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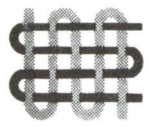
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THE CHIEF of STAFF
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The Hon. John H. Sununu
Chief of Staff
The White House
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Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Sununu:

It gives me great pleasure to report to you on the activities of the American-Arab Affairs Council over the past three months (see enclosed "Highlights"). During this time of leadership transition, the Council's principal efforts have been the publication of our quarterly journal and the implementation of a major conference in Atlanta marking the tenth anniversary of the organization. This meeting was very well-attended and received wide media coverage--the banquet speech by Under Secretary of State Paul Wolfowitz was excerpted in The Washington Post. The proceedings will be published in the next issue of American-Arab Affairs.

The participation of well-known policy makers and analysts ensured an enthusiastic audience in Atlanta. It was a particular pleasure for me to have as the keynote speaker the Hon. Frank C. Carlucci, whom I served under during his term as Secretary of Defense. Other speakers included David Mack of the State Department's Near East and South Asia bureau, William Quandt, Robert Neumann, Clovis Maksoud, and Ambassadors Nassib Lahoud of Lebanon and Abderrahmane Bensid of Algeria. Fortuitous timing--the fighting had ceased the day before--enlivened the event for those on the dais and in the audience.

I want to assure you of my commitment to the Council's major projects, conceived and established by its founder, George Naifeh: the journal American-Arab Affairs, the major conferences, and, as funding permits, other efforts directed to the public-opinion leaders identified at the Council's inception. There is heightened interest right now in the subject matter this organization provides forums for. With your support the Council can become secure and flourish.

Sincerely,

Lt. Gen. Charles W. Brown
President and Chairman
of the Board

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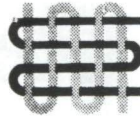
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HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES January-March 1991

ATLANTA CONFERENCE

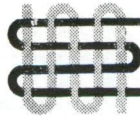
The Council celebrated its tenth-anniversary with a major conference at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia, February 28-March 1, 1991. Entitled "The Gulf Crisis: Global Ramifications," the meeting became even more timely when the U.N. cease-fire was declared the day before. The program focused on the economic and political implications of the war in the Gulf and the necessity of constructive U.S. engagement in the Gulf and the Middle East following the war.

The Atlanta meeting had been in the planning stages long before the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, so the presentations were being revised up to the last moment. When the cease-fire finally occurred the night before the conference began, a psychological shift had also taken place. As the banquet in honor of Ambassador Clovis Maksoud convened on Thursday night, the relief was palpable. Dr. Maksoud's speech exhorting his fellow Arabs to begin a healing process was in keeping with the general mood.

There was extensive local, regional and national interest in the conference. In addition to the nearly 200 business, academic and religious leaders in attendance, there was wide media coverage from television (CNN, WSB Channel 2 - ABC affiliate in Georgia), newspapers (Washington Post, Atlanta Constitution, Detroit Free Press, Reuters) and radio (WABE Atlanta Public Radio, Peach State Public Radio).

The impressive array of speakers expressed a range of views that stimulated a great deal of discussion. Some of the prominent individuals who participated were the Hon. Frank Carlucci, former U.S. Secretary of Defense; the Hon. Paul Wolfowitz, U.S. Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; Dr. William Quandt, Senior Fellow, the Brookings Institution; H.E. Nassib LaHoud, Ambassador of Lebanon; and H.E. Abdurrahmane Bensid, Ambassador of Algeria. The conference program is attached for your review. Also attached is a copy of the excerpts from Under Secretary Wolfowitz's remarks which were printed in the Sunday, March 31, 1991, "Outlook" (editorial) section of the **Washington Post**.

The conference cosponsors listed in the attached program were essential to the success of the Atlanta conference. In particular Dr. Raymond Mensing, Jr., Executive Director of the Georgia Consortium, Inc.; Dr. Cedric Suzman, Vice President, the Southern Center for International Studies; Dr. Mary Zumot, Mercer University Atlanta Center; and Dr. Carla Stein, Office of



International Programs, Georgia State University, were invaluable to the implementation of the conference.

