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## Special points of interest:

- Iran has not started a war for the past 200 years.
- On September 10, 2007 a *New York Times* and CBS poll found only 5 percent of Americans “most” trusted the Bush administration to resolve the Iraq war.
- The 9/11 date for General Petraeus’s report continues to make the unspoken false connection between the war in Iraq and the independent 9/11 attacks.
- It took three hearings before General Petraeus finally got asked the most important question: “Is the Iraq war making America safer?” Petraeus answered: “Sir, I don’t know, actually.”
- On September 13, 2007 President Bush announced to the public he approved plans which call for combat operations for another 10 years or more.
- Source articles for the “Special points of interest” are available at [www.teachpeace.com](http://www.teachpeace.com).

## EVENING OF PEACE

The October 21st *Evening of Peace* is designed both to recognize special contributions to peace and promote unity within the peace community.

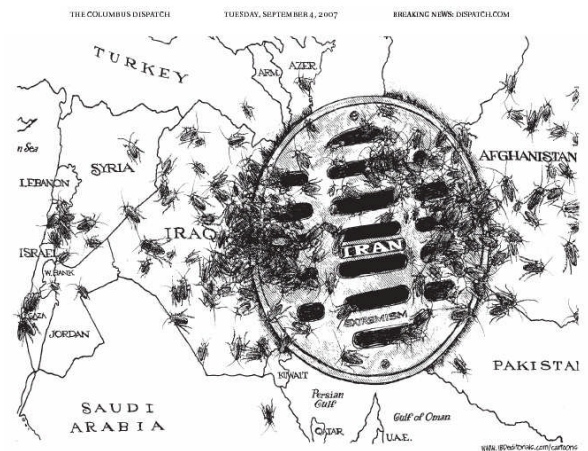
The award dinner event is sure to be exciting. Please support our work to teach peace and purchase tickets in advance at [www.teachpeace.com](http://www.teachpeace.com). Members buying tickets for students will be recognized with a special name tag.



## IRAN WAR PROPAGANDA

On Tuesday, *The Columbus Dispatch* portrayed 70 million Iranians as cockroaches.

The classic formula for propaganda to lead to a massacre has two parts. The first is that the enemy is inherently evil. This is communicated by asserting they are demonic, fascist, fundamentalist, etc. Second, this evil state is eternal. This is accomplished by reiterating the message that the “enemy” has always been evil and will always be “evil,” two words that close off analysis and diplomacy.



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We have seen cockroach war propaganda in Nazi Germany and many other times in history. To highlight one, in 1993 the Hutu newspaper *Kangura* published an article titled “A cockroach cannot give birth to a butterfly.” Cockroaches are the mental image for inherent evil, an eternal state, and hopelessness because a cockroach gives birth to a cockroach and always will.

*The New Yorker* magazine and other Teach Peace sources report Vice-President Dick Cheney coordinated a media campaign for war with Iran with the American Enterprise Institute, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Weekly Standard*, Fox, and newspapers across the country to start one day after Labor Day which is the very day the above cockroach cartoon was published.

What can you do? Choose hope. Read a detailed Iran war timeline at [www.teachpeace.com/Iran.pdf](http://www.teachpeace.com/Iran.pdf) to learn why we know the war is currently planned for 2008 and what we must do to prevent an attack on Iran.

### Special points of interest:

- Organizers estimated that nearly 100,000 people attended the September 15, 2007 anti-war protest in Washington, DC.
- On September 10, 2007, an innocent man, Hamid Hayat, was sentenced to 24 years in prison. The Lodi, California man's innocence is explained in the Frontline documentary "The Enemy Within." Like General Petraeus's performance, Hayat's guilty verdict was proclaimed nationally on 9/11.
- On September 17, 2007, the US-based mercenary corporation Blackwater was told by the Iraqi government to leave the country.
- Former chairman of the Federal Reserve Alan Greenspan admitted the Iraq war was primarily about oil.
- While the US media continues to report it, President Ahmadinejad never said Israel must be wiped off the map. The actual November 2005 statement called for a peaceful regime change in Israel. For more information, see the Articles section and go to August 28, 2006.
- The state secrets rule is being used to block a lawsuit against AT&T.
- Do you know the difference between covert and clandestine? Clandestine is an operation meant to be undetected. Covert means that the US government denies its responsibility or – said more directly – lies. When people testify to Congress, the covert rules allow them to lie unless they are under oath. Not surprisingly, Petraeus's September testimony was not under oath.

## 9/11 & AMERICAN HIROSHIMA

Dr. Paul Craig Roberts is a former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. During the Reagan Administration he became known as the "Father of Reaganomics." His views about the current state of our economy and attacks on the Constitution deserve special attention.

Dr. Roberts, along with many other senior government officials (see [www.teachpeace.com/911seniorofficials.htm](http://www.teachpeace.com/911seniorofficials.htm)), is also on record that there needs to be a new 9/11 investigation. For example, Dr. Roberts stated on August 18, 2006, "it is a non-controversial fact that the official explanation of the collapse of the WTC buildings is false."

