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oral quarrel

This week's Oral Quarrel question reads: What do you think of the president's decision to visit the cemetery at Bitburg?

Following are the responses:

The President's action makes a simple statement recognizing our two countries over war and its consequences. This action doesn't condone wrongdoings. He shows only that he understands how God wants us all to hate the sin but love the sinner before we are all lost.

I think it much to do about nothing. After all these men have been dead for over 40 years. Besides where were all these patriotic Americans when the Communist actress, Jane Fonda, went over to Hanoi and was wined and dined by those Communist leaders while our men were being tortured in the prison camps?

I think President Reagan is right and he is thinking of what God wants him to do. Who in the world is better than Reagan? Not the Democrats I hope.

I think it is an awful lot of hoopla. It's just not necessary. We can forgive the Vietnam protesters. We can forgive Jane Fonda. We buy Japanese cars. Why can't we put this in the background and forgive and forget and start anew and try to live harmoniously? We can't possibly have this thrown in our face year after year after year. People are getting tired of it.

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This is something that happened 40 years ago which the Jews are complaining about but if you look today the Jews are doing the same exact thing to Palestinian people.

I don't really think there is anything wrong with it. He knows what he is doing.

Even though there has been some reconciliation between Germany and the United States, President Reagan made a very bad choice to visit the cemetery.

I don't mind the fact that he is going. I am just angry that he is coming back.

I feel the President's decision to continue to visit the Bitburg Cemetery is wrong. He may have said yes unknowingly but after all this upsurge, he should have backed down and not worry about losing face.

I think President Reagan should visit Bitburg. I agree with his decision.

There's no problem at all.

I think President Reagan is setting a perfect example for future presidents on not what to do.

I think President Reagan should go ahead and visit Bitburg. I think people are making a big deal out of nothing. There is nothing wrong with what he is doing.

I am a combat veteran in the European War and I know that most of the common German soldiers were just doing their job as we were. However the Waffen SS men were a bunch of savages who shouldn't even be buried in a soldiers cemetery. The President can go there if he wants to as long as he promises the thousands of old vets to spit on those SS butchers graves for us.

I think that it is a disgrace to the people of the United States for the President to visit the Nazi cemetery. It is a dishonor to the veterans who fought for this country to observe the president of their country to visit a Nazi cemetery especially when its overwhelming odds against the people that are against this visit.

The other German soldiers that probably didn't want to go to war anymore than our American soldiers are not

guilty by association with the bodies of SS soldiers. I think they deserve reverence. We also have My Lai and we don't feel all our soldiers were to blame for that — only those who participated. I think he should have gone.

I am a disabled veteran of World War II and I am appalled that my president would visit the cemetery of German soldiers. There are other ways to show friendship to Germany and not to bring dishonor to the veterans of the United States and all the United States citizens.

Reagan has made a big mistake. Now he is in so deep, he doesn't want to lose face because of his decision. His own close advisors tried to change his mind. I truly think Reagan didn't know all the facts of who was buried at Bitburg. Whoever set up his itinerary is at fault. Reagan should have been well versed with it enough to notice the global impact. His ego is taking him to Bitburg not his better judgement.

God speed for President Reagan. He should go there forthwith, lay a wreath

and let us forget some of the unpleasantities of World War II. Everybody that is moaning and groaning about all this, should be worried not of the six thousand Jews that died but of the other 20 to 40 million that probably perished in the war that will probably never be counted.

As a veteran with a disability of World War II, I think it is disgraceful that he should be visiting a German cemetery. For reconciliation, he should be visiting Konrad Adenauer's grave. He could have visited the anti-nazis. Some comment should be made for the 12 million people who went through concentration camps. The Jews, which was a tragedy, and the six million Christians.

I think it is perfectly disgusting that the President of the United States is visiting Bitburg rather than Dachau. Dachau is not just a concentration camp where people of minorities died, also Germans who were purged died at Dachau. It is absolutely the most insensitive, disgusting act in recent years.

I think his visit to Bitburg is OK and I can't imagine the big uproar. After all we did bomb Hiroshima and we still trade with Japan.

I would like to say that I approve of the Reagan visit. As a Christian, my reason is that forgive and forget the past.

His decision is disgusting. He is placating the Germans the way the French did and other countries did before and during World War II.

It would be impossible to find a cemetery in Europe that did not have a few members of the SS buried there. The war has been over for 40 years, men dying on both sides for different ideals and causes. It is time we put all the problems behind us and go forward.

My only comment is, thank God the world is such great shape that the only thing we have to worry about is whether or not Reagan goes to Bitburg.

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