

Not one cent more For occupation and war!



"From the pavement I could see into the bullet-mottled windshield more clearly, the driver of the car, a man, was penetrated by so many bullets that his skull had collapsed, leaving his body grotesquely disfigured. A woman also lay dead in the front, still covered in her Muslim clothing and harder to see.

Meanwhile, the children continued to wail and scream, huddled against a wall, sandwiched between soldiers either binding their wounds or trying to comfort them. The Army's translator later told me that this was a Turkoman family and that the teenaged girl kept shouting, "Why did they shoot us? We have no weapons! We were just going home!"

When it was over, this little girl and her five brothers and sisters were orphans, the blood of their parents splattered all over them.

How many more stories like this will it take before the American people say with one voice:

Out Now!

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George Bush wants the Congress to allocate another \$80 billion dollars for the war and occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan. It's too late for this little girl, her body splattered with the blood of her parents, gunned down by American troops as she and her five brothers and sisters watched in horror. Don't let it be too late for another little Iraqi or Afghan girl. ***Tell Congress - Not one cent more for occupation and war!***

The cost of war? \$3 billion for the Peninsula/South Bay area alone!

By the end of this year, if this appropriation is approved, the U.S. will have spent just under \$300 billion of our money on these wars - \$1000 for every man, woman, and child in the United States. *The people of San Jose will have spent just under \$1 billion fighting and killing the people of Iraq and Afghanistan.* For Santa Clara County as a whole, the figure is nearly \$2 billion. For San Mateo County, another \$1 billion. That's \$3 billion the people of just our immediate area have been forced to spend to support illegal, unprovoked, immoral wars and occupations that have killed thousands of innocent Afghans and tens of thousands of Iraqis, resulted in the deaths of nearly 2000 Americans and people from allied nations, and permanently injured ten times as many people. And that \$3 billion doesn't even include the cost of medical care for America's injured veterans, a cost we'll be bearing for the rest of their lives in many cases.

Social services are being slashed

And this at a time when hospitals, schools, and other social services are being slashed at home. San Jose Medical Center closed in December for want of a few million dollars - the amount the U.S. is spending on war in less than a day. All over the Bay Area, schools are closing and services are being cut, and when we look at George Bush's proposed budget, it's going to get worse. Housing? Medical care for veterans? Food stamps and other forms of aid for the poor? The politicians say "we can't afford it." Why can't we afford these things in the richest country in the world? It's because we are spending somewhere between \$400 and \$800 billion (depending on how you count) for war *every year*. It's time to say - *No Mas!*

It's up to us to say NO!

24 members of Congress, led by Rep. Lynn Woolsey from Sonoma, have filed a resolution calling for an immediate withdrawal from Iraq. Sadly, no Congressperson representing the Peninsula or San Jose - not Barbara Boxer nor Dianne Feinstein, and not Anna Eshoo or Mike Honda or Zoe Lofgren - has yet signed on as co-sponsors of this resolution.

Here's what you can do today: Write or email your Senators (go to http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm) and Representative (go to <http://www.house.gov/writerep/>). Tell them to co-sponsor Woolsey's resolution, and tell them to vote NO on the \$80 billion appropriation. Tell them ***Not one cent more for occupation and war!***

Here's what you can do on March 20: *Come out and join us in the streets of San Jose!* Let the people of San Jose, and the Bay Area, and the world, see that the people of the Peninsula and South Bay areas oppose this war, and demand that the troops come home from Iraq and Afghanistan *now*, and that this country spend money on education, health care, mass transportation, housing, and other human needs - not on war.

STOP THE WAR!

Peninsula/South Bay Regional March and Rally in San Jose, Sunday, March 20

1:30 p.m. at San Jose Diridon Train Station (take the Peace Train), 3:00 p.m. at Plaza de Cesar Chavez