

# Hunger: unpalatable political issue

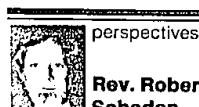
LAST SUNDAY I had a strange encounter with the uncomfortable kind. It happened somewhere along Six Mile Road in the middle of the CROP walk for hunger.

The encounter of which I speak had nothing to do with creatures from strange lands unless we can call our own planet strange.

Rather it was a meeting between people truly concerned about the plight of the hungry. After all, that was the purpose of the walk. The CROP-sponsored event was to raise both consciousness and money to relieve the hunger of at least some folks who put their children to bed with empty stomachs on a regular basis.

WHAT I came upon was a discussion between walkers. It seemed that one of the talkers was carrying a petition concerning the antinuclear. She was seeking signatures from among the walkers. The discussion was about the petition. Mind you, it was a discussion not a fight but nonetheless disturbing.

Some of the walkers, who, as I have said, obviously cared about the welfare



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of humankind, took issue with "bringing politics to a walk for hunger." They were apparently unable to understand that hunger is a very political issue in more ways than one.

It is true that many places in this world are agriculturally undeveloped. They do not have the means to feed their own. There are also many people most of whom would want to put a number on who simply cannot afford food when it is available.

We may wish to attribute these unfortunate circumstances to chance or laziness but when one looks more closely it becomes evident that there is more than chance or laziness at work.

IN SOME instances it is economical-

ly expedient to leave things as they are. In other instances it may not be blatantly planned but it is the direct result of other dealers getting dollar priority. In either instance we are talking politics.

The bottom line, politics is the process that determines when and where and how this world's resources are going to be used. It is just such a process that determines whether the next wood is given to camping and recreation or to oil and gas exploration.

It is such a process that determines whether money goes for education or for highways — and the list goes on. It is also the process that determines whether priority, and therefore money, goes to develop food potential or to test weapons. It is politics that determines timing in South Africa sanctions.

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