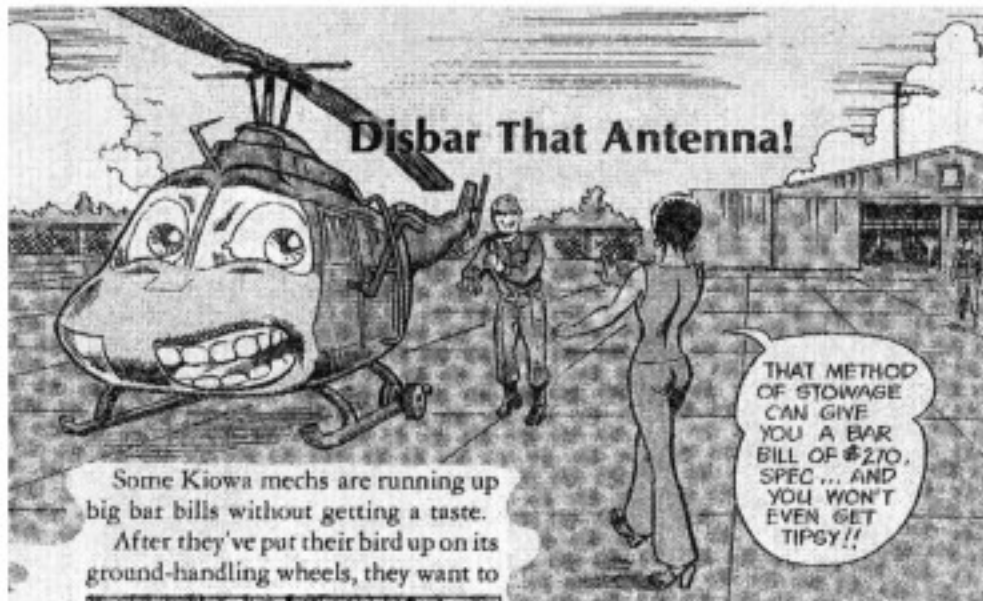


Disbar That Antenna!



Some Kiowa mechs are running up big bar bills without getting a taste. After they've put their bird up on its ground-handling wheels, they want to



stow the bar. Some slide it across the FM homing antenna's crossbar and over the door handle.



That keeps it handy until they're ready to put the bird down, all right. Trouble is, it also rubs off the antenna's paint and fiberglass coatings. That reduces reliability, especially with the wooden antenna. The damage means a trip to support for replacement. The "bar bill" can reach \$270.



A better idea is to hand-carry the bar or slip it inside the craft. However you do it, remember the antenna's not a luggage rack.

Hands and feet will do in the antenna, too. Pushing, pulling and stepping are no-no's.