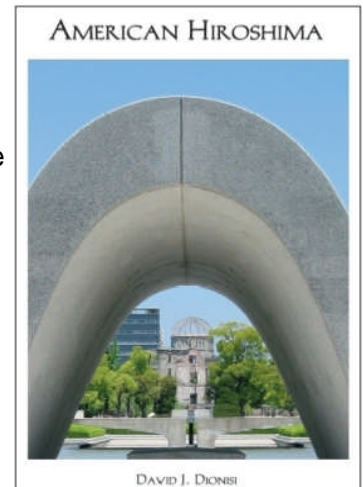
Dr. Roberts has an impressive track record for taking controversial positions that subsequently prove to be correct. He now warns that an attack on Iran is on the horizon. For people not familiar with the *American Hiroshima* book, the Bush administration plans to attack Iran are discussed in Chapter 1. Dr. Roberts is similarly warning the next 9/11 attack and a war with Iran will happen unless peacemakers increase their efforts. His article, "Impeach Now — or Say Goodbye to Constitutional Democracy," published on July 18, 2007, is a must read for everyone (this article is in the Teach Peace Articles section).

On September 11, 2007, Dr. Roberts wrote "9/11, Six Years Later." A few excerpts from his article follow:

- Polls show that 36 percent of Americans and more than 50 percent of New Yorkers lack confidence in the 9/11 commission report.
- Over the past six years, the ranks of distinguished skeptics of the 9/11 storyline have grown enormously. They include distinguished scientists, engineers and architects, intelligence officers, air traffic controllers, military officers and generals, including the former commanding general of the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command.
- When we come to the explanation of the collapse of the Twin Towers, the official story lacks even a remote possibility of being true. Architects, engineers and physicists know that powerfully constructed steel buildings do not suddenly collapse at free-fall or near-free-fall speed simply because they were impacted by airliners and experienced short-lived, low intensity and limited fires.

Clearly, many questions about 9/11 remain to be explored and answered. Teach Peace believes that Congress should establish a committee to investigate 9/11, in particular, the issues raised in the last six years. This is consistent with our principle of emphasizing facts. The report of such a committee should resolve the paradoxes that some see and were not addressed by the earlier committee.

Dr. Roberts' warning that there is a real risk of a terrorist attack coming from the US government is explained in *American Hiroshima* (see [www.americanhiroshima.info](http://www.americanhiroshima.info)). A few years ago *American Hiroshima* was written to wake people up and prevent the next 9/11. The book accurately describes numerous events completely unknown to most Americans two years ago (e.g., Osama bin Laden was surprised by some of the events on 9/11, the existence



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- TALON, the Defense Department program for tracking peacemakers was replaced by a far more powerful tracking program. For additional information see [www.teachpeace.com/Are.pdf](http://www.teachpeace.com/Are.pdf).
- The US Northern Command has a 5 day martial law exercise starting on October 15th called Vigilant Shield.
- Iran has some of the best universities, writers, painters, poets, and musicians in the world but so far no suicide bombers.
- In a sign that Iranian leaders are seeking to prevent a proxy war in Iraq from becoming a war with the US, Iran's Quds Force left Iraq.
- The Wall Street Journal reported on September 10, 2007 that the US is building a new military base near Iran.
- The September 6, 2007 edition of the *Sydney Morning Herald* reported that upon arriving in Australia, President Bush said "We're kicking ass" in Iraq.
- The Bush administration has invoked the state secrets privilege in at least 23 cases since 2001. Between 1953 and 1976, the government invoked the privilege only four times.
- On September 10, 2007 a *New York Times* and CBS poll found 33% of all Americans still believe Saddam Hussein was personally involved in the 9/11 attacks.
- The UK *Sunday Telegraph* reported on September 16, 2007 that President Bush has decided to attack Iran's nuclear facilities before he leaves office.

## 9/11 & AMERICAN HIROSHIMA (CONTINUED)

and mission of Iran's Quds Force in Iraq, and a war with Iran would occur leading to disaster unless peacemakers prevent it). My full-time work these last few years has been to prevent the attack Dr. Roberts now refers to because in addition to the tremendous loss of life, such an attack is a direct threat to our democracy.

While my warnings in 2005 were first seen as hard to believe by many people, the world now knows the Bush administration is seriously considering attacking Iran. Fortunately, Americans increasingly see through the lies leading to war and the need to prevent war with Iran. Unfortunately, the legal and physical mechanisms are in place to establish a dictatorship in the US. For an explanation of the seriousness of this problem, see <http://www.teachpeace.com/Are.pdf>.

How much time do we have to prevent an attack on Iran? On September 15, 2007, the *Guardian Unlimited* reported that former CIA counter-terrorism chief Vincent Cannistraro said: "The decision to attack was made some time ago. It will be in two stages. If a smoking gun is found in terms of Iranian interference in Iraq, the US will retaliate on a tactical level, and they will strike against military targets. The second part of this is: Bush has made the decision to launch a strategic attack against Iranian nuclear facilities, although not before next year. He has been lining up some Sunni countries for tacit support for his actions."

