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 mount-

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ed soldiers and the cavalry entered the colorful pages of

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 suppose to have one scout dog platoon with up to 32 animals, controlled by

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

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 un-

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

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At The Movies

film in a series based on best-

selling novels by Len Deighton. Although it is a spy flick, a common type of film these days, it is tight, and should be placed in the upper rankings.

Michael Caine has done well since "Alfie," when he was nominated for an Academy Award. He keeps his reputation in this picture

CAINE is one of a small group of actors who make their parts believable, spy or not. Richard Burton, "The Spy Who Came in From the Cold," is another.

In "Billion Dollar Brain," Caine portrays the British M. I.'s reluctant operative, Harry Palmer. From the time he is carted from the snowy Helsinki boondocks to the distorted, refineryfilled states of Texas, he truly entertains.

Unlike James Bond or Derek Flint, when he sees a gun pointed in his direction, he is frightened. When making love to a beautiful woman who tries to tap his spine with a hat pin, he becomes angry.

And in one perspiration-filled scene, when he is threatened by Ed Begley, a super-patriotic Texan who apparently owns most of the oil of the world, he lies, and lives.

THE BILLION dollar's worth of brain is a huge computer complex owned by Begley. From this

"Billion Dollar Brain," is a brain, he says, enough intelligence information has been collected to wipe out the Soviet Union and her "Communists."

The plot revolves around Caine. who unwittingly delivers a thermos full of viruses to Begley's agents in Helsinki. Beglev plans to loose the viruses on the Soviet Union.

But all of a sudden, Caine is drugged and recruited by his old boss at British Intelligence. He then is ordered to return to the enemy camp and retrieve the viruses before a global crises.

KARL MALDEN does a good job in supporting the protagonists. He double-crosses Harry Palmer several times. His last time is too many, though, for he finally ends up out in the cold. Some people will call the edit-

ing and taut direction of the film spell-binding. I call it 1 failing.

The pace is good at the begin ning, but as it progresses, it easy to get lost in a maze stop-jumps that attempt to make

up what the script left out. The music was necessary to the film. Its many trumpeting cres cendoes gives little time to unla between poisoned drinks and ma.

chine-gunnings. But these are minor points comparison to Caine's perform ance. He makes his a fast moving, entertaining role.

Michael Caine as Harry Palm. er outdoes Sean Connery a James Bond. Not with sports cars or sophisticated scientific weapons, but with a capable jo of acting.



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