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September 5, 1990

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C A R L W O I E

August 14, 1990

*J. Green*  
Dear George,

I am well aware that you are a very busy hands-on President, but possibly you would have time to read these newspaper clippings and to examine some of the articles in the Minnesota Alumni Magazine.

Again all the Woies thank you so profusely for the photos received. They will be cherished long after we are gone.

God Bless you and Barbara and all the Bush Family. Sincerely, Carl

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Star Tribune Aug 5, 1990

# Hussein should give pause to those who blame Israel first

By George F. Will  
The Washington Post

## Washington

The anesthetizing tranquillity of the post-Cold War world has been driven away by Iraq's emphatic reminder of the nature of the pre-Cold War world. This echo of the preceding 30 or so centuries suggests how much like the past the future may be.

It is tempting, but misleading, to compare the strutting Saddam Hussein to Mussolini, and thereby diminish Hussein, making him seem, as Mussolini now does through the obscuring mists of history, more absurd than menacing. Mussolini was the very junior partner in the Axis, and was last seen hanging from his heels at a Milan gas station. Hussein, too, is unlikely to die old, venerated or in his sleep. But he is unlike Mussolini in two significant particulars.

Hussein radiates a more virulent and personal viciousness than Mussolini did. (It is unimaginable that Mussolini would have used poison gas against Italians as Hussein has against Iraq's Kurds.) And Hussein uses far more military might, relative to neighbors, than Mussolini did.

However, Hussein is a very 1930s figure. He issues ultimata. He masses troops on international borders ostensibly to give weight to the diplomacy of ultimata but actually to demonstrate, with contemptuous clarity, that ultimata are perfunctory preludes to the crossing of borders.

The U.S. response to this, particularly regarding reassurances to Saudi Arabia, will probably be influenced, and for the better, by the fact that today's president is the last of a well-schooled line. George Bush, the former fighter pilot, probably will be America's last president from the

World War II generation. For that generation, war was the enveloping, formative experience and the word "Munich" is freighted with warning.

The lesson of Munich was: When it is necessary to confront an expansionist dictator, sooner is better than later. As Douglas MacArthur said, in war all tragedy can be summarized in two words: "too late." Too late perceiving, too late preparing for danger.

Democracy is not, as Ronald Reagan and others seem to assume, the certain solvent of danger. But democracy does generally help domesticate nations. Therefore it is well to note the following:

Democracy has recently been sprouting here, there and, it almost seems, everywhere between the cracks in the crumbling concrete of despotisms. It has been sprouting not only in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe,

but in Latin America, too. However, the world still waits and watches, without grounds for near-term hope, for the first democracy in the so-called "Arab world."

In the 42 years since Israel was established on one-sixth of 1 percent of the land in "the Arab world," the reaction in the region to the existence of Israel has been unanimously hostile, and this unanimity has obscured the fact that the phrase "the Arab world" is only a geographical, not a political expression. The most envenomed and bloody relationships, and most volatile confrontations, do not involve Israel.

The "blame Israel first (and last, and in between)" brigade is large and growing, here and abroad. But it should be given pause by Hussein. Iraq's act is evidence of this truth:

The existence of Israel, and of "the

Palestinian question," usually has little or nothing to do with the largest and most dangerous doings in the Middle East. Today it is especially apparent that Israel is the all-purpose but implausible alibi for the various pathologies that convulse many Arab nations, and relations between them.

History will record more clearly than did journalism the fact that in the 1980s Iraq and Iran fought one of the major wars of this century. The war raged most of the time outside the range of television cameras and therefore largely outside the consciousness of the West.

This week, however, the West should remember with gratitude recent history's single most effective and beneficial act of arms control, Israel's 1981 bombing of Iraq's embryonic nuclear-weapon program. And this week it is wise to acknowledge that the world became more dangerous

because nothing much happened after Iraq used poison gas against Iran. The regime of international restraint, sometimes called international law, was significantly weakened by the virtual invisibility of the world's response.

