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This Monday marks the eleventh anniversary of the US invasion of Iraq—a solemn punctuation mark to the steadily increasing violence that has gripped that country over the past two years. Sectarian violence claimed more than 8,000 Iraqis in 2013 alone, and this year’s toll has already surpassed 2,000. Iraq today is a broken and failing state: the war that many would prefer to believe ended in 2011 continues unabated, with Iraqis continuing to suffer, as much as ever, the fallout from this country’s callous lies and avoidable mistakes.

The Bush Administration has launched a war against Iraq, a war that is unnecessary, unwise and illegal. By attacking a nation that has not attacked us and that does not pose an immediate threat to international peace and security, the Administration has violated the United Nations Charter and opened a new and shameful chapter in US history .... http://www.thenation.com

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SHOCKED BUT NOT SURPRISED
Dick Bennett, UA March 4, 2003, Anti-War Rally

We are shocked but not surprised.

I. From 1945 to the end of the last century, the United States attempted to overthrow more than 40 foreign governments, and to crush more than 30 populist-nationalist movements. From Eisenhower’s CIA overthrowing the elected president of Guatemala in 1954, to Bush One’s armed forces overthrowing the dictator of Panama, the US caused the deaths of several million people, and condemned many millions more to a life of agony and despair. The real history of the U.S. is very different from the self-serving public relations patriotism of our presidents.

And now Iraq. Pres. Bush’s invasion is part of the long history of US invasions I have just described. And it was planned three decades ago. This war against Iraq is not about disarming Iraq, not about weapons of mass destruction: after 12 years of inspections, bombings, spying, aerial surveillance, our leaders don’t have a clue as to the weapons’ existence. Nor is it about terrorism. Saddam Hussein had no connection with Osama bin Laden and the 9-11 bombings. Nor is the invasion to protect the US or Iraq’s neighbors. Iraq did use chemical warfare against Iran and its Kurds, but during the past 12 years, Iraq has not threatened, much less attacked anyone, while the U.S. has attacked Sudan, Somalia, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Yugoslavia.

The only leader threatening the world with nuclear weapons and pre-emptive attack is George W. Bush.

What the invasion is about, is the U. S. dominating the Middle East and its oil resources.

II. But I think you know this. So now we are asking, what should we do about it? What should we do? And here we are. We are showing our government our disapproval in this nonviolent, democratic way.

What else can we do?

First, We are supporting our troops. We are trying to prevent the Bush administration from sacrificing their lives and the lives of innocent Iraqis. We do not believe anyone should die because some fanatics who have gained power over our government want to control the world. Speaking directly to the troops and opposing the false patriotism of war have only barely been explored by us.

Second, We are supporting international law and the United Nations. The US was a founder of the UN. It has been extraordinarily useful to the international community and to the U. S. as a forum for debate, to solve problems, and to serve humanity. Yet many US leaders have undermined the UN. The US has opposed many treaties desired by the majority of nations of the world: for example, the Kyoto Treaty, the International Criminal Court., and the International Land Mine Treaty. The UN and international law are not the villain here.

We are rightly shocked at our government’s plans to invade yet another country, but our lack of surprise, our foreknowledge, strengthens us for the long struggle ahead to find leaders who respect good laws and do not want to kill.
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