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Event: PPRC Friday rally and march recounts costs of wars and occupations, looks forward to Sunday's mobilization for peace.

Date: Friday, October 1st, 2004

Time: 5:00 p.m.

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The Portland Peaceful Response Coalition's Friday rally and march will review the costs of the wars and occupations that have been the hallmark of the Bush administration's four years in office. "The price for Bush's bloody and criminal foreign policy has been paid in the lives of innocent Iraqis, innocent Afghans, and well over a thousand US soldiers," said William Seaman, a volunteer with the PPRC. "Bush has enriched his corporate crony supporters with no-bid, war-profiteer contracts, with tax cuts for the rich that have bankrupted the country with record deficits, mortgaging the future of the children of generations to come, and left us far less secure."

This Sunday, October 3rd, well over one hundred local pro-peace and social justice organizations will hold a rally and march calling for an end to the wars and occupations in Iraq, Afghanistan and the West Bank and Gaza. "We are gathering this Sunday calling for a fundamental shift in our country's priorities, away from funding the corrupt and criminal wars and occupations of the Bush administration 'neo-cons', the 'f---ing crazies' as Secretary of State Colin Powell has called them,1 to a set of priorities that will lead to genuine and lasting security for our nation and the world."

The main theme for the October 3rd event is "Rally and March for Peace & Justice!"
Subthemes for the day are:

- End the Wars and Occupations in Iraq, Afghanistan and the West Bank/Gaza!
- Fund Health Care, Jobs, Housing and Education, Not War!
- Defend Civil Liberties and Democracy: Equal Rights for All!

For more information, please call (503) 344-5078.

1. "Colin Powell in four-letter neo-con 'crazies' row", Martin Bright, Sunday September 12, 2004 - The Observer (UK).