Anyone for Napalm?

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Student demonstrations are cidently while serving in Viet overall picture. Shot, burned, with all my might that I have the response to campus interpuses even in the revolutionary 60's. What is new is their shift, views by the students of many

I presume, from Midland, Michigan it was picked up by the Gazette from (CPS-CUP)

Basically the article is made and up of specific quotations and facts Boeing, Douglas and McDonnell given by Dow's president H. D. Doan.

By saying that he felt U.S. troops should be given whatever all sell potential death; they all weapons they need and in fact hire college graduates in every confirming that Dow will continue to supply Napalm, Mr. Doan has been accused of tak-

is conducted on an economic ba- replacement. This is not meant to be sis. misconstrued to mean business succeed, where do you attack is a "no holds barred", "dog next? The bullet manufacturers, eat dog" affair, though in some the aircraft industry?? areas it likely is.

to be corrected) operate on a army that has no bullets, an elite system of good business prac. air corps with no bombs and an tises and fairness to all, with artillery corps with no shells. their public image an extreme. You might as wellsenda crack ly important factor.

Without researching I would say Dow falls within this cate. gory. They are not in the chemical business for charity's sake and they are not set up to produce e art h shaking, Bible thumping, fire and brimstone moralists. Their function is to produce chemicals as cheaply as possible, to make as much profit as possible so that their shareholders can make a nice return on their investment.

A nice return, I might add, which no doubt in some cases goes to finance the education of gain for peace from a position of Dow's student opponents. Why then do these students picket and

nothing new to university cam- Nam. Hell I'd be mad too, that stuff burns. As for the rest, your guess is as good as mine. ever gradually, to the campus Some are probably Quakers, the arms of the establishment. Ire- remainder probably thought the fer specifically to the picketing demonstration was for more of Dow Chemical Company inter- toilet paper in the johns. And that just about exhausts my ser-

universities in the past year and a half. Recently an article in the Dal-housie Gazette dated November 14 and titled "Dow to Continue Making Napalm" came to my at-tention. Written by two students, I presume, from Midland, Mich-tention that substration that still remains The question that still remains unanswered is - "Why only Dow Chemical?" Why not Reming-ton, Winchester-Western, Colt Armelite, McDonnell Aircraft, Boeing, Douglas Aircraft and the thousand and one other U.S. defense contractors? Remington, Winchester, etc. produce bullets and rifles that kill people; produce jets and bombers that kill people, Dow produces Napalm that kills people.

Where is the difference - they discipline.

There is no difference as I see it. The demonstrations against a ing a moral stand on the issue. minority of defense contractors shows a basic weakness in the doubt seriously whether system - if in fact there really Dow's decision is based on a is one. There is no real fabric moral stand even though Napalm to their objections, they are constitutes only one half of one usually prejudicial to one or two per cent of sales. As even the of nearly a thousand likely tarmost naive business man knows, gets. They criticize and harass or should know, modern business the present system but offer no

If you start with Napalm and

And if you continue to succeed what do you eventually end up Most companies (and I stand with. A fine well trained and fit regiment of hippies to defend the country. I realize all my arguments rely on the premise that there is a war to fight but I'll clarify that point right now. Even if we stop using Napalm can we reasonably expect the Viet Cong to stop "human wave" assaults? Even if we stop producing death dealing war mater. ials can we expect reciprocity from the Chinese or the Russians? Going solely on past performance only a fool would nod in the affirmative. As history and Robert Stanfield (in a recent statement on NATO commitments) points out, we must barpower.

In their own little way, Dow even physically harass these in- Chemical Company provide some terviewers when they come to of the bargaining power, not campus? Some of these students much, but some. Taken out of probably have legitimate com- context no one will refute the fact plaints. They probably had some that Napalm is a horrifying napalm dropped on them ac- weapon but let's consider the

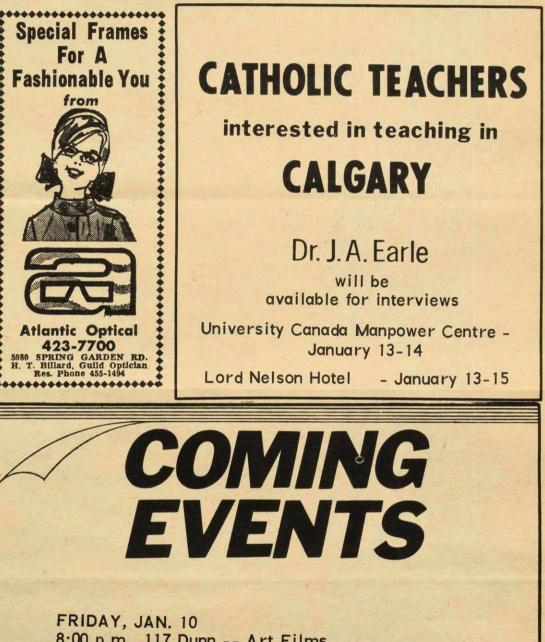
you.

I can only say in closing that to this basic consideration. I'm glad it's a young American As Dow's name has been over there and not a young Ca. in many cases here I trust their

As Dow's name has been used that.

blasted or cut up, the soldier is the weapons to help me get back views by top students has not dead and is no longer a threat to the way I went and God help the been affected by more than 180 man who deprives me of my right demonstrations. Hopefully this article will not change any of

You and I are students . we nadian or worse still, me. But objections will be minimal. Ac. need the job and the if it had to be me I would demand cording to the Gazette article country in which to perform it.



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