

of the war. "There is no such thing as a splendid little war. The press, to its shame, bought the package."

The third member of this panel on "defining the public interest" was William Solomon, a member of the faculty in the Department of Journalism and Mass Media at Rutgers University. He also condemned the US media's performance in the Gulf crisis. "Iraq was not so evil, nor Kuwait so innocent, as George Bush's images would suggest," he said. The sources and commentators used by print and broadcast media were right-wing think tanks and only rarely peace groups or leftist opponents of the war. Television's images of high-tech equipment "sanitized the killing.... At the war's end, Dan Rather shook a general's hand and said, 'Congratulations on a job wonderfully done'."

Canadian speakers, not nearly so emotionally involved in the war, seemed more aware of the separate and often clashing objectives of the armies and the messengers. In his summing-up of the seminar, *The Toronto Star's* John Honderich agreed with the military speakers there was a natural tension between journalists and soldiers. "It is not going to go away. The problem is to distinguish between legitimate security and what are often political considerations."