

Dangerous New Chemical - Water

Sherry Wood, Womens National Agricultural Aviation Association President, writing in the June, 1983, *Agricultural Aviation* magazine presented the following:

"Imperial Chemical Industries of Australia has announced the discovery of a new fire-eating agent known as WATER (wonderful and total extinguishing resource). It is suitable for dealing with fires in buildings, timber yards, and warehouses, and is cheap to produce. It is intended that quantities of about one and one-half million gallons should be stored in open ponds or reservoirs near urban areas and installations of high fire risk."

"WATER is already encountering opposition from safety and other environment groups. One group member has pointed out that if anyone immersed his head in a bucket of WATER, it would prove fatal in as little as three minutes. Each of the proposed reservoirs will contain enough WATER to fill half a million three-gallon buckets. Each bucketfull could be used 100 or more times, so there is enough WATER in one reservoir to kill the entire population of the United Kingdom."

"It has been reported that WATER is a constituent of beer. Does this mean that fireman could become intoxicated from the fumes when they use it to put out a fire?"

"The 'Friends of the World' said they obtained a sample of WATER and found it made clothes shrink. It shrank cotton, so what would it do to people?" In the House of Commons, the Home Secretary was asked if he would prohibit the manufacture and storage of this lethal new material. 'A full investigation was needed,' he said.

"A group was formed to file a report."

And so it goes ... (PESTICIDE PIPELINE, Cooperative Extension Service, Colorado State University)

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Pronouncement By Abraham Lincoln

"If I were to try to read, much less answer, all the attacks made on me, this shop might as well be closed for any other business. I do the very best I know how—the very best I can, and I mean to keep doing so until the end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, 10 gels swearing I was right would make no difference."■

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