Conference proceedings will be included in upcoming issue number #35 of the **American-Arab Affairs** journal.

AMERICAN-ARAB AFFAIRS

The 35th issue of the journal is in the mail to its subscribers. In addition to the entire proceedings of the Atlanta conference, it includes major articles on the Sultanate of Oman, U.S. policy toward Lebanon, the distinguished history of Jews opposed to Zionism, the future of the Palestinians, and efforts to eliminate weapons of mass destruction from the Middle East.

The journal also includes in its documentation section two papers produced by the Coalition for Postwar U.S. Policy in the Middle East, one dealing with economic and political development and one on the Israeli-Palestinian question. The American-Arab Affairs Council was part of the Coalition, a group formed to consider the future of the Arab world in the aftermath of the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and to publish position papers on this topic. As part of the journal, these papers will be accessible to researchers and other interested readers through the 14 indexes and data bases that list its contents.

HOUSTON LUNCHEON

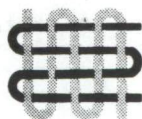
On April 3, Lt. General Charles W. Brown, President of the American-Arab Affairs Council; Dr. Jack Wilkinson, Chief Economist, Sun Refining and Marketing Company and a member of the Council's Board of Directors; and Richard F. Wilson, Director of Development for the Council, traveled to Houston, Texas, for a luncheon at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Meherwan Boyce of the Council's Texas State Committee.

The luncheon was attended by 40 people including business executives and individuals active in the Houston cultural community. General Brown and Dr. Wilkinson discussed current political and economic factors in the Gulf region and how they might affect the United States.

General Brown and Dr. Wilkinson were interviewed by KPRC TV, Houston's NBC affiliate, and Dr. Wilkinson was interviewed the **Houston Business Journal**. The luncheon was also covered by the **Houston Chronicle** and the **Houston Post**, the two largest Houston newspapers.

COALITION FOR POST-WAR U.S. POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

In an effort contribute to and guide post-war debate on the many critical political, economic, social and strategic questions that have come to the fore following the war with Iraq, the "Coalition for Post-War U.S. Policy in the Middle East" was formed. The Coalition comprises organizations interested in promoting improved U.S.-Arab relations and constructive U.S. policy in the Middle East: the American-Arab Affairs Council, the American Educational Trust, the American Muslim Council, the



Arab American Institute, the Council for the National Interest, the National Association of Arab Americans, the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations and the National U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce.

Under the auspices of the coalition, three position papers were written and are now available on "Regional Security and Defense Issues in the Middle East," "Israel and its Neighbors: Achieving Peace and Stability" and "Enhancing Economic and Political Development: A Time to Heal and Build for the Future." Each paper was written by an area specialist with the input of a review committee.

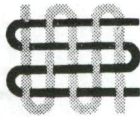
Richard Wilson participated in planning sessions, and General Brown reviewed the position paper on regional security. The two papers which were available when the **American-Arab Affairs** journal went to press, "Enhancing Economic and Political Development..." and "Israel and its Neighbors..." will be included in upcoming number #35. If you would like a copy of these papers, you may contact The Coalition at the U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce, 1825 K Street, N.W., Suite 1107, Washington, D.C. 20006. Tel. (202) 331-8010. Fax: (202) 331-8297. Please specify the topics.

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

The Council's first Educational workshop of 1991 will be held May 2 and 3 at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. This will be the second seminar the Council has held at Amherst and will concentrate on providing further knowledge on the Arab world and Islam, enlarging on the information provided last year. The Council has secured six excellent speakers for this two-day workshop, and Senator McGovern will be giving the luncheon keynote address. There will be a full report in the next "Highlights."

Although the Council was not able to make a full presentation at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington, Dr. Ann Lockledge did proceed with a mini seminar on April 10 to which the Council sent relevant materials for the participants. Dr. Lockledge reported that on April 10 thirty teachers attended a seminar devoted to understanding Islam. These teachers were from various cooperating schools and will be supervising student teachers. The speaker for the group, from the Religion Department of University of NC-Wilmington, was delighted that the Council had sent John Esposito's **Islam: the Straight Path** to distribute to the participants, since Dr. Esposito had done his graduate study under him while working on his master's degree.

