

oral quarrel

Callers: Retaliate against terrorists

This week's Oral Quarrel question asked readers: What steps do you think should be taken to combat international terrorism? Following are the responses:

What we should do is whatever country the hijacking occurs in, we should pick a city and give them 24 hours to evacuate the city and bomb the hell out of it.

I would send in the Green Berets and blow those . . . away and then burn their ashes afterwards.

We can't begin to do anything

about it until we adopt the same standards for ourselves and our allies in Iran — if there are terrorists after all, Israel is the first offender.

Trace back the origin of the training of these people. And if it is in Iran — if there are terrorist camps there — hit them from American aircraft carriers. If it is in Lebanon, hit them in their training camps there from Syria. No matter where, just go in and bomb their training camps.

The way to control terrorists is to use the same terrorism on those

that are causing the terrorist activity. They would be a little less likely to engage in it if they knew that they would also be the target.

It is not all right for them to hate America, to hate the Jews and the Israelis. They are parasites living off our bounty and we are Americans.

I think we should nuke them, and then they will never be able to be terrorists against anyone, if you know what I mean.

The only way to fight terrorism is with terrorism. I think we should go over there and kidnap the PLO leader, whoever it is, and give them a taste of their own medicine or maybe even nuke them, better yet.

I don't know and I don't care as long as they don't pull it in Michigan.

A number of the comments had to be deleted because they advocated illegal violence, suggested violence against American citizens of Arab descent or were racially demeaning.

from our readers

Chief speaks on terrorism

To the editor: Based on my knowledge of terrorism, I would like to submit the following as a response:

In a world of growing terrorism, the United States heads the target list. American citizens and facilities have been the target of approximately one-third of all the international terrorism incidents.

The seizing of the Iranian embassy, and now the hijacking of TWA flight 847 and its passengers, emphasizes once again that the United States must develop a tough, consistent policy for combating international terrorism.

THE UNITED States must enlist the cooperation of other nations and must develop a flexible policy, but this does not mean the suspension of a firm overall policy to fight terrorism. The machinery for responding to terrorist incidents and develop the following long term strategies:

• Anti-terrorist machinery should be built to serve the president effectively

tively in his deliberations during a major terrorist crisis.

• The present inter-agency structure should continue to function, but its functioning should be enhanced by the addition of a permanent staff and by giving the group greater resources and a stronger charter.

• Intelligence can and must be improved.

• (Physical) security does work and should be strengthened at United States facilities.

• The United States capabilities for carrying out rescues abroad and at home should be reevaluated and strengthened.

The most effective defense against terrorism is, undoubtedly, to set up a police state such as that which exists in the Soviet Union where anybody can be declared an enemy of the state and incarcerated without any due process of law.

Such an idea is totally repugnant to our democracy. What has to be developed is a system of unmatched security that does not impose too many restrictions on freedom.

THERE is no simple way to counter every terrorist move, for in the nature of things the aggressors always have the initiative. They have much greater

freedom of action and can decide when and where it suits them to strike.

Only by keeping constantly on the alert can the police and the special forces of the western nations provide quick and effective defense. The key is a good system of intelligence, ready to give early warning of terrorist plans, and once arrests have been made it is important that the people involved should be put on trial and sentenced with expedition.

The following is a quote from the bill introduced into the United States Senate by Senator Denton on March 22, 1984, entitled "The Anti-Terrorism Act of 1984":

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Adults' drinking sets bad examples

MOM, MY LIFE'S going to change Monday."

Monday, what's Monday? That's when Jessica gets her license.

The speaker was my 15-year-old daughter, who just completed her sophomore year in high school. Jessica is her best friend, who got her own car at age 16 — at least partly because her dad is in management for Ford Motor Co. and they can get "deals" on cars.

And sure enough, she was right.

On Monday, after Jessica successfully passed her driver's test, she pulled up, and off they went despite the fact that it was finals week.

They "cruised" went to a fast-food drive-in (maneuvering the drive-in lane at fast food restaurants is part of the driver's ed curriculum these days) and also did some errands, which I normally would have had to take her on.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, she was not in the car as I drove what I think was my last school car pool — after a solid 11 years of car pooling. Jessica had picked her up this last week of school.

Friday afternoon at work, I received none of the usual call-home-type messages. They would have asked which way I could drive — there or back? — to the movies, teen night club or party.

Of course there was no need. Jessica had wheels.

The scenario is not remarkable. Every family goes through something similar. And, actually, with two older children, I had experienced it before myself.

But I'm less apprehensive this time around.

That's because in the 6½ years since my son and his friends began driving and the three years since my older daughter sat behind the wheel, the atmosphere has changed.

• For one thing, the seat belt

law takes effect July 1. And the kids are already buckling up.

• For another, the school-media-parent push not to drink and drive has been so successful that up to the time this column was written, there hadn't been a single fatal accident in the metropolitan area related to the prom and graduation.

• And the use of drugs, so evident in the '70s among the high school set, has diminished considerably.

THAT'S NOT to say we're home free.

Although the kids may stop their friends from driving drunk, under-age parties still feature alcohol.

I stopped last Friday at a Farmington Hills party store on my way home from work. At our house, the addiction is to Diet Coke and I was buying a case of it.

I was the only one in a line of 10 people buying soft drinks — and maybe the only one old enough to purchase the hard stuff — although all were showing identification to the contrary.

Beer and wine coolers were the order of the day, as the clerk-owner — probably in his mid-20s — regaled us with the story of a police raid on his store the night before.

I didn't find it amusing.

KIDS GET the rap, but it's we adults who convey to them the message that drinking is "hot." Is it really?

Aside from the people who have a true alcohol problem, how many wives or husbands have been embarrassed by the behavior of their spouses at a party due to liquor?

How many times have we awakened in the morning after the night before with a splitting headache and wasted several week-end hours before feeling fit?

How many times have we gone back to work after a "business lunch" and not been productive?

The dark side of alcohol is not written only in traffic fatalities and alcoholism.

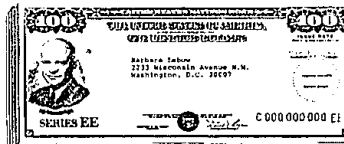


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