

Money for Wages & Services Not War!

Bush and Blair have a blank cheque when it comes to war. But Blair “can’t afford” money for our services. We are going to have to pay water charges because he “can’t afford” to upgrade the water service. He has no money to build hospitals or schools so he is handing them over to the private sector. And he “can’t afford” to pay the firefighters a decent wage.

Our message to Blair must be – we can’t afford you! It is time to build a new mass party to represent the interests of working class people.

Build the anti war movement

Millions across the globe have demonstrated against this war. Still Bush and Blair have refused to listen. They obey the instructions of their corporate paymasters not the will of the people.

This doesn’t mean that the anti war movement cannot succeed in forcing them back. The anti war movement needs to be built and developed.

Even if they do win this war quickly they will carry on with their so called “war on terror”. There will be new wars against other “rogue” regimes, that is any country that does not meekly bow before the economic and military powerhouse of the US.

The anti war movement needs to be built to the point that it can challenge Bush, Blair and the system they represent.

For a socialist Iraq

Opposing the war and demanding the withdrawal of the US and British troops does not mean defending the repressive regime of Saddam Hussein. But the job of removing Saddam – and all the other dictatorships in the region – can only be done by the working class and oppressed people of the area. This war just makes this a more difficult.

After the war – no matter what the outcome – the way forward in Iraq will be to build a mass movement to challenge whatever regime is imposed and to establish a socialist society in which the oil and all other wealth would be publicly owned and used for the benefit of the people.

Struggle for socialism

The war on Iraq, national and ethnic conflicts, mass abject poverty, economic crisis, environmental destruction.... this is the violent future for workers and youth throughout the world. Despite the technology and wealth which exists, capitalism cannot provide the basics for the people of the world. Socialism would take the control and ownership of the worlds resources into the hands of ordinary people and democratically provide for the needs of the billions, not the billionaires. Join us in that struggle!

Join the Socialist Party

The Socialist Party is a non-sectarian party which is fighting for a socialist alternative to the madness of capitalism. We are affiliated to the Committee for a Workers International, which unites socialists in over 35 countries on all the continents. Our youth wing, Socialist Youth unites Catholic & Protestant youth to fight for young peoples rights. If you would like to join or would like more info fill in the form below.

Strike action!



Youth Against the War protest outside Dominican College, Fortwilliam

The huge demonstrations, and particularly the school strikes such as the two very successful strikes called by Youth Against the War here, show the way forward. We now need similar action from the trade unions. The trade union movement – with seven million members in Britain – is potentially the most powerful force in society and can defeat Blair. The unions need to build for a 24 hour work stoppage – a massive show of strength against the war.

After the Demo
Join Socialist Party and
Socialist Youth and
Youth Against the War
members for some food,
a few drinks and chat
upstairs in the Kitchen
Bar, Victoria Sq.

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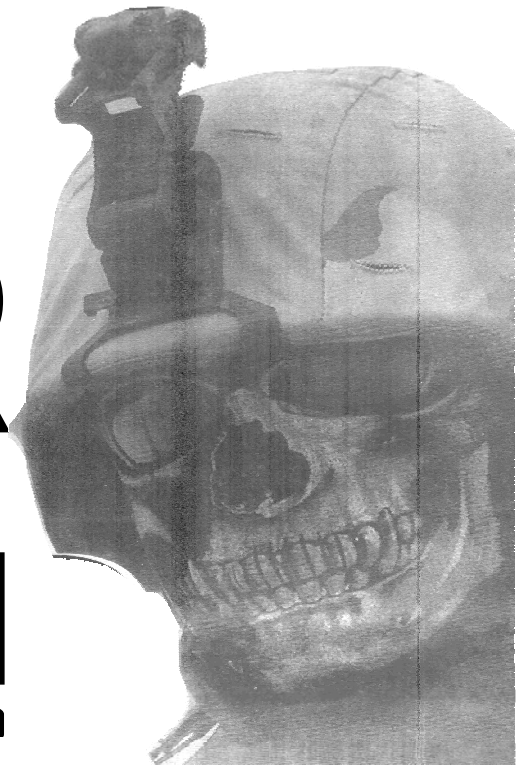
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OPPOSE this WAR FOR PROFIT!!!



- § Blair out
- § US and UK forces out of the Gulf
- § Democratic public control of the oil and energy industries
- § Close down the war machine – spend the money waging a war on poverty
- § For a socialist world without war & terror

THE carnage in Iraq is now underway. All the firepower at the disposal of the US and British forces will now be deployed to obliterate everything that stands in the way of the quick military victory they are hoping for.

The infrastructure of Iraq will be laid waste if necessary. Thousands will die and millions could be displaced, many losing their lives as a result. The stated war aims of Bush and Blair are a lie. This is not about weapons of mass destruction. The UN weapons inspectors found nothing of significance in Iraq. Whatever small traces of his former chemical and biological weapons programme Saddam may or may not have the real weapons of mass destruction in the area are on the US and British warships and in their military bases. These include the MOAB, a 21,000 lb. device, the “mother of all bombs” capable of destroying everything within a 600 metre radius. The logic of Bush and Blair is that in order to destroy weapons of mass destruction that they cannot find we have to use our

own weapons of mass destruction to devastate Iraq.

Nor is it about ending dictatorship in Iraq. The problem for Bush is not that Saddam is a dictator, it is that he is not “our” dictator. What they will put in place of Saddam will be a new dictatorship propped up by a long-term military occupation by US forces.

A War for Oil

This war is really about the economic interests and prestige of US Imperialism. It is to further the economic interests and power of the big US corporations, the oil companies and the arms manufacturers; the people who are the real rulers of the US. At bottom it is about oil and the fact that Iraq has the second largest known reserves of oil in the world.

The real war aim is to seize the Iraqi oil fields. Placing them “in trust” for the Iraqi people means privatising them and forcing through contracts handing them over to (mainly) US corporations.