The teachers were extremely interested in learning about how the Quran affects the cultures of the Middle East. There was also much discussion about religion and national-security issues. The teachers were particularly pleased with the wealth of materials that they could take back to share with their student teachers. Some of the teachers had already written to the International Institute of Islamic Thought to request a copy of the "Arab World Notebook" and had received their copies. Dr.



Lockledge advised the other teachers to follow this example. Dr. Lockledge said that the seminar was a huge success and called to thank the Council for the wonderful materials.

Other planned Educational Workshops include the University of Arkansas at Monticello on August 9 and the University of Toledo on August 19 and 20. Another seminar is in the planning stage at California State University at Sacramento. More details on these seminars will be forthcoming in future "Highlights."

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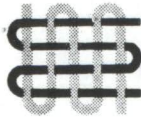
The Council's Program Director, Wilma LaMee, continues to receive numerous requests for materials for use by teachers, as well as information requests for libraries, meetings and conferences. Pertinent Council materials have been sent to these various organizations as well as information on where to obtain other materials gratis that they may find useful. These requests come as a result of the Council's Educational Workshops which have received enormous publicity in all locales where they have been held. The Council averages sending two packets of material each week.

Another function to which the Council offered facilitative assistance was a presentation on "Archeology in the Middle East" to 90 students at Broadview Middle School in Burlington, North Carolina on March 1. The presenter, Carol Vogler, was one of the participants in our two-week Arab world trip during April, 1990; these teachers continue to relate their experiences and it was through their energy that the North Carolina Consortium was formed. Ms. Vogler's slide presentation in Burlington covered archeology of Babylon, Petra and Jarash to three 7th grade classes. The children were most attentive and inquisitive. They were especially excited when they realized that the treasury building at Petra was a real place and not just a movie prop for "Indiana Jones." The teachers and assistant principal were equally attentive and interested in the slide presentation.

Ms. Vogler's superb lecture was praised in the following note she received: "You are a master teacher with the ability to captivate young minds. Your presentation showed much thought and effort and I appreciate your willingness to share with the folks in Burlington." Other groups to whom Ms. Vogler has given presentations include 200 senior citizens in Winston Salem and a group of retired teachers. Other members of the North Carolina Consortium will be making presentations in late April.

CONTINUING INTEREST IN MILWAUKEE SYMPOSIUM

The clergy showed great interest in the Milwaukee Religious Leaders Symposium held November 7, 1990, and the Council has had numerous requests for multiple copies of the fall issue of American-Arab Affairs, which contained excerpts from this conference. We continue to get requests to send this excellent issue to interested persons. The Council's religious-leaders symposiums are held across the United States with the objective of encouraging the clergy to begin participating in the Middle



East peace process. It is evident the clergy who attended are concerned and want to do what they can to bring peace to this troubled area of the world.

PULITZER FOR BOARD MEMBER STEVEN NAIFEH

The members of the Council's Board and staff were proud and delighted when the Pulitzer prize winners were announced on April 10. In the category of biography, the prestigious award was given to Jackson Pollack: An American Saga, by Steven Naifeh and Gregory White Smith (New York: Clarkson N. Potter, Inc., 1990). Steven Naifeh, the son of George Naifeh, the Council's founder and president emeritus, has served on the Board for the past seven years.

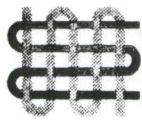
Lawyers and art historians, Steven Naifeh and his partner have written many successful books, but the Pollack biography represents a 10-year investment of energy and time. In the field of publishing, such labors of love seldom become award winners or commercial successes. In addition, painting is the most political of all the arts, the modern eye being so tolerant; a priesthood of critics generally controls the public taste and the marketplace. Naifeh and Smith brought exhaustive research and new interpretations to the abstract impressionist Pollack and alienated many critics, making their Pulitzer all the more meaningful.

