

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

11/27/07

(Standup Week 133)

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: 3,876 US military wounded: 28,530

Iraqi civilians killed: 84,244* Money spent on war: \$480 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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STOP THE AMERICAN MISSILE BASE IN CZECH REPUBLIC

By Randy Petsche

On November 16, 2007, a group of noted American peace activists delivered a statement to the Czech Ambassador to the United Nations urging his government to withdraw its support for an anti-missile system on Czech soil. The letter expresses support for the widespread opposition in Europe to this system and makes a number of important points:

“We are here today to declare our solidarity with tomorrow’s protest by the No Base Initiative, in the Czech Republic, where demonstrations will take place against the plans of the Czech government to host the radar for a U.S. anti-missile system.”

“Polls have shown that a significant majority of people in the Czech Republic oppose the U. S. military facilities but the Czech government is flagrantly ignoring public opinion...,” the statement said.

“The proposed new U. S. base in the Czech Republic and related interceptor missiles to be based in Poland mark a dangerous escalation.... Although it is described as “defensive,” in reality it will allow the United States to attack other countries without fear of retaliation....

“Washington claims that the new facilities in Poland and Czech Republic are designed to respond to a missile threat from Iran, but there is no credible evidence that such a threat exists today.”

The letter stated that, “As Americans we have a particular moral responsibility to speak out. U. S. bases threaten the world. This vast network [nearly 1,000 overseas bases] supports a foreign policy of military interventions and global intimidation.”

“We are inspired by the principled actions of the people of the Czech Republic who are taking to the streets to resist the steps toward a new Cold War....”

The statement was signed by representatives of United for Peace

and Justice, Campaign for Peace and Democracy and Peace Action, among others.



Photo by Ian Zlatkin

Representative Jerrold Nadler (8th CD), who represents Chelsea in Congress, joined the Stand Up on 12/19/06.