Israel noted that nonresponse and concluded, not for the first time, this: The unthinkable isn't.

Stephen Crane once wrote:

*A man said to the universe:*

*"Sir, I exist!"*

*"However," replied the universe,*

*"The fact has not created in me*

*A sense of obligation."*

Hussein has demonstrated the sincerity of his bellicose rhetoric. This demonstrates why Crane's poem expresses the essence, and correctness, of the statecraft of the only democracy in that unhappy region.

## Contain Iraq before it's too late

Standing astride Kuwait, President Saddam Hussein suddenly looks as large as the huge billboards that clutter Iraq's roadsides with his visage. His blitzkrieg Thursday shook the Middle East and the world. With far the strongest military force in the region, with demonstrable ruthlessness in using it, and now with control of more oil reserves than any other country anywhere, Iraq is unquestionably an awesome world power. Awesome, but not unstoppable.

While it's important to recognize Hussein's strengths, obsession with them can lead to inaction. To the credit of the Bush administration, the United States has taken the lead in pressing for the fast collective action necessary to stop the Iraqi dictator, to pry loose his illegal grip on Kuwait and to prevent other aggression in the future.

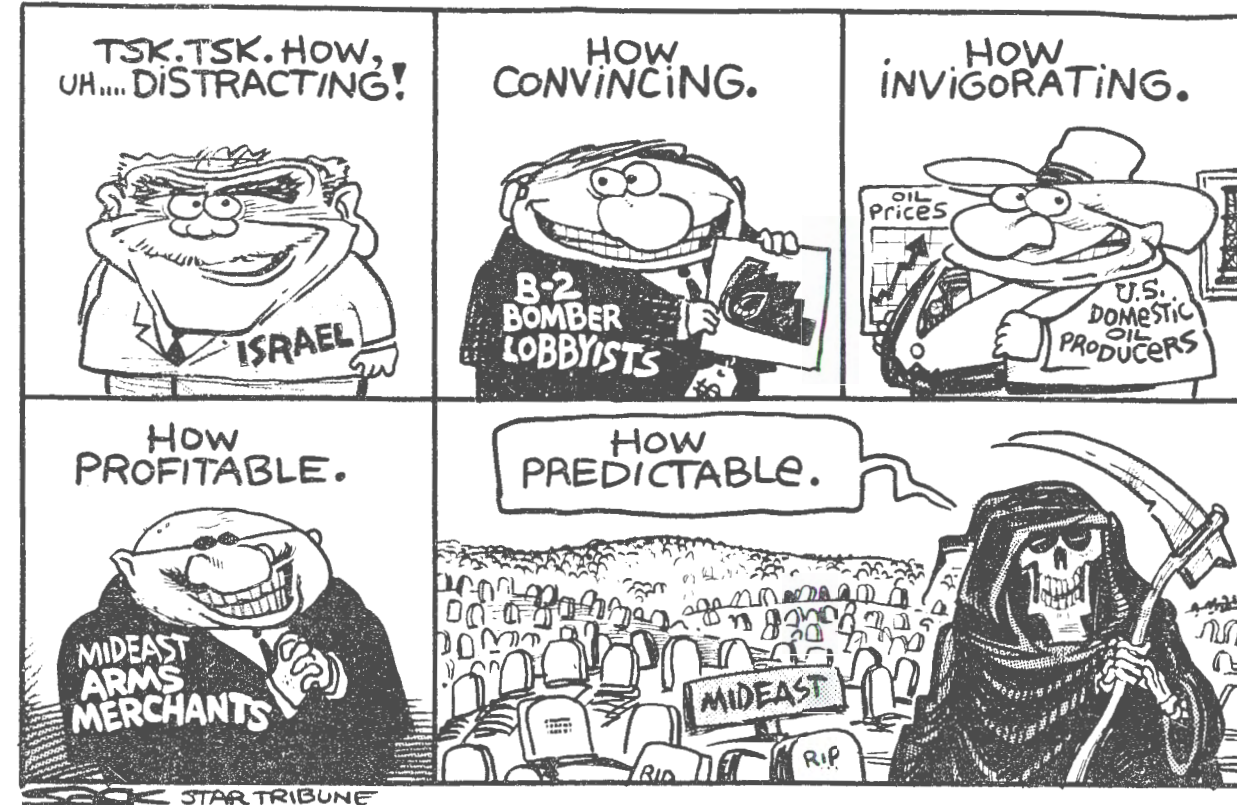
Fast responses are essential to prevent a fatalistic acceptance of the status quo since Thursday. Ambivalence among the other countries of the Arabian peninsula, most of them small but rich, was unfortunately predictable. Although the Iran-Iraq war obscured their apprehensions, all have long been wary of Iraq; ask an Omani about PFLOAG, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arab Gulf, which Iraq supported in the 1970s in a surreptitious attempt to topple governments. The sole virtue of Thursday's takeover was its blatancy; no Arab country can now doubt Hus-

