

Socialist Party

No War for Oil

Demonstration International Day of Action

Called by Stop the War Coalition

2pm Saturday Feb 15th

Arts College, York Street, Belfast

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The coming war against Iraq has nothing to do with weapons of mass destruction or Saddam Hussein's supposed links to Al Qaida. This is a war for oil.

The US oil wells in Texas and California are starting to dry up and the Bush regime wants direct control of Iraq which has the second largest known reserves of oil in the world. The war is also about establishing US military and political dominance over the rest of the world. The toppling of the regime in Baghdad is intended as a warning to other rulers and to the peoples of the ex colonial world not to stand in the way of US economic interests. *Continued overleaf*

In order to conduct this war for oil Bush and his lapdog Blair are prepared to use their own weapons of mass destruction to lay waste much of Iraq if necessary. Hundreds of thousands of Iraqis will be killed and millions will be displaced, facing starvation. The war may not be the military cakewalk that some US generals predict. If Baghdad is defended there could be a bloody drawn out battle with heavy casualties among the US and British forces.

All this to remove one dictator and put another dictator, possibly a US General, in his place. The end result will not be a more stable world. Far from ending terror attacks this war will enrage people throughout the Arab world. It will give a boost to the ideas of Islamic Fundamentalism and pave the way for new terror attacks. Ordinary people in Britain, the US and elsewhere will pay the price.

Money for services, not war!

Blair says he cannot pay the firefighters. He tells us there is no money to cut the obscene waiting lists in our hospitals or to upgrade our schools, or build decent houses for all. Yet he can spend billions on a war that will make the world a worse place for us all to live in. Bush is busy cutting welfare and health programmes for the poor but he can afford to spend \$1 billion a day on the military.

A massive movement is developing against this war. Millions will take to the streets across the globe on February 15th to show their opposition. If February 15th is followed by further mass mobilisations and by a campaign of civil disobedience including industrial action by trade unionists to halt the supply of munitions and troops to the Gulf this war can be stopped.

We need to go further. We need to challenge the rotten system that creates this and other wars for profit. The movement against the war should also be a movement for a socialist world in which natural resources such as oil and water would be publicly owned and shared for the benefit of all.

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