

## LETTERS

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wearing blinders, we see the reasons for fighting this war to be so blatantly hypocritical and horrifically immoral as to evoke no other rational response but total rejection.

Repeating the list of atrocities of which Saddam Hussein is guilty serves no purpose other than heightening the current deluge of propaganda which justifies the atrocities committed by the US-hijacked coalition against Iraqi towns and citizens.

I could counter your list with one equally long and nauseating of gross injustices perpetrated by the US in the name of restoring so-called peace and democracy in nations around the world, but surely this too would be repetitive and non-productive as it is precisely this barbaric eye-for-eye mentality that the peace movement rebukes.

While it would be presumptuous for me to speak for the entire peace movement (for it is broadly based) the widely-held assumption that we all advocate "the ostensibly benign economic sanctions panacea" is quite naive.

Moreover, despite the debate over the potential effectiveness of sanctions, it is a rather large leap in logic to argue for the virtual annihilation of a country because, after five months sanctions just weren't doing the job.

Contrary to your accusation that we "the lost generation" are bereft of comprehending "the moral dimensions of this conflict," those who are active and serious in the peace movement can be credited with a thorough and on-going analysis of the historical, philosophical, and political factors which led to the current crisis.

The short-sightedness and duplicity of thought with which you credit the peace movement ironically seems better suited to the lies and misdirected quick-fix solutions which the US touts to resolve the complexity of problems in the Middle East.

An enduring peace and stability in the region (Bush's proclaimed goals) cannot be wrought by bombing Iraq into submission in the hopes that other Arab states will enter the power vacuum with humble adherence to the American line. If anything smacks of "moral myopia," surely it is this.

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## Greed found on all sides

To the editor,

The cold war is over, and two political ideologies defeated that have polarized the world for the last forty years. But now the world has entered a new phase of history: the ideology of economic self-interest. These economic cleavages will only help reinforce the continuity of centre versus periphery.

How can the world reconcile their differences in our pluralistic and global societies. To avoid long-term political, economic and ecological catastrophes nations must re-examine their goals and objectives and put forth a new agenda.

For instance, the European Community is very close to political unification. Canada on the other hand is close to political disunification. Even the present Gulf crisis is no doubt derived from one single vital interest: greed.

It is greed and hypocrisy found in the hearts on both sides of the conflict which is an eye for an eye which will only leave the world blind. When do we draw the line?

Our so-called global village must choose now or start over again. The process of history is certainly in the making.

Yours,  
Chris Premda

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