sein's rapacity. The oil countries should be more willing to work with outsiders to improve security for themselves and those who buy their oil.

Collective security means a new role for Saudi Arabia, which faces a strong possibility of becoming the next Kuwait. The Saudis could help avoid that prospect by assenting, if necessary, to a shutdown of the Iraqi oil pipeline that crosses Saudi Arabia. Their sense of security would be improved by basing in their country a few military air squadrons — U.S. certainly, probably British, too, and perhaps from some other NATO countries and maybe even from the Soviet Union. Like U.S. forces based in Europe in the Cold War, foreign forces in Saudi Arabia would make Hussein think twice before invading.

Above all, collective security means coordinated action against Iraq. Alone, the U.S. embargo would have little effect. But a world boycott on Iraqi oil and on other trade with Iraq would bring crippling pressure to Hussein's already battered economy. Egypt's courageous condemnation of the Iraqi invasion shows that Hussein cannot intimidate all Arab countries. The joint Soviet-U.S. condemnation shows that he cannot play off one great power against the other. Together, nations can show Hussein that strength lies with them, not him.

## THE IRAQI INVASION; WHY ARE THESE MEN SMILING?



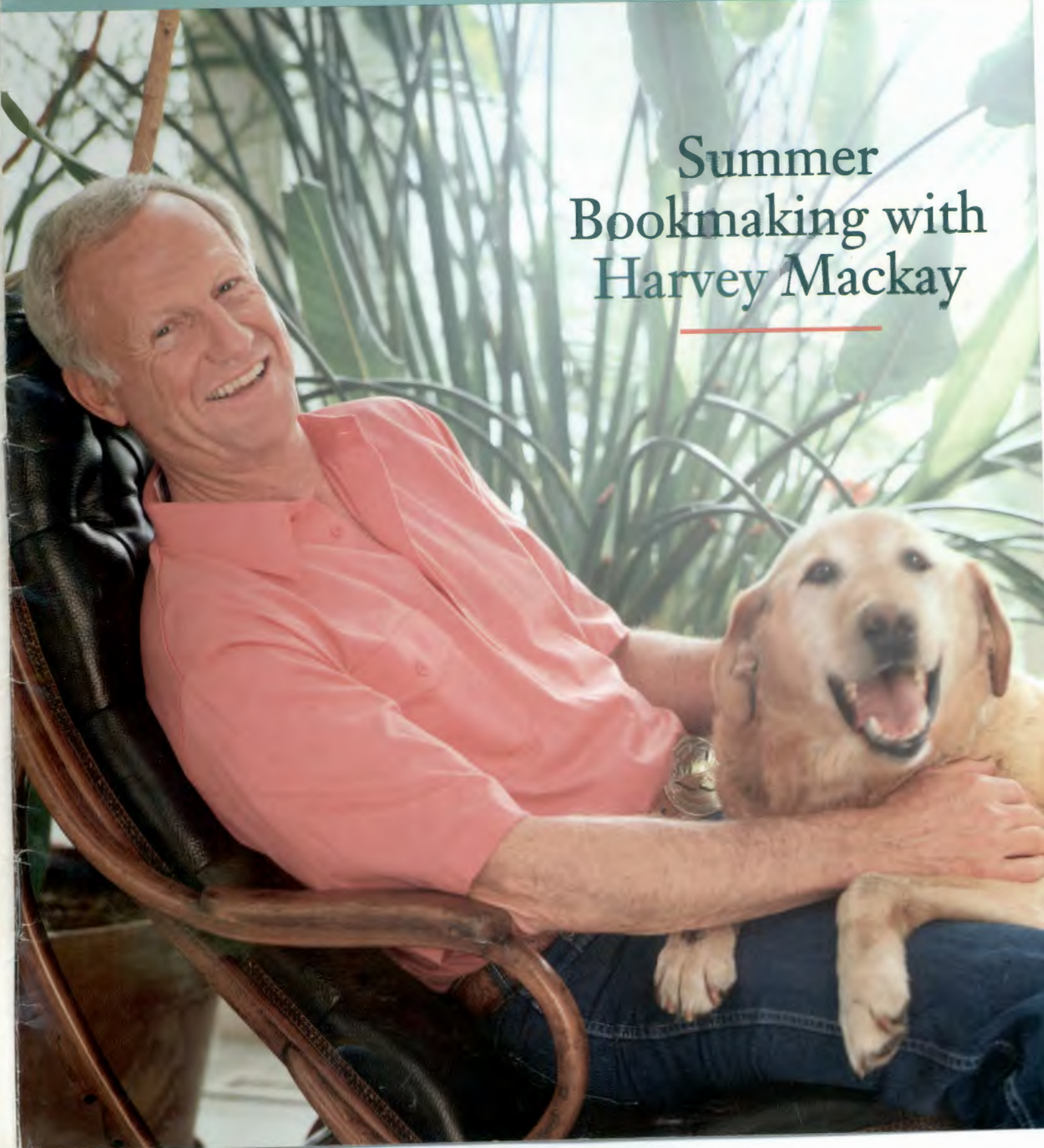
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# MINNESOTA

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## Summer Bookmaking with Harvey Mackay

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## PEOPLE AND EVENTS

