'According to Whittle the bandit problem was considered by Allied scientists in World War II, but it "so sapped [their minds] that the suggestion was made that the problem be dropped over Germany, as the ultimate instrument of intellectual sabotage."'

— Michael Sklar, Mei-Chiung Shih and Philip Lavori quoting Whittle, P. (1979). "Discussion of Dr Gittins' paper. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society* 41, 164–177."