

Call for teach-in to stop war in the Gulf

The Schiller Institute and the Food for Peace organization issued the following call Nov. 11 for a national anti-war teach-in to be held in Chicago, Illinois on Dec. 15-16.

The United States is heading into a war in the Gulf which could break out at any moment. Such a war will obliterate whole nations causing mass deaths and destruction. The promise of the freedom movements in Eastern Europe would be smashed through a war which will destroy the economies of Europe. Worse, as it spreads throughout the region and spills into the southern republics of the Soviet Union, it could lead to World War III. This is insane.

Behind the threatened outbreak of war is a decades-long policy commitment of a degenerate Anglo-American financial elite which has corrupted our institutions of government. It has nothing to do with the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. Anglo-American policymakers have created an economic depression by diverting resources out of production for the last 25 years to benefit private speculative financial interests. Today, the U.S. is left with the ruins of an economy which is daily creating masses of homeless, unemployed, and desperate people. . . . This degenerate elite has determined since at least the 1982 war over the Malvinas Islands to create a "new world order." They mean to use the military might of the United States to grab the world's raw materials, oil, and strategic minerals, and to gain control over food supplies. To accomplish this, NATO is to be deployed in military operations to seize control of the raw materials and strategic minerals in the

developing sector. An added feature of this policy commitment is to start wars which will kill off darker-skinned peoples for "population control." . . .

In the name of free trade, these imperialists are attempting to eliminate national sovereignty over food through the U.N.-sponsored GATT talks now ongoing in Geneva. What is being discussed at these talks is nothing less than the destruction of the world's food supplies by forcing governments to stop supporting the family farmer.

Since the last Food for Peace conference one year ago, mankind has taken a major step forward. On Nov. 9, 1989, the Berlin Wall came down. This brought the world new hope. As foreseen by the economist and imprisoned political leader Lyndon LaRouche, the economic breakdown in the communist economies unleashed revolutionary processes throughout the world. A similar breakdown is now occurring in North America, which means that "freedom movements" will break out here and other parts of the globe. The hopes of these freedom movements must be realized through economic reconstruction. This means we must mobilize for an economic recovery in the United States so that we can not only help the newly freed nations of the East, but alleviate the poverty here in the United States, in the Gulf, and other parts of the developing sector. The alternative is mass starvation and war.

Come to the Anti-War Conference. . . . An anti-war strategy will be discussed based on the principles of peace through development. A new political alliance must be forged drawing upon the lessons of the Eastern Europe freedom movements and the American civil rights struggle. The conference will be held in the form of teach-ins on the causes and solutions to the present crises: the path to war in the Middle East; who's to blame; the GATT talks and the worldwide collapse of agriculture; and perspectives for economic development through great infrastructure projects throughout the world.

a collective security system working. It breaks the heart."

The day before, Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.), chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, told CBS's "Face the Nation": "The last thing we need is to have a war over there, a bloody war, and have American boys being brought back in body bags and yet not have the American people behind them. . . . The President has a real obligation to explain why liberating Kuwait is in our vital interests."

Amidst demands from some quarters that Congress reconvene to debate U.S. policy in the Gulf, the leaders of Congress's Foreign Affairs and Armed Services Committees have announced that they will hold hearings in the near future. How seriously they will attempt to deter war in the Mideast remains to be seen.

America's Roman Catholic Bishops have added a new element to the burgeoning anti-war movement in the churches. At their annual convention in Washington the week of Nov. 12, the bishops voted overwhelmingly to endorse a letter which Archbishop Roger Mahony of Los Angeles sent to Secretary of State James Baker urging diplomatic means to solve the Gulf crisis.

Mahony's letter, which posed the question of whether a Gulf conflict would fit the Augustinian definition of a "just war," was similar to one which Archbishop Basil Hume wrote to the Nov. 8 London *Times*, arguing that, "It would be wrong . . . to abort any constructive, internationally supported initiative by embarking prematurely on a military strike."

Many bishops said that Mahony's letter wasn't strong