

Armed Forces Own Worst Enemy in Obtaining New Guns

New York — (UPI) — The U.S. armed forces are their own worst enemy when it comes to obtaining new weapons from independent sources, it was charged recently.

Lucian Cary, gun editor of True magazine, said the U.S. forces are saddled with obsolete small arms equipment while improved weapons that might cost much less are not even tested.

In an article in the current issue, he says the military has maintained a virtual embargo on outside development that there is no reward for private gun inventors in this country.

company estimated that after tooling up it could produce Chinn's gun for \$200.

"The complete gun cost little, if any, more than the barrel of the Air Force gun in use or the bolt," he said. "Chinn's gun could be thrown away at less loss than replacing the parts of the gun now in use."

Never Tested

Yet, he said, it has never been officially tested, presumably because the military had spent considerable money

on another 20-mm weapon and did not want to consider a rival gun.

The other case cited by Cary is that of New York inventor Fred Stevens, who has developed a .357 Magnum semi-automatic pistol, which can be taken apart and reassembled without any tool. On Chinn's advice, Stevens did not submit the new gun to the Army because the former Marine Corps officer told him that "the military is 30 years behind the times."

Cary maintains that historically American inventors have had to sell their weapons abroad. Hiram Maxim, an American, inventor of the first successful automatic machine gun, did his work in England and was knighted. Benjamin Hotchkiss, born in Connecticut, went to France where he set up a factory for the manufacture of a revolving cannon of his invention and laid the groundwork for development of the Hotchkiss machine gun of World War I fame.

Survival Gun Ignored

The only small arm accepted from an outside source by the armed forces since Pearl Harbor, Cary adds, is an Air Force survival gun developed by the Armalite Division of the Fairchild Engine and Airplane company, Hagerstown, Md. He says it is not being ordered in quantity because the Air Force previously loaded up on a heavier, much inferior gun.

Armalite also has perfected a seven-pound semi-automatic rifle, a gun now being produced in Holland and likely to be sold to foreign countries.

"Our Army is not likely to be interested even though the Armalite rifle is the first seven-pound semi-automatic rifle so far produced," Cary said.

He added that a repeating gun designed by David Dardick of the Dardick corporation of New York is the most revolutionary he has seen. Its cartridges or cartridge adapters are triangular. It can be used as a pistol or quickly converted into a rifle. It can shoot .11, .38, or the 9-mm a m m u n i t i o n much used abroad and recently adopted by the NATO countries.

Research Project For Retarded Children Planned

A cooperative research project to study the effects of special training classes for severely retarded children will be conducted in Jackson county in the near future, it was reported Friday.

The announcement was made by Glen A. Purdom Jr., consultant on the education of mentally retarded children of the state department of education. He was in Medford Wednesday to confer with local study groups for parents of mentally retarded children and school authorities.

The research project is sponsored by the federal office of education and is being conducted by San Francisco State college, according to Dr. Purdom. The experimental sample group will consist of children who attend public schools and institutions in California. The control group of trainable children who receive education in their homes will be selected in Oregon.

Purpose Stated

Purpose of the research, Dr. Purdom stated, is to determine the value of supervised training programs compared to home education programs. This study is considered vital to the providing appropriate services in the future for mentally retarded children.

Those parents who would like to assist with the Jackson county part of the program may register their children by calling Mrs. Robert Minear at SPring 3-1277. Twelve parents are already interested, Mrs. Minear said. A meeting for interested parents is scheduled for the Jackson County Tuberculosis and Health association on the fourth floor of the Leverett building at 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 24.

STONE'S THROW

South Bend, Ind. — (UPI) — A stone-age dual cost two men \$18 each in City Court fines. William Saunders, 19, challenged Walter Murray, 29, in a dispute over a can of beer and let Murray choose the weapons. When police arrived the two men were hurling rocks at each other.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Martin F. — I am a failure. Mr. D. F. — He should join the Navy.

Martin F. — I am 18 years old and a complete failure. I did not graduate with my class last June. I failed four subjects.

One of the reasons I failed was I had just broken up with my steady girl friend. I discovered she was going out on the sly with one of my best friends. You can chalk that up as a double failure.

Everyone seems to have some ambition, but I have none. My family wants me to join the Navy. That's because they think I'll never be able to make out at school.

But I may be no better off in the Navy. I'm not good at sports or mechanical things. I don't want to go back to school and I don't know what kind of work I can do. You need a high school diploma for everything except strong-man jobs and I'm not very strong.

Mr. D. F. — We are seriously worried about Marty. He seems to have lost all his

morale. He takes no interest in anything since his failure to graduate.

Marty isn't a stupid boy. He has found the going a little rough at school, but his teachers say his IQ is normal. I know he tries and makes an effort to study, but he doesn't get very good results.

My wife and I feel Marty would be best off in the Navy. Schoolwork just isn't fun for him. He doesn't seem ready for a job yet, either.

We're afraid all of this is having a bad effect on his younger brothers and sisters. They get very embarrassed when their friends say things about Marty's not graduating. It's not a good situation for any of us.

The Council: The Navy might be a helpful solution to some of Marty's problems—if he, himself wanted it. If his parents pressure him into it, and he feels pessimistic about the idea, he is likely to be as troublesome to himself and to the Navy as he has been before in other areas.

The D.F.'s now seem to want to unload Marty on the Navy. He certainly senses this and it adds to his burden of guilt and self-hatred. It makes him think of the Navy as a place of exile, a form of punishment.

Marty badly needs to enjoy some success at something, and should be encouraged to

Committee Named To Design Flag

Washington — (UPI) — President Eisenhower has named a top-level committee to design a new American flag with a 49th star for Alaska.

The President appointed Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy, Treasury Secretary Robert B. Anderson and David E. Finley, chairman of the Commission on Fine Arts, to the committee.

Congress authorized Alaska's statehood in its last session. Alaskans then voted overwhelmingly for admission to the union in a referendum. Eisenhower was expected to issue a proclamation officially making Alaska the 49th state before the end of the year.

By law the new flag with its 49 stars must be unfurled next July 4, Independence Day. But Congress did not spell out by legislation the new design or dimensions of the modified flag.

NEST EGG

Salem, Mass. — (UPI) — Through magic of compound interest a \$174 deposit has ballooned into \$9,000 in 127 years. Back in 1831 the builders of a private drainage system here banked \$174. Recently the courts ordered the funds, now grown to \$9,000, distributed to the heirs of the builders. A search for the heirs is on.

do anything for which he has the slightest inclination. He appears to have a strong feeling about the importance of a high school diploma. He should, therefore, be encouraged to get one. If his IQ is normal he can undoubtedly do it.

Probably Marty will not want to go back to school with a younger age group. But he should be encouraged to go to night school or to a private school which gives a little special coaching to students who have had difficulty passing high school finals. If he is told he must earn the money to do this, he may have more incentive to do well on a job and in the courses he is paying for out of his own pocket.

Once he succeeds in one thing, Marty will begin to hold up his head and look for other areas to conquer. The Navy may be a good possibility, but his parents should avoid pushing him into it. Their line of action should be that of helping him find his own strengths and capabilities. These undoubtedly lie beneath the surface of his apparent incompetence.

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