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Reflections on War and Peace

The 20th century, as the bloodiest century, brought the international community to design a foreign policy based on multilateralism. This vision was translated in the establishment of the United Nations and its preamble, declared "to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war." As I write this message, and watch the destruction caused in Iraq, I realize that the international community has failed in its vision of multilateralism and in search of purpose set forth in Article One of the United Nations Charter "to take effective collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace, and for the suppression of acts of aggression or other breaches of peace." The following excerpt from Secretary-General Kofi Annan's Nobel Lecture given in Oslo, Norway, is very appropriate as a needed reminder:

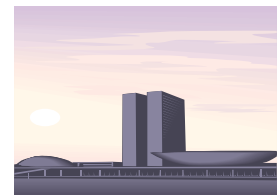
"The twentieth century was perhaps the deadliest in human history, devastated by innumerable conflicts, untold suffering and unimaginable crimes. Time after time, a group or a nation inflicted extreme violence on another, often driven by irrational hatred and suspicion, or unbounded arrogance and thirst for power



and resources. In response to these cataclysms, the leaders of the world came together at mid-century to unite the nations as never before. A forum was created - the United Nations - where all nations could join forces to affirm the dignity and worth of every person and to secure peace and development for all peoples. Here, States could unite to strengthen the rule of law, recognize and address the needs of the poor, restrain man's brutality and greed, conserve the resources and beauty of nature, sustain the equal rights of men and women, and provide for the safety of future generations. We thus inherit from the twentieth century the political as well as the scientific and technological power, which - if only we have the will to use them - give us the chance to vanquish poverty, ignorance and disease. In the twenty-first century I believe the mission of the United Nations will be defined by a new, more profound awareness of the sanctity and dignity of every human life, regardless of race or religion. This will require us to look beyond the framework of States and beneath the surface of nations or communities. We must focus, as never before, on improving the conditions of the individual men

Secretary-General Attends Inaugural Ceremony for Court

11 March — Secretary General Kofi Annan attended the solemn inaugural ceremony



for the International Criminal Court, at which the Court's first 18 judges took the oath of office. He said, "It has taken mankind many years to reach this moment." He asserted that the 11 men and seven women who were sworn in today as the Court's first judges "have made themselves the embodiment of our collective conscience."



Conference Report

Report on Moving the CRC Forward in the United States, Washington, D.C.

February 13 and 14, 2003

The purpose of the two day conference was to bring together and educate about UNCRC, and to develop a set of criteria for organizations to use in planning conferences to move UNCRC forward toward ratification.

To accomplish the goal

1. Grassroots support is essential.
2. Efforts should be made to involve endorsers of the UNCRC at the local level to promote CRC.
3. Large numbers of people are neither in support nor opposition, since they are not even aware of the existence of CRC.
4. All attempts should be made to use all opportunities for public discussion and to heighten awareness of public.
5. The UNA and children organizations need to be an important player in this education process. (Critical of UNA-USA not making this issue priority).
6. In providing such public awareness, emphasis should be made on all areas that the United States is already doing, which fit within the framework of CRC.
7. Develop short and sweet messages for young people.
8. Emphasize local and state implementation of the treaty and have your representatives passing laws in regard to children point to its consistency with the UNCRC.
9. Engage people who are your allies and unifying organizations who have endorsed and support children to engage in educating their own members about CRC.
10. Develop a web site.
11. Identify the supporters locally, in your state, as well as Congress.

12. Involve celebrities.
13. Be aware and ready for the smallest opportunity.

Our Strategy in Kansas City:

- 1) Our two successful conferences in 2000 and 2002 have played a major role in educating the public.
- 2) G.A.M.E. Board of Directors on February 16th agreed to design and implement an internal interactive learning session for the CRC Steering Committee, G.A.M.E. Board of Director and any other interested participants. This session is scheduled for Sunday, March 30th, at UMKC University Center, Room 117 from 1:30-4:30 p.m.
- 3) Maximize the leadership of Senator Charles Wheeler in state government's support for state involvement and ratification, as well as our local government.
- 4) Analyze what we have accomplished and implement a conference for 2003-2004 with a major celebraty speaker to attract public participation.

Areas of Optimism

- * Senate did ratify the protocol on exploitation of children.
- * There are some positive views of ratification among some congressmen
- * There are wonderful programs for children around the U.S., which need to be emphasized to demonstrate the United States' commitment to children's rights and the UNCRC.
- * A large numbers of women's organizations have taken leadership for endorsing and pushing the UNCRC.

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World Food Program chief to address local UNA chapter

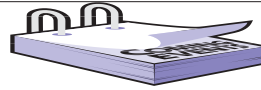
James T. Morris, executive director of the United Nations' World Food Program, will address the Kansas City community on April 14 on the need for a renewed commitment by the United States and other donor countries to providing food aid. Mr. Morris was invited to address the community by the Greater Kansas City Chapter of the UNA-USA.

Mr. Morris became the tenth executive director of the W.F.P. in April 2002. He oversees the world's largest food aid organization, which last year fed more than 77 million people in 82 countries at a total cost of \$1.74 billion.

After just four months as W.F.P. executive director, Mr. Morris was appointed by U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan as his special envoy on the humanitarian crisis in southern Africa, a region gripped by a major food emergency and the crippling effects of HIV/AIDS. In this role as special envoy, Mr. Morris is helping to craft a unified approach to aiding the people of this beleaguered region. That approach will combine both feeding the hungry and providing medical assistance to those suffering from AIDS.

Mr. Morris' address is timely. Even as the world's need for food aid has expanded in recent years, governments' budgets for food donations abroad, including that of the U.S., have been diminishing. It's time to take stock of what aid is required and what aid should be provided, both by governments and individuals.

Mr. Morris' address is scheduled for Monday, **April 14, 7:30 p.m., at the All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church at 4501 Walnut St. The event is open and free to the public.** Donations will be accepted at the door, with all proceeds to be given to the World Food Program.



Upcoming Events

Local And National Upcoming Events

26 March, 2003, 8:00-3:30p.m. The Urban League of GKC 4th Annual Mayor's Symposium on Education "Where Achievement Matters" Building Academic Excellence for our Children. Adam's Mark Hotel,

30 March, 2003, 1:30-4:30 p.m. G.A.M.E. Interactive Learning Session on the Convention on the Rights of the Child. UMKC-University Center, Room 117.

14 April, 2003, 7:30 p.m. United Nations Association of GKC World Food Program, Speaker, Mr. James Morris, Executive Director of U.N. World Food Program, All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 4501 Walnut. Open to public.

15-17 April, 2003, A call to Excellence in Food Aid. USDA & USAID Conference. The keynote speaker for the conference is Tony Hall, US Ambassador to the U.N. Agencies in Rome. at Hyatt Regency Crown Center

25 April, 2003, 7:00 p.m. The Temple in Independence. Dedication of U.N. Peace Plaza and a concert by the United Nations Singers.

26 April, 2003, 9:00a.m -5:00 Party for the Planet. Kansas City Zoo.

26-30 June, 2003, UNA-USA National Convocation and Biennial Convention. The Capitol Hilton, Washington, DC.

Dedication of United Nations Peace Plaza and a concert by the United Nations Singers.

**April 25, 2003,
7:00 p.m.,
The Temple in
Independence.**



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