STOP THE CARNAGE

As students we are in a position of having greater access to information and debate about what is really happening in the Gulf and questioning what the mainstream media is doing out in terms of propaganda. We often have access to our own alternative media where these issues can be raised. We are in the position of having the resources and capability to organise and mobilise around certain issues and impact on the decisions of Governments and other bodies. Along with this we should also recognize a responsibility to share our knowledge and resources with the wider community. Students have always played an active role in the Peace and other social justice movements for many of these reasons.

Since the invasion of Kuwait students have been active in building an anti-war movement to end Australia’s military involvement in the Gulf. Over the holidays as the threat of war drew near, existing anti-war campus groups, individuals and progressive organisations such as the Monticello Greens, Left Alliance, Resistance, ISO and Left Labor Students organised themselves into an inter-campus network against the war. At the first meeting, the group called itself Students United Against War and shortly before the January 15th “deadline” a joint statement was issued endorsed by Campus Presidents from across Victoria calling for a non-military solution to the crisis in the Gulf, the return of Australia’s military contingent and a promise to continue to struggle for peace until our demands are met.

Since that time Students United Against War has been meeting, organising and playing an active role in the anti-war movement, such as the mass rallies, the vigil, a teach-in, forging links with peace movements overseas and the production of posters, leaflets and a newsletter (SUAW news). SUAW is committed to working for truth in the media, fighting the anti-Arab racism in Australia which has escalated around the Gulf War, and attempting to make an educative and productive contribution to the wider peace movement.

SUAW Charter of Aims

- actively campaign amongst students against the war in the Gulf;
- campaign for the withdrawal of foreign forces in the Gulf and an end to Australian military intervention in the region;
- campaign against anti-Arab racism;
- campaign for the de-militarisation of Australia and the world;
- promote the self-determination of the Palestinian and Kurdish peoples;
- campaign for the withdrawal of foreign bases in Australia;
- campaign for an education system which promotes a sustainable and just peace, not one which provides the technologies, ideologies and professions of militarism.

In the words of a student speaker at a recent anti-war rally:

“Students United Against War cannot separate the issues of peace and justice. It cannot and will not condone the use of force to reinstate greedy oil-obsessed Governments in lands that have been artificially created, divided and consequently war-torn. Students of Australia demand peace, justice, democracy, education and adequate health and housing for all. War cannot provide this… We are appalled at the lack of true education for our children and youth about the Gulf and we issue a warning to the Australian Government that the students in this country will not by any means lie down and take this stupidity.”

Don’t take this war lying down! Make this warning a reality. Participate in the Students Rally on March 13th.

Call for a ceasefire in the Gulf and oppose Australian military expansion and research for war on our campuses. Participate in anti-war activities on and off your campus, join your anti-war campus group or if none does exist contact Students United Against War. Only through working together can we ensure peace through justice in the Gulf, in Australia and throughout the world.

Students United Against War
**Peace Press**

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**Teaching War**

In this world, there is a constant struggle between good and evil. The goal of teaching war is to prepare for the inevitable conflict. The United States has a strong military presence and is often involved in conflicts around the world. The American military is trained to fight and to protect its citizens. The United States is a major military power, and its military strategy is focused on maintaining stability and preventing conflicts. The American military has been involved in conflicts in the Middle East, Asia, and Europe, among other regions. The American military has a strong presence in these areas, and it is often involved in peacekeeping missions and anti-terrorist operations. The American military is also involved in efforts to promote stability and encourage economic development in these regions.

**Women and War**

Women and war are two of the most important issues in modern society. Women have been involved in the military in various capacities, from military support personnel to combat soldiers. The role of women in the military has been a topic of debate and controversy, with some people arguing that women are not as suitable for combat as men. However, women have been shown to be just as capable as men in these roles. Women have also been involved in peacekeeping missions and anti-terrorist operations. The United States is a major military power, and its military strategy is focused on maintaining stability and preventing conflicts. The American military has been involved in conflicts in the Middle East, Asia, and Europe, among other regions. The American military has a strong presence in these areas, and it is often involved in peacekeeping missions and anti-terrorist operations. The American military is also involved in efforts to promote stability and encourage economic development in these regions.

