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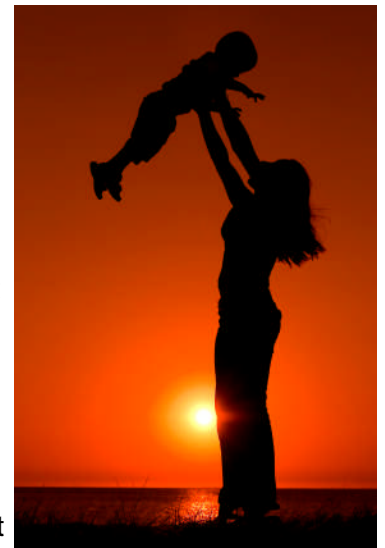
Special points of interest:

- Zbigniew Brzezinski, former national security adviser, delivered a political bombshell that President Bush is seeking a pretext to attack Iran. His testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, given his decades of experience in the top echelons of the US government, reinforces that we must work now to prevent another war that will decrease global security.
- Contact your representatives in Congress to let them know you oppose the Bush administration plans for war with Iran.
- Contact us at 530-554-7061 to learn how you can help us bring our "Peace With Iran" presentation to your area.

TEACHING PEACE TO KIDS

On February 13th a group of Teach Peace Foundation volunteers went to the Pioneer School in Davis to teach peace to 1st and 2nd grade students. Mary Anne Kirsch, Carroll Nast, and Dave Dionisi brought the Happy Cricket "How To Be A Peacemaker" class to 40 wonderful children and two amazing teachers.

Do you want to be for something instead of against something? Consider becoming a Teach Peace volunteer and become part of an organization that is upbeat, positive, and making a difference by teaching peace. Our programs are unique and everyone can be a peace teacher (especially with our Monthly Movies program that only requires you show one of the educational movies). Contact us at 530-554-7061 to get started.



WAR WITH IRAN

We have worked hard to educate Americans about the real reasons why war with Iran is on the horizon.

In this issue, we provide a high level summary of how the plans for war with Iran were established, what is happening right now, and what you can do to prevent this war before it starts.



In 1997, well before President Bush walked into the White House, a US attack on Iraq and Iran was proposed by the Project For A New American Century neo-conservatives. The PNAC document, written by Cheney, Rumsfeld and other neo-conservatives, called for pre-emptive attacks so that the US would remain the dominant military and economic power in the 21st century. The cornerstone of this strategy focused on keeping a rising China and a united Europe subordinate by putting US weapons in space and managing access to strategic resources in Central Asia and the Middle East. To achieve military and economic dominance, the neo-conservatives endorsed pre-emptive war with ongoing US military occupation of unfriendly oil rich nations.

Dick Cheney provided a preview of both the Iraq and Iran wars in 1999 during

Special points of interest:

- On February 19th, John McCain said "We are paying a very heavy price for the (Iraq) mismanagement...The price is very, very heavy, and I regret it enormously."
- Dave Dionisi represented the Teach Peace Foundation at the Peace Alliance Conference in Washington, DC. As a result of a nationwide effort to balance the Department of Defense (once called and increasingly known today as the Department of War), a bill to establish a Department of Peace (HR 808) was introduced in Congress on February 5, 2007.
- Also in Washington, DC multiple meetings were held with members of Congress with a call for them to prevent war with Iran. The new Take Action feature on the www.teachpeace.com site enabled us to speak with the combined voice of hundreds!
- China conducted an anti-missile test in the middle of January which was criticized as a provocative action. The US media forgot that the US started this series of actions and reaction with an anti-satellite test back in 1985. After over 20 years of non-violent diplomatic pursuits, China sent a message that they will not allow the US to dominate the high ground of space with offensive weapons.

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a speech at the Institute of Petroleum. He said "by 2010 we will need on the order of an additional fifty million barrels a day. So where is the oil going to come from?... the Middle East with two thirds of the world's oil and the lowest cost, is still where the prize ultimately lies."

In 2001, soon after President Bush was inaugurated, the 2001 Energy Task Force was organized with Dick Cheney collaborating with officials from Exxon Mobil, Conoco (before its merger with Phillips), Shell Oil, and BP America. Cheney called this meeting to discuss peak oil and how the US military would become petro-forces to secure these resources in Iraq and Iran.



