

REPRESENT AND RESPOND!
National Call to Action
United for Peace and Justice Coalition
January 27, 28, and 29, 2003

On January 27 UN Weapons Inspectors will issue their initial findings on Iraq. We will be there to say NO TO WAR.

On January 28 George Bush will try to sell us war and tax cuts for the rich in his State of the Union address. We will be there to say NO TO WAR.

On January 29 people across the country will REPRESENT AND RESPOND!

People who care about building a world built on peace and justice must send a strong message to the Bush administration between Jan 27 and 29. National actions will take place in New York at the UN on Jan 27 as Blix delivers his speech and the following day citizens will gather to commemorate the "Sorry State of the Union" on the lawn in front of the U.S. Capitol. We encourage groups to plan their own local-flavored response to the State of the Union and Bush's call for war. The Peace movement needs to be visible and strong during the pivotal moment in world history. Please post your event at www.unitedforpeace.org

Monday, January 27

The eyes of the world will be on the United Nations when Chief UN Weapons Inspector Hans Blix delivers his report on Iraq to the United Nations. Regardless of the conclusions, the Bush Administration will try and find any excuse to invade Iraq to control the region's oil resources and widen the US global control.

UN Action:

- STOP THE WAR BEFORE IT STARTS! Weapons Inspections Begin at Home
Let the delegates to the UN hear that the world supports peace!
Time: 9:00am
Place: Isiah Wall in front of the United Nations
43rd street & 1st Ave.
New York, New York
For more info contact mobilize_un@ziplip.com
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- 4:00-6:30 p.m. Re-Convergence at the UN, Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, 47th and 1st Ave.,
Speak out and tell the world why you, your school and workplace oppose the war. Join Simon Harak, Jesuit priest who has traveled to Iraq many times; well known signers of the Not in Our Name Statement of Conscience, and many others. For more information: 212-969-8058 or email info@notinourname.net

Local Action Idea:

- Take the Hour to say, Not in Our Name will you wage war on Iraq! From noon to 1 p.m. on Jan 27 the Not in Our Name Project encourages everyone to stop business as usual on campuses, in workplaces and communities for debates, discussion and expressions of conscience against the war. Students will gather for debates and protests. Workplaces will be filled with discussion about the war. Shops will close, church bells will ring, radio stations will feature No War on Iraq call-ins that hour. Display the image of the globe in your window and fly it from flagpoles as a sign that you stand with the people of Iraq and the world. Make your voice heard.

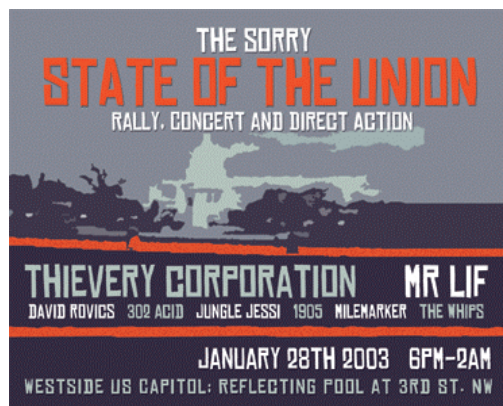
www.notinourname.net for ideas, information and updates.
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Tuesday, January 28

George Bush will offer his response to Blix’s report and chart a dangerous path for the U.S. in his annual State of the Union address. Bush’s speech will kick-off another year of gross violations of immigrant rights, tax cuts for the rich, continued calls to invade Iraq and further efforts to widen the U.S. global empire.

State of the Union Action:

- “The Sorry State of Our Union”
Time: 6pm-2am
Place: west side US Capitol; Reflecting Pool at 3rd St. NW
Washington, DC
Rally, Concert and Direct Action Will Challenge Bush’s State of The Union Performances by Thievery Corporation, Milemarker, Mr. Lif, 1905, David Rovics, The Whips, 302 Acid, Jungle Jessi and Funk DC. Speakers include an official response from members of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, the US Green Party, Reverend Billy of the Church of Stop Shopping and others to be announced.
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For more info go to <http://thecriticalmoment.org/union>

Wednesday, January 29- REPRESENT and RESPOND!

* United for Peace and Justice calls for local actions across the country to REPRESENT the majority of the world's people who support peace, who support justice, and who stand against war. Create your own local-flavored action to RESPOND to Bush's cries for war, to say no to attacks on immigrant rights, and to refuse more tax cuts for the rich. International ANSWER, Win Without War, the National Network to End the War in Iraq and other coalitions have also issued calls for decentralized anti-war protests on January 29th. With everyone organizing activities on this day we are expecting hundreds of actions

crying out against war!

What? Create a local action that fits for your community.

- Organize a Public Speak Out or press conference to respond to Bush
- Organize a call-in day to Congress or Bush on your campus
- Hold a peace vigil or interfaith prayer service
- Hold a house party or forum to discuss "The Real State of the Union"
- Hold a town hall meeting and invite elected officials. Ask public officials to provide a report on how much each taxpayer will pay for the war and what it will mean for local education, health care, and services for the poor
- Press your City Council to pass a resolution against the war (see www.citiesforpeace.org)
- Post a No War in Iraq sign in your window

WHERE? Wherever people gather in your community!

Head to your local peace vigil, emergency action, city council meeting, mayor's office, senator's office, congressperson's office, parish assembly, federal building, sporting event, shopping mall, Laundromat, mall, town square, campus student center, high school debating club, post office, gas station, barber shop, coffee shop... For more ideas go to www.endthewar.org

United for Peace and justice will coordinate national media outreach for the days of action so please POST YOUR EVENTS AT www.unitedforpeace.org