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Most callers oppose U.S. fighting war for oil

This week's Oral Quarrel question asked Farmington and Farmington Hills residents: Would you want your son to fight in a Mideast war to save part of America's oil supply?
Following are the responses:

Well I think the United States should take over those Mideast countries and run them as colonies in our empire. That way we would always be assured of a steady supply of oil.

We now receive a minimum supply of oil from the Middle East. I believe it is less than 10 percent. The Japanese receive a maximum amount of oil from the Middle East. Let them send their resources and their people to fight this war if that's what they wish. The United States has no business being over there.

No, I wouldn't send my son. I think that America has enough oil they can get without having to fight in the Mideast.

In the past we sent our sons to war to fight for big business, revenge, for territory and other issues. I don't know why we wouldn't send them to fight for big oil so vital to our nation's interests.

No, I think those countries most seriously affected should send their troops and the Arab states that benefit from the oil should absolutely fight first. They have enough weapons from America to defend themselves.

No way.

I vote a strong no for any American sons to go over to the Mideast to fight for oil simply because the United States is only using only 2 percent of the oil from that area. This area is more than just an oil war. Iraq and Iran have been fighting for centuries over their religion and I think we ought to keep ourselves out of that area.

oral quarrel

Absolutely not.

Send the Japanese and Germans. They have more at stake.

I have two sons that would go. It doesn't matter if it is oil, food, open markets or open sea lanes. If our interests are threatened, send the Marines in and get it over with and keep the politicians out of it. I went to Korea and paid my dues. Nothing is for free.

My son is worth more than all the oil in the world.

I would send my son because the prices are bad enough as it is and we need more

oil and gas and everything. If we did not have the oil supply that we do in the Mideast now, the prices would be astronomical.

My answer is no way. I would send to fight for the poor and the needy but never for the mighty dollar.

What an asinine question. Of course not.

It is not our oil supply I am worried about generally. There are many allies of ours that depend on Persian Gulf oil and if oil is taken away from these countries, the results may very well be catastrophic. As for fighting there, I don't know. I am still neutral on that.

Since my father fought in World War II to give me a better time in life and my brothers fought in Vietnam, I would send my sons if it were required to make

America a better place for other people to live and for my grandchildren.

Definitely not. I would not want my two sons to fight for anything in the Mideast or any other place outside of this country. Let those from the Middle East do their own fighting. They don't make any effort to become citizens of this country. Go back and fight for their own country.

My sons are too old but I wouldn't want my grandsons to have to fight for oil.

Emphatically no. Who would want their son to become part of a wall to wall corpse situation?

I absolutely would not send my sons to fight for oil. Let the Saudis get off their money bags and fight for it themselves. Japan imports 90 percent of its oil. Why should we fight for Japan or anyone else? Let them do it.

Mudslinging demeans presidential candidates

WHEN A fellow is enjoying every minute of his life, whether it be while he is sitting in his easy chair at home, working the flower and vegetable beds in the backyard or just pulling weeds, it is rather strange that he should be wishing part of his life away.

Yet, that's what is happening to The Stroller who throws down the morning paper at the breakfast table and wishes that election day was yesterday.

He has lived through many Presidential election campaigns, but none seems to upset him more than the verbal battle between the three candidates on the Democratic slate who are now touring the country throwing mud at each other.

WHEN HE reads these tirades each morning, he can't help but wish that not any one of these three is successful in his bid for residence in the White House.

If such a thing should happen, after these slurs along at each other, one can't help think that we will have a President with a dirty face.

When these campaigns were inaugurated it was with the idea that a candidate could appear before the American people and sell his

program — not to knock down his rival. Yet, that is what is happening.

And it will get worse when the two candidates are named to go down the stretch to election day in November. That's when real mudslinging will fill the papers and the air.

AND ONE of the real questions coming out of the present campaign is why have a Democratic convention if Walter Mondale, the former vice president, gets enough delegates on his side before the big meet opens in San Francisco?

When that session opens, the big issue will have been settled — unless there is some mind changing before the opening gavel falls. So, it does seem like a waste of time to hold it at all, except to attract tourists to the Fish Market and the cable cars out to the Pacific coast.

Well The Stroller recalls a Republican Convention years ago in Philadelphia when Wendell Wilkie was named as the candidate to face FDR. His name alone had settled the issue once the big meet opened.

He had arranged a group of cheerleaders who kept chanting at every opportunity. They kept yell-



ing "We Want Wilkie." "We Want Wilkie." They shouted down every attempt to name anyone else. And what happened. They got Wilkie the nomination in one of the most unusual of all conventions.

It mattered little that he lost the final battle and FDR kept the Presidential role. But there was no touring up and down the country in a mudslinging battle. And that's the way it should be.

THERE SHOULD never be a man sitting in the oval office with a dirty face — the dirt coming from a campaign of mudslinging.

Sometimes the dirt never is removed and the top man must live with it through his stay at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

So let's quit the mudslinging by changing the program and let the conventions select the candidates without making them tour the country. The tour was meant to sell one's self — not to run down the other fellow.

That's why The Stroller is willing to give up a few days of his enjoyment of life — if only election day was yesterday.

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DIET, NUTRITION, AND ARTHRITIS

A sensible diet is a sensible arthritis diet. The argument presented by people who urge special diets, or supplements of vitamins, minerals and trace elements as treatment for arthritis is "since doctors don't know the cause of arthritis, how do you know such additions won't help?"

It is true that the cause of most types of arthritis is not known. However, the events that perpetuate joint inflammation are understood in detail. On the basis of the knowledge it is clear that there are no special diets or nutritional supplements that will stop the body's inflammatory response.

The diet advocates respond by saying: "If it can't help, it can't hurt." Not true. Very high doses of vitamin C can cause bladder irritation, and supplementation with the trace metal selenium has resulted in hair loss, extreme fatigue and skin disorders. Furthermore, such supplements are expensive.

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