

Dow Spokesman Contends Napalm Still Useful Tool

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MIDLAND, Mich. — Dow Chemical Corporation has elected to take a moral stand on napalm — they're going to stick with it.

"You can debate the war, you can talk about whether or not we should be there," Dow's President H. D. Doan said yesterday, "but while our guys are there we feel like giving them the weapons they need, and believe me, they really need this one."

Although Doan feels the Vietnam war has "gotten completely out of hand" and favors an immediate troop withdrawal, he also says that napalm is "a fantastically useful strategic weapon."

Tactical Weapon

"There's only one tactical weapon that can turn back the human wave and that's napalm," he said.

Doan also said he believed the American soldier would have been militarily defeated in South Vietnam without napalm.

With napalm representing less than one-half of one per cent of total Dow sales, the decision to continue making the sticky and fiery gasoline gel could be little more than principle.

Dow is not forced by any governmental pressure to continue making napalm either. Government contracts represent less than 5 per cent of total sales.

But Dow does have an image problem.

Military Association

Citing a recent survey taken by the company, Doan said that although no one associated Dow with military products in 1966, over 90 per cent of college students polled now know Dow makes napalm and "the great majority of the students think Dow is the number one supplier of war materials."

Dow ranks 75th on a list of the top defense contractors for the war and Doan noted that he was "not a bit surprised to see several universities ahead of Dow."

Napalm was developed before and during the second World War, and Dow has produced it only since 1965, when the Air Force changed its specifications to include a thicker gelatin base for its active ingredient, gasoline.

Interviews Not Affected

The thicker base became styrene, a basic building block for most plastics. Styrene was developed and first patented by Dow. Company officials confirmed that Dow is the best equipped major chemical firm to produce styrene.

According to company recruiters, response of top students to Dow campus interviews have not been affected, despite the more than 188 demonstrations in the last year.

Richins Takes Post As New Grad Dean

Dwaine Richins, formerly director of graduate studies for the College of Business Administration, has been named associate dean of graduate students at the University.

The University-wide office, one of the few of its kind in the country, was established in 1966 to aid graduate students with both personal and academic problems.

The post was formerly held by Francis Rummel until 1967 when he was named dean of the School of Education at the University of Montana.

Richin's offices are located in Chapman Hall in the general administration offices of the Graduate School.

John Bramwell, a doctoral candidate in educational psychology has been named assistant dean for graduate students. He was formerly a staff assistant to Richins.

Doan says the company feels a "right and a responsibility to be on campus for those students who want to discuss job opportunities, and we have always supported the right of others to debate the issues, to demonstrate peacefully, and I hope we always will."

It has been suggested by student leaders that although Dow has only five products available for direct consumption, such as Saran Wrap and oven cleaner, a boycott of these products might force Dow to reconsider napalm positions.

Doan denied such a move would work. He said Dow's position would not be subject to financial considerations. Dow's five consumer products represent only two and a half per cent of their sales.

Job Service Offers Advice, Placement

Recruiters are now on campus to interview 1968-69 graduates and alumni for positions in business, science and industry, according to the campus Placement Service.

Recruiters visit the campus during the two recruiting seasons, mid-October through December and mid-January to April.

Graduates and alumni may register for interviews at the Placement Service Offices on the second floor of Susan Campbell Hall.

According to spokesmen, interested students should sign up several months before graduation, or before they leave the campus.

A business technical placement counselor will meet with students, when current trends in employment and vocational opportunities are discussed.

At a stockholders meeting last year, a Wall Street broker suggested that Dow might lose as much as one third of its sales due to its napalm policy. An estimated 5,000 shareholders have sold their stock for reasons attributed to this policy. Dow denies that they have really been hurt.

"We certainly couldn't show that we've been hurt statistically. What worries us are the long-term aspects," Doan said. "He suggested an example would be a great scientist who might invent something fantastic for Dow but who might refuse to interview with the company because of their policies."

Wind Symposium To Start Today

Contemporary wind music and numbers by local composers will highlight the Thirteenth Annual Wind Symposium to be held today and Thursday.

Approximately 350 musicians, including students and teachers, are expected to attend the concerts and informal discussions during the two-day program.

A fanfare by Ed Soule, music librarian, will be featured in tonight's open concert, scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. in the School of Music Auditorium. Also slated for this evening is an informal discussion on recent works for wind ensembles by a panel of composers and conductors.

Thursday's concert at 8 p.m. in the Recital hall will include solos by University students.

Admission is free to both events.

Committee Considers University's 'Image'

"The image of the University is one of filth and a place where unpatriotic people exist," according to Randy Farleigh, paraphrasing a remark by acting University President Charles Johnson in an ASUO Higher Education Committee meeting Monday.

Discussion centered on obscenity in student publications and University relations with the state legislature and the State Board of Higher Education.

Farleigh, who is chairman of the committee, said the Senate tried for state subsidy for the Student Health Service last year, but no positive action was taken.

The portion of student incidental fees supporting the Health Service is closer to \$480,000 instead of the \$450,000 quoted in a recent letter to the editor of the Emerald, he added.

The doctors are now operating on a ten minute appointment schedule, Farleigh said,

and students are being charged for drugs and x-rays in addition to the incidental fee.

The committee has presented no bills to the Senate so far because, Farleigh explained, these bills usually come before the state legislature and take more research than those from other committees.

Farleigh plans to mail a questionnaire to all elected officials asking their views on what percentage of the cost of education the state should pay. Whether the state should assume a portion of the financial support of the Student Health Service and whether guidelines or limitations should be imposed on speakers and organizations on state campuses.

PL-3 Schedule

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13
6:30 Huntley-Brinkley Report
7:00 The Poor Pay More (Repeat)
8:00 International Magazine: News backgrounds and feature reports from various overseas locations.
9:00 Appalachia; Rich Land, Poor People
10:00 Medical Education

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