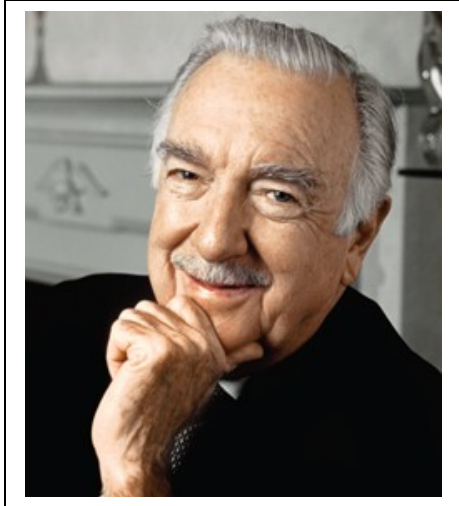




“Our Troops Must Leave Iraq”

- Walter Cronkite



Walter Cronkite, the most trusted anchorman in America, died on July 17, 2009. He was 92.

In December, 2007, Walter Cronkite wrote **“Our Troops Must Leave Iraq”** (CommonDreams.org, 12/4/07).

Here are excerpts of what he wrote:

“The invasion of Iraq was illegal from the start.”

“Not only was Congress lied to in order to secure its support for the invasion of Iraq, **but the war lacked the support of the United Nations Security Council** and thus **was an aggressive war initiated on the false pretenses of weapons of mass destruction.”**

“What the war has accomplished is the undermining of US credibility throughout the world, the weakening of our military forces, and the erosion of our Bill of Rights...Each minute we are spending \$500,000 in Iraq. Our losses are incalculable. **It is time to remove our military forces from Iraq..”**

In the same article, **Walter Cronkite called for “rapid withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq” and “remove our military bases from Iraq and turn Iraqi oil over to Iraqis.”**– NOT some gradual withdrawal starting with the cities by June 30, 2009 while actually leaving 134,000 U.S. troops and over 132,000 private contractors behind.

Walter Cronkite knew that there is nothing to “win” by prolonging an illegal, immoral and unjust war/occupation that has bankrupted the United States both morally and economically.



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