

Irish Anti War Movement NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Saturday May 10, Liberty Hall, Eden Quay, Dublin



A forum for anti war activists to discuss the Iraq war and current US military occupation and debate the future of the Irish Anti War Movement.

George Bush and Tony Blair claim that Iraq has been liberated. This is a lie. Thousands of innocent civilians have been killed. Iraq has been devastated.

Real self-determination for the Kurds of Shias has been ruled out.

Now US troops are shooting down the people they claim to have liberated because they are demanding democracy and protesting against the US military occupation.

The US are using the same brutal methods of repression against the people of Iraq used by the dictator Saddam Hussein.

Meanwhile, the US have moved quickly to grab control of Iraq's oil fields and are already awarding multi-million dollar contracts in Iraq to US multinational Companies.

They have allowed the ransacking of Iraqi public serv-

ices including hospitals.

Millions of Iraqis are now without access to clean water or proper healthcare. The US have even started advertising for the privatisation of Iraqi public services and utilities on the internet.

The actions of the US and Britain confirm that this was a bloody war for oil and US control of the Middle East.

The Anti War Movement in this country and across the globe must continue organise in solidarity with the people of Iraq and oppose US warmongering.

We must continue to oppose the use of Shannon by the US military and the collaboration of our government with US imperialism. Come to the National Assembly of the Irish Anti War Movement to join the discussion and help organise the resistance to war and imperialism.

PROGRAMME

11.00-12.30pm. FORUM:

END THE OCCUPATION OF IRAQ -RESIST THE US EMPIRE

Speakers: Nuria Mustafa (Iraqi Exile), Kevin McLoughlin (Socialist Party), Eamonn Mc Cann (Socialist Workers Party), John Gormley TD (Green Party).

12.30-1.30pm LUNCH

1.30-3.00pm WORKSHOPS:

*** WAR AND GLOBALISATION -HOW CAN WE CHALLENGE US IMPERIALISM**

Introduced by Raymond Deane (Ireland-Palestine Solidarity Campaign), Kieran Allen (Socialist Workers Party),

*** IRELAND, NEUTRALITY AND THE NEW WORLD ORDER**

Intoduced by Patricia Mc Kenna MEP (Green Party), Joe Higgins TD (Socialist Party)

*** THE PROPAGANDA MACHINE - MEDIA AND THE WAR**

Introduced by Colin Coulter (Dept of Sociology, Maynooth), Mary Van Lieshout (US Citizens in Ireland for Alternatives to War).

(Those in attendance will have an opportunity to participate in one of the above workshops.

Following speakers introductions groups will break down into smaller workshops and then report back to a plenary session)

3.15-5.30pm FORUM

THE IRISH ANTI WAR MOVEMENT - AN ASSESMENT & WHERE TO NOW?

Introduced by Richard Boyd Barrett (Chair, Irish Anti War Movement)

(Following a brief introduction this session will aim at a wide ranging discussion on on the activities past, present and future of the Irish Anti War Movement and will be open for resolutions and suggestions from the floor.)

8.00pm. SOCIAL EVENT WITH LIVE MUSIC

Conway's, Parnell St

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