JOURNAL EDITOR SPEAKS TO MARINE CORPS OFFICERS

On the day before the air war in the Gulf began, Anne Joyce, editor of American-Arab Affairs, conducted a discussion on the Gulf situation for a class of senior officers at the Quantico, Virginia, Marine Corps base. She had been invited many weeks prior to that date, which was chosen when the United Nations set the deadline for Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait. An energetic exchange of views took place, the officers differing among themselves and with Ms. Joyce on the likelihood and advisability of war, its length, and the prospects of peace in its aftermath. The suspense ended 36 hours later, when the bombing of Baghdad began.

FAREWELL LUNCHEON FOR GEORGE NAIFEH

On January 18 the Council's Board of Directors held a special luncheon in Washington for retiring founder and president emeritus George A. Naifeh. It was attended by 130 Council supporters including Jordanian ambassador H.E. Hussein Hammadi, Najeeb Halaby, William Colby, former Senator Charles McC. Mathias, Council Board members former Senator George McGovern, Talat Othman, K.v.R. Dey, Witold Sulimirski and Carol Edler Baumann. Dr. Baumann presented Mr. Naifeh with a plaque from the Board praising his unique accomplishment in founding the Council and bestowing on him the honorary title of president emeritus. Mr. Naifeh will be missed, but his legacy will live on.



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TOPICS AND SPEAKERS

- Naseer H. Aruri, Political Science Department, Southern Massachusetts University, "U.S. Economic and Political Policies in the Middle East"
- Aida Bamia, Department of African and Asian Languages and Literature, University of Florida, Gainesville, "Cultural Diversity in the Arab World"
- John L. Esposito, College of the Holy Cross, "History of Islam and Its Traditions"
- Mohammed Jiyad, Senior Lecturer in Arabic, Mount Holyoke College, "Arabic Language"
- Yvonne Haddad, Department of History, University of Massachusetts, "Cultural Contributions of the Arab World to Western Civilization"
- Canon Michael Hamilton, The Washington Cathedral, "Moral Issues Involved in Middle East Conflicts"

Participants will meet in small groups with each of the six presenters. Luncheon on Thursday will be organized as an information exchange for participants. The guest speaker at the Friday luncheon will be the Honorable George McGovern.

To register for the Seminar, please complete the form below. We encourage you to make additional copies of this flyer to share with your colleagues. Participants coming from a distance may want to stay at the Campus Center Hotel, University of Massachusetts (413) 549-6000.

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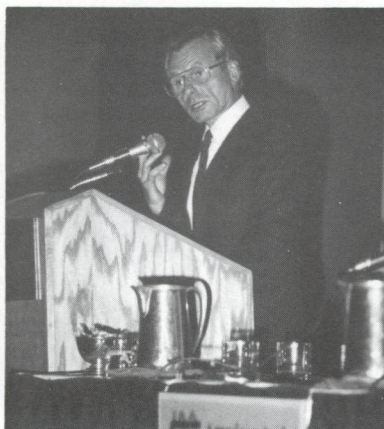
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MAJOR CONFERENCES



Ambassador Clovis Maksoud answering a question at Atlanta conference. To his left, H.E. Nassib Lahoud, Ambassador of Lebanon, waits to respond while Dr. Robert Claxton, Executive Director, Georgia Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations, moderates the question and answer period.



The Hon. Frank Carlucci delivering the morning keynote address at Atlanta Conference.



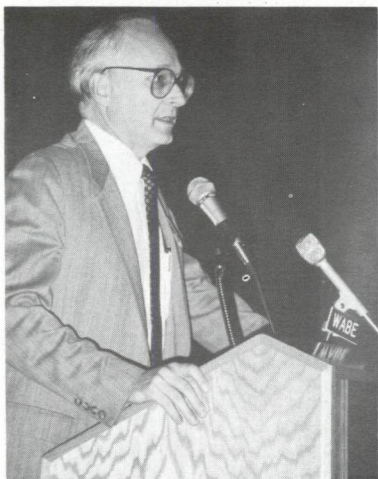
The Hon. Paul Wolfowitz, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (right) and H.E. Abderrahmane Bensid, Ambassador of Algeria, (left) during Atlanta conference evening banquet. H.E. Ambassador Lahoud is behind them.



