What's at stake: A world free of war and the threat of war. A nation much abused by the USA, threatened with annihilation by US and Israeli nuclear arms, is accused of seeking nuclear arms as did the other 8 nuclear nations, signs agreement preventing it from having nuclear arms, but US Congress threatens to block treaty.

Arkansas Leaders for Peace: What Would They Say Today?
J. William Fulbright during the height of the Cold War attempted to extend his Exchange Program to the Soviet Union, but his plan to acquire a part of WWII Lend Lease money the Russians were repaying was scuttled by US Sovietphobes, esp. by Senator “Scoop” Jackson of Washington State. See The Price of Empire. Another Arkansas native, Betty Bumpers, wife of then Senator Bumpers, created the women’s organization, Peace Links, to exchange women from the US and Russia and other countries. Today we need direct nonviolent citizen contact with “enemy” nations, including exchanges with all nations our leaders perceive to be “evil.”

As I write (July 28, 2015), CNN is reporting Congressional intention to reject the nuclear agreement between the US and Iran, backed by a poll indicating 52% of the US public oppose the agreement. This is a time for all of us to speak up against war and in support of the Obama administration, led by Sec’t. Kerry for diplomacy and peace. See below for actions today.

In the long run, “It has been a mainstay of this book that successful antiwar movements are those that have been able to make direct links with those in the flight path of US aggression and to bring their struggles and concerns directly into the US political arena. Indeed, direct comprehension of their urgent struggles has often been a radicalizing factor in antiwar campaigns.” Richard Seymour, American Insurgents: A Brief History of American Anti-Imperialism (2012). p. 193. After decades of unceasing hostility by the US toward Iran, finally our government changed course and Sec’t. Kerry negotiated a peace plan. But the long, irrational animosity (Iran has not harmed the US, but the reverse is true) remains in the US public and their representatives. Do all you can to bring home the lives of the people labeled our “enemy,” so that we can at last create amity between us.

Blog: http://jamesrichardbennett.blogspot.com/
Facebook: www.facebook.com/OMNIPeaceDept
j.dick.bennett@gmail.com
Here is the link to all the newsletters archived in the OMNI web site. http://www.omnicenter.org/newsletter-archive/ These newsletters offer information that enables us to examine morality and judgment of our leaders and their policies, of power. Here is the link to the Index: http://www.omnicenter.org/omni-newsletter-general-index/

Contents: Iran Newsletter #25 at end.

Contents: Iran Newsletter #26
Join Arkansas WAND Today in Conversation with White House Israel Behind the Opposition to the Agreement: 2 Essays Iorio and Naiman, Just Foreign Policy: Stop Netanyahu’s War Iorio and Naiman, Just Foreign Policy: Stop Netanyahu’s War

Get the Facts on the Iran Nuclear Agreement

Today July 28 at 1:00 p.m. CT, 2p.m. ET.

With an historic agreement reached between the six international powers and Iran, we are pleased to announce that we have rescheduled our special call with the White House. Please join us on Tuesday, July 28 at 2pm ET to hear from John Bisognano, White House Associate Director of Public Engagement, and other White House officials. If you are no longer able to attend or have yet to RSVP, please contact will@wand.org. Call in number will be provided after RSVP.

On July 14, the United States and its international partners reached an historic agreement to peacefully and verifiably prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon.

Since this diplomatic process began nearly two years ago, great progress has been made in freezing and rolling back sensitive aspects of Iran’s nuclear program and ensuring unprecedented access to its nuclear sites. The final deal makes these requirements on Iran’s program long-term commitments.

Now, Congress will examine the agreement and hold a vote to approve or disapprove of it; if Congress disapproves of a deal and prevents the United States from following through on its commitments, the chances for a military escalation would increase.

Americans need to be ready to weigh in with informed judgments to their Members of Congress and ensure that the United States can successfully implement a final deal. Learn the facts and be ready to make your voice heard!

