

On the 2nd anniversary of the war on Iraq, Chicago will again join the world in saying...

# BRING THE TROOPS HOME NOW!



A March and Rally for Civil Liberties at Home  
and Self-Determination Abroad

## Saturday • March 19

The U.S. government uses our tax dollars to bankroll occupations in Iraq, Palestine and Afghanistan, threaten military intervention against Iran and Syria, support right-wing regimes in countries that include Colombia and Haiti, and overthrow the governments of Venezuela and Cuba. The hundreds of billions of dollars our government spends on war and occupation could instead fund affordable health care, housing, education, social security, public transportation and a host of other social and economic needs right here at home.

Send the government a message. Join us on March 19.

- We are currently battling for our constitutional rights to free speech and public assembly, and are seeking legal action to force the City of Chicago to honor our right to assemble and march according to the scenario proposed below:

**Noon March:** Assemble Oak St. between Michigan & Rush [proposed]

**2 PM Rally:** Federal Plaza, Adams & Dearborn St., Chicago

- With feeder marches across the city
- For more info and updates email [ccawr@aol.com](mailto:ccawr@aol.com) or call **773-209-1187**.

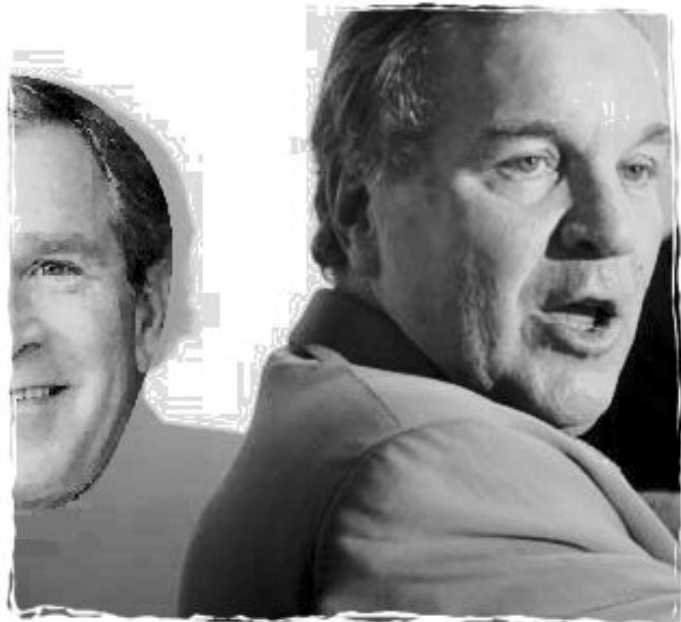
**Organized by the March 19 Chicago Coalition.**

**Endorsers List:** ( in Formation) American Friends Service Committee; A.N.S.W.E.R. Coalition - Chicago; Arab American Action Network; Chicago Coalition Against War & Racism; Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights; Chicago Democratic Socialists of America; Chicagoans Against War & Injustice; Chicagoland Anarchist Network; Education Not Empire; Freedom Road Socialist Organization; Gay Liberation Network; HammerHard MediaWorks; Hyde Park Committee Against War & Racism; Illinois Peace Action; International Socialist Organization; International Solidarity Movement-Chicago chapter; National Lawyers Guild; Nicaragua Solidarity Committee; Oak Park Coalition for Truth and Justice; Palestine Solidarity Group; Party for Socialism and Liberation; Peace Pledge Chicago; Progressive Democrats of Illinois; Queer and Trans Anarchist Caucus; Social Action Committee of Third Unitarian Church; Students Against Militarization of Youth; Students for Social Justice • Labor Donated

# They can try to disperse us – but they cannot silence us!

If you are ordered by the Chicago police to disperse from this area while you are trying to exercise your constitutional right to freedom of speech, you could be threatened with arrest if you don't comply.

But don't go home... take these flyers and hand them out to people as you make your way to the Federal Plaza at Dearborn and Adams for a 2pm rally against the war and occupation of Iraq!



## Stand Up for Civil Liberties at Home and Self-Determination Abroad!

**2 PM • Saturday • March 19 • Federal Plaza • Adams & Dearborn St.**

According to Chicago mayor Richard Daley, the police department, and a federal judge, peace activists have no protected constitutional right to free speech or public assembly along Michigan Avenue — one of the City's busiest streets and a powerful venue to take our anti-war message directly to the people.

Since the City has refused to grant anti-war activists a permit to rally and march on Michigan Avenue south to a legal, permitted rally at the Federal Plaza — even though the City allows both commercial groups and the Chicago police to parade along this route each year — if you elect to leave the area, we'd urge you to consider taking these leaflets and hand them out to passersby as you travel to today's permitted 2pm rally at the Federal Plaza, at Dearborn and Adams in the south Loop.

We think the federal judge got it wrong. While

the U.S. government applauds people in places from Kiev to Beirut for demonstrating in prominent streets and squares, our own government and police department is using our tax dollars to thwart peaceful political expression in prominent public places right here at home.

Over the years, federal courts have gotten other constitutional questions wrong, as well. Federal judges have ruled that it was 'legal' for government authorities to deny women and people of color the right to vote, to enforce racial segregation, and to prevent people from organizing in unions.

City Ordinance 10-8-330 regulates 'parades' and 'public assembly' — and effectively allows officials to impose "No Free Speech Zones" wherever they choose by denying parade and march permits at their discretion. This law must be changed, an important

part of the battle to exercise our constitutional rights to freedom of speech and freedom of assembly along a prominent public way. We hope you join us in this battle.

Ordinance 10-8-330 does not completely bar people from walking on the sidewalk, handing out flyers — and even protesting! The Ordinance says: (a) (2) "Public assembly" means (i) a company of persons which is reasonably anticipated to obstruct the normal flow of traffic upon the public way and that is collected together in one place, or (ii) any organized march or procession of persons upon any public sidewalk that is reasonably anticipated to obstruct the normal flow of pedestrian traffic on the public way, but which does not meet the [Ordinance's] definition of parade. The Ordinance does NOT bar actions that do not obstruct pedestrians and traffic.

**Thank you for having the courage to publicly voice your opposition to the war in Iraq.**

# What the government doesn't want you to know:



## The real cost of the war in Iraq

### Lives:

Dead U.S. personnel:	over 1,500
Dead Iraqis:	18,500 - 100,000, according to some estimates
Maimed/disabled U.S. personnel:	tens of thousands
Maimed and disabled Iraqis:	unknown

Plus government attacks on immigrants, civil liberties, funding for health care, housing, education, public transportation [including the CTA] – and the host of other human needs these war dollars could be supporting instead.

### Dollars:

Illinois	\$11.1 billion
Chicago	\$2.1 billion
Oak Park	\$59.4 million
DuPage County	\$1.2 billion
Nationwide	\$207.5 billion



**We can stop this war and end this madness – if we organize and fight.**

For more info about hooking up with area peace groups, email [chicagoactions@ameritech.net](mailto:chicagoactions@ameritech.net) or call 773-209-1187.