

Military Reviews Ancient Weapon

It was only a short time ago that the Army officially retired mules from the ranks of supply carriers and pullers. The mule's parentage, the horse, had already been phased out with the beginning of World War II when mounted soldiers and the cavalry entered the colorful pages of history.

Like so many advanced military systems which have proven incompatible with guerrilla warfare requirements, the Army has had to revert back to more primitive and yet effective ways to combat the Viet Cong.

Dogs have proven expert sentries for thousands of years and the modern Army is placing prime interest in their abilities as applied to war.

Specifically, they are looking for the best breed or crossbreed "which can cope with the critical problem of tracking the enemy and alerting troops to mines, tunnels, booby traps and ambush."

Although the Army has been working on electronic detection devices at their Limited Warfare Laboratory at Aberdeen, Md., they decided more than two years ago that nothing beats the dog as a sensor.

Each Army brigade in Vietnam is supposed to have one scout dog platoon with up to 32 animals, controlled by handlers.

The experimentation points up the need not only for new and advanced techniques and equipment, but for the imaginative use of some of nature's oldest means of survival and combat.



"Strange, but I've noticed the more I study, the more luck I have with quizzes!"

On Downing Dow

The kicking around that Dow Chemical Co. is getting both literally and figuratively on college campuses because it makes napalm to meet defense orders is completely unfair.

In sort of publicity that accompanies these episodes is presumably damaging to the company's public image, and any company realizes the vital importance of its image.

I just wonder, however, if Dow really is or will be hurt by all this. Is it too much to expect that the vast majority of Americans will recognize the inequity involved?

No matter what one thinks of our course in Vietnam, that's got absolutely nothing whatever to do with those supplying what the United States Government asks for in carrying out its policies. One might as well boycott the airlines that fly to Vietnam, the tire and auto companies that supply the vehicles for use there; the mills that make the uniforms and the companies that supply the fibers, and so on ad infinitum.

Protesting policy and casting ballots are part and parcel of the American way of life. Downing Dow isn't.

I both hope and believe this sort of irresponsible abuse will boomerang, that more people might buy Dow things now to demonstrate disapproval of this misdirected abuse.

—Malcolm S. Forbes, in Forbes.

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TODAY

The Karnes County Area Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2C of the Memorial Student Center.

The Fort Bend County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Memorial Student Center.

The Cooke County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Agricultural Education Building.

The Amarillo Hometown Club will have dinner at Zarape's at 6 p.m.

The Leaders in World Agriculture will have a program presented by Dominican students at 7:30 p.m. in Room 109 of the Agricultural Engineering Building.

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