Before the call, please peruse these resources:

- **WAND Statement**: http://www.wand.org/2015/07/14/special-statement-on-iran-nuclear-agreement/
- **White House Briefing Site**: https://www.whitehouse.gov/issues/foreign-policy/iran-deal
- **Iran Deal Facts**: http://www.irandealfacts.org/

We hope you will be able to join this Tuesday’s phone call on the Iran Agreement. Our discussion will be on the agreement led by Dr. Clea Hupp, UALR professor of Middle East Studies. We need to support this momentous feat of diplomacy!
Dear Dick,

Congress shouldn't do Bibi's bidding:
Oppose bills that would sabotage the Iran deal.

Sign the Petition

Over the last few weeks, Just Foreign Policy activists have sent over 32,000 emails, made nearly 1700 calls, and delivered petitions to 20 local offices calling on Members of Congress to skip Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s speech attacking the ongoing talks with Iran.

Our efforts paid off. When Netanyahu gave his address to Congress yesterday, at least 58 Members of Congress were absent — and even many of those present were not happy with what they heard. [1] House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi called the speech “insulting to the intelligence of the United States.” [2] Sen. Dianne Feinstein called Netanyahu “arrogant” for claiming to speak for all Jews, summarizing his speech as “he simply said, there’s nothing that we agree with here.” [3] [4] President Obama also responded to the address, saying “there was nothing new” in the speech, and that Netanyahu offered no “viable alternatives.” [5]

“\textit{We have been leading with the military for far too long. We need to get diplomacy, development, fiscal, economic, financial, educational tools out in front... We cannot kill our way to victory. It's not going to work.}”

-Admiral Mullen, former Chairman Joint Chief's of Staff
But Republicans in the Senate — backed by a few key Democrats — are moving quickly to do Bibi’s bidding and sabotage the Iran talks. Tell your Members of Congress to oppose these efforts TODAY:

http://www.justforeignpolicy.org/act/iran-deal-sabotage

Netanyahu’s ploy didn’t just backfire with Democratic leaders. The New York Times ran an editorial saying that Netanyahu “clearly doesn’t want negotiations.” [6] The piece ends by addressing Congress:
Congress must not forget that its responsibility is to make choices that advance American security interests, and that would include a strict and achievable agreement with Iran. If it sabotages the deal as Mr. Netanyahu has demanded, it would bear the blame.
The sabotage being planned in Congress comes in the form of two bills. The Kirk-Menendez bill would impose new sanctions on Iran — a measure President Obama has vowed to veto. [7] The Corker-Graham bill would throw impossible-to-meet procedural hurdles in the way of successfully completing an agreement. [8]

The passage of either the Kirk-Menendez or Corker-Graham bill would blow up the talks. Urge your Members of Congress to oppose them by signing our petition at MoveOn:

http://www.justforeignpolicy.org/act/iran-deal-sabotage

Thanks for all you do to promote diplomacy,

Megan Iorio and Robert Naiman
Just Foreign Policy

Do you like what we do? Help keep us going with a $15 tax-deductible donation.
We’re funded by people like you, so if you value what we do, help us keep it going with a $15 tax-deductible donation.
http://www.justforeignpolicy.org/donate

References:

BillMoyers.com  http://billmoyers.com/2015/03/17/real-story-behind-republicans-iran-letter/
The Real Story Behind the Republicans’ Iran Letter
by Gareth Porter, March 17, 2015
This post first appeared at Middle East Eye.
Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu waves after speaking before a joint meeting of Congress on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, March 3, 2015. In a speech that stirred political intrigue in two countries, Netanyahu told Congress that negotiations underway between Iran and the US would “all but guarantee” that Tehran will get nuclear weapons, a step that the world must avoid at all costs. (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

The “open letter” from Senator Tom Cotton and 46 other Republican senators to the leadership of Iran, which even Republicans themselves admit was aimed at encouraging Iranian opponents of the nuclear negotiations to argue that the United States cannot be counted on to keep the bargain, has created a new political firestorm. It has been harshly denounced by Democratic loyalists as “stunning” and “appalling”, and critics have accused the signers of the letter of being “treasonous” for allegedly violating a law forbidding citizens from negotiating with a foreign power.

