



American Legion on Tour

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THE ENVIRONMENTALIST WAR

President Bush is now moving toward the commitment of hundreds of thousands of American lives and enormous amounts of money and equipment to a land war in the Middle East. Idealistic reasons may be given, but these have a hypocritical sound in view of American actions elsewhere in the world.

Most observers assume that the President is acting for one central reason: to preserve the primary source of foreign oil for the United States. Actual large-scale fighting may be avoided this time, but sooner or later this policy is likely to lead to a major war.

Loss of Middle Eastern oil might trigger a depression in the United States. In any case, it would surely lead to very great economic difficulties. It is not surprising that America is willing to go to war to prevent the loss of a large part of her supplies of energy. Wars have been fought for much less compelling reasons.