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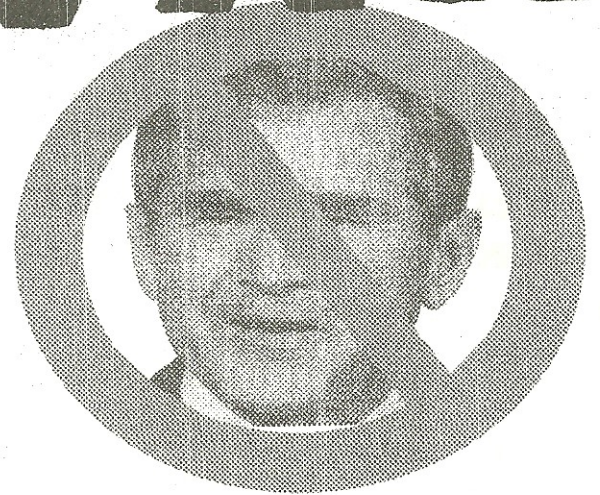
NO WAR FOR OIL

END THE PROFIT SYSTEM

AFTER FEBRUARY 15, WHAT NEXT FOR THE ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT?

Public Meeting

SPEAKERS:

- **JOE HIGGINS TD**
- **OLIVIA O'NEILL**
  eyewitness account from the massive Feb 15 London protest

Mon 17 Feb, 8pm, Wynn's Hotel, Abbey St., Dublin 1

- ☛ **US and British military our of the Gulf**

- ☛ **US military out of Shannon**

- ☛ **No to a war for oil and capitalist domination**

- ☛ **For mass mobilisations and trade union action to get US military out of Shannon**

- ☛ **Close down the war machine — spend the money on socially useful projects**

- ☛ **Build the forces for socialist change to challenge capitalism and its war machine**

MASS ACTION CAN DEFEAT THIS WAR

★ As this war is fundamentally about securing oil supplies and creating super profits for US big business, "opposition" at the UN based on "weapons inspections" and "Iraqi co-operation" is unlikely to have any effect. The UN, France or Germany have no record of standing against the dictatorship of profit in the interest of working class people.

★ This war can be defeated, but only by magnificent demonstrations like today and other mass actions by working people which can force the right-wing governments that currently dominate the world into retreat.

A CAPITALIST WAR

★ This war is a horrific military expression of the economic policies and political propaganda that the US establishment have been trying to impose around the world for the last 20 years. It is the other side of free market capitalism and of privatisation of services, i.e. the increased exploitation and oppression of people around the world. The Irish government's support for war is only an extension into international affairs of the policies they pursue at home.

TASKS FOR THE ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT AND TRADE UNIONS

★ The anti-war movement in Ireland has two key tasks.
1. To end once and for all the providing of any facilities to foreign military forces, particularly at Shannon.
2. To win the majority in this country to an active opposition to this war.

★ The most direct and effective way of forcing the US military out of Shannon is through industrial action. We demand that ICTU uses its influence to encourage and support workers in Shannon to boycott all work that assists the US military. If or when war breaks out the trade unions should take a lead and organise walk-outs and protests.

★ Up till today the anti-war movement has involved a relatively small number of people. The strength of the anti-war movement will be determined by how many people like you get actively involved over the next weeks. We strongly encourage you to get involved, you have a key role to play in building the opposition to this war.

WHAT ABOUT SADDAM?

★ What about getting rid of Saddam for the sake of the Iraqi people? The Socialist Party supports the overthrow of the Saddam regime. We and the movement should do all in our power to support all genuine opposition within Iraq. But like in Serbia the task of overthrowing a brutal dictator is a task for the Iraqi people themselves. For us the only future for Iraq is real democracy, that can only be achieved if Iraqi workers and poor own and control of all the wealth and resources, i.e. a socialist Iraq.

SOCIALISM IS NECESSARY

★ This war exposes the brutal phase that capitalism has entered into. Unfortunately with economic recession hitting hard, things are set to get worse. But there is an alternative and it is in the hand of the millions of people who are protesting around the world today. War and economic exploitation are inevitable under capitalism where a tiny minority owns and controls politics and economics. If those opposed to war also got organised and actively opposed capitalism, we have the power to challenge the system.

★ That is the struggle that the Socialist Party in Ireland is dedicated to. We are part of the CWI, an international movement based in nearly 40 countries, which is fighting the war and fighting for socialism internationally. Join us today.

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