

increasing disposition to shave the terms of the initial statement -- that the wrong had to be completely and totally undone before any negotiations took place."

The sanctions worked, "more or less," but they would not have been effective in time to keep the coalition from falling apart, Mr. Kinsmen argued. There was a lot of talk in Canada about this being an American war. The government view was that it was a United Nations war, in which Canada played a part.

In response to another question about why sanctions were not allowed to work for longer, Mr. Kinsman offered another set of answers: Saudi Arabia was "threatened" by the presence of women in the armies stationed on its soil, contrary to the mores of that society; the Americans had to take the lead because they had 500,000 men in the theatre; and, since the Chinese had not voted for Resolution 678 authorizing the use of force, the coalition could not delegate sovereignty to the UN Security Council.

For whatever combination of these arguments and motives, with Peter Arnett reporting the first air attack live from his office in Baghdad, President Bush let slip the dogs of war.