But the response to the letter has primarily distracted public attention from the real issue it raises: how the big funders of the Likud Party in Israel control Congressional actions on Iran. http://billmoyers.com/2015/03/17/real-story-behind-republicans-iran-letter/

The infamous letter is a ham-handed effort by Republican supporters of the Netanyahu government to blow up the nuclear negotiations between the United States and Iran. The idea was to encourage Iranians to conclude that the United States would not actually carry out its obligations under the agreement – i.e. the lifting of sanctions against Iran. Cotton and his colleagues were inviting inevitable comparison with the 1968 conspiracy by Richard Nixon, through rightwing campaign official Anna Chenault, to encourage the Vietnamese government of President Nguyen Van Thieu to boycott peace talks in Paris.

But while Nixon was plotting secretly to get Thieu to hold out for better terms under a Nixon administration, the 47 Republican Senators were making their effort to sabotage the Iran nuclear talks in full public scrutiny. And the interest served by the letter was not that of a possible future president but of the Israeli government.

The Cotton letter makes arguments that are patently false. The letter suggested that any agreement that lacked approval of Congress “is a mere executive agreement”, as though such agreements are somehow of only marginal importance in US diplomatic history. In fact, the agreements on withdrawal of US forces from both the wars in Vietnam and in Iraq were not treaties but executive agreements.

Equally fatuous is the letter’s assertion that “future Congresses could modify the terms of the agreement at any time.” Congress can nullify the agreement by passing legislation that contradicts it but can’t renegotiate it. And the claim that the next president could “revoke the agreement with the stroke of a pen,” ignores the fact that the Iran nuclear agreement, if signed, will become binding international law through a United Nations Security Council resolution, as Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif has pointed out.

The letter has provoked the charge of “treason” against the signers and a demand for charges against them for negotiating with a foreign government in violation of the Logan Act. In a little over 24 hours, more
than 200,000 people had signed a petition on the White House website calling such charges to be filed.

But although that route may seem satisfying at first thought, it is problematic for both legal and political reasons. The Logan Act was passed in 1799, and has never been used successfully to convict anyone, mainly because it was written more than a century before US courts created legal standards for the protection of first amendment speech rights. And it is unclear whether the Logan Act was even meant to apply to members of Congress anyway.

AIPAC Marching Orders

The more serious problem with focusing on the Logan Act, however, is that what Cotton and his Republican colleagues were doing was not negotiating with a foreign government but trying to influence the outcome of negotiations in the interest of a foreign government. The premise of the Senate Republican reflected in the letter – that Iran must not be allowed to have any enrichment capacity whatever – did not appear spontaneously. The views that Cotton and the other Republicans have espoused on Iran were the product of assiduous lobbying by Israeli agents of influence using the inducement of promises of election funding and the threat of support for the members’ opponents in future elections.

Those members of Congress don’t arrive at their positions on issues related to Iran through discussion and debate among themselves. They are given their marching orders by AIPAC lobbyists, and time after time, they sign the letters and vote for legislation or resolution that they are given, as former AIPAC lobbyist MJ Rosenberg has recalled. This Israeli exercise of control over Congress on Iran and issues of concern to Israel resembles the Soviet direction of its satellite regimes and loyal Communist parties more than any democratic process, but with campaign contributions replacing the inducements that kept its bloc allies in line.

Cotton’s Loyalty to Israel

Rosenberg has reasoned that AIPAC must have drafted the letter and handed it to Senator Cotton. “Nothing happens on Capitol Hill related to Israel,” he tweets, “unless and until Howard Kohr (AIPAC chief) wants it to happen. Nothing.” AIPAC apparently supported the letter, but there may be more to the story. Senator Cotton just happens to be a protégé of neoconservative political kingpin Bill Kristol, whose Emergency Committee on Israel gave him nearly a million dollars late in his 2014 Senate campaign and guaranteed that Cotton would have the support of the four biggest funders of major anti-Iran organizations.

Cotton proved his absolute fealty to Likudist policy on Iran by sponsoring an amendment to the Nuclear Iran Prevention Act of 2013 that would have punished violators of the sanctions against Iran with prison sentences of up to 20 years and extended the punishment to “a spouse and any relative, to the third degree” of the sanctions violator. In presenting the amendment in the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Cotton provided the useful clarification that it would have included “parents, children, aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, grandparents, great grandparents, grandkids, great grandkids”.