Mr. Peter White, President, The Southern Center for International Studies, moderating the afternoon political panel for Atlanta conference: (from left to right) the Hon. Joseph W. Twinam, John C. West Professor of Government and International Studies, The Citadel; the Hon. David Mack, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Middle Eastern and South Asian Affairs, U.S. Department of State; the Hon. Robert G. Neumann, Director, Middle East Studies Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and; Mr. Kenzo Oshima, Minister, Political Section, Embassy of Japan.



Morning economic panel (from left to right): Dr. Jack Wilkinson, Director, International Economics, Sun Refining and Marketing Company; Mr. Talat Othman, President, Dearborn Financial, Inc.; Mr. John Christie, Editor, Gulf States Newsletter, London; and Mr. Koro Bessho, First Secretary, Economic Section, Embassy of Japan.



Dr. William B. Quandt, Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution, delivering the luncheon address at Atlanta conference.



Dr. Jack Wilkinson giving a television interview. Mr. Talat Othman is being interviewed in the background.



Lt. General Charles W. Brown, President of the American-Arab Affairs Council, talking with Dr. Cedric Suzman, Vice President and Educational Program Director, The Southern Center for International Studies, while the Hon. Frank Carlucci is being interviewed by CNN in the background.



The Hon. Paul Wolfowitz answering a question following his banquet address at Atlanta conference.



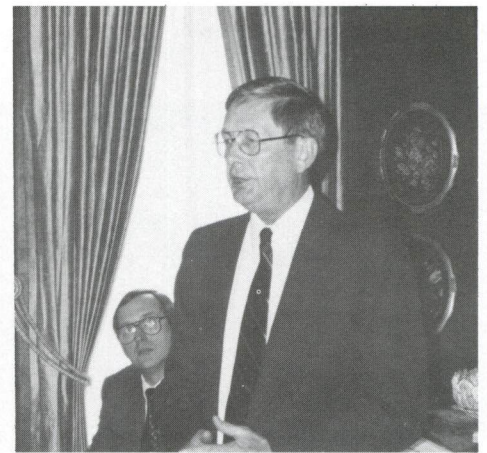
H.E. Abderrahmane Bensid, Ambassador of Algeria, and Dr. Mary Zumot, Mercer University, Atlanta Center at Atlanta conference.



Mr. and Mrs. Talat Othman and Atlanta conference attendees listen to a presentation.



Members of the Atlanta conference political panel: The Hon. Joseph Twinam, the Hon. David Mack and the Hon. Robert Neumann consider a question from the audience.

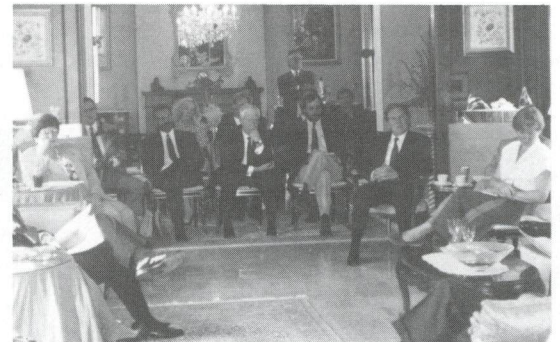


Lt. Gen. Charles W. Brown, President and Chairman of the Board of Directors, American-Arab Affairs Council, speaks to Houston business executives about his military career and political and economic stability in the Middle East.



Dr. Jack Wilkinson, Director, International Economics, Sun Refining and Marketing Company and a Council Board Member, discusses the international oil market and the impact of the Gulf war on U.S. business with a group of 50 business executives in Houston.

Some of the Houston business executives and media representatives who attended the Council luncheon hosted by Texas State Committee members, Dr. and Mrs. Meherwan Boyce on April 3, 1991.



