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SOME LESSONS OF THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE GULF WAR

The Gulf War brought terror, death and destruction to Iraq. Overall more than 150,000 Iraqis were slaughtered. Even now the U.S. threatens further military action, while thousands more Iraqi children sicken and die as a result of the Allies' premeditated destruction of Iraq's life support infrastructures and continued sanctions.

America's masters of war hailed this slaughter as the country's "defining hour," celebrated it with victory parades, and declared it the dawn of a "New World Order." But Bush's "New World Order" has just as hideous a ring as Hitler's did 50 years ago.

The Gulf war also triggered a global outpouring of furious protest against the U.S.-led coalition, and millions of us have refused to celebrate its obscene "victory."

The Stop the U.S. War Machine Action Network was one of the national organizations born during the first weeks of the U.S. buildup in the Gulf crisis. We quickly sized up the outlines of the coming war and raised the call for "no business as usual" opposition. The Action Network drew together people from a wide span of political trends and ideological perspectives. We fought crucial battles and made them count such as to "free Jeff Paterson" and support for all GI resistance and "The Day Of/Day After" demonstrations, especially the powerful actions during the January 14 to 16 days. The Network initiated and helped popularize key slogans including "Support All GI Resistance," "The Arab People Are Not Our Enemy, They Are Our Sisters and Brothers," "Kick the Yellow Ribbon Syndrome, Wear Red and Black." After the war's end the Action Network organized and led courageous protests against the ugly Victory/Welcome Home Parades, proclaiming, "No Celebration of a Massacre!"

While not the largest of the national antiwar organizations, the Network earned a reputation for fearless, spirited resistance that declared that the people, not the governments, would have to stop the U.S. war machine, no matter what it takes.

Although millions around the world fought to stop the Gulf war, we did not succeed. As we mourn our murdered sisters and brothers in the Middle East, the antiwar movement faces questions that cry out for answers.