Cheney fought tooth and nail to keep this meeting classified to prevent the American people from learning that its government had decided to pay for oil with the blood of its soldiers instead of buying it. Experts quickly understood the money required to buy the oil was a fraction of the alternative monetary cost associated with violence but the blood-for-oil option allowed the Bush administration to reward major campaign contributors and help a subsequent re-election. The fact that the blood-for-oil strategy guaranteed billions in profits to war profiteers and energy companies, business that personally benefited the Bush and Cheney families, sealed the deal.

Laying the path for war with Iran, in his first term as president, George Bush instructed Alberto Gonzales to negate a secret agreement made over 20 years ago between President Reagan and the Iranian government. Specifically, as part of the settlement for the Iranian Hostage Crisis, President Reagan agreed the US would never attack Iran. Alberto Gonzales used the legal argument that the Reagan promise was signed under duress and therefore Reagan's written promise is not binding. On a related note, the US Congress House Foreign Affairs office thanked the Teach Peace Foundation for bringing this information to their attention.

By 2004, war preparations for a future attack on Iran, in partnership with Israel, became clear for anyone paying attention. In February 2005, leaked classified documents revealed that the inner cabinet of Ariel Sharon gave "initial authorization" to attack Iran. Sharon's cabinet, meeting at his ranch in the Negev desert, agreed to wait so that the attack would be coordinated with the US. A coordinated US and Israeli attempt to start the war with Iran in July and August of 2006 failed. Under Operation Change of Direction, the US and Israel attempted to transform a kidnapping into an act of war that would draw Iran into a war with Israel.

Israeli preparations to initiate war with Iran were continued and in November 2006, Israeli Deputy Defense Minister Ephraim Sneh publically revealed that

Special points of interest:

- PSR/Sacramento has an essay contest where winners receive awards to help with college expenses. The deadline for submitting an essay is March 21, 2007. For details visit www.sacpsr.org.

Upcoming Meetings:

- TPF monthly meetings in 2007 are shifting to national conference calls on the first Saturday of every month from 1-3:30 p.m. (PST). To participate, call 530-554-7061 for more information.
- Free movies showing at 7 p.m. in the Davis Library Blanchard Room at 314 E 14th Street include:
 - > *Fog of War* on 3/13.
 - > *9/11 Eyewitness* on 3/23.
 - > *Beyond Treason* on 4/10.
 - > *Loose Change* on 4/20.
- Teach Peace presentations in March include:
 - > 7 pm on 3/2 at 201 First Street in Winters.
 - > 7 pm on 3/3 at 2548 8th Avenue in Curtis Park.
 - > 10 am on 3/10 at the library on 3rd Street in Rocklin.
 - > 7 pm on 3/19 at the Leake Room at 250 First Street in Woodland.
 - > 11 am on 3/21 at California State University.
- For additional details on the above and to learn about more events, go to the What's New section at www.teachpeace.com.

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Israel might be forced to launch a military strike against Iran. In response, Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman, Mohammed Ali Hosseini said "Iran will take no longer than a second to respond" if attacked by Israel. Israeli war signals continued to intensify and on January 2, 2007, Israeli Brigadier General Oded Tira called for war with Iran. A few days later, on January 7, 2007, Reuters reported that Israel had plans for a nuclear strike on Iran. Two days after this report, the US Treasury placed sanctions on Iran's oldest bank, Bank Sepah.



By the beginning of 2007, sources around the world were reporting war would likely occur before President Bush left office. This is in part because the government of Israel sees the Bush administration as the most supportive government since Israel was created in 1948.

US war readiness has continued to intensify and on January 10, 2007, the Pentagon abandoned active-duty time limits. Four days later Ahmed Al-Jarallah, Editor-in-Chief of the Arab Times, reported that an intelligence source disclosed the US is planning a massive military strike on Iran.

We also learned in January that President Bush ordered attacks on Iraq which is seen to help clear the way for an attack on Iran. Reports surfaced that America is ready to strike Iran's nuclear sites from bases in Bulgaria and Romania. On January 30th, we saw the Pentagon stop sales of F-14 parts very much needed by Iran and US Senators warn President Bush not to attack Iran.

In February 2007, the Iranian media had daily commentaries on a possible US attack. On February 8th, reinforcing what is explained in the book *American Hiroshima*, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei informed the world that Iran will retaliate if attacked by the US by striking targets outside Iran.