That amendment, which he apparently believed would best reflect his adoption of the Israeli view of how to cut Iran down to size, was unsuccessful, but it established his reliability in the eyes of the Republican Likudist kingmakers. Now Kristol is grooming him to be the vice-presidential nominee in 2016.
So the real story behind the letter from Cotton and his Republican colleagues is how the enforcers of Likudist policy on Iran used an ambitious young Republican politician to try to provoke a breakdown in the Iran nuclear negotiations. The issue it raises is a far more serious issue than the Logan Act, but thus far major news organizations have steered clear of that story.

The views expressed in this post are the author’s alone, and presented here to offer a variety of perspectives to our readers.

Gareth Porter, Middle East Eye
Gareth Porter is an independent investigative journalist and winner of the 2012 Gellhorn Prize for journalism. He is the author of the newly published Manufactured Crisis: The Untold Story of the Iran Nuclear Scare. You can follow him on Twitter @GarethPorter.

What's behind the US/Iran treaty?
Bob Billig

Interesting and clear - considering how unclear our understanding of events in the Middle East continue to be - analysis of Iran/US/Saudi/Syrian/Israeli relations: who's after what and who's doing what to whom. Written by an Israeli in Gush Shalom (The primary aim of Gush Shalom is to influence Israeli public opinion and lead it towards peace and reconciliation with the Palestinian people - read more at http://zope.gush-shalom.org/home/en/about/aims/ if you're interested)
The Treaty by Uri Avnery, Jul 18 2015
AND WHAT if the whole drama was only an exercise of deception?

What if the wily Persians did not even dream of building an atomic bomb, but used the threat to further their real aims?

What if Binyamin Netanyahu was duped to become unwittingly the main collaborator of Iranian ambitions? Sounds crazy? Not really. Let's have a look at the facts.

IRAN IS one of the oldest powers in the world, with thousands of years of political experience. Once they possessed an empire that spanned the civilized world, including our little country. Their reputation for clever trade practices is unequaled.

They are much too clever to build a nuclear weapon. What for? It would devour huge amounts of money. They know that they would never be able to use it. Same as Israel, with its large stockpile.

Netanyahu’s nightmare of an Iranian nuclear attack on Israel is just that – a nightmare (or daymare) of an ignorant dilettante. Israel is a nuclear power with a solid second-strike capability. As we see, the Iranian leaders are hard-boiled realists. Would they even dream of inviting an inevitable Israeli retaliation that would wipe from the face of the earth their three-millennia-old civilization?

(If this capability is defective, Netanyahu should be charged and convicted for criminal negligence.)

Even if the Iranians did deceive the whole world and build a nuclear bomb, nothing would happen except the creation of a "balance of terror", such as saved the world at the height of the cold war between America and Russia.

The people around Netanyahu pretend to believe that, unlike the then Soviets, the Iranian mullahs are crazy people.
There is absolutely no evidence for that. Since their 1979 revolution, the Iranian leadership has not made one single important step that was not absolutely rational. Compared to American missteps in the region (not to mention the Israeli ones), the Iranian leadership has been thoroughly logical.

So perhaps they traded their nonexistent nuclear designs for their very real political design: to become the hegemon of the Muslim world.

If so, they owe a lot to Netanyahu.

WHAT HAS the Islamic Republic ever done in its 45 years of existence to harm Israel?

Sure. Tehran crowds can be seen on television burning Israeli flags and shouting "Death to Israel". They call us, not flatteringly, "the Little Satan", as compared to the American "Great Satan".

Terrible. But what else?

Not much. Perhaps some support for Hezbollah and Hamas, which were not their creation. Iran's real fight is against the powers that be in the Muslim world. They want to turn the region's countries into Iranian vassals, as they were 2400 years ago.

This has very little to do with Islam. Iran uses Islam as Israel uses Zionism and the Jewish Diaspora (and as Russia in the past used communism) as a tool for its imperial ambitions.

What is happening now in this region resembles the "religious wars" in 17th century Europe. A dozen countries fought each other in the name of religion, under the flags of Catholicism and Protestantism, but in reality using religion to further their very earthly imperial designs.

The US, led by a bunch of necon fools, destroyed Iraq, which for many centuries had served as the bulwark of the Arab world against Iranian expansion. Now, under the banner of the Shia, Iran is expanding its power all over the Region.

