

FRANK MANGELSDORF

I feel war with Iraq is inevitable. The big argument has been that we shouldn't invade Iraq until we go through Congress, the UN and the coalition. People are right to say we should do that. Nobody's arguing that we shouldn't. Everybody agrees with the steps to be taken, that there should be resolutions and restrictions. Henry Kissinger says we should disarm Iraq without war; most Arab nations support that — but they will support armed intervention if Iraq refuses. Even Ted Kennedy said we should have debates in Congress and the UN, then go in if necessary.

If you assume Saddam Hussein has weapons of mass destruction and connections with Al Qaida, most of the world will say something must be done about it. If we have a compelling national interest I believe we should go in unilaterally — actually we have a coalition, not a very big one, but we have Britain and the Saudis if the UN passes a resolution to disarm Iraq.

Saddam Hussein is a psychopath who has to go. Some people are against that, but they're not realistic

JENNIFER BAKKE

I think war is morally wrong — people killing people. If we are as civilized as we claim to be, there should be other solutions to the problem. It is amazing how we can be so loving to other Americans but not care about the suffering of other peoples we are destroying. We fail to see them as human beings who have the same needs we do.

DONNA JOY (aka D.J.) DUEFFEL

I don't think we should do it because it's wrong and people will be hurt like in the Civil War.

LILY DUEFFEL

I think you shouldn't have war because people have lost their lives in it. We should all be free from war.

HAYDEN DUEFFEL

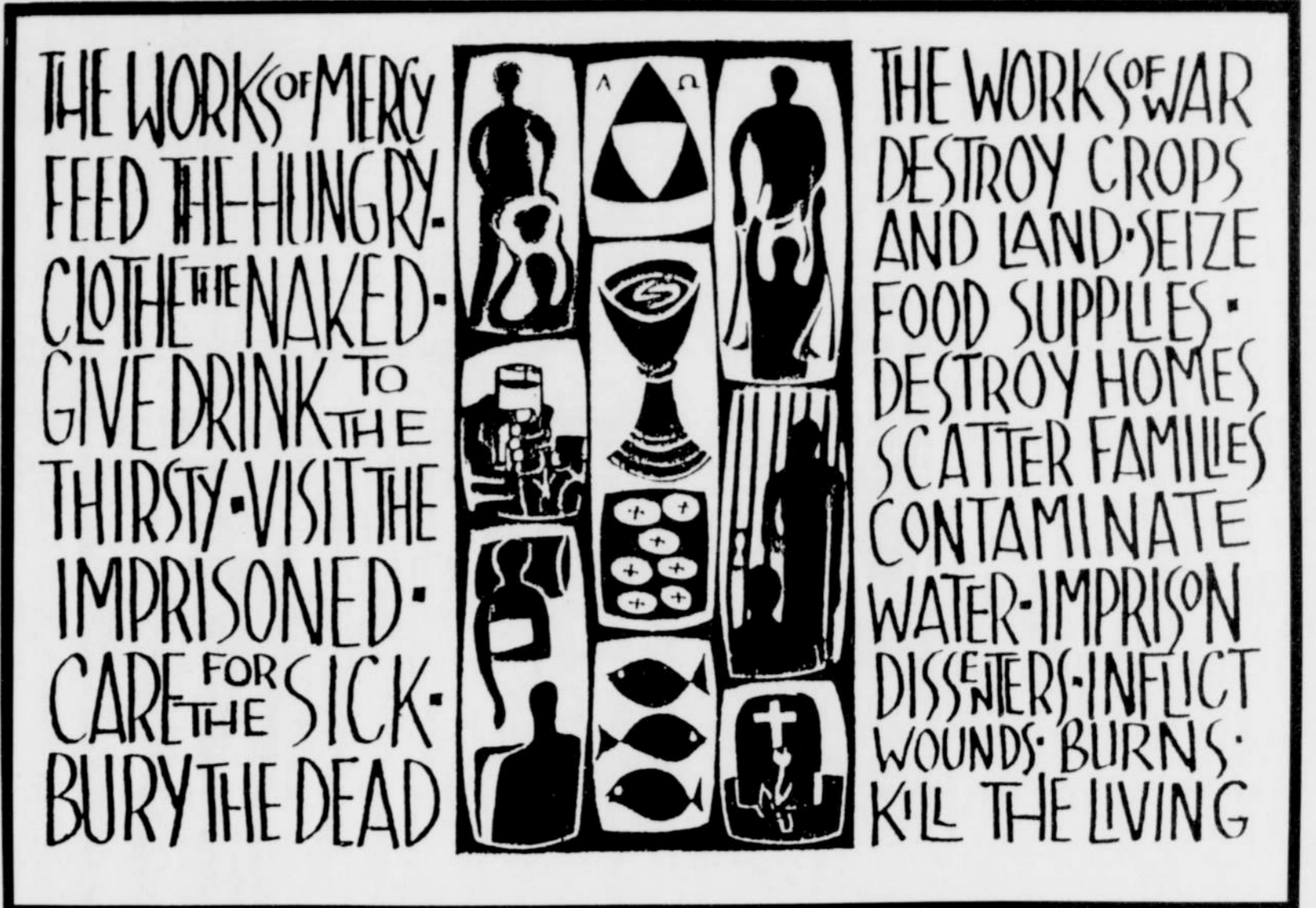
War is bad.
(Donna Joy and Lily Dueffel are 7 year old twin sisters. Their brother Hayden is 5. Jennifer Bakke and Tom Dueffel are their parents.)