As a former military officer, I remind members of our military that they are duty-bound to disobey unlawful orders, and any order to attack Iran with nuclear weapons is illegal. Civilian and military people in the nuclear authorization and release chain of command will be held responsible according to the Nuremberg principles as war criminals.

The US military frustrated earlier attack plans in 2006 (see "War With Iran" available at [www.teachpeace.com/March.pdf](http://www.teachpeace.com/March.pdf)). Military people including Admiral Fallon, mentioned in the Teach Peace June newsletter, likely deserve most of the credit why Dick Cheney has not already "nuked" Iran. The Bush administration has used the prior false starts to reassign officers deemed to be barriers. We know from our feedback from readers that members of the military and mercenary forces obtain information from Teach Peace. Perhaps the soldier, sailor, or pilot we now so desperately need to prevent an illegal attack on Iran will read this newsletter and act on the basis of conscience and loyalty to the Constitution.

Sometimes I am asked what should people do if Iran is attacked. I encourage people to read Appendix E in *American Hiroshima*, "Life After An American Hiroshima." In addition, the documentary *Bringing Down A Dictator* provides detailed guidance on how to conduct nonviolent resistance. You can obtain both educational resources at <http://shop.teachpeace.com/main.sc>.

We still have time to prevent the next 9/11 and protect our democracy. Please help teach peace and distribute this information as an alert citizenry greatly increases our chances for success.

Peace be with you! Dave Dionisi, Teach Peace National Awareness

### Special points of interest:

- Ambassador Ryan Crocker, already the fourth American civilian viceroy of the US Baghdad caliphate, presented a gloomy picture to Congress stating "there will be no single moment at which we can claim victory."
- A first step in the solution for ending the violence in Iraq is for the people shooting the majority of the bullets and doing the majority of the killing to leave.

**The Evening of Peace awards dinner is on October 21, 2007 from 6-9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30 in advance and available at [www.teachpeace.com](http://www.teachpeace.com).**

### Teach Peace Meetings:

- See the Teach Peace site for a full listing of presentations, events and movies.
- Monthly conference calls are on the first Saturday of every month from 1 - 3 pm (PST). To participate on October 6th, call 218-486-1300 and enter the bridge code 720663.

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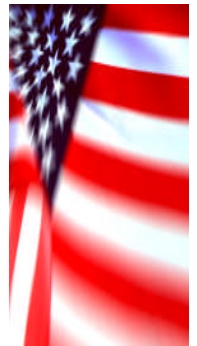


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## VALUING ALL LIFE

Nationalism is our form of incest, is our idolatry, is our insanity. "Patriotism" is its cult. It should hardly be necessary to say, that by "patriotism" I mean that attitude which puts one's own nation above humanity, above the principles of truth and justice; not the loving interest in one's own nation, which is the concern with the nation's spiritual as much as with its material welfare — never with its power over other nations. Just as love for one individual which excludes the love for others is not love, love for one's country which is not part of one's love for humanity is not love, but idolatrous worship.

Erich Fromm (1900-1980), U.S. psychologist



## IS GENERAL PETRAEUS CREDIBLE?

*When people who are honestly mistaken learn the truth, they will either cease being mistaken, or cease being honest! **Anonymous***

General Petraeus told the world on September 10th that the situation in Iraq is improving and some troops will soon come home. The entire report was a deception as there was no mention of the increasing use of mercenaries, now exceeding 200,000. His lies are no surprise for anyone who has a memory. Petraeus gave a similar inaccurate assessment on September 26, 2004 (see the Teach Peace articles section for the false report that should have resulted in a demotion instead of the promotion he received). His 2004 well-timed hit job on the Kerry campaign, unusual for a military officer on active duty, helped reelect President Bush. To put all of this in perspective, at the same time he was providing his optimistic report, he was directly responsible for losing 54% of all the weapons given to Iraqi security forces. In August 2007 the public learned that at least some of these weapons were used to kill American soldiers.

Petraeus's subordinate, Colonel Ted Westhusing, was so disgusted by the general's corruption that in 2005 he chose death before dishonor in his now famous "I am sullied no more" suicide note (see the Articles section and 3/9/07).

Unfortunately, Petraeus's deceptions make General Westmoreland, commanding general of US forces during the Vietnam War, look like an honest man. As a refresher, Westmoreland maintained through the end of his life in 2005 that the US did not lose the Vietnam war. History shows us commanding generals are chosen for their loyalty to the president that picked them and ability to see an empty glass as a full one. The senior officers on duty after four years of an illegal invasion have chosen their pensions and future career opportunities over their soldiers. Not surprisingly, Petraeus has said he would like to be a candidate for president in 2012. An informed public should have little faith in Petraeus's "progress" report.

## BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

The next monthly meeting is on October 6 from 1 to 3 pm. The annual Teach Peace Success Planning meeting is on November 3rd from 1 to 3 pm. To join the meetings, call 1-218-486-1300 and enter the bridge code 720663. You can also attend the meetings (see <http://www.teachpeace.com/meetings&events.htm>).

We have many open opportunities for you to make a difference. Have you ever wanted to lead a program, be an event coordinator, or build something that reaches people around the world? Please make the time to get involved and magnify your ability to make a difference.