DID YOU KNOW...

Sadaam Hussein was recruited by the American government in 1959 as a part of a CIA-led plot to assassinate then Iraqi Prime Minister Gen. Abd al-Karim Qasim [United Press International, www.upi.com]

Iraq will need $10-$20 billion in reconstruction funds to reestablish pre-1980 health care standards [McKinsey; BBC World News 8/18/03]

The current estimated cost of the war on Iraq is over $69 billion. This sum of money could instead be used:
- to provide over 21 million children with a year of health care
- or to hire over 940,000 additional school teachers for one year
- or to provide over 1 million additional four-year scholarships at public universities
[figures are from costofwar.com; a full explanation of how figures were obtained as well as links to relevant government sources are available]

Many more facts and links are available on our website www.ousaw.org

OUR VISION

Peace: We derive all else from this.

We define peace as the cooperation of nations in applying non-violent solutions to potential and existing conflicts and facilitating diplomatic options through international bodies.

We seek an end to global terrorism and a solution that addresses the roots of terrorism. We also seek an end to war and a solution that eliminates the need for war. War and terrorism often strengthen one another, and we believe that a solution which confronts one must also confront the other.

Furthermore, we believe that every nation and all peoples should be spared the terror brought about by the pursuit and use of weapons of mass destruction. Because our country is a global leader, we believe the United States of America should take the initiative in ensuring that disarmament is accomplished by peaceful means, working with the United Nations rather than misusing it. We believe the United States should act as a good neighbor in the global community, inspiring others to do the same through its actions.

We, as an organization, seek to realize this vision through dialogue and education in the community.

GOALS

Long Term
- Promote pro-peace issues in the 2004 elections
- Regarding Iraq:
  - Turn Iraq over to a UN mandate
  - Prompt transition to a sovereign Iraqi democratic government
  - Reestablish accountability and transparency in our intelligence by establishing a full independent investigation of pre-war intelligence claims, including a public summary
  - A full repudiation of the doctrine of preemptive and preventative war
  - Reestablishment of international law as an effective force to which nations adhere

Short Term
- Educate local and surrounding community through teach-ins, disseminating information, films, rallies, and other means
- Engage in dialogue
- Coalition building and networking with other like-minded groups
- Voter registration

Upcoming Events
Check our website (www.ousaw.org) for up-to-date event information.

To receive e-mail updates, send an e-mail to Soonersforpeace@yahoo.com with “subscribe” in the message.