

Trump & May: No More Bombs on Syria Join us!

Speech by Roger Nettleship NSWC Convener at Rally Tuesday April 17th 2018

Well she has gone and done it. May has bombed Syria. Trump, May and Macron have bombed Syria just as Blair bombed Afghanistan and Iraq, and Cameron bombed Libya. They wage these wars using cold war provocations and so-called high ideals when their wars of aggression kill thousands and destroy peoples lives and those of the countries they attack and invade. They pose those that threaten their domination of the world as the enemy. They declare that only those that share their values are worthy human beings. They stage provocations that others are aggressive. But in reality they are the ones that carry out aggression, wreaking chaos and destruction in Syria and throughout the Middle East and the world for their own ends. In the process they are militarising the economy in Britain and attacking the rights of all here.

They try and claim they are waging these wars in our name. We say today to Trump, May and Macron as we said to Bush and Blair this is “**Not in our Name**”. Stop the War Coalition with this in mind is the conscience of the British people that these wars and bombings are not in our name. That’s why we need to build our Stop the War committees here in Newcastle and the north east with the necessity to fight for an anti-war government in Britain.

We have contacted many MPs here in the north East to call on them to oppose the bombing of Syria and reflect our aspirations for an **anti-war Government** in Parliament. Many of these MPs have responded. Tony mentioned his MP in Blaydon. Both ours in South Tyneside have also opposed the bombing. The demand of Jeremy Corbyn that Parliament should have its say is in the right direction, by demanding that civil authority prevails over the dictat of May and Trump. The call for new legislation and a ‘War Powers Act’ is the right direction if it means that these warmongers lose their war prerogative.

But we need to take this discussion further as to where sovereignty and decision-making lies, is it in the executive or the legislature? The cabinet or Parliament? Should the prerogative lie with the Prime Minister, or Parliament? Or should it lie with the people with us? It should lie with overwhelming conscience of the people that these warmongering acts are not in our name. In other words, all those in the legislature should represent the anti-war conscience of the people just as Jeremy Corbyn and many of our MPs have expressed that conscience today and yesterday in Parliament.

The demand of **Stop the War Coalition** for an **Anti-War Government** was and is the theme of its recent national tour. Why is it so important that we build our local stop the war committees around the necessity for and anti-war government in Britain. **No to Air Strikes against Syria! Oppose All British Military Intervention! Not In Our Name! All Out for an Anti-War Government!**