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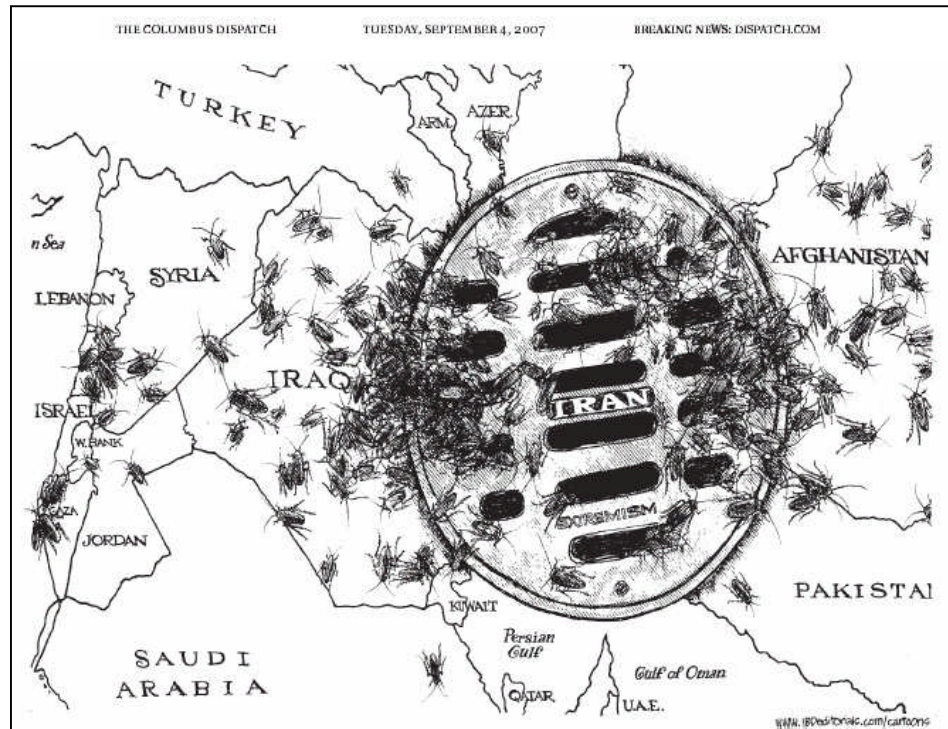
- Iran has not started a war for the past 200 years.
- Iran has some of the best universities, writers, painters, and poets, and musicians in the world but so far no suicide bombers.
- The reasons why Iran is being targeted and the potential horrific consequences are explained in *American Hiroshima*. A summary is available at [www.teachpeace.com/March.pdf](http://www.teachpeace.com/March.pdf).
- While the US media continues to report it, President Ahmadinejad never said Israel must be wiped off the map. As reported by the BBC on September 21, 2006, he said: "We love everyone in the world - Jews, Christians, Muslims, non-Muslims, non-Jews, non-Christians..."
- Before the CIA overthrew Iran's government in 1953, Iran was America's best friend in the Middle East.

"First they came for the Communists, but I was not a Communist - so I said nothing. Then they came for the Social Democrats, but I was not a Social Democrat - so I did nothing. Then they came for the trade unionists, but I was not a trade unionist. And then they came for the Jews, but I was not a Jew - so I did little. Then when they came for me, there was no one left who could stand up for me."

Martin Niemoeller, as displayed in the Holocaust Memorial Museum to inspire us to take immediate action when witnessing injustice.

## SAY NO TO WAR PROPAGANDA!

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



Similar to propaganda that led to the Holocaust, Iranians are depicted as cockroaches leaving a sewer and infesting Iraq and other countries.

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 reinforcing they are demonic, fascist, fundamentalist, etc. Second, this evil state is eternal. This is accomplished by destroying hope with messages that the enemy has always been evil and will always be evil.

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) and learn how to prevent an attack on Iran.