

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

5/6/08

(Standup Week 156)

Tuesday, 6pm–7pm

Why are we in Iraq?

Not because of weapons of mass destruction.

Not because Iraq was involved in 9/11.

Not because Iraq was a threat to our national security.

What have we gotten?

US military dead: 4,066 US military wounded: 29,911

Iraqi civilians killed: 90,897* Money spent on war: \$526 billion

Who are we?

Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War has pledged to “Stand Up” until the war ends and the troops come home safely.

Every Tuesday evening at 6 pm (rain or shine), **Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War** assembles on the northwest corner of 8th Avenue and 24th Street to facilitate “**Chelsea Stands Up Against the War,**” a community protest against the war in Iraq.

We carry banners, signs, and candles as we gather for one hour each week to protest the war in Iraq. We distribute this newsletter, peace buttons, collect signatures on petitions and speak with our neighbors about the need to end war in Iraq. The **Stand Up** make a dramatic statement to passing vehicular traffic on 8th avenue.

Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War is an all-volunteer organization that wants to build the broadest possible neighborhood consensus. With that goal in mind, the organization is open to all and functions by consensus.

Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War is not formally affiliated with any other organization but is willing to work with all groups and individuals who are committed to ending this illegal and immoral war fought by our fellow citizens, paid for with our tax dollars, and prosecuted in our name.

*The recent Johns Hopkins/Lancet report places the figure at 655,000+



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Longshoremen Shut Ports to Protest War

By Bob Martin & Kate Abell

Hats off to the West Coast longshoremen! They celebrated May Day with a one-day, one-shift work stoppage in protest of the Iraq war that shut down ports on the West Coast.

“We’re loyal to America, and we won’t stand by while our country, our troops and our economy are being destroyed by a war that’s bankrupting us,” said Bob Ellrath, president of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union. “It’s time to stand up, and we’re doing our part today.”

About 6,000 workers joined the work stoppage, which was enough to shut down several ports. Dock workers were joined by other unions and groups protesting the war and economic issues and immigration policies. Truckers who are angry about high gas prices refused to cross picket lines and waited until the protest was over to make deliveries.

The director of Longshore Local 13’s political action committee, Kevin Schroeder, said, “The children of middle-class people are over there dying, so we decided to do something. We are fortunate enough to be in an organization that has a platform to do something.”

Contrast the decisive approach of the longshoremen with our Congress, which has simply been unable to deliver on the mandate of the American people to stop the war. As the NY Times said last week, “All Congress seems capable of is hand-wringing.” The longshoremen’s war protest shows that it is possible to take effective action against this horrible war, and they are to be congratulated.



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