

Socialist Party

Millions say

No War for Oil

Feb 15th was a historic day, when millions of people in over 600 cities around the world united in one voice to oppose war on Iraq.

It was a brilliant display of workers unity across national boundaries to struggle against Bush & Blairs war for oil. But the response from Blair & Bush has been to ignore the mass opposition.

Prepare to take action on Day X

On the first workday after the war breaks out students and workers will be taking to the streets. The Communication Workers Union has unanimously agreed on their Executive body that their members will take part in action on Day X. All the unions should follow the CWU's lead. Locally, the unions should organise strikes and lunchtime protests the first-full working day after war begins. This is the best form of direct action to stop the war.

What is this war really about?

The coming war 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 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. 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.

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.

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.

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