

AWAY WITH BEACH OIL

The sun's overdue. Any day now we shall be on the beach, sunbathing and oiling the boy friend's tender spots. Wise people stick to deckchairs, because the ships are still polluting the sea. What a cheek they've got haven't they?

At Brighton there was a demonstration of new ways to cleanse beaches of the filthy oil. Spraying with an emulsifier deals with liquid oil. When the tide comes in it washes it all away and the beach is clean again.

If the oil's above the high water mark, use a hose.

A specially designed machine removes oil that's got into those nasty little lumps that stick to skin and clothing, and make the beach a place to avoid. Brighton doesn't suffer from the oil nuisance more than many other places, but in trying to get rid of it, it's setting an example that may be widely followed. It's come to the point where before choosing a holiday place, people ask, what's the beach like? Any oil? If the answer's Yes, they go somewhere else, however good the beer may be.

Get the beaches clean, and it'll be good-bye to all this.