

KEEP IRELAND OUT OF WAR

Bertie Ahern is dragging Ireland into a bloody war by allowing US troops to use Shannon. In the first six months of this year, 153,381 soldiers came through. That makes Shannon the most important European hub for the US occupation of Iraq. Ireland is supposed to be a neutral country. But Ahern has made a mockery of all this and has forced Irish taxpayers to fund Bush's war. Every day we spend €10,000 subsidising US over flights. Other neutral countries such as Austria refuse to even allow the US to use their airspace.

Shannon has also been used to transport prisoners to torture centres. Under the US 'rendition' programme prisoners are sent to countries like Egypt where torture is freely practised. They come in specially chartered planes through Shannon.

Ahern says that Bush's war is about defeating terrorism. But the biggest terrorists are George Bush and Tony Blair. Their illegal war on Iraq has killed an absolute minimum of 25,980 civilians.

Their abuse of human rights has brought degrading treatment for prisoners in Guantanamo Bay and the obscenities of Abu Ghraib. If Bush and Blair stopped spending so much money on war, the debt of the poorer countries in Africa could be wiped out.

The Irish Anti-War Movement totally condemns the bombings of innocent civilians in London or else where. But we do not use hypocritical double standards. The US army has also murdered many civilians. Unlike Bertie Ahern we also condemn their activities.

The terrible bombings in London suggest Ireland might even become a target for a London style attack as long as we facilitate the US war machine.

In the US itself support for the war is dropping. On September 24th, tens of thousands of will take part in protests in Washington and San Francisco. The peace rally with music in Shannon co-incides with these protests. We will be stretching out across the Atlantic to join our American brothers and sisters in saying: **NO to WAR.**

What You Can Do

■ Book your seat on the bus to Shannon by phoning the Irish Anti-War Movement now.

Phone (01) 872 7912 or 087 8289243

■ Order extra posters and leaflets to spread word of festival by e mailing us at

info@irishantiwar.org or phone the numbers above.

Join The Irish Anti-War Movement

To join the Irish Anti-War Movement, send an email to info@irishantiwar.org with the words *Join The Irish Anti-War Movement* in the subject line or post this slip to **Irish Anti-War Movement, PO Box 9260, Dublin 1** Membership €10 (€5 unwaged). However we do not stop people joining who are not able to afford it.

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US Military Out of Shannon Peace Rally Saturday September 24th

Keep Ireland out of War



with music by:

The Revs

The Chapters* Jimi Cullen

Pete Courtney *Sypher

Dermot Byrne *22

& *Mark OConnor*

**Assemble
Shannon Town Centre 1pm
for March to Rally and Music
at Shannon Airport from 2pm**

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