

DEMONSTRATE

Saturday 10 November
Central Bank 2pm
March to GPO

Not one more death No more troops through Shannon

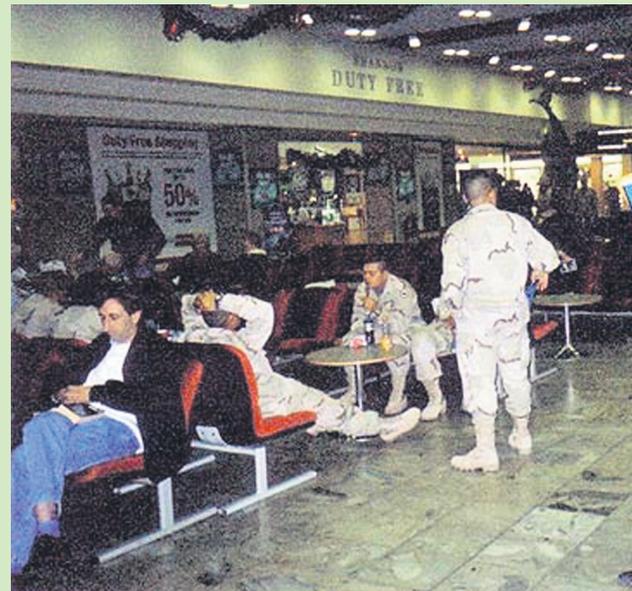
Why is Ireland involved in this brutal war?

The occupation of Iraq has killed nearly 1 million Iraqis, destroyed Iraqi society, created sectarian strife. Over 3,000 US troops have been killed and over 4 million Iraqis have been displaced. Cindy Sheehan, the US peace activist, broke down and wept when she was in Shannon. It was the last place that her son Casey was before he was killed in Iraq.

Everyone has been lied to in this war. The American people were told that it was about the war on terror; in fact it was about oil. The British were told that they were under threat from Saddam; it was untrue.

Even generals and chiefs of staff are now saying that the war was a mistake and the troops should be withdrawn. Soldiers on the ground are poorly equipped and under excessive danger. The situation in Iraq has become so bad that many now no longer know what they are there for. Even Bush has compared it to Vietnam.

In the wider stage of the middle east, US plans to bring "rogue states" to heel has imploded. Israel's invasion of Lebanon, al-



US troops at Shannon airport

Iraq and 78 signed the IAWM anti-war pledge.

Post-election they have quickly changed their tune. Some have said that nothing can be done now and promised that any future involvement in a war will have to be passed by the Dail. This conveniently lets them off the hook regarding Iraq.

Meanwhile huge numbers of US troops continue to go through Shannon.

This denial of democratic accountability to the people of Ireland cannot go on. The Irish Anti War Movement wants to give voice to the majority in Ireland who want no involvement in this war.

We demand:

- immediate cessation of the use of Shannon by US troops
- lobby of Irish politicians to carry through on their election pledges to oppose this war

Come on this demonstration and add your voice to the anti war movement and show this government that we do not accept their complicity in this war.

In Ireland, the degree to which the Irish economy is dependent on the US makes an understanding of the contradictions assailing the US all the more important for us. After all, the use of Shannon by US military is the political price willingly paid by our government for the hugely profitable investments that US capital has made here. Profits made by US companies in Ireland doubled between 1999 and 2002 from \$13.4 billion to \$26.8 billion and Ireland is described as a 'semi-tax haven' for US firms. For the US the economic and the military go hand in hand and it is that chain of logic that the Irish anti-war movement seeks to break.

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