



**BRING THE  
TROOPS HOME  
NOW!**

**US/UK OUT OF IRAQ!**

**CANADA OUT OF  
AFGHANISTAN AND HAITI!**

**SELF-DETERMINATION FOR  
OPPRESSED NATIONS!**

**NO TO ATTACKS ON IRAN AND  
SYRIA!**

**END THE OCCUPATIONS OF IRAQ, PALESTINE,  
AFGHANISTAN, HAITI AND INDIGENOUS  
NATIONS IN CANADA!**

**MARCH & RALLY  
SATURDAY  
JULY 16<sup>th</sup>**

**VANCOUVER ART GALLERY  
(Robson St & Hornby St)  
3PM**

**END THE OCCUPATION NOW! US/UK OUT OF IRAQ!**

Since the US-led invasion in March of 2003, the occupation of Iraq has given nothing to the people of Iraq but war, death, and destruction delivered with the force of 160,000 occupying troops. On the one year anniversary of the US's "Handover of Power" that declared Iraq a so-called sovereign nation on June 30, 2004, people in Iraq are still without the promise of reliable electricity, sanitation, water supply—or air conditioning during a summertime that reaches 50 C in some areas. Unemployment for the Iraqi workforce floats between 40 and 60%, while Iraq's basic infrastructure of schools, hospitals, and residential districts have been bombed, raided, and destroyed. "Reconstruction" contracts have been auctioned off to US corporations and nothing has been rebuilt. More than 100,000 Iraqis have paid for the US style "freedom and democracy" with their lives.

In all forms of media, Iraq is now referred to constantly as a quagmire for the US. Chasing political, military and economic domination of the Middle East and the world against their imperialist rivals, the US has poured in billions of dollars and, as of June 2005, the lives of over 1,700 US soldiers. The problems created by the occupation have gotten only steadily worse and they have nothing to celebrate on the one year anniversary of the "handover of power" – just as they had nothing to show for the 2 year anniversary of the invasion. The Pentagon has officially reported that there are more than 6,000 US Army personnel who have deserted their posts in the occupation of Iraq, more than 150 "War Resister" US soldiers have come to Canada to seek refuge against being sent to Iraq and the army has entered a crisis of recruitment. The US war machine is showing cracks in its very foundation.

In response to the massive failures of the occupation of Iraq the US is continuing their maniacal war drive with a campaign of threats against Iran and Syria. Besides Iraq, this new era of war and occupation has meant the invasion and occupation of Afghanistan in 2001, Haiti in 2004, the continued occupation of Palestine and threats against oppressed countries in every continent in the world. Canadian imperialism has enthusiastically joined in this destruction and pillaging – supporting the invasion and occupation of Iraq through military cooperation and munitions contract profiteering, taking leadership in the occupation of Afghanistan and joining in both the overthrow of the democratically elected government and the brutal occupation of Haiti. This era of war and occupation is affecting (and taking) the lives of all people in the world.

**End the occupations! Self-Determination for all oppressed nations!**

In Vancouver, we are a part of a global struggle to build an anti-war, anti-occupation movement that is growing from the resistance in Iraq all the way to the US and Canada and everywhere in between. The struggle against war and occupation and for the self-determination of all oppressed nations is in the interests of poor and working people in all corners of the world. To drive back this era of war and occupation we must stand united in solidarity with Iraqis, Palestinians, Afghans, Haitians, and Indigenous people in Canada to demand an end to the occupation of all oppressed nations!

Join us in the streets on July 16<sup>th</sup> to demand: "US / UK OUT OF IRAQ! CANADA OUT OF AFGHANISTAN AND HAITI! NO TO ATTACKS ON IRAN AND SYRIA! SELF-DETERMINATION FOR ALL OPPRESSED NATIONS! BRING THE TROOPS HOME NOW!"

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