

More and more unions are joining millions of other Americans and hundreds of millions worldwide in opposing the U.S. plan to attack Iraq. More than 130 local unions, 45 national, regional and state labor organizations and 38 Central Labor Councils, and six national unions representing a total of more than 5 million workers, have adopted resolutions opposing this war. The AFL-CIO Executive Council did likewise on February 27^h.

WHY DOES THE LABOR MOVEMENT OPPOSE THE WAR ON IRAQ?

THIS WAR IS UNNECESSARY – THE PRESIDENT HAS NOT MADE HIS CASE. Saddam Hussein poses no immediate threat to the people of the United States, and there is no evidence whatsoever linking him to the Al Qaeda fanatics who carried out the terrorist attacks against the U.S. on Sept. 11, 2001. UN weapons inspections are working. Saddam Hussein is being disarmed and contained. Bush's obsession with this unnecessary war has even turned many U.S. allies against us.

THIS WAR WILL NOT MAKE US SAFER. TO THE CONTRARY, IT WILL FUEL MORE TERRORISM. An unprovoked war on Iraq will be interpreted by many in the Muslim world as a war against all Muslims, confirming the message that Osama bin Laden has been spewing and giving rise to more hatred of the United States and the very real possibility of more terrorist attacks on U.S. soil.

THIS WAR WILL COST BILLIONS AT A TIME WHEN FUNDING FOR EVERY IMPORTANT SOCIAL PROGRAM HERE AT HOME IS BEING CUT. The estimates of what it will cost to wage this war in Iraq and the post-war reconstruction range from \$80 billion to more than \$200 billion. This money could be spent at home to address the urgent needs arising from the most serious economic crisis in recent memory: massive unemployment, state and local budget crises, and cut-backs in health care, education, Medicare and other vital services.

THIS WAR WILL COST LIVES – U.S. LIVES AND IRAQI LIVES. The lives of young Americans – most of whom will be the sons and daughters of working families, many of them union families – will be put in jeopardy fighting this unnecessary war, and untold numbers of innocent Iraqi civilians could be killed as well.

THE THREAT OF WAR HAS BEEN USED TO DISTRACT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FROM THE ANTI-LABOR, ANTI-WORKER AGENDA THAT BUSH IS PURSUING HERE AT HOME. Bush stripped 170,000 employees of the new Homeland Security Department of their union and civil service protections. He plans to privatize another 700,000 federal jobs. He intervened on behalf of the employers in the West Coast dock workers negotiations. He has proposed legislation that would enable him to suspend many union rights in the event of war. He is proposing massive tax cuts for the wealthiest 1% of Americans while slashing funding for schools, hospitals and even veterans' benefits. He has launched a full-scale assault on our Constitutional protections in the name of national security. His war against Iraq serves as a cover for a war against working people here at home. War will bring neither democracy to Iraq nor security to us.

UNION YES WAR NO!

For more information, contact

US LABOR AGAINST THE WAR

info@uslaboragainstwar.org and visit www.uslaboragainstwar.org

