Less than ten years after Bush and Blair invaded Iraq to root out terrorists and get rid of Saddam Hussein as the weapons of mass destruction he allegedly possessed which were capable of being deployed in forty-five minutes, and now that a whole state of terrorists has been established in Iraq where there was none before, and we know that Saddam never had those weapons, with a heavy heart British and American troops must once again wage war in that benighted land.

Anti-war protestors, who believe that state-sponsored violence is never justified, are once more on the streets. Nonetheless perhaps it must be admitted that there is a big difference this time. The threat is obvious and almost every country agrees that the Islamic State must be defeated. In 2003 Bush and Blair went against the will of the United Nations and especially against the will of the Muslim countries, but now the Arab nations and even Iran are helping the fight against the Jihadis who threaten them as much as they threaten the West.

It is no doubt true that it is the fault of Bush, Blair, Dick Cheney and their pals that we are in the mess. Instead of tackling terrorism in a calm and measured way after 9/11, those fools made the problem a hundred times worse. Having said that, this means that it is incumbent now on Britain and America to clear up the mess they have created, and it is looks as if this can only be done by military means. And the job must be done properly; if the West is not willing to put all its strength into the fight they will not win and the result will be even
worse. Some find fault with Obama for not having a strategy and certainty about how to deal with IS; but this is probably for the best, as he sees the complex situation as it is, rather than rushing headlong into a trap as his predecessor did.