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THE UGLY FACE OF EMPIRE

THE PLANS of Bush and Blair are unravelling.

The arrogance of empire led them to believe that the Iraqi people would welcome them – even after they were bombed.

But now they have met heavy resistance. So they resort to growing lies and brutality to cover their tracks.

* They call themselves a 'Coalition'. But in reality this war has been fought by Anglo-American imperialism

*They say they want to bring 'humanitarian' aid to Iraq.

But how can governments which starved the Iraqi people with sanctions even talk about humanitarian relief?

They say they want to liberate the Iraqi people. But when was anyone ever 'liberated' by cluster bombs from on high?

IT IS RIGHT TO RESIST

Iraq has been colonised by Britain in the past until they were thrown out by an anti-colonial movement.

So is it any wonder that thousands who hate Saddam Hussein are involved in resistance to the new Empire.

Their resistance has dented the confidence of the US Generals. It makes it harder for the US to bring war to other countries on their hit list.

After the march drink and discussion

War and Resistance: How do we defeat Imperialism?

Toners Bar (Downstairs)
Baggot St

Our hope is that Iraqi resistance spreads throughout the Arab world.

The US calculated on a short war that did not de-stabilise Arab regimes which it controls. That calculation could soon prove wrong.

STAY ON THE STREETS

AT HOME we need to keep up our resistance to Ahern. He hoped that the issue of Shannon could be buried after a short Dail debate and political life would then return to normal.

He hoped that the anti-war movement could be broken on a feeling of powerlessness.

But he calculated wrongly. The

movement is growing stronger and is combining mass demonstrations with civil disobedience.

Next Wednesday has been designated a Day of Action. We need to call protests on pro-war TDS and US oil companies and stage a mass gathering at the Dail in the evening.

AGAINST WAR AND GLOBAL CAPITALISM

THE ROOTS of this war lie in a system that puts profit before people.

Bush wants to turn Iraq into an oil colony for US multi-nationals. He wants US and British companies to dominate the region – and has already handed out 're-construction' contracts to big companies like Halliburton (where Dick Cheney was boss) and Bechtel.

Corporate America will spend \$100 billion on this war – because they see long term profits.

But they will not spend that amount of money on eradicating disease even though it could save the lives of 30 million people.

This is the crazy logic of capitalism.

Alongside the anti-war movement we need a strong socialist organisation which brings fundamental change. Get involved today.

Do you think this war is about oil and US power?

Do you think people should come before profit?
Had enough of Bush, Blair and Ahern's contempt for democracy?
Do you want to fight sectarianism, racism, & scapegoating of refugees?

Yes? Then you belong in the Socialist Workers Party

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