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oral quarrel

Callers are against providing arms to IRA

This week, Oral Quarrel asked readers: Should the United States provide weapons to the Irish Republican Army? Following are the responses:

The British who are the U.S. closest allies. The United States moral duty is to remain neutral and to protect all Americans, British and Irish alike, for fighting a ridiculous war on American soil.

cannot think of anything that is more outrageous than that type of situation and for us to aid and abet it would be the most immoral type of procedure I can imagine.

to better their lives — why don't they move to the southern part of the country that is not under the British rule?

Before answering this question I must comment that this is the dumbest question ever in the history of Oral Quarrel. I would not support the IRA. They are terrorists and equal to the Nazi party and the KKK.

No.

The answer to that is no. It's a problem with the U.S. in supplying to many people to fight and if they can't learn to live in peace why should we give them any arms?

No, the United States should not provide weapons to the IRA.

Yes, I think they should. Democracy is the way of life.

Absolutely not. Maybe we should arm Qaddafi too.

I do not think the United States should provide weapons to the Irish Republican Army nor should we supply weapons to any outlaw organization and that is what the IRA is.

Not so long ago the U.S. interceded militarily on behalf of the citizens of the small Caribbean island of Grenada. It has done nothing to end the ongoing suffering and death in Northern Ireland. This despite the fact that millions of Americans, including President Reagan, trace their ancestry to Ireland. The U.S. should get off its duff and get the Irish and English talking. If peaceful negotiations fail, we must explore other avenues. We have a choice. Intervene now and work for peace or watch the Soviet Union seize that opportunity. English tyranny is intolerable and Communism even more so.

Absolutely not. How can a militant, terrorist group like the IRA dare ask the United States to give them weapons to kill

That suggestion is absolutely obscene.!

No, definitely not. There will always be an England.

No, the IRA is nothing more than a terrorist group like the PLO. Further, even the Irish Republic disavows all connection with the IRA.

I think that they should send the IRA bombs with timers on them so that they blow up on arrival at their headquarters.

The United States should not send weapons to the IRA, and the Pope as a man of peace should condemn the IRA, as any peace-loving person would have nothing to do with the IRA. Those who are supporting the IRA in Ireland would like

from our readers

Says photo was 'distorted'

To the editor:

In your article on Thursday, July 26, entitled "Boomtown Corridors Set Pace" you featured a picture of The Beznos/Bestak Building and The Summit Apartments.

As owners of the Beznos/Bestak Building we were shocked at the use of a telephoto lens, which made our building appear to be situated within feet of the apartment complex. In fact, the zoning requirements dictated that our building be 10 feet from the property line and we are,

in reality, 57 1/2 feet from the property line.

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Your newspaper enjoys a fine reputation, and although we recognize that this distortion was unintentional, we hope that in the future, materials will be more carefully screened before they appear before your readership.

Cynthia Kratshen
Marketing Coordinator
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discover Michigan by Bill Stockwell

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