



Photo By Kristine Swenson

**“SMART” SANCTIONS = SMART P.R.?**

## **PLEASE COME TO THE SMART BAZAAR at 1710 11th Avenue**

**A solidarity bazaar / yard sale at  
Central Lutheran, Saturday, July 21,  
from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

**“The overall economy of Iraq is in crisis.”**

The dinar, once stable at almost \$3.00 to every dinar, now trades at 2,500 dinars to the dollar. Families spend large proportions of their meager salaries on supplementing the insufficient United Nations food basket, which lasts about 20 days. (From report of Congressional Staff Delegation to Iraq.)

<b>Timeline</b>	<b>U.S. Dollar</b>	<b>Dinar</b>
Presanctions	\$1	.33 dinar
1993	\$1	50 dinar
1994	\$1	500 dinar
1996	\$1	1,000 dinar
2001	\$1	2,500 dinar

**The average monthly wage in Iraq is \$5. The average monthly rent in Iraq is \$5. As a result, people are selling jewelry, carpets, furniture, books, clothing and toys, just to survive.**

**Join *Citizens Concerned for the People of Iraq* and the *Interfaith Network of Concern for the People of Iraq*, for a solidarity bazaar/yard sale at Central Lutheran, on Saturday, July 21, 2001, from 10 to 7. All proceeds will further efforts to educate about the effects of sanctions against Iraq. Come shop, there will be *terrific* bargains. For more information, go to <http://www.endiraqsanctions.org>. [To donate items, call 425-775-1403.]**

*Kristine Swenson, a member of Central Lutheran, took the above photo in Iraq in January 2001. (Photo is of a market stall outside a hospital in Iraq.) Since her return, Kristine has spoken to many groups about the suffering of the Iraqi people under sanctions. Another Central Lutheran member, Andrea Langeland, also devotes much of her time to this issue, and was recently tried with six others, in federal court, for her part in a symbolic die-in at the federal building in December 2000. The Court commended the defendants on their citizenship, and told them, on the record, that he felt “moved by their concern, by their sincere belief, by their convictions.”*