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Congratulations to the 30 outstanding students who have been chosen for this year's Malcolm Kerr Scholar Awards.

The tours you are taking of Middle East countries will enable you to study cultures that are thousands of years old, to take part in the life of the people, and to examine at firsthand the language, customs, and problems of those lands.

The National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations deserves great credit for opening this opportunity to you, and I am sure you share in my gratitude to its members.

Enjoy yourselves during this trip and learn as much as you can. God bless you.

Ronald Reagan

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the National Council moves toward its fifth anniversary, it is appropriate to reflect on our performance to date in meeting the objectives and goals of the organization as set forth by our founding Board of Directors. When the Council was created in the Spring of 1983, great care was given in determining our mission in order to ensure complementarity with existing institutions active in the field of improving U.