

Ottawa, April 12, 2003

Today, we join millions worldwide

(the “2nd superpower”) who won’t be misled into war and hatred.

! Public outcry caused a “dramatic shift in policy” (1). We forced the **Canadian government** to disavow the war even though it quietly continues to assist the war effort. Now there is pressure on the Liberals to publicly fall back in line behind the U.S.

! The vast majority of people around the world know this invasion is immoral and illegal. Only a few governments, notably the **British**, defied their own populations and joined the attack.

! The U.S. ambassador tells us “Canada provides more support for this war in Iraq indirectly than most of the countries that are fully supporting it.” (2) Canada is the third largest contributor to the U.S. led war, behind only Britain and Australia. **Canadian Defence Department** involvement includes exchange troops, war planners, surveillance of Iraq and protecting U.S. aircraft carriers. (3) Meanwhile, Canadian companies sell over \$1 billion in military goods to the U.S. annually.

! The **Bush administration** is issuing new threats and looking forward to their next invasion. (4) We will not be silent when death rains down on cities. Not this war. Not the next war. Not ever!

We demand the Canadian Government:

End direct and indirect support for the invasion and occupation of Iraq.

Stand firmly, promptly and unambiguously against all wars of aggression.

Withdraw our troops and military equipment from Iraq and the Persian Gulf.

Ban military exports to countries at war, including the USA.

What you can do:

Call the Canadian Government’s toll free *Iraq Inquiry Line* at 1-866-880-4378 and tell them how you feel.

E-mail Prime Minister Jean Chrétien pm@pm.gc.ca and Foreign Affairs Minister Bill Graham graham.b@parl.gc.ca

Write letters to the editor, call radio talk shows. Send your opinion to media outlets’ web and e-mail addresses.

Keep on coming to peace events. Create your own.

Organize a peace group and actions in your school.

Talk to friends, family, neighbours, co-workers and classmates.

Vote for parties and candidates who clearly stand for peace.

Join us. Visit our web sites for upcoming meetings and events and how to get involved.

Organized by:

Committee for Peace in Iraq

Le rassemblement Outaouais contre la guerre

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References

1. Canada will not join in a war against Iraq that does not have new authorization from the UN Security Council, Prime Minister Jean Chretien announced Monday in a dramatic shift in policy. - Tom Hanson, Canadian Press, March 17, 2003
2. Ottawa Citizen, March 26, 2003 report on ambassador Paul Cellucci's speech to the Economic Club of Toronto.
3. "Who says we're not at war?" - Richard Sanders, Globe and Mail, March 31, 2003 - Page A15. Vancouver Sun "Canadian industry goes to war" March 28, 2003.
4. Former CIA Director James Woolsey has been named in news reports as a possible candidate for a key position in the reconstruction of a postwar Iraq. He said the new war is actually against three enemies: the religious rulers of Iran, the "fascists" of Iraq and Syria, and Islamic extremists like al Qaeda. Singling out Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and the leaders of Saudi Arabia, he said, "We want you nervous. We want you to realize now, for the fourth time in a hundred years, this country and its allies are on the march"

<http://www.cnn.com/2003/US/04/03/sprj.irq.woolsey.world.war/index.html>

"We consider such trafficking as hostile acts and will hold the Syrian government accountable for such shipments," Defence Secretary Rumsfeld said at a Pentagon briefing. Rumsfeld also warned Iran -- a longtime enemy of Iraq.

<http://www.cnn.com/2003/US/03/28/sprj.irq.pentagon.syria/index.html>