Dr. Wilkinson responds to a question from the luncheon audience.

Paul D. Wolfowitz

Desert Storm—An Arab Victory

The following is excerpted from an address to the American-Arab Affairs Council in Atlanta on March 1:

There's been a lot of nonsense spoken about Saddam Hussein's being an Islamic hero. Saddam Hussein is not an Islamic hero, and he's not an Arab hero—he's an international thug, a gangster. He has tried to cast himself in the mold of Saladin and other heroes of the Arab past, but Saddam is no Saladin. Saladin was a great general, generous in victory, a patron of the arts, founder of schools and mosques, builder of public works, a man who died owning less than when he came to power, a hero recognized in East and West alike as the paragon of chivalry.

Saddam Hussein's real role model seems to be Hulagu Khan, the infamous 13th century Mongol chief who murdered prisoners of war, slaughtered women and children, plundered and burned cities, hospitals and universities—the original Butcher of Baghdad.

I know Muslims well, particularly from my time in Indonesia—I know them as humane and peaceful people. I find it disgraceful that anyone would hold up Saddam Hussein as a Muslim leader, not just because his piety is pure propaganda, but because it is calumny to suggest that the atrocities he has inflicted on the people of Kuwait, Iran and Iraq are condoned by his religion. He may be second only to the Soviet Union in the number of Muslims anyone has killed in this century. To accept his claim to be a spokesman for Islam simply propagates the false stereotype of Islam as brutal and aggressive and intolerant.

But there are plenty of real Arab heroes of this war. I've already mentioned some of the statesmen. Many more have earned the highest honor. Some of their names are known: Fahad Ahmad Al Sabah, the Emir's brother, who was killed in action on Aug. 2 fighting for the precious minutes that enabled his government to escape to Saudi Arabia and carry on the struggle; Col. Turki Al-Firm, whose King Abdul Aziz Brigade of the Saudi National Guard dashed to the Kuwaiti frontier and faced the vast Iraqi army in those tense days when it was the only force between Saddam Hussein and Dhahran; Capt. Ayedh Al-Shamrani of the Royal Saudi Air Force, with his twin kill of a pair of Iraqi Mirages.

And Sara Al-Qabandi, a 19-year-old Kuwaiti girl, who made the ultimate sacrifice for her country. Captured by Iraqi soldiers while car-



BY ELEANOR MILL

rying messages between resistance leaders on G-Day, Feb. 24th, she was tortured and murdered—chopped in half with an ax. Her sister later died in a Saudi hospital after being raped and unspeakably mutilated by Iraqi soldiers in reprisal for Sara's valor.

Thousands more remain unknown, including Sara's comrades in the Kuwaiti resistance, who fought the invaders for weeks after the Kuwaiti armed forces had been forced to evacuate the country and continued to attack Iraqi soldiers, equipment and facilities until the Iraqis inflicted brutal reprisals against whole neighborhoods.

We Americans owe a special debt to those brave men and women who, under threat of death, secretly fed and sheltered Americans and other foreigners trapped in Kuwait. They led Westerners through the Iraqi lines to Saudi Arabia, then went back in to get more. And up until liberation day, the resistance continued to provide valuable intelligence information to the coalition forces at great personal risk.

Many more served with the Arab forces who led the liberation of Kuwait: the pilots of the Kuwaiti Air Force's 9th and 25th squadrons, who continued flying their A-4s against the Iraqi aggressors until their base was overrun, then evacuated to Dhahran to gain their revenge in Desert Storm; the Qatari brigade that

fought with such distinction alongside Col. Turki's guardsmen at Khafji; thousands of other Arab soldiers, sailors and airmen, many of whom are truly heroes to the surrendering Iraqis for personifying the finest Arab traditions of generosity and hospitality.

I would not want to omit the many Arab Americans serving with distinction as members of U.S. forces. When I visited the 1st Marine Division in October, I went to the forwardmost battalion, which was posted immediately next to a Free Kuwaiti MP unit. I asked the Marine commander if he had any trouble communicating with the Kuwaitis, and he said no—not only did some of the Kuwaitis speak English, but he had two Arabic speakers in his unit: both Arab Americans.