American officials tell the American public the US is not planning another war but the student of history knows the first casualty of war is the truth. President Bush, Secretary of Defense Gates, and Secretary of State Rice have consistently declared in February that the United States is not planning to attack Iran. Unfortunately, their public statements provide no comfort to anyone with a memory. The people of the world still remember that in March 2003 President Bush and team were telling everyone they were pursuing diplomacy with Iraq when months earlier they had already made the decision to attack Iraq. The fact that President Bush rejects the Baker Commission call for dialogue with Iran is another clear sign of what is really on the horizon.

As the timeline for war with Iran approaches, the war propaganda has become a daily occurrence. For example, we have often been told Iran's President wants to wipe Israel off the map. The truth is President Ahmadinejad has been repeatedly

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misquoted to brainwash the public that war is the only option. Ahmadinejad makes a clear call for a nonviolent regime change in Israel and has been incorrectly reported as wanting to use a nuclear weapon to wipe Israel off the map. Despite confirmation that he has not threatened Israel with a nuclear weapon by many translators and the official Iranian news service, the war propaganda continues to be repeated even though he never made the “wiped off the map” statement.

War hawks promote the message that energy security equals national security. In reality, attacking Iran is similar to killing someone for their property. Mass murder and mass theft is in direct conflict with the values Americans cherish. Our military deserves better than to be turned into criminal petro-forces.

In summary, the United States has been preparing to attack Iran for several years. Just consider this fact: never in US history has a military force as large as what is currently amassed in the Gulf, been assembled without being used.

The US military, after years preparing for “Operation Iranian Freedom” is ready to attack. Admiral Fallon, head of the US Central Command and the TIRANNT (Theatre Iran Near Team) plan, has the USS Stennis and USS Eisenhower carriers in the Gulf with the USS Reagan, USS Truman, USS Roosevelt, and USS Nimitz ready to be brought into the fight. The Marines also have the USS Boxer and USS Bataan carriers in the Gulf with the USS Kearsarge, USS Richard, USS Pelellu, USS Wasp and USS Iwo Jima ready to join the fight. The aerial strike is orchestrated by CONPLAN 8022 and the nuclear weapons were authorized to be moved to the Gulf by National Security Presidential Directive 35. The firepower now focused on Iran can strike approximately 10,000 targets in a single raid and literally wipe Iran off the map.

War is not the answer. Iran is aggressively pursuing diplomacy and is not a military threat to the US or Israel. War will accelerate the current cycle of violent co-annihilation when we need nonviolent solutions that deliver co-existence. The US military dominance strategy decreases national and global security because it fails to recognize that nuclear weapons do more to empower the weak than protect the strong. The path for improved national security is to recognize that a worldwide network of nations working to promote justice can provide more security to all.

You can help stop this war before it starts. The Teach Peace Foundation and the people of the world need your help in three ways.

1. Choose hope and call upon your creativity to help save millions of lives and future generations from endless wars.
2. Forward this article to everyone in your address book to help wake up America.
3. Send this newsletter to your representative in Congress and let them know you will hold them accountable if they do not pass legislation stopping this war before it starts.

Make peace possible by accepting your share of responsibility for a better world! Silence is permission. We still have the choice between war and peace with Iran. This choice will set us on the path of violent co-annihilation or nonviolent co-existence. Your daily acts of peace and support for Teach Peace can create a groundswell for peace too powerful to be set aside!

Dave Dionisi, Teach Peace National Awareness (*see www.teachpeace.com/Iran.pdf for the updated timeline and sources for the above article*).



PRESIDENTIAL WAR POWERS VERSUS THE US CONSTITUTION

Today the United States is in a period of Constitutional crisis. It's obvious that we are now faced with an "Imperial Presidency" which has gotten progressively stronger through time. It has a military face and behaves globally like a gigantic octopus with ever-growing tentacles. While there is much fine literature on this subject, many people are unaware of how our democracy is being threatened. At the risk of oversimplification, this Executive Imperial development is a result of many seriously questionable actions taken by multiple presidents combined with a Congress which has been compliant. Essentially Congress has abdicated its constitutional responsibilities. This article addresses the Constitutional War Powers of the Congress (Article I), the very limited War Power of the President (Article II), and the 1973 War Powers Resolution.

Article I, Section 8, Clause 11 of the Constitution states Congress (as per Clause 1) shall have powers... "To declare War, grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal, and make rules concerning captures on Land and Water."

Constitutionally, the President's only "war powers" are specified in Article II, Section 2, Clause 1: "The President shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States and of the Militia of the several states, when called into the actual service of the United States."

