

NO WAR FOR OIL!

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.

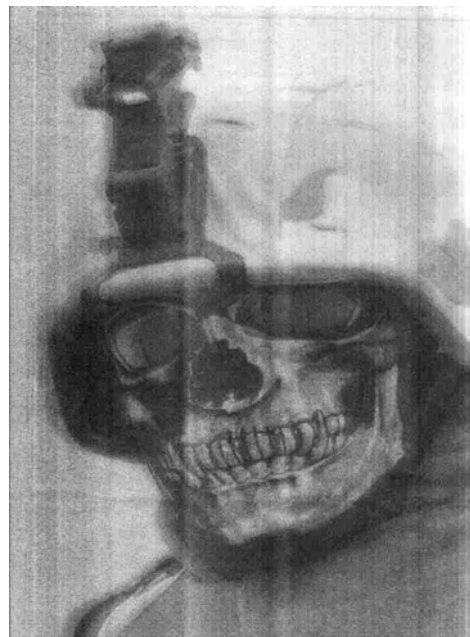
The war is also about establishing US military and political dominance over the rest of the world. The toppling of the regime in Baghdad is intended as a warning to other rulers and to the peoples of the ex colonial world not to stand in the way of US economic interests.

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. 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.

System Change

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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Public Meeting

Invasion for Iraqi Oil

STOP THE WAR

Guest Speakers:



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Socialist Party Dublin West

Jim Barbour FBU Executive Member

David Semple Youth Against the War

Chair: Carmel Gates

President elect NIPSA (personal capacity)

8pm Thurs Feb 20th

Holiday Inn, 106 University St

A huge movement has developed against Bush & Blairs planned war on Iraq. Millions of people have taken to the streets to demonstrate their opposition to a war for oil. This movement has already stunned governments across the world. But Bush and Blair are determined to launch an invasion of Iraq, no matter what.

Make sure to get along to this public meeting where Joe Higgins, who is a leading figure in the anti-war movement in the South, plus other trade unionists and socialists will be discussing how a movement can be built which can stop the war and fight for a future free from wars.