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Peace and Justice*

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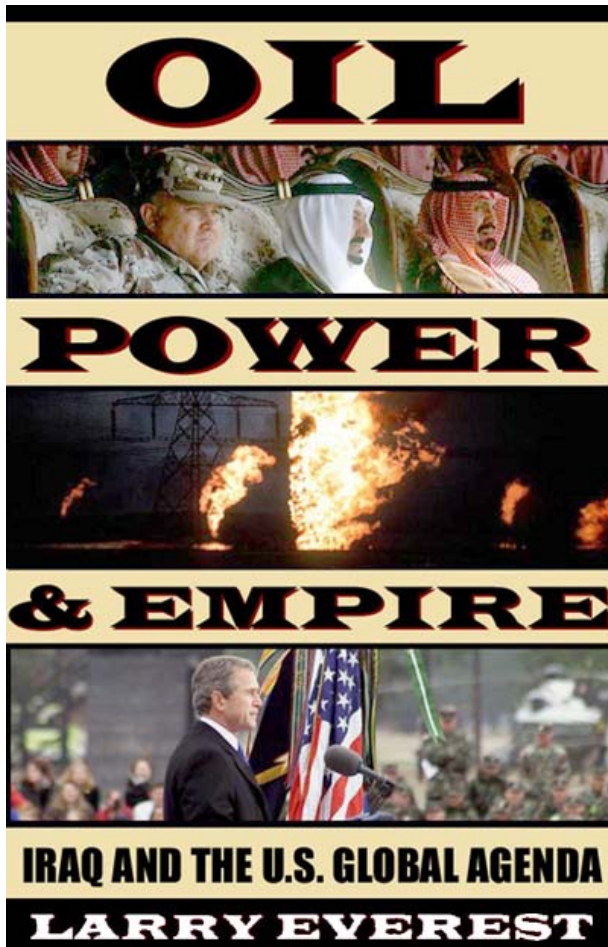
Author of the best selling book,

"OIL, POWER AND EMPIRE: IRAQ AND THE U.S. GLOBAL AGENDA"

will speak in San Jose

Wed, April 21st, 7:00 pm

First Unitarian Church, 160 North 3rd St., San Jose



**Why did the US invade
and occupy Iraq?**

**What is the global agenda
that drove the war?**

**How can we resist this
juggernaut of war and
repression?**

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**On the first anniversary of the U.S. bombing and invasion of Iraq,
We, the people of San Jose declare that:**

□ **The occupation of Iraq did not "liberate" the Iraqi people**

Tens of thousands of Iraqis have been killed, maimed for life, and rendered homeless as a result of the bombing and continuing U.S. military actions.

Schools, farms, hospitals, markets, homes, essential facilities, office buildings, restaurants, and precious historical monuments have been destroyed.

U.S. military checkpoints and door-to-door searches have humiliated and terrorized the Iraqi people. Hundreds languish in jails, and torture and abuse of Iraqi prisoners by U.S. troops have been reported. Unemployment soars, even as Iraqis suffer from unclean water and frequent power blackouts. Iraq's once excellent health care system is in ruins.

The Bush administration's plan to turn power over to a puppet regime while tens of thousands of U.S. troops remain in Iraq will perpetuate this misery and further violate Iraq's sovereignty.

□ **The real aim of the Bush administration's rush to war was taking control of Iraq's oil wealth for the benefit of corporate interests**

U.S. industry is in a long-term decline. More and more production and services are outsourced abroad causing the U.S. trade deficit to soar and the dollar to weaken.

Economic decline undercuts the overwhelming superiority of the U.S. military and dominant world position of U.S. big business. A collapse of the dollar, the world's main reserve currency, could trigger a major global crisis according to a recent warning from the IMF.

The architects of the Bush administration's Iraq war gamble want Lockheed Martin, Exxon-Mobil, Halliburton, and other parts of the military-industrial complex to benefit — and they are! But the larger aim is to counter the long-term decline of the U.S. Empire.

Even though Iraq's government had nothing to do with 9-11, the Bush administration used it as an excuse to launch an all-out attack on Iraq to expand their control over Iraq's oil wealth for the benefit of corporate interests.

□ **U.S. war aims in the Middle East benefit big corporations, not the people**

In addition to the Iraqi casualties, almost 600 American, British and other soldiers have been killed in Iraq. There have been more than 2,500 serious injuries, and more than 11,000 medical evacuations. Many others have been killed and wounded in Afghanistan. These are not casualties of a "war on terrorism" but rather wars of conquest that are likely to provoke more 9/11s.

Civil liberties are also under attack in this country, as part of the "war on terrorism."

We know that today the world has the scientific knowledge and technology to change society for the better. We have a particular responsibility to ensure that this high technology is used for the right reasons — to end hunger and homelessness at home and abroad — to ensure equal opportunity for all the children of this planet. Instead, this war and occupation — along with tax cuts for the wealthy — has led to a huge federal deficit and budget cutbacks that are negatively impacting schools, health-care facilities, and other social services throughout the U.S.

□ **We must unite to END OCCUPATIONS and BRING THE TROOPS HOME NOW**

Israel's occupation of Palestine has led to endless war and racist injustices. The total cost of U.S. support of Israel since 1973 to present is **\$1.688 trillion**. U.S. tax dollars to Israel pay for their use of high-tech weapons, made by the U.S. military-industrial complex, to kill more than 4000 Palestinian civilians, and to demolish almost 9000 Palestinian homes. The U.S.-British occupation of Iraq is producing the same result on a larger scale that cost U.S. Tax payers more than **\$400 Billion**. **Imagine how many schools, hospitals, universities, Jobs, and houses the American people can create with this money!** The people of the world & San Jose are opposed to the occupation of Iraq and Palestine. We must unite to:

End occupations of Iraq & Palestine. End spending money for WAR! Bring the troops home now!