In my opinion, the two most overlooked and misunderstood words in the Constitution regarding "War Powers" are the key words "shall" and "when" in the above clause. That is, the President shall be "Commander in Chief" when the Congress declares war and the military branches are "called into actual service of the United States." There is simply no way the President can declare or carry out the war by executive order! And, more importantly there is no such entity as a peace time "Commander in Chief" as per the Constitution. Again, note the conditions of "shall" and "when" in Article II, Section 2, Clause 1. Also important, is the fact that the Congress make rules "concerning captures on Land and Water." This is not the President's prerogative unless Congress orders or allows it.

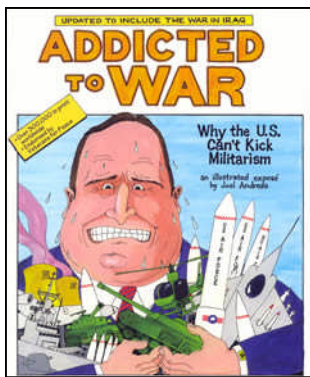
The above seems rather clear, yet why the continued confusion, lying, and misleading by, especially, the Executive Branch? There also seems to be a lack of clear understanding of War Powers, in general.

Enter the War Powers Resolution of 1973. Politicians often refer to this as the "War Powers Act." It was designed to challenge the growing Executive war-making actions during the 1960s and 1970s (i.e., President Johnson and President Nixon). However, it can be used by an aggressive president to justify an attack against a nation if an imminent* attack is about to occur. The War Powers Resolution has many conditions which presidents sometimes ignore, unless severely challenged by Congress.

The War Powers Resolution has complicated matters in my opinion and especially if politicians claim it to be "constitutional." The War Powers Resolution has never been placed before the Supreme Court for determination of its constitutionality. Hence, in order to understand the lies and befuddlement in the Congress, and the misleading by the Imperial Presidency, one must study the War Powers in the Constitution and the War Powers Resolution of 1973.

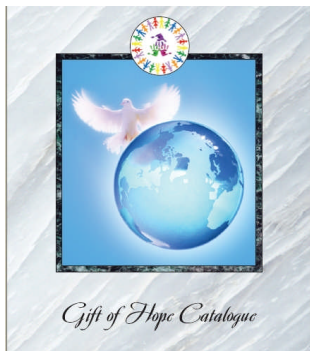
Lack of clarity in this area takes us deeper towards a permanent Imperial Presidency and a melt-down of checks and balances. This, inevitably, leads to fascism and totalitarianism.

By Ron Hall, Teach Peace Member



The *Addicted to War* book is ideal for high school and college students.

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TERRORISM UP

Mother Jones magazine released the results of their investigation on how the invasion of Iraq has impacted jihadist terrorist attacks around the world. In the March issue, Peter Bergen and Paul Cruickshank report that based on RAND Corporation data, they found that since the invasion of Iraq in 2003, incidents of jihadist violence in the world have increased by 607%. To read the report, *The Iraq Effect: War Has Increased Terrorism Sevenfold Worldwide*, go to www.motherjones.com/news/featurex/2007/03/aftermath.html.

VETERANS FOR PEACE

The Teach Peace Foundation supports our veterans but does not support illegal wars. The following, from the Veterans For Peace organization, sums up the best way to support the military.

"There are those who claim to end funding for the war will undercut the troops and place them in greater danger. This reasoning is flawed thinking. The troops are undercut by being placed in the middle of a civil war. They are undercut by a failed policy. They are undercut by the lack of a clear and achievable mission. They are undercut by asking them to continue to occupy a country the US should have never invaded. They were undercut by the half truths and out right lies that sent them to Iraq in 2003. There is enough present funding to redeploy back to the US. The only way to support the troops is to stop further funding, Bring Them Home Now, and Take Care of Them When They Get Here!"

HIGHLIGHTED VIDEO

America's democracy is threatened by internal forces few Americans understand. To help educate people about protecting democracy, the Teach Peace Foundation recommends the fascinating documentary *America Freedom to Facism*. This film is available in the Teach Peace Video section and at <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-4312730277175242198&hl=en>. If you view this information, you will likely want to share it with your friends and family.

CONSIDER HELPING FINANCIALLY

Education is the key to preventing and ending wars.

What is more important than educating young children and people of all ages about peace, justice, and caring for our world?

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