**P**RESIDENTS and what Americans think about them was the topic of Minnesota Alumni Association (MAA) annual meeting speaker Lesley Stahl, CBS White House correspondent. Stahl addressed 1,300 alumni, regents, faculty, and friends at the 86th annual meeting May 8 at the Bierman Field Athletic Building.

"Some said Reagan was popular because of his strong sense of direction, his sureness, but I say that his strength was based on his TV image, his likability on the tube," said Stahl, moderator of "Face the Nation," who began her CBS career covering the Watergate break-in. "Carter was sanctimonious, which made him susceptible to everything that went wrong. But no negatives stuck to Reagan; we gave him the benefit of the doubt because we liked him. I am convinced that there is a disconnect between how we feel about presidents emotionally and how we see them politically."

As an example, Stahl talked about a story she did for CBS News during the 1984 campaign. The images and the words were contradictory: President Reagan was shown visiting nursing homes and other facilities that would be affected by his budget cuts. The harm that would be done by the cuts was the theme of the four-minute segment. The next day, a White House staff member called Stahl and said the piece was "great." A confused Stahl asked what he meant. He replied that it was free publicity, that the viewing public hadn't heard a word Stahl had said; all they had seen was a smiling Reagan out meeting an adoring public.

"The picture, if it's strong enough, will always drown out the word," said Stahl. "It was an astonishing lesson for me." The lesson was confirmed when a focus group, looking at the piece without sound, thought it was a Reagan campaign ad. When they saw it again, this time with the sound, their



An unscheduled audience question-and-answer session capped the annual meeting keynote address by CBS's Lesley Stahl. She fielded questions ranging from who President Bush's 1992 running mate will be to what went wrong with the Dukakis campaign.

impression remained unchanged; the spoken words did not affect what they saw on the screen.

