

"...SIMPLE GOOD CITIZENSHIP REQUIRED THAT WE SUPPLY OUR GOVERNMENT AND OUR MILITARY WITH THOSE GOODS THEY NEED..."--DOW CHEMICAL

Good citizenship meant destroying 12% of South Vietnam (5 million acres) with 2,4-D (dichlorophenoxyacetic acid), 2,4,5-T (2,4,5 trichlorophenoxyacetic acid), picloram (the most toxic, persistent herbicide ever developed) and cacodylic acid (54% arsenic). They used 13 times the recommended concentration of agent orange (50% 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T; 50% butyl esters). Cacodylic was (only) used at 7 times the recommended concentration. Picloram cannot be used in the U.S. *

These herbicides have teratogenic (fetus-deforming) effects when used in the same concentrations being sprayed in Vietnam. In areas of heavy spraying, which is what happens when the US Air Force sprays, there are reports of numerous miscarriages and birth defects. 2,4-D was classified as "potentially dangerous", while 2,4,5-T and PCNB were "probably dangerous". (National Cancer Institute)

"ONLY WE CAN PREVENT FORESTS"

--US DEFOLIATION TEAM, OPERATION RANCH-HAND
VIETNAM

Dow received over \$10 million in 1969 defense contracts for this good citizenship, including one contract to test picloram on the Puerto Ricans (at about 18 times the normal concentration--no leaves for two years).

Good citizenship meant being the top contractor for aluminum airfield landing mats, for instant counter-insurgency landings around the world, and a supplier of chemicals, engineering services and research and development.

Good citizenship meant operating the Rocky Flats, Colorado, classified nuclear weapons facility for the Atomic Energy Commission.

And, of course, napalm. (You think they stopped making it? No, they just moved operations to Germany--they're planning to build the plant there now.)

ALL THIS FOR SIMPLE GOOD CITIZENSHIP? NO, FOR GOOD OLD PROFITS.

Dow is in the business of making profits. From the government, when it can. Or overseas. Dow operates plants in 22 foreign countries (including much of Latin America, Spain, Greece, South Korea and South Africa). They have operations in almost every country. 26% of their sales were abroad (in 1968; up 10% from 1967). So "good citizenship" has a double bonus--profit and protection... protection by the US Armed Forces for their overseas investments.

Dow waited until the marines had pacified the Dominican Republic before they went in. And US military aid helps the dictatorship in Brazil to maintain Dow's operation there. And Greece. And South Korea. And...

BUT "GOOD CITIZENSHIP" DOESN'T MEAN BYPASSING PROFITS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

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