A last important lesson is that what we have seen this week is not an Arab defeat. On the contrary—it is a resounding Arab victory. The Arab League roundly condemned the invasion of Kuwait. Troops from nine Arab countries, representing more than half the world's Arab population, participated in coalition operations. Arab armies and air forces performed superbly in this conflict and played a leading role in the liberation of Kuwait.

The writer is undersecretary of defense for policy.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

In the Chinese language the character meaning crisis, "weiji," is actually the combination of two characters; one which means "danger" and the second which connotes "opportunity" or "critical point." The danger inherent in the Gulf crisis is clear. The most vivid example is the extraordinary number of troops and amount of material associated with the war. Of the 700,000 coalition troops, 500,000 are American, constituting the largest U.S. military mobilization since World War II. The further effects of social dislocation, economic hardship and possible terrorism, though secondary, may ultimately be as hazardous as the actual fighting.

The historical consequences, as yet undetermined, are perilous as well. This is the first international crisis in the post-Cold War world, and it is unfolding in a volatile region that is strategically significant to the United States and the international community. While the military outcome of this war seems inevitable, military victory in the Middle East is often gained at a prohibitive political cost. The ultimate winner remains to be determined sometimes long after the fighting has ceased.

It is for this reason that the massive U.S. commitment of its military, political and financial resources to the Gulf war must be seen as more than a resolute response to a present danger. American involvement in this war represents an opportunity to redefine the nature of U.S. participation in the region; a region that has seen American military activity three times in a decade (Lebanon, 1982; Libya, 1986; Iraq, 1990).

In order to avoid a return to the Middle East in another four years, Americans need to consider, responsibly and thoroughly, how the United States can contribute to, or lead, efforts to establish effective national security for all states in the region, reach agreement on arms control, address Arab-Israeli and Israeli-Palestinian conflicts with the purpose of achieving a viable peace, and aid in the creation of economic and political institutions that help stabilize the region.

The opportunity for achieving any or all of these goals may be greater, following a military victory against Iraq, than at any time in recent memory. Chances of success are significantly enhanced if the United States chooses to make a commitment to realizing these opportunities that is comparable to the energy and determination applied to the military aspect of the war.

The purpose of this conference, as with all informational forums cosponsored by the American-Arab Affairs Council (including the journal *American-Arab Affairs*), is to provide a context to help define the interests of the United States in the Arab world and to examine means to achieve the peace, security and economic opportunity desired by all.

Conference Schedule

Thursday, February 28, 1991

5:00 p.m. REGISTRATION—Convention Level Lobby

PRESIDENT'S BANQUET Imperial Ballroom A

6:30 p.m. RECEPTION

7:30 p.m. WELCOME: **Dr. Raymond C. Mensing, Jr.**, Executive Director, The Georgia Consortium, Inc; Prof. of History, Valdosta State College

INTRODUCTION: **Dr. Robert H. Claxton**, Executive Director, Georgia Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations; Prof. of History, West Georgia College

Speakers:

H.E. Nassib S. Lahoud, Ambassador, Embassy of Lebanon to the United States

Ambassador Clovis Maksoud, former Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations

Presentation of the American-Arab Affairs Council's Distinguished Diplomatic Service Award to Ambassador Clovis Maksoud

Friday, March 1, 1991

8:00 a.m. REGISTRATION—Convention Level Lobby

MORNING PROGRAM Imperial Ballroom A

9:00 a.m. INTRODUCTION: **Dr. Raymond C. Mensing, Jr.**, Executive Director, The Georgia Consortium, Inc; Prof. of History, Valdosta State College

WELCOME: **Dr. Arthur Dunning**, Vice Chancellor, University System of Georgia, responsible for International Studies for Georgia University System

9:15 a.m. PANEL: *Economic Implications of the Gulf Crisis*

Moderator:

Dr. Cedric Suzman, Vice President and Educational Program Director, The Southern Center for International Studies

The United States and the Gulf Cooperation Council

Dr. Jack Wilkinson, Director, International Economics, Sun Refining and Marketing Company

The United States and the Arab World

Mr. Talat Othman, President, Dearborn Financial, Inc.