Shiite Iraq is now to a large extent an Iranian vassal (we'll come back to Daesh). The leaders of Syria, a Sunni country ruled by a small semi-Shiite sect, depend on Iran for their survival. In Lebanon, the Shiite Hezbollah is a close ally with growing power and prestige. So is Hamas in Gaza, which is entirely Sunni. And the Houthi rebels in Yemen, who are Zaidis (a school of the Shia.)

The status quo in the Arab world is defended by a corrupt bunch of dictators and medieval sheiks, such as the rulers of Saudi Arabia, Egypt and the Gulf oil potentates.

Clearly, Iran and its allies are the wave of the future, Saudi Arabia and its allies belong to the past.

That leaves Daesh, the Sunni "Islamic State" in Syria and Iraq. That is also a rising power. Unlike Iran, whose revolutionary élan long ago exhausted itself, Daesh is radiating revolutionary fervor, attracting adherents from all over the world.

Daesh is the real enemy of Iran – and of Israel.

PRESIDENT OBAMA and his advisors realized this some time ago. Their new alliance with Iran is partly based on this reality.

With the advent of Daesh, realities on the ground have changed completely. The shift reaffirms the old British maxim that one's enemies in one war can well become one's allies in the next, and vice versa. Far from being naïve, Obama is building an alliance against the new and very dangerous enemy. This alliance should logically include Bashar Assad's Syria, but Obama is still afraid of saying so aloud.

Obama and his advisors also believe that with the lifting of the crippling sanctions, Iranians will concentrate on making money, lessening their nationalist and religious fervor even more. That sounds reasonable enough.

(Netanyahu thinks the American people are "naïve". Well, for a naïve nation the US has done quite well in becoming the world's only super-power.)

One by-product of the situation is that Israel is again at loggerheads with the entire political world. The Vienna treaty was signed not just by the US, but by all leading world powers. This seems to create the situation described by a jolly popular Israeli song: "The whole world is against us / But we don't give a damn…"
Unfortunately, unlike Obama, Netanyahu is stuck in the past. He continues demonizing Iran, instead of joining it in the fight against Daesh, which is far, far more dangerous to Israel.

One does not have to go back to Cyrus the Great (6th century B.C.) to realize that Iran can be a close ally. In the relations between nations, geography trumps religion. Not so long ago, Iran was Israel's closest ally in the region. We even sent Khomeini arms to fight Iraq. The Mullahs hate Israel not so much because of their religion, but because of our alliance with the Shah.

The present Iranian regime has long since lost its revolutionary religious fervor. It is acting according to its national interests. Geography still counts. A wise Israeli government would use the next ten-or-more years of a guaranteed nuclear-free Iran in order to renew the alliance – especially against Daesh.

This could mean new relations with Assad's Syria, Hezbollah and Hamas too.

BUT SUCH far-reaching considerations are far from the mind of Netanyahu, the son of a historian, who is devoid of any historical knowledge or intuition.

The fight is now going to Washington DC, where Netanyahu will be fully committed as a mercenary of Sheldon Adelson, the owner of the Republican Party.

It is a sorry sight: the State of Israel, which has always enjoyed the full unblinking support of both American parties, has become an appendix of the reactionary Republican leadership.

One victim of this is the legend of the "invincible" pro-Israeli lobby. This crucial asset has now been lost. From now on, AIPAC will be just one of the many lobbies on Capitol Hill.

AN EVEN sorrier sight is Israel's political and media elite on the morrow of the signing of the Vienna treaty. It was almost incredible.

Almost all political parties fell in line with Netanyahu's policy, competing with each other in their demonstrations of abject loyalty. From the "leader of the opposition", the pitiful Yitzhak Herzog, to the voluble Yair Lapid, everybody rushed to support the Prime Minister at this crucial hour.

The media were even worse. Almost all prominent commentators, left and right, ran amok against the "disastrous" treaty and heaped their uniform disgust and contempt on poor Obama, as if reading from a prepared government "list of arguments" (as indeed they were).

Not the finest hour of Israeli democracy and the much lauded "Jewish brain". Just a despicable example of all-too-common brain-washing. Some would call it prestitution.

One of Netanyahu's arguments is that the Iranians can and will cheat the naive Americans and build the bomb. He is sure that this is possible. Well, he should know. We did it, didn't we?

