

sale of hydrocarbons.”

We are adrift between the petrochemical age and the Ecological Age. We need to return California to the global environmental leadership that began under Jerry Brown. Just 20 years ago utility companies were forecasting the need for 40 new nuclear power plants. Those wild fantasies were put to rest by visionary leadership. We have saved billions of dollars as a result utilities today have invested in conservation, renewable resources and clean car programs which their management would have rejected as mad environmentalism only a few years ago.

As I have proposed, we need to go further and faster. We need to build a clean car and clean transportation industry in California by enforcing the clean air mandate and wisely spending the \$163 billion in transit funds that our voters have generously approved.

We need to reduce the consumption of energy by at least 50 percent in the next 50 years. Energy efficiency creates four times the jobs as building new power plants. We will never become “competitive” with Japan or Germany while we waste twice the energy they do per dollar’s worth of production.

We need to see the potential of jobs in telecommunications to improve the quality of life and reduce the pollution and stress of commuting. Internet is growing at a rate of 15 percent each month; at the present rate it will have 700 million people on-line in the year 2000. The number of telecommuters in the U.S. has increased from 4 million to 8.3 million since 1990. Half the California workforce could telecommute at least part of their time. Not only is it good for people to work in their home or nearby, but the savings