects Chairman Sandra Huebner. They will share two areas of the local drive with brothers from Alpha Phi Omega.

Delta Delta chapter also will participate in the Aggie Blood Drive, a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday event aiming for a new contributions record.

OPA is handling ticket sales at Sbsa Hall for Civilian Student Week. They have tickets for "Rare Earth," "Las Vegas Night" at the MSC Friday and the civilian sweetheart presentation dance Saturday in Sbsa.

President Stuart Stewart noted the OPA members will serve as bankers and hostesses for the Civilian Student Week casino.

Youngsters with April birthdays who stay at the Bryan Day Care Center will be given an OPA-sponsored party Tuesday, April 25.

A 2-4 p.m. Sunday tea for TAMU women faculty members will be served at President Jack Williams' home by OPA members.

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