US ESCORTS SHIPS IN STRAIT OF HORMUZ:
CONSTANT THREATENING PRESSURE ON SURROUNDED IRAN, AS WITH CHINA AND RUSSIA. THE PATH TO PEACE?
GOOGLE SEARCH, MAY 10, 2015
• Navy ships escorting U.S.-flagged merchants in strait
www.navytimes.com/.../military/.../navy...iran...ships.../2664...
Navy Times
Apr 30, 2015 - Navy ships in the Persian Gulf are accompanying U.S.-flagged merchant vessels through the Strait of Hormuz after Iran's recent seizure of one ...

- Navy will escort U.S. ships traveling near Iran ...

Hamptonroads.com › Home › Military
May 1, 2015 - A Navy official wouldn’t say which ships would act as escorts, but three Norfolk-based ships are in the region: the Theodore Roosevelt, the ...

- Navy ends escort mission in Strait of Hormuz - Military Times

Www.militarytimes.com/story/military/pentagon/.../navy.../70892742/
4 days ago - The U.S. Navy has ended its week-old mission to accompany American- and British-flagged ships through the Strait of Hormuz at the mouth of the Persian ... Iran claims it intervened with the Maersk Tigris because the Maersk..

So Iran’s or China’s or Russia’s naval ships will accompany their and their allies’ ships in the Gulf of Mexico? Of course not, because they do not have the navy to do it. Only the US has big stick 10 carrier battle groups roaming the seas. China is just now testing the seaworthiness of its first carrier. Only the bully of the seas can do such a hostile, risky thing.

And what is the truth behind the threatening? Was there a credible threat? The Iranian Navy in the Strait of Hormuz at the mouth of the Persian Gulf detained a Marshall Islands-flagged cargo ship. A quick decision was made by U.S. Central Command (the US has covered the planet with “Commands”), and then Secretary Ashton was briefed, and then President Obama, when an anonymous official said that his administration “does not want the move to be seen as provocative, given the delicate state of the Iran nuclear agreement.” Not provocative, are they kidding?

But the Iranians provoked first by the detention? Iran claims it intervened with the Maersk Tigris because the Maersk shipping line owes it money awarded in a lawsuit. True? Did the US bother to inquire? Shoot first and ask questions later in a crowded shipping lane with US warships, perhaps nuclear armed, stationed nearby?

The accompaniment ended in a week. Someone rational got a grip on the US Central Command, I trust. Dick

(By the way, I read the report in my state newspaper 5-1-15, The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, entitled “Navy to Escort U.S. Ships Near Iran.”. At the end we are told the report was “compiled by Democrat-Gazette Staff from Wire Reports.” This is a common practice by the newspaper, and is surely reprehensible, since it makes it impossible for readers to know who is accountable: Who originally wrote the report? How much and how accurately did the ADG staff revise it? I hope this practice ends. Perhaps it has an economic motive. The wire services reports are available to readers, but they are captured by ADG purchase, revision, and new title, and the ADG does not allow nonsubscribers to access its news reports.)
Here is Professor Chandra Muzaffar's article: 'The Iran Nuclear Agreement: A Step in the Right Direction':

Is Iran a nuclear threat? Here is Bob Koehler's candid assessment: 'The Real Nuclear Threat'
http://commonwonders.com/world/the-real-nuclear-threat/

And for Jonathan Power's thoughtful comments: 'Will Iran kill the nuclear bomb deal?'
http://www.dailymail.co.uk/opinion/15-Apr-2015/will-iran-kill-the-nuclear-bomb-deal

Even Opponents of Iran Support Agreement

IN THESE TIMES

Newsletter 25 July 2015

TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

Iranian Dissidents Explain Why They Support the Nuclear Deal
We know what politicians from the U.S. to Israel think about the Iran nuclear deal. How about asking some opponents of Iran's regime?
BY DANNY POSTEL

ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING THE AGREEMENT

Friday, July 17, 2015
VFP Applauds the Iran Deal

Veterans For Peace applauds the work of six world powers - P5+1 (U.S., U.K., France, Russia, China and Germany) and Iran in reaching an agreement concerning Iran's nuclear program. It is in the best interest of the world to reach a non-violent agreement rather than going down a track of possible war.