President Bush, said Stahl, is popular with the American people because he comes across as natural, sincere, and honest. "People are sick and tired of the baloney factor," she said. "The country appreciates Bush for being himself."

Stahl predicted that no one who does not have a good television image will ever again be elected president. Americans decide who to vote for based on television, said Stahl, and that's not going to change. "We are going to have to learn how to deal with it."

In response to questions from the audience, Stahl said she hopes women will run for president in the 1990s, adding, "I believe the country would vote for a woman if she were qualified, and for a black if he were qualified." She described Barbara Bush as a "great role model for anyone" and said the hottest question in Washington today is whether or not Dan

Quayle will be President Bush's running mate in 1992.

Joining Stahl on the program were University President Nils Hasselmo, the University of Minnesota Marching Band, the alumni band, and the newly installed 1990-91 MAA officers, led by national president Sue Bennett. A video presentation highlighting association achievements and saluting volunteers was shown during dinner.

#### FOUR HONORED

University President Nils Hasselmo presented the Alumni Service Award to four alumni at the Minnesota Alumni Association (MAA) national board meeting May 8. Receiving the award were Fred Friswold, Chip Glaser, Pam Nichols, and Carol Pine.

Friswold, '58, has served as MAA national treasurer, vice president, and president. He has been a member of the association's executive and finance committees and is currently a member of the boards of directors of the University of Minnesota Foundation and

the Minnesota Supercomputer Institute.

Chip Glaser, '75, joined the MAA board in 1983 and held the offices of national treasurer, vice president, president-elect, and national president. Glaser chaired the MAA annual meeting for two years and headed the University's "There's Just One 'U' " celebration in 1988. He also served on the University's 1988 men's athletic director search committee.

Pam Nichols, '67, has worked with the MAA for about fifteen years, serving as president of the Council of Governors of the Minnesota Alumni Club. She joined the national board in 1979, and has served as executive committee member, national treasurer, and two terms as national secretary.

Carol Pine, '67, has been volunteering her time at the University of Minnesota since 1978, when she became a member of the School of Journalism Alumni Society board. She served as president of the society in 1984-85, was a member of the executive committee from 1985 to 1989, chaired the association's Alumni Society Advisory

Committee and Communications Committee, and is currently a member of the External Relations Advisory Council.

#### MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES

The Carlson School of Management's 30th annual Business Day April 5 was attended by about 500 students, alumni, faculty, and friends. "Communication: Challenges in the '90s" was the theme of the event, which addressed communication in the context of strategic planning, entrepreneurship, pollution control, information technology, unionization, financial markets, quality management in the service sector, and public policy. Featured speakers were Ginger Howard of Eli Lilly and Ron James of US West Communications. A panel discussion on the business of sports was moderated by Dave Mona of Mona, Meyer & McGrath.

Three awards were made during the day's events. Salvatore March, associate professor of information and decision sciences, was named Graduate Teacher of the Year; Peter Rosko, as-

sociate professor of finance, was named Undergraduate Teacher of the Year; and Tom Hauschild, '76 and '81, a partner in Coopers & Lybrand, was named Recruiter of the Year.

Business Week also included a lecture on growth in the 1990s by General Mills chief executive officer Bruce Atwater and a seminar titled "The Korean Economy: Recent Performance and Policy Implications for U.S. Business" presented by Il Sakong, former South Korean minister of finance.

#### FIFTY FOR MURPHY

The School of Journalism Alumni Society celebrated the 50th anniversary of Murphy Hall May 4 at the Holiday Inn Metrodome. More than 200 society members and friends attended the dinner and program and received copies of *Fifty Years of Leadership*, a chronicle of Murphy Hall written by George S. Hage, professor emeritus. An Award for Excellence was presented to Charles Roberts, editor of the *Minnesota Daily* in 1939-40, in recognition of his leadership and service to the community.

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