Europe and the Arab World

Mr. John Christie, Editor, *Gulf States Newsletter*, London, U.K.

Japan and the Arab World

Mr. Shotaro Yachi, Economic Counselor, Embassy of Japan to the United States

10:30 a.m. QUESTIONS

11:15 a.m. *U.S. National Security in a Changing World*

The Hon. Frank Carlucci, III, former U.S. Secretary of Defense; Vice President, The Carlyle Group

LUNCHEON
Imperial Ballroom B

- 12:30 p.m. INTRODUCTION: **Mr. Neville Isdell**, President of Europe/Middle East/Africa Group, Coca Cola Company
The Maghreb and the Gulf Crisis
H.E. Abderrahmane Bensid, Ambassador, Embassy of the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria to the United States
After the Gulf Crisis: Challenges for American Policy
Dr. William B. Quandt, Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.
- 2:00 p.m. QUESTIONS

AFTERNOON PROGRAM
Imperial Ballroom A

- 2:45 p.m. INTRODUCTION: **Dr. Karla Stein**, Director of International Programs, Georgia State University
Egypt and the Gulf Crisis
H.E. El Sayed Abdel Raouf El Reedy, Ambassador, Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt
- 3:15 p.m. QUESTIONS
- 3:45 p.m. PANEL: *Political Implications of the Gulf Crisis*
Moderator:
Mr. Peter White, President, The Southern Center for International Studies
The United States and the Gulf Cooperation Council
The Hon. Joseph W. Twinam, John C. West Professor of Government and International Studies, The Citadel
The United States and the Arab World
Ambassador David Mack, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Middle Eastern and South Asian Affairs, U.S. Department of State
Europe and the Arab World
Ambassador Robert G. Neumann, Director, Middle East Studies Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.
Japan and the Arab World
Mr. Kenzo Oshima, Minister, Political Section, Embassy of Japan to the United States
- 5:00 p.m. QUESTIONS

BANQUET
Marquis Ballroom III

- 6:15 p.m. RECEPTION
- 7:00 p.m. *The Gulf War*
The Hon. Paul Wolfowitz, U.S. Under Secretary of Defense for Policy
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THE HON. FRANK C. CARLUCCI, III Mr. Carlucci was nominated by President Ronald Reagan to be the Secretary of Defense in November of 1987. After confirmation by the Senate, he took the oath of office on November 23, 1987. In addition to having served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Sears World Trade, Inc., followed by the position as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Carlucci's experience in government service in the Executive Branch spans four U.S. Administrations of both Republican and Democratic presidents. His appointments included Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, Deputy Secretary of Defense, Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, Ambassador to Portugal, Under Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Associate and then Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget. After leaving the Department of Defense in January 1989, Mr. Carlucci became Vice Chairman of The Carlyle Group, a merchant bank in Washington, D.C. In addition, Mr. Carlucci is on the Boards of Directors of a variety of corporations.

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AMBASSADOR NASSIB LAHOUD His Excellency has been the Ambassador of Lebanon to the United States since February 1990. Ambassador LaHoud was born in Baabdate, Lebanon. He graduated in 1968 with a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering from Loughborough University in England. In 1972 he founded an industrial contracting company, of which he was Chairman, specializing in the execution of industrial plants in the Middle East and Gulf regions. In association with international partners, it has built a large number of power stations, desalination plants, cement plants and other development-related projects. The company's headquarters are in Beirut, and it has offices in Dubai, Paris and London. Ambassador LaHoud has always been involved in the political life of Lebanon, being a member of a prominent Maronite family with deep roots in the Metn region, and which has, over the past 100 years, played a major role in Lebanese politics. His father, Salim LaHoud, served four terms as a Member of Parliament, from 1954 until his death in 1971, serving also in several governments, mainly as Minister of Foreign Affairs.

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