



23 September 2006 - Time to Go

Dear brothers and sisters,

RE: Trades Union support for the Manchester Peace March on 23rd September

The occupation of Iraq has been a total disaster for not only for the people of Iraq and the whole of the Middle East but also for the soldiers and their families who have died and been wounded in a war based on lies. Not content with the disaster they have created in Iraq, Bush and Blair have backed Israel's destruction of the Lebanon. Are they now planning an attack on oil rich Iran? The priorities of Bush and Blair are not the priorities of the majority of people in the UK and the US. We should be funding hospitals not war! At home the Trident nuclear weapons system is, we are told, to be updated at a cost of £25 billion. Never has the peace and anti nuclear movement been more needed.

The Stop the War Coalition and CND are organising a national demonstration to take place here in Manchester to coincide with Labour's annual conference headed by Tony Blair; who supported Bush in the attack on Iraq, in the face of millions who marched in opposition

Stop the War and CND will be helping to organise TU support for this important event for us in the North West. This is a unique opportunity for the TU movement. This will be a national demonstration on our doorstep. We need to take this opportunity to organise and mobilise for a very visible TU presence.

We are currently organising a speaking tour of Military Families Against the War in early September. Rose Gentle and Peter Brieley and others who have lost sons in Iraq and other military families are prepared to speak out. Tony Blair has refused to meet the Military Families Against the War. They deserve to be heard.

Please invite a speaker to your TU branch.

• Solidarity check list:

- Invite a speaker from Stop the War/CND to your meetings and conferences
- Organise workplace lunch time meetings
Support model resolution and add your name to the list of sponsors
- Bring your branch / TU banner to the march
- Make placards, join the banner making workshops
- Bring workmates family and friends
- Make a financial contribution. (pay 'GMAW', send to PO Box 111, Chorlton M21 0YU)

Visit our website for an update on current activities. Send us any messages of support from your branch, region, committee or workplace.

Help to Make Manchester the City of Peace and Justice.

Yours in Peace,

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The following national trade unions are affiliated to Stop the War Coalition:

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