

COFFIN BUILDING PROJECT: The Self-serving Inevitability Of Our War In Iraq

by Grahame Russell, December 18, 2002

“This war will be a live media event.”

[CBC World at Six, 02-12-16, Marco Macala reporting]

Shame on the North American media for doing such extensive reporting about the re-construction of the “post-Saddam” era in Iraq, not reporting on the killing and destruction that the US and West will do along the way, not reporting on all the serious efforts to seek peaceful solutions to this, and other global conflicts.

Shame on the ‘funny’ South Park TV show spoofing “Saddam”, leaving the killing and devastation of people and country off the air, out of our minds. Shame on the Mad TV show, spoofing UN inspection teams, making it obvious to a laughing audience that the UN is doing nothing, so the US and the West will have to go and kill and destroy, in the name of justice and all that is good.

Whether news, talk or funny shows, we are being inundated with a full-on effort to create the acceptance and acquiescence needed from the North American population, so that when the US and West attack again, killing and destroying ... again, we will peacefully watch or not watch, care and feel anguish and do what we can, or not care and turn on CNN to watch the killings and destruction, or turn on funny shows for laughs.

Shame on development banks and agencies (governments, the UN and NGOs) now preparing post-Saddam reconstruction proposals that will bring good earnings to first world “development” experts and companies, that are now getting ready to drive into the smouldering remains of Iraq to do “humanitarian” reconstruction work.

In all the discussions about the post-Saddam re-building process, I have yet to hear one mention of the coffin building project that will be the largest project needed.

Shame on the media pontificating about the inevitability of the upcoming attack on Iraq, not inviting any one of thousands of experts or NGO activists working hard to stop this next US war, working hard to find peaceful and lasting solutions to Middle East problems, who would explain that this upcoming invasion, and all the previous invasions and sanctions regimes, are only as ‘inevitable’ as you – our media, experts and TV shows -- make them out to be.

Shame on you for not doing everything you can everyday, to help all of us to do everything we can everyday, as citizens of this country and citizens of the world, to avoid the upcoming invasion of Iraq, with the killings and destruction that will come.

Shame on you for not acknowledging, every single day you do your work, that the ‘inevitable’ deaths, of the past and future, are the wanton killing of people just like you, and your loved ones, new born babies and elderly friends and families.

Stop pretending that the killing and destruction is inevitable. It is not. Do your jobs right. Tell the truth. Open the debate and discussion. Put human life and well-being first and foremost, all the time.

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"There are no magic answers, no miraculous methods to overcome the problems we face, just the familiar ones: search for understanding, education, organization, action ... and the kind of commitment that will persist despite the temptations of disillusionment, despite many failures and only limited successes, inspired by the hope of a brighter future." Noam Chomsky

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