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All the logic in the world could not prevent US President George W. Bush, Jr. from launching his war against Iraq. Neither could the specious and unconvincing evidence dredged up from the earth's bowels by his minions from brother bully nations such as the United Kingdom stop the impending military occupation of a country that has mustered enough national pride to resist the military adventurism of the gods of globalization.

In an uninspiring presentation before the United Nations' Security Council, US Secretary of State Colin Powell, bristling with conviction, marked his evidence consisting of highlighted dots and encircled figures supposedly proving that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has tried to conceal weapons of mass destruction (WMDs).

Unlike the compelling photos produced by the United States nearly four decades ago that stood down Cuba's importation of nuclear weapons from the Soviet Union, Powell's presentation sounded more like a pitch for war than a concise narration of facts based on empirical data. Powell even played audio tapes of Hussein's unnamed field commanders which suggested that Iraq was hiding something - not necessarily WMDs - from the prying eyes and ears of unfriendly nations. Powell's pitch even came in with a brochure - a dossier as you may call it in military jargon - that purportedly spelt out in bold detail the gross violation of United Nations edicts by Iraq to disarm itself under the pain of global abomination.

As it turned out and as vigilant newsmen from the British Broadcasting Co. pointed out, the dossier was lifted and plagiarized from a thesis paper written by a California student. With such sloppy spooksmanship by the Central Intelligence Agency, it's no small wonder that military intelligence as an obvious oxymoron could itself well become a weapon of mass destruction if wielded by nations whose agenda undoubtedly reeks with imperialism.

Fortunately, not every country in the world is stupid or submits to such stupidity as easily as a puppet regime of a supposedly sovereign nation like the Philippines did. Intimating no sign of discernment or deliberation, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo swallowed Powell's speech hook, line and sinker even before the saliva on Powell's tongue could dry and made our country appear like a toilet bowl for America's bullshit.

Powell's hastily arranged statement - one that seemed to have been rushed to conform to the timetable of warmongers from Washington D.C. - came amid tepid reaction from key nations like France, Russia, China and Germany which have agreed amongst themselves to proceed with caution on the matter. Why rush to war against a stationary target like Iraq when the very basis for waging war has yet to be firmly established?

Even the Iraqi representative to the United Nations was snappy to emphasize that Powell's

accusations were intended for the uninformed. What he really wanted to say was that Powell's assertions were tailor-made for the stupid and the gullible.

And what again is the basis for the war against Iraq? The country's possession of weapons of mass destruction? That Saddam Hussein is a butcher of his own people? That Saddam Hussein is an asshole? Take your pick and enlist in the US Expeditionary Forces.

What we all know is that weapons of mass destruction are being mass-produced, McDonald's-style, in the United States and we've hardly heard a squeak from the international community threatening mayhem on continental America if it would not start disarming itself in the next few days. Heck, the entire United States is the biggest armory of armed nuclear devices and yet the UN Security Council could not even be heard denouncing America for its stockpiling of armaments for Armageddon.

That Saddam Hussein is a butcher? Well, so was the United States which slaughtered native Americans by the tens of thousands, sent the Calvary to the Philippines to wipe out one-fifth of Samar's population, and bombed the living daylights out of Vietnam and Laos, mostly defenseless civilians and babies.

That Saddam Hussein is an asshole? Ask any Democrat in the United States about where all the shit comes from and they'd all point you to the Oval Office in Washington.

Shit is about to happen just because those who support America's unjust war are all constipated to reason. Sanity, indeed, is the first casualty of this unjust war.

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