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Dear Mr. Lamb:

I am writing to suggest that C-Span consider inviting former Minnesota Senator Eugene J. McCarthy, who waged a spirited anti-war campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1968, as a future guest on one of your call-in programs.

McCarthy, now 74, has some pretty interesting things to say about our role in the Persian Gulf, as well as the state of the Union in general.

The former senator is currently serving as the Advisory Chair of the New Democrats, headquartered in Reading, Massachusetts. He is also associated with the Center for Practical Politics at Georgetown University.

I have enclosed a few items which may be of some interest.

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Sen. McCarthy can be reached at his home in Woodville, Virginia. His telephone number is (703)-987-8117. I am in touch with the former senator on a more-or-less regular basis, and I would be happy to arrange his appearance on your fine program, if necessary.

I enjoy your call-in programs immensely. I particularly enjoyed the recent appearance by another McCarthy — Colman McCarthy, who's a very decent American and a great columnist. While most of the talk shows in this country were parading one hawk after another on their shows, it was really refreshing to hear an articulate voice for peace.

Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter. With best wishes.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

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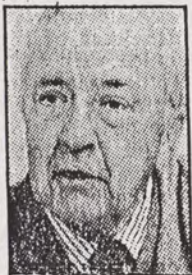
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Variety of Views On Gulf War Aired At OSU Forum

By Matt Maile
World Correspondent

STILLWATER — Student activists, politicians and scholars moved a crowd of more than 450 Tuesday to cheer pro-Iraqi arguments one moment and pro-Kuwaiti pleas the next.

The forum, sponsored by an Oklahoma State University student organization, brought former Sen. Eugene McCarthy, a staunch foe of the Vietnam War, into the spotlight with Issa M. Mazidi, a member of Kuwait's government.



McCarthy

"You can jump up and down about this war, but it doesn't mean very much," McCarthy said of the public's confusion over the issue.

The audience seemed to identify with the assessment, applauding the Kuwait official's criticism of Iraq and then cheering a Palestinian student.

McCarthy, a 1968 Democratic presidential candidate, said U.S. priorities for starting the Persian Gulf war had little to do with Kuwait's liberation.

McCarthy said the top U.S. mo-

tives for intervention in the Gulf were the threat of nuclear weapons, Israel's security and oil.

Of those objectives, "The only real action we were justified in taking was to destroy nuclear weapons plants," McCarthy said.

The war prompted at least half the panel members to reconsider the place of Palestinians in the Middle East and the pace of U.S. military involvement.

Alan Canfora, an anti-war activist wounded in 1970 at Kent State University in Ohio by National Guardsmen, urged students to oppose the war. He received perhaps the loudest applause of the evening.

Mazidi's arguments briefly recalled Iraqi atrocities against Kuwaitis, events the Kuwaiti official escaped two months after Iraqi troops invaded his country.

The United States, as the world's superpower, must bear the burden of stopping aggression, he said, "and that is what it's doing."

Mazidi controlled Kuwait's airports and ports as a member of the Kuwait cabinet.

Pro-war or anti-war, it is too late to wonder what should have been done, McCarthy said.

President Bush did not try hard enough to avoid the war, he charged, adding, however, that now the world must watch and plan for the war's end.

'New Democrats' wave liberal banner

Group claims support of McCarthy, Hart

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A fledgling faction of the Democratic Party is organizing under the title "New Democrats" with plans to promote liberal candidates in coming elections.

The group claims the support of former presidential candidates Eugene McCarthy and Gary Hart in its self-declared mission of wresting control of the party from "political managers, technocrats and media consultants."

McCarthy, whose early success in the 1968 Democratic primaries figured in President Lyndon B. Johnson's decision to abandon his reelection bid, has accepted the position of director of the New Democrats' steering committee.

He said he hopes the group can help counter the notion that wearing a liberal tag is a political liability.

Democrats, not the Republicans, must shoulder the blame for liberalism's evolution into the dreaded "L word" of the last presidential campaign, the former Minnesota senator said in an interview.

"In the '80s, liberals began to attack liberalism and admit that it had these serious faults. I think (New York Mayor Ed) Koch said he was a sane liberal — the implication being that all other liberals were insane."

Hart, a former Colorado senator and front-runner in the 1988 presidential campaign until a furor over his private life sabotaged his standing, has given his blessing to the movement but declined a leadership position, the New Democrats say.

The group's founder, Jesse Yoder, is a philosophy professor at the University of Lowell in Massachusetts who worked in McCarthy's 1968 campaign. He said the group plans to field its first candidates for political office in 1990, including congressional races.

Philadelphia-area political activist and sports handicapper Darcy Richardson said he intends in January to become the first congressional candidate to run as a New Democrat.

"I think the New Democrats label will draw some attention. It'll make people look twice and at least give us a hearing," said Richardson, who has his eye set on Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District seat held by Republican Lawrence Coughlin.

The group's positions include rolling back tax breaks for the wealthy, immediate reductions in automotive and industrial pollution levels, and higher pay for teachers.

James Thurber, director of the

Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University, is among the skeptics who say the new group is unlikely to ever put a Democrat in the White House.

Any faction trying to rescue the Democratic Party should be appealing to Southern conservatives such as Sens. Charles Robb of Virginia and Sam Nunn of Georgia, not liberals, he said.