We call on Congress to support the agreement, paving the way for better relations between the U.S. and Iran; allowing the two nations to work together in addressing the ever growing humanitarian crisis in Syria, Iraq and across the region. <Full Statement>

Back to Top
This is the final showdown to stop Republicans from starting a war with Iran. The United States, Iran and five other world powers announced a historic deal to dramatically curb Iran's nuclear program in exchange for easing international sanctions on Iran. Republicans are trying to sabotage the deal, put us back on the path to confrontation with Iran and start a war – but they can't do it unless Democrats help them. We need to build an impenetrable firewall in Congress to prevent Republicans from passing any legislation to kill the deal and putting us back on the path to confrontation and war. Tell Democrats to go on record in support of the deal. We'll send your message to your senators and member of Congress, as well as to House and Senate Democratic leadership. The petition reads: Republicans are trying to take us to war by sabotaging the Iran nuclear deal. I urge you to support the deal and stop the Republicans from starting another war of choice in the Middle East.

http://www.stopwarwithiran.com/

©2015 CREDO and partner orgs. Terms of Use.
Today's long-awaited announcement of a deal between Iran and the P5+1 is a significant achievement for those who believe in the power of diplomacy to overcome differences. As we read day after day in the news, it was not easy for the parties to reach a compromise agreement, but they did it. Unfortunately, there are people in positions of power who still believe that war is the solution, despite the many recent tragic examples to the contrary in the Middle East and elsewhere. We urge them to support diplomacy with Iran. Congress now has 60 days to review the deal, and we call on our representatives to support the deal and continue to work toward a world without weapons worldwide. We feel it is important that, while we work tirelessly for global peace, we also work to ensure that our own country is not leading the world into another war.

A Campaign of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation - www.wagingpeace.org

© Nuclear Age Peace Foundation 1998 - 2015

To unsubscribe from the Action Alert Network, click here.

RECENT RELATED NEWSLETTERS 2015
Westward Empire 7-13
Israel/Palestine 7-1
Russia 6-19
War of Terror 6-3
Nuclear Weapons Abolition 6-2
Victims of Wars 5-25
Causes and Prevention of Wars 5-19
Empire, National Security State 5-17

ARKANSAS SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES
None of the senators or representatives publishes his e-mail address, but each can be contacted by filling in forms offered through his website.

Senator John Boozman: (202)224-4843
Website Email: http://www.boozman.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/e-mail-me

Senator Tom Cotton: (202)224-2353,
Website Email: http://www.cotton.senate.gov/content/contact-tom

Rep. Rick Crawford, 1st District: (202)225-4076
Website Email: http://crawford.house.gov/contact/

Rep. French Hill, 2nd District: (202)225-2506
Website Email: https://hill.house.gov/contact/email

Rep. Steve Womack, 3rd District: (202)225-4301
Website Email: http://womack.house.gov/contact/

Rep. Bruce Westerman, 4th District: (202) 225-3772
Website Email: https://westerman.house.gov/contact
Contents Iran Newsletter #25  January 17, 2014
http://jamesrichardbennett.blogspot.com/2015/01/iran-newsletter-25.html

US Hostility Today
Cole, Republican Control of House and Senate, Disasters Ahead
Clifton and Gharib, Iranophobic Lobbying Machine Dominates Congressional
Hearings

Peace Action, Diplomacy Now
Council for a Livable World, Support Kerry and Diplomacy
FCNL, Contact Congress
Move On, Berim: Contact Congress, Support Diplomacy
Similar Public Peace Efforts During Viet Nam War: Contact the “Enemy”

History of US/Iranian Relations: the 1953 Coup, After the Shah,            Reagan, Fear/Hate
Mongers (see preceding newsletters)
Abrahamian, The Coup: 1953, the CIA, and the Roots of Modern U.S.-Iranian
Relations (rev. by Abouyoub in Monthly Review)
Cole, CIA: Embassy and Ambassador
Stockman, US Started the Nuc Conflict During Reagan Admin.
Gareth Porter Interviewed by Andrew Cockburn in Harper’s
Edward Herman, rev. of Gareth Porter’s Manufactured Crisis of Iran’s Nuclear
Scare

END IRAN NEWSLETTER #26, JULY 28, 2015