

Join Hands Against War



Saturday, Feb. 15, 1-4pm



Rally and March

Starts in Tacoma at McKinley Park and ends at the Federal Courthouse on Pacific.

In tandem with the national and international day of action, *United for Peace of Pierce County* urges you to participate in a nonviolent call for a peaceful resolution in Iraq. Be part of this historic and important demonstration.

Come and show your opposition to this proposed war. Hear speakers and live music. Bring signs and banners.

*Do not idly stand by.
Silence is the voice of complicity.*

How To Get There...

McKinley Park is on "D" Street directly across from the Tacoma Dome on the south side of I-5. Parking available on surface streets near the Park or at the Tacoma Dome Transit Station. McKinley Park served by Pierce Transit Route 42. Routes 41 and 500 operate between the Tacoma Dome Transit Station (on Puyallup Ave) and downtown Tacoma.

For More Information...

Learn more about February 15 and *United for Peace of Pierce County* by logging on www.tacomapjh.org/ufppc.htm or call Mark Jensen at 253-535-7219.

Tacoma will join communities around the world in saying loud and clear: **THE WORLD SAYS NO TO WAR!** Other cities participating include Bangkok, Rome, Oslo, Cairo, Paris, Berlin, Skopje, Athens, London, Helsinki, Glasgow, Antwerp, Manila, Belfast, Ramallah, Stockholm, Barcelona, Amsterdam, as well as New York City, San Francisco and Olympia.

Reasons To Oppose the War in Iraq

✓ CIA Concludes Iraq is Not a Threat

The C.I.A.-conducted a study concluding that Iraq is NOT a threat to the U.S. In fact, they concluded that the only time Iraq may become a threat is if we attack them.

Source: C.I.A. Report completed for the Senate Washington Post, Analysts Discount Attack by Iraq Counterattack Is Called Possible, Dana Priest, October 9, 2002
New York Times, Threats and Responses: The Debate; C.I.A. Sees Terror After Iraq Action, by Alison Mitchell and Carl Hulse, October 9, 2002
The Nation, CIA Report Refutes Bush's Rhetoric, By David Corn, October 9, 2002

✓ Iraq is Not Connected To Al Qaeda

There is no evidence that Iraq harbors terrorists or is part of the Al Qaeda terrorist network. The Bush Administration has retracted earlier claims.

Source: C.I.A. New York Times, A Nation Challenged: An Overview: The Screaming Eagles, War Perspectives, by Robert D. McFadden, December 30, 2001
New York Times, A Nation Challenged: Intelligence: New Clue Fails To Explain Iraq Rose in Sept. 11 Attack, by Chris Hedges with Donald G. McNeil Jr., December 16, 2001

✓ There is Substantial Evidence that the Bush Administration's Motives are about OIL

There is substantial evidence that the Bush Administration wants to control the Iraq oil fields.

Source: New York Times, Reckonings; Not a Fuels Errand, By Paul Krugman, September 26, 2001
New York Times, A War for Oil?, by Pulitzer Prize Winning Journalist Tom Friedman, January 5, 2003
Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Recognize the Link Between Oil, War November 18, 2001, The Guardian, A matter of life, death—and oil, by Terry Macalister, Ewen MacAskill, Rory McCarthy in Baghdad and Nick Paton-Walsh in Moscow, January 23, 2003

✓ There will be Unjustified Loss of Life

Any life lost for oil is wrong. Indeed we have already seen loss of American lives due to the build-up of troops in the Middle East.

Source: The New York Times, Threats and Responses: Impact: U.N. Study Sees 500,000 Iraqis Facing Injury In Case of War, by Julia Preston, January 8, 2003.

✓ Experts Say War is Very Risky and Could Spiral Out of Control

Some experts believe that war against Iraq without the United Nations backing could result in destabilizing the middle east and could lead to further wars.

✓ War would Wreak Havoc on the U.S. and World Economies

The threat and fear of war is already creating problems for the U.S. economy. In addition, the war effort will cost our government billions in a time when our budget deficit is spiraling out of control.

Source: Forbes, U.S. Stocks sag as Iraq war fears grip Wall Street, Denise Duclaux, January 29, 2003

✓ Resentment of the U.S. Grows with Friends and Foe

There is increasing resentment in the world against the U.S. Our continuing double standard and the war against Iraq will only deepen this rift.

✓ An Iraq Invasion Would Violate International Law/U.S. Maintains a Double Standard

An invasion of Iraq would violate international law. The U.S. is maintaining a double standard internationally, maintaining other countries have to abide by treaties and resolutions while not abiding by international treaties that we have signed.

Source: The Washington Post, Bishop in Bush's church in New Antiwar Ad, by Alan Cooperman, Washington Post Staff Writer, January 31, 2003.

Los Angeles Times, The World: Showdown in Iraq: U.N. Inspectors' Report Likely to Disappoint U.S., by Alissa J. Rubin, Time Staff Writer, January 25, 2003

✓ U.S. Applying Double Standard Between North Korea and Iraq

The treatment of N. Korea and Iraq are vastly different: one is being offered incentives while the other is threatened with war. WHY?

For information on the sources for the above statements or to read the full-articles stated, please visit the web site www.axisofevil.org