**Racism**

Racism is a complex issue that affects people of all races and ethnicities. It is a form of discrimination that is based on race or ethnicity. Racism can be systemic, institutional, or personal. Systemic racism is based on the structures and systems of society, such as the criminal justice system, education, and employment. Institutional racism is based on the policies and practices of institutions, such as schools and workplaces. Personal racism is based on individual attitudes and beliefs. Racism can have a significant impact on people's lives, and it can lead to discrimination, prejudice, and violence. The United States is a major military power, and its military strategy is focused on maintaining stability and preventing conflicts. The American military has been involved in conflicts in the Middle East, Asia, and Europe, among other regions. The American military has a strong presence in these areas, and it is often involved in peacekeeping missions and anti-terrorist operations. The American military is also involved in efforts to promote stability and encourage economic development in these regions.

**Palestine**

Palestine is a region that has been a source of conflict for many years. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict has been ongoing for decades, and it has claimed thousands of lives. The conflict is based on the dispute over the land that was occupied by the Israelis during the 1967 war. The Palestinian people have been seeking their own state for many years, but their efforts have been met with resistance from the Israelis. The United States is a major military power, and its military strategy is focused on maintaining stability and preventing conflicts. The American military has been involved in conflicts in the Middle East, Asia, and Europe, among other regions. The American military has a strong presence in these areas, and it is often involved in peacekeeping missions and anti-terrorist operations. The American military is also involved in efforts to promote stability and encourage economic development in these regions.
** Rally 
Wednesday 13 March 1 pm — Parliament House
March through city to Arms Company, followed by peace festival in park by St Kilda Rd

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**Facts on the War**

"We have our opinions on the Arab-Arab disputes, like your own with Kuwaiti. Our instructions are to remain on the sidelines. James Baker has instructed our spokesmen to emphasise this instruction."


**Blood for Oil**

- After three weeks of war, estimated 300,000 dead.
- The US exporting 49% and Europe 36% are dependent on oil imports. Over half comes from the Middle East.
- Gulf oil is the cheapest in the world.
- The Western powers are oil exporters. The loss of oil to the world's population, but uses over 10% of its oil production. It uses twice the energy per person than the US.
- 94% of this oil is used in industry, transport, manufacturing, Western corporations export oil to keep oil prices high.
- Kuwait's production has been almost covered. Early price rises were pointed to as speculation as who would control oil's price.
- The world is at war under the battlefield.

**Current Competition**

- The Mako, the Javelin, the Tomahawk, the Standard of California, HP and Shell. All seven appear in the list of the largest corporations in the world.
- They control 4% of oil production, 57% of refining, and 60% of the world's tanker fleet.
- All profits and dividends of the world's major banks to major industrial companies. Many, such as Ricoh and Matsushita, are closely tied to the Pentagon's fuel orders.
- Although real oil prices are lower than in 1967, the profits of "The Majors" have increased from 5.5% (in 1967) to 25% (in 1983), and it is estimated that for each 1%, that goes to the producer, 90% goes to the distributor.

**What's on**

- Stop the War on Women: International Women's Day Rally and March. Speakers from GLAD, Secondary Students Against the Gulf War, Real raped Reparation Group and the Kosovar and Arab communities. Sat March 9. 1pm outside Parliament House. "War is Women's work."
- Second Direct Action Against Gulf War. Gun March, Sunday Feb 19, 10am to 3pm, City. Issued by Peace, Anti-militarist Women in the Middle East.
- Israeli-Zionists and the Palestinians: NSC public meeting, Mon Feb 19, 6:30pm, First Floor, 328 Flinders St.
- The Gulf Crisis: public meeting. Mon Feb 19, 6:30pm, Toorak Library, Toorak, Vic. Issued by Organisers.
- A Walk in the Middle East: the New World Order, Monday, 11am. Take a walk, 5 min. Melbourne "The Majors" have started a New World Order.
- Network for Peace in the Middle East general meeting. Every Sun, 2pm, 75 St, Fitzroy. Phone 415 7310.
- Melbourne University Students Against the Gulf War general meeting. Every Mon, 6pm, 100 University St, Melbourne, Phone 334 8934.
- Melbourne University Students Against the Gulf War public meeting. Every Wed, 6pm, 100 University St, Melbourne, Phone 334 8934.
- Monash Greens. Every Thurs. Phone 327 4830.
- Women's Day Collective. Every Thurs. Phone 327 4830.
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**DEMAND**

- No military research on campuses
- No Australian military expansion
- Cease fire now!
- No US military bases in Australia
- Withdrawal of Australia's forces from the Gulf