

aware of what Inkatha is . . !! So why all the wheeling and dealing? It is opportunism plain and simple. Principles are cashed for imaginary short term advantages. Integrity is stuffed in the back pocket. Politicking and inelegant manoeuvring has become the order of the day.

The truth about Inkatha has been staring at us in the face for YEARS. And for years there was agreement amongst the various segments of the liberatory movement about the role of Inkatha. Why the change now?

The New Unity Movement is one of the very few organisations which has not been tainted by all these goings-on.

But then our principles have never been put up for sale!!!

GEORGE BUSH – FATHER OF ALL CHILD KILLERS

“In a dingy pediatric ward at Baghdad’s Qadissiya Hospital, Fadhia, 19, stands vigil over a crib where her five-month daughter lies dying of malnutrition. Fadhia has been here before: a month earlier she watched as her three-year old son succumbed to starvation and diarrhea. Now she watches as her little daughter, her face all shrivelled and her body bony, grows smaller every day. The hospital is crammed with such children. But it has no food to save them, and scant medicine.”

This is the heart-rending description of the plight of the Iraqi children given by Nina Burleigh in TIME magazine of 10 June 1991.

The powerful propaganda machine of imperialism and its agents would have the world believe that the war has ended and so has the death toll. Bush’s war on the children has been carefully played down, if not totally suppressed. We do not recall a single South African newspaper, establishment or alternative, report this one-sided war. According to the Iraqi Red Crescent, 80 per cent of all deaths after the ceasefire have been children. Another grim statistic offered by the Harvard Medical Team is that 170 000 Iraqi children will die of gastro-intestinal disease.

Why are the children dying for lack of food? After all, Iraq is a major oil-producing country, earning many millions of dollars. The journalist, Nina Burleigh, has set a number of reasons which we set out below. The reader will readily see that all the causes flow directly from the imperialist-led war against Iraq.

1. As a result of the massive bombing:

- (a) Hospitals were destroyed and not re-built.
- (b) Power stations were hit and their non-functioning led directly to a breakdown of the water purification systems.
- (c) Sewage works were destroyed resulting in a spillage of sewage into the streets.
- (d) Candle-light has replaced electricity in the hospitals. Premature babies are doomed to death because incubators cannot function without electricity.

2. The sanctions imposed by the victors on Iraq cover food and medicines.

3. Iraq's foreign reserves are frozen thereby preventing Iraq from buying food from the outside world.

World Imperialism, led by the United States, and aided by its running dogs, foremost amongst whom is Saudi Arabia, have danced at their victory over Iraq. The war is over, but they continue dancing. This time they dance over the graves of thousands of innocent children who were in no manner responsible for the war. While Bush sheds crocodile tears over the plight of the Kurds, he shows a callous disregard for the Iraqi children. Presumably he regards all male Iraqi children as potential Saddam Hussains and, therefore, it's well to rid the world of them.

In the quiet hours of the night when our thoughts turn to the tragic fate that has befallen the hapless children of Iraq, and when one thinks about the anguish suffered by the Fadhias of this world, anger wells up in us against the hypocritical mass-murderers like Bush. **GEORGE BUSH – FATHER OF MASS KILLERS OF CHILDREN!**

Is it not the same George Bush whose administration has promised Inkatha R7-million and R12,5-million to the ANC?

There is the blood of innocent Iraqi children in that money. Not only of the children of Iraq, but of all the Third World who are dying of starvation and disease.