



## Peter Fend

1950 geboren in Columbia, Ohio. Entschied sich, Kunst mit (hauptsächlich ökologischer) Wissenschaft zu kombinieren, um ein neues Programm der Architektur zu formen. Diese Bestrebung ist keine andere als die seines Onkels, eines prominenten »Community Architect«, der ihm riet, nicht den üblichen akademischen Weg zu verfolgen. Fend unternimmt ausgedehnte Reisen, um – mit Hilfe der *Ocean Earth Construction and Development Corporation* (gegründet 1980) – seine Außenraumprojekte zu verwirklichen.

Now, in 1993, after some research sanctioned in France, we learn that actions much more sinister were going on.

The entire effort at building a non-polluting fuel industry from coastal waters was being derailed and, in continents like Europe at least, being legally forbidden, all by hidden actions of people communicating with authorities such as the British Admiralty.

The Admiralty has had a program since the early Twentieth Century, following theories of Admiral Fisher and the leadership of Winston Churchill, of building a global naval empire based on the control of oil & gas. This Empire had evolved into an Anglo-American "special relationship". This in turn has formed the news media structure and entire economic dependency of the West. The Empire was enforced in The Falklands War, to prevent neutralization of the Straits of Magellan, in the Lebanon and Libya campaigns, to assure control of navigation through the Mediterranean, in Desert Storm and its antecedent the Iran-contra maneuvers, to assure control of most resources in the Gulf, in Somalia, to assure control of the new sea lands from the Gulf to most of the world, and in Yugoslavia, to eliminate competition from the Non-Aligned Movement, once led by Belgrade. The Empire was most recently active in the Rio Summit making sure that no effective response was made to the destruction of the planet by fossil fuels.

Of course the Empire would not want to see countries becoming independent of their control of

world energy. For this reason its legal organ, the now 21-member Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, set up an International Energy Agency to oversee a very gradual program of shifting energy resources to the Second World ("countries in transition") and Third World ("developing countries"), so that by far the greater amount of consumption and most of the power of decision over consumption rests in the West, and ultimately of its Anglo-American core. Notice, for example, that the proposal for a disintegration of Yugoslavia, called the Vance-Owen Plan, is Anglo-American.

All this might be well, might be simple Realpolitik, except that it involves also the fulfillment if initiatives inside the US, UK and the rest of the West for not just meeting but actually solving the ecological danger facing all the world.

While Western geostrategists seek to control fossil fuel sources – or, perhaps more dangerous, nuclear fuel sources – other Western individuals have worked hard to develop renewable biological sources of energy and rawstuff. These individuals have been blocked, cheated, diverted and minimized by persons working for their own governments, or rather their own vested industrial interests, to prevent a realization of this work. Or, as they might say, to make sure that any realization would occur only after the depletion first of the assets underground, the oil and gas chiefly, to which the Western alliance is commonly dependent.

The problem is, ecologically, this might be too late. In 1990, scientists at a UN environmental conference in London concluded that fossil fuel consumption must be cut back by 60% "now, or else". If they are correct, and it would be very dangerous to presume that they are not, then the resources of the Gulf and other mineral fields must be replaced by renewable or other non-polluting sources at a rate very, very much faster than occurs now. They must be replaced at the rate that would have occurred if the scientists in California, such as Dr. Wheeler J. North of Caltech, had entered into a crash program of massive algae-industry development.

Such a crash program could have started in the 1980s, following a propaganda campaign – a media campaign – conducted by a team of artists including Jenny Holzer, Peter Nadin, Richard Prince, Robin Winters, Colleen Fitzgibbon (now married to Tom Otterness) and Peter Fend.

If this team had done what it was asked to do in 1980, by scientists and engineers then under the stress of a covert plot to destroy or fatally delay their work, the history of America and the history of the world would have been very different.

Why not now, why not now recover from this hindrance so dangerous to the planet?

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## ART MUST GAIN POWER

The firm Ocean Earth was founded in response to the offer of a Wall Street lawyer who happened to have been a boyhood friend of Peter Fend and happened to have learned of The Offices of Fend, Fitzgibbon, Holzer, Nadin, Prince & Winters. He said that a legal version of The Offices must be established, for otherwise it could not function. By that time Richard Prince and Robin Winters had already become involved with prominent galleries, and discussion of a successor organization centered among Fend, Fitzgibbon, Holzer and Nadin. A split emerged between the concept of a for-profit corporation and a non-profit corporation; the lawyer said he would work to set up the former; Jenny offered afterwards to be the media director of the for-profit company; given her then-emerging prominence, the other shareholders in Ocean Earth said No.

Looking at the historical record, one could say that these were moments of great failing. I am not the least to blame.

While still constituted as The Offices, when present in Los Angeles, we were pointedly asked by scientists at Caltech and engineers at companies like Global Marine to develop a campaign of public advocacy for their work in developing non-polluting hydrocarbon fuel from offshore giant algae.

We were aware then that there was some stress about the cutoff of funding and loss of support.