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STOP THE WORLD TO STOP THE WAR

THE WAR Bush has wanted all along is now upon us. We must respond by mobilising against it as never before.

3,000 missiles will rain down on Baghdad and other Iraqi cities in the opening phase of what's code-named "Operation Shock and Awe."

The intention is to create such utter devastation as to terrify the population into surrender.

This is not aimed just at Iraq. The message to the rest of world is—This is what happens to all who defy us!

We have entered an age of global permanent warfare. Bush, with Blair and Aznar of Spain as his echoes, wants to demonstrate overwhelming military power so as to secure global economic dominance. The world will pay for this in blood, killing and terror.

When it comes to war, they can put

hundreds of thousands of soldiers with billions of dollars of hi-tech machinery into the desert in weeks. But 11 million face starvation in Ethiopia and we're told that "poor communications" and "lack of infrastructure" prevents food being delivered to them.

This, on its own, tells us what the real priorities are—not just of the war but of the system which generated the war and which the war is being conducted to defend.

Horror

Along with the horror of war we can also see hope of change. The *New York Times* said after the February 15th demonstrations that maybe there still are two superpowers on the planet after all—the US and world people-power!

As far as the war is concerned, the

movement needs to move on, to civil disobedience and direct action, not by small groups but on a mass scale. The only way to stop the war is to stop the world.

We also need to confront the system which creates this misery, the capitalist system fuelled by profit and based on a mad drive to war to defend profits.

Socialists have always been at the forefront of anti-war campaigning, from John Maclean and James Connolly to Rosa Luxemburg and on down to the present time. Similarly, today the Socialist Workers Party has thrown its heart and soul into the anti-war movement.

We aim not just to stop the war but to build an alternative that puts the needs of people ahead of profit.

If you hate war and want to uproot the system which creates it, get involved with the SWP 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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