

EMPIRE-BUILDING: Are we all clear that we want to build something that can aspire to be a world power?
— EU Commission President Romano Prodi, EU Parliament, February 13, 2001.

NO to NATO

NO to Nice

Republican Sinn Féin is asking you to Vote NO to the Treaty of Nice on June 7 for these reasons:

- **The centralisation of power**

It abolishes the veto power of member-states in 30 different areas. Irish national sovereignty is being completely undermined.

- **Domination by larger States**

It provides a veto power to a group of countries who account for 39% of the population of the EU. Therefore **France and Germany** acting with any small third member-state could block decisions unfavourable to them. It creates a two-tier Europe.

**Republican
Sinn Féin**



Vótáil **Nil X**

223 Parnell Street, Dublin 1

Tel: (01) 872 9747

<http://rsf.ie>

- **Militarisation of the EU**

It consolidates the progress towards the creation of a **nuclear-armed superstate**, a new European Empire.

It consolidates the progress towards the creation of a **European Army Rapid Reaction Force** which can initially operate in an area up to 2,500 miles from the border of the EU. It seeks to place between 60,000 and 100,000 troops into any area of conflict deemed vital to the interests of the EU elite.

(See map overleaf)

**SUPPORT
NEUTRALITY**

"We oppose Irish participation in NATO itself, in NATO-led organisations such as the Partnership for Peace or in the Western European Union beyond observer status."

Who said this?

Fianna Fáil in its 1997 General Election Manifesto.

What did they do?

Eighteen months later the Fianna Fáil/PPD administration in Dublin joined the NATO-led 'Partnership for Peace' without any referendum. The Nice Treaty is another step in ending the policy of neutrality which 72% of voters in the 26 Counties support (MRBI opinion poll, published in *The Irish Times*, May 19, 2001).

The EU has given its Army (the Rapid Reaction Force) the right to operate 2,500 miles from its borders, including north Africa, the Middle East and the Caucasus area of the old Soviet Union, all important regions for oil and other scarce natural resources (see map below). This is not an alliance for 'peace' but an alliance for conflict to fight "resource wars" in the future.

What can you do?

Stop the moves to involve Irish people in a European Army by **voting 'No'**. The experience of the PIF shows we cannot trust the Leinster House politicians to provide a referendum on Neutrality in the future. Their promises are worthless.

On June 7 by **voting 'No'** you can stand up for Irish neutrality and strike a blow for democracy throughout the EU.

