

Except for the warmongering 'leaders' in Washington, Canberra and elsewhere, the majority of the world's people want peace in the Middle East.

But CIA President George Bush and CIA Prime Minister Robert Hawke have said to hell with our wishes. To hell with the lives of allied soldiers. To hell with the Arab people.

Following the lead of the warmakers in the United Nations Security Council, the Federal Parliament has given the green light for war and the slaughter has begun.

Why do warmakers rule in the US, in Australia and Europe? Because the military drives what's left of the US economy. Because the US masters of war control the future of the world economy. Because the 'captains' of the mining and energy industries in countries like this one hope to make a real killing through the interruption to Middle East oil supplies.

Bush to be allowed to put his three toy ships in the bathtub. Bush patted him on the head and said "yes".

Satire aside, the truth of the matter is that this country was the first to join in the war blockade last August, in the tradition of "all the way with LBJ" and the servile attitude of Canberra policy makers when Washington wants a fig leaf for its brutal suppression of anti-imperialist movements and governments across the globe.

Participation in this war carries on a long tradition which began in Malaya in the 1950's, went through Korea, Pakistan, Vietnam, Lebanon and now the Gulf.

Australia, the tenth richest country in the world, is an imperialist power in its own right.

Apart from its troops, joint spy bases in this country are an integral part of the war on the Arab people.

THERE WILL NEVER BE PEACE UNDER CAPITALISM!

Bush's War is a Hoax

The US, and its client state Kuwait, provoked this war. Kuwait raised its oil production last year, on the orders of Washington, and so lowered world oil prices. This angered Iraq, which needed the highest possible prices for **its** oil so it could pay for its ruinous war with Iran.

Hussein threatened to go into Kuwait, and was told by the US Ambassador to Iraq that it was "an Arab affair", and that the US would stand aside! Saddam's self-serving invasion followed and **then** Bush drew his 'line in the sand' to protect the American Way of Profits, hoping to divert attention from the 20 million homeless, the massive bank collapses, the rising inflation, unemployment, hunger and misery in the US.

And five minutes after he announced his declaration of war on Iraq through the blockade, on the phone was little Bobby Hawke, CIA sponsored Aussie PM, who no doubt met Bush many times when Bush was CIA head and Hawke stayed in CIA residences in Virginia. Bobby wanted to play with the big boys, and reportedly begged

Capitalism is Addicted to Military Production.

The US economy is in ruins, and the world economy is on the brink. The current recession has all the hallmarks of a rerun of the 1930's, only worse. This is because the whole house of cards is built on the foundations of the US dollar.

But the only thing left to hold up the US dollar is the defence industry. With the fall of the Berlin wall and the end of the Cold War, the big weapons manufacturers were going broke. Military bureaucracies were being cut and soldiers were being sent home to unemployment and misery. On top of the already boiling social pressure in the big US cities, this could have been the catalyst for full scale revolt - it still could be!

Then along comes the "saviour", the 'evil' Saddam Hussein, armed to the teeth - with US, British, French and Soviet weapons. What a godsend. Another war, new defence contracts, profits for Boeing, Rockwell, IBM etc. This war is about profits and profits only - oil profits and weapons profits. Here too is the Australian connection.

The Hawke government has already set itself up as an arms supplier to the Pacific and South Asia. A war means the rejuvenation of the Australian defence industry, and more than that, a boost to the oil, coal and mining sector as oil from the Middle East dries up. But the whole thing will fall apart anyway. The US is still paying for Vietnam, is bankrupt, and won't be able to pay the Gulf bills when they start to come in. This is why Bush's lieutenants have been travelling the world begging for money. And when Washington goes down the drain, so will Canberra.

The Solution is Socialist Revolution!

We wanted peace. They have given us war, drowning the Middle East in blood.

We wanted jobs. They have given us unemployment, dangerous working conditions and pay cuts.

We wanted schools, hospitals and housing. Well, the rich have them, but the majority of us have seen government schools closed while private schools thrive, have seen hospital waiting lists lengthen whilst greedy doctors line their pockets, have seen homeless kids on city streets, seen 200,000 people sleep out at night whilst 50 storey office towers stand empty in city centres.

Now they expect us to stand aside whilst they send the working people of this country, of Europe and the USA, to be used as cannon fodder to kill the working people of the Middle East. The ALP has refused to support a bill to close off a loophole in the law which permits conscription, and Hawke is obviously keeping his options open to send our sisters and brothers, our friends, partners, sons and daughters to spill their blood on the sands of the Gulf deserts.

A gun is a weapon with a work **both ends!**

We must not allow them to send workers to kill workers, anywhere, we must no longer accept the system which "can't pay" for our social services and social infrastructure but **can** pay for the three warships and their crews to make war halfway around the world.

We say to hell with this system. It's time for revolution!

We want peace AND justice. That means we will have to uproot the system which has institutionalised warmaking as the main aim of its foreign policy and its domestic economy - in Australia, the US, Europe and the Middle East.

The human race is fed up with tyrants and petty dictators. The Stalinists are falling in Eastern Europe; we can and must bring down the Western warmakers who wrap themselves in the self righteous flag of "democracy" - democracy for the rich.

How about a society where "armies" don't kill, but attend to the sick, clean up the environment, rebuild the industry and build the schools and houses?

How about workers running industry and deciding themselves what to produce on an international scale? That's economic democracy. It's also real socialism, not its Stalinist parody, but self determination and democracy for all.

A socialist Australia: this is a worthy aim for the peace movement in this country. It's also the most important contribution we can make to a lasting world peace.

FIGHT THE BOSSES HERE, NOT THE BOSSES' WAR!

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