CHRIS GRANT

It is all being orchestrated for oil. I think it's been in the works for years. I think there are greater threats than Saddam Hussein and terrorism to our country and the world that need to be addressed — specifically, the planet is committing environmental suicide.

GILLIAN HALL

It is terrifying. And the question "What do you think of the pending war?" is inaccurate. This is not a pending war; this is a war. We have been bombing Iraq for years. Why even bother



RITA CORBIN

asking the Senate and the House for permission? It is now merely conduct and paperwork.

What I want to know — who is the puppeteer? Who is really in charge here? George W. Bush? There is no way he can be any more than a figurehead (and what a figurehead he is!). Who in God's name is running things behind the scenes? Whose agenda are we fighting for?

My personal opinion is this: The instigators of the war want Saddam out of power, but we have no idea who to put in power once he has been removed. Has anyone heard mention of a successor for Saddam? How can we assure anything would change if Saddam were removed?

I have found no answers.
Why? Why this war? Why any war?

PETER HUHTALA

The situation of the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution was that we were erroneously led to believe American servicemen were under attack — the current situation is far different and far more ethically reprehensible if we go forward with what is proposed for Iraq.

Never in U.S. history have we unprovokedly attacked another nation in order to change its regime — its leadership. The unabashed suggestion we do such a thing would taint us for times to come.

AMY CODISPOTI

It is not un-American to question President Bush's motives for proposing war on Iraq. It is not un-American to be the dissident voice. It is, however, running against every grain our country supposedly stands for to sit idly by and passively support its push toward war, earning the title "number 1 rogue nation."

Law, not force, is what our foreign policy must be based on.

LOUIS ALVIS

I feel this already begun war — air raids now for years — is a start to a dark chapter for America. But it could be an opportunity for concerned Americans to make fundamental repairs. If we dare, we can change. If not, this war is the opening act of a dark dark play.

KAREN MELLIN

I realize that if there is a theme for this nightmare of the last year since 9/11, it is that the Bush administration has highjacked the whole country and is ready to slam it into the Middle East. Like those captives on the airliners that crashed into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, we really aren't being given a choice about the Bush administration crashing this plane.

I think those in charge are every bit as crazy as those who highjacked the planes. There is really very little difference; and ditto for the economy — the corporations have highjacked our livelihoods and pretty much the planet as well.

We're all left without a voice. They've got us. We're in the same place as the people on those planes. In other words, we can't get out. Reasoning with the Bushies is certainly out of the question.

NO U.S. ATTACK ON IRAQ

These Oregon North Coast residents are opposed to war against Iraq and urge others who share that view to let Congress know their feelings before it is too late to stop the impending invasion and the enormous loss of lives both American and Iraqi.

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