

“Hate cannot drown out hate; only love can do that.” – Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mass, Silent Sit-in at the War Dept., Ottawa

Surround the War Dept. with the Power of Love on Valentine’s Day, Friday, February 14, Morning Rush hour

- ◆ Stop the War Against the people of Iraq.
- ◆ Bring Canadian troops home now.

- ◆ Full medical/financial compensation for veterans of the 1991 war against Iraq.
- ◆ Turn the War Dept. into the Housing Dept.

Buses leave for Ottawa Thurs. Feb. 13, return late Fri. Feb 14.

Bus tickets \$40 return*, includes accommodation/meals. To book a seat call: Toronto: (416) 651-5800, Hamilton: (905) 627-2696 (affinity groups are forming in Guelph, K-W and London too). Sponsored by Homes not Bombs, tasc@web.ca, hasc@tao.ca

*If you can’t make it but would like to subsidize a bus ticket (or two or more!), cheques can be made out to Homes not Bombs, sent to PO Box 73620, 509 St. Clair Ave. West, Toronto, ON M6C 1C0. Thanks!

Why a Silent Sit-in?

We will refuse to speak because the unspeakable will be unfolding in Iraq—unspeakable acts directed from Canada’s War Dept. and the U.S. Pentagon. Our silence and peace will be a stark contrast to the media noise of war and mass murder. It will be a strong, forceful expression of disapproval, of non-cooperation with evil. Our physical presence, through nonviolence, is the alternative: solid, deeply felt love for the victims of war, and compassion and love for our opponents — those making war who are divided from the best part of themselves. It is only by making ourselves accessible to them that they will come to us to dialogue, to get answers to questions, to find solutions that do not involve murder.



Homes not Bombs (above) tries to Transform the War Dept. into the Housing Dept., Nov. 1999. 54 were arrested and charged, all were acquitted.

“To meet hate with retaliatory hate would do nothing but intensify the existence of evil in the universe. Hate begets hate; violence begets violence; toughness begets a greater toughness. We must meet the forces of hate with the power of love...The aftermath of love is the creation of the beloved community, while the aftermath of violence is tragic bitterness.”

– Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Upcoming and Ongoing Nonviolent Direct Actions Against War and Racism sponsored by Homes not Bombs: Canada should build homes, not blow them up!

‡ **Sunday, January 19, Toronto: Nonviolent Direct Action Skills Share and Preparation, 1:30 pm-6 pm.** To reserve a spot call (416) 651-5800 (if you can't make this one, another is planned for February 8 or 9)

‡ **Monday, January 20, Martin Luther King Day. "Stop the War Where it Starts" at Litton Systems Canada,** makers of the cruise missile's guidance system as well as components for the deadliest U.S., U.K. and Canadian fighter bombers. Actions include an attempted citizens' weapons inspection of the facility. Bus leaves downtown Toronto at 10:15 am, returns (for those not "apprehended") @ 1-2 pm. To reserve a bus seat call (416) 651-5800 (NOTE: Weapons Inspections Teams are also gearing up to visit a number of factories in Toronto, Kitchener, and Milton involved in nuclear weapons and space warfare work. Canadian-made weapons of mass destruction, indeed!)

‡ **Monday, January 27, Stop the Escalating War Against Iraq, Nonviolent Vigil at War Minister John McCallum's office, Markham, 12 noon.** On the day weapons inspector Hans Blix issues his final declaration, expected to be the day Bush says he's had enough, join us to issue our declaration of peace and offer peace zucchini to the War Minister. Drop Zukes, not Nukes! We will carpool, so if you have a vehicle and can help out, or if you would like to be in one of those vehicles, again, call (416) 651-5800.

‡ **Friday, January 31, Sick-in, Hamilton.** War makes us sick. Call in sick and join Hamilton-area residents for a series of creative, public actions against the war. Hamilton Action for Social Change, (905) 526-7982

‡ **Friday, February 14, Valentine's Day, War Dept., Ottawa. Mass Silent Sit-in to Protest the Unspeakable Atrocity of War.** (see reverse) We will demand:

- Transformation of the War Dept. into the Housing Dept., with implementation of the 1% solution to end homelessness.
- The return of all Canadian troops from the Persian Gulf Region.
- That veterans of the 1991 war receive full compensation and medical attention for Gulf War Syndrome, and we pledge ourselves to assist veterans who will be screwed over by their government this time around.

‡ **APRIL 10-11, Ottawa Congress Centre, CANSEC 2003, Canada's Largest Weapons and "Security" Bazaar,** a two-day selling fest for the War Dept., NATO, the RCMP, CSIS, Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans and Canada's \$5-billion-a-year war industry. You can't have the war against Iraq or the repression directed against Muslims in Canada or the attacks on First Nations

rights at Burnt Church, New Brunswick without the technical expertise of the firms displaying at CANSEC. (CANSEC appears to be the timid successor to ARMX, the massive weapons fair that was booted out of Ottawa after persistent protests in 1989, 1991 and 1993). Weapons inspections and other direct actions planned

ONGOING

‡ **Wescam: "Seeing the World" Through a Weapons Targeting System: Ongoing campaign in Burlington and Hamilton** to transform a company which seeks to make over \$3 billion in the next few years providing targeting systems for the militaries of Canada, the U.S., Colombia, Egypt and others. Their specialty is the UAV Predator, a deadly part of the slaughter in Iraq. "Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) like the Predator will be the superstars in any new war," says Jack Spencer of the right-wing Heritage Foundation (*Toronto Star*, Dec. 22, 2002) For more info contact Hamilton Action for Social Change at hasc@tao.ca or (905) 526-7982, (905) 527-4488

‡ **Refuse to Fight Campaign:** Leafletting, writing letters, holding vigils wherever we can reach out to Canadian soldiers (or recruits) urging them not to fight and offering support for those who will quit the military and work for peace. Locations include armouries, bases, recruitment centres. An open letter to the Canadian Armed Forces urging soldiers to lay down their weapons is available from tasc@web.ca

‡ **Moss Park Armoury:** Join us every Tuesday evening from 6-7:30 pm to transform the downtown Toronto armoury from a war training camp into housing for the homeless (Queen and Jarvis, Toronto). Weekly vigils often include food not bombs servings and "free store" offerings of clothing and other necessities. We've been there since May, 2002, and will remain there until the doors open on a new housing community.

‡ **Campaign to End Racism, Repression and War:** We are involved in attempting to stop the CSIS security certificate process—providing support to families who are most affected, showing up to fill the court, and educating others about this medieval process whereby immigrants and refugees can be arrested, held without charge or bail, and not allowed to see the evidence against them, and subsequently deported to a country where they face prison, torture and death. We are also trying to end the racial profiling practiced by police forces such as the RCMP and CSIS, which continue to harass people of Arabic and Middle Eastern background and Muslim faith. Among our plans is a teach-in at CSIS headquarters on the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, things CSIS officers could really use!

Homes not Bombs believes in confronting injustice, transforming unjust social relationships in a way that builds community, and engaging in acts of resistance which refuse to cause harm to our opponents. For more info.: PO Box 73620, 509 St. Clair Ave. West, Toronto, ON M6C 1C0, tasc@web.ca, and call us at any of the numbers listed in the body of this schedule.

"We are at the moment when our lives must be placed on the line if our nation is to survive its own folly. Every person of humane convictions must decide on the protest that best suits their convictions, but we must all protest." – Martin Luther King, Jr.