

horse and kill it, some one would go too fast and tear the buggy apart. All testers agreed that the system increased the energy output of the fuel, but complained of structural damage to the equipment that resulted from over use of the fuel additive. When asked why they did not investigate the parameters of the system, a universal "We are not set up for that sort of thing" was the response.

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Attempts by the Fusion Energy Foundation to aid this researcher and have the material tested under carefully controlled conditions have resulted in excuses and delays. One government-sponsored laboratory official was quite excited, if skeptical, about testing the material in the initial conversation, then after reviewing the documentation, stated "We are not equipped for testing it." This statement is patently false.

One private manufacturer who advertises help to private inventors in this field insisted upon a written agreement that they would have exclusive control over development and sale of the system before they would even test it. Others said they were not interested in testing.

Benjamin Franklin described this situation accurately when he wrote, "The best capacities require cultivation... as with the best ground, which, unless well tilled and sowed with profitable seed produces only ranker weeds."

— *Wayne Evans*

## Carter Administration Pressures ERDA's Kintner To Resign

June 22 — Rumors are flying through the U.S. fusion research community that the Carter Administration is trying to get rid of Edwin Kintner, head of the Division of Magnetic Fusion Energy (DMFE) at the Energy Research and Development Administration.

That Carter should move to dump him is not at all surprising, given Kintner's record as a strong advocate of a large-scale international program to develop fusion power. Kintner, a strong traditionalist who worked in the Navy fission program which led to commercial reactors and a strong advocate of the fast breeder reactors, was appointed by Dr. Robert Hirsch, before Hirsch's own resignation as head of DMFE under pressure.

In recent testimony before the Congress, Kintner has defended the necessity of a strong U.S. energy development program, and emphasized the desirability of cooperation with the Soviet Union over fusion energy development, saying "they have never denied us anything."

Kintner had recently been offered a top position in the private fission industry. He is reported to have turned this offer down, indicating that he has no desire to leave his ERDA post at this time.