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Peace Fresno Calls for Largest Valley Anti-War Action Ever

In cooperation with other international and national organization's efforts to stop the US government's impending invasion of Iraq, Peace Fresno has announced plans for a major demonstration in Fresno's Tower District on Olive Ave. near the Tower Theater on **Saturday, October 26 between 10 a.m. and noon.**

Organizers anticipate that hundreds of local peace activists will take to the streets in solidarity with thousands in Washington, DC, San Francisco and throughout the world. Peace Fresno member Julius Rasmussen said "I think this will undoubtedly be the largest anti-war protest in Fresno since this nation's catastrophic war in Viet Nam. "The anti-war movement is gaining momentum here as it is in the rest of the rest of the nation" said the Clovis resident.

The local movement has grown from a core group that regularly musters 25 to 50 protesters at the corner of Shaw and Blackstone every Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Over 100 peace activists participated in a recent eight mile march from Congressman George Radanovich's office on West Shaw to Congressman Cal Dooley's office on the Fulton Mall. The last major Peace Fresno event was a Sunday noon protest at Fresno's Riverpark Shopping Center where some 150 locals from various religious denominations as well as students from area high schools and colleges joined with Peace Fresno members to advocate for a peaceful resolution to the problems in the Middle East and in Iraq in particular.

The large outpouring of expression of outrage at the Bush Administration's and local Congressional Representative's support for the war caught the Peace Fresno organizers by surprise. "Our main problem was that we did not have enough signs for all who wished to join the protest" said Camille Russell of the organizing group. She reported that the organizers now have hundreds of signs for the October 26th event.

Peace Fresno members say the Tower District action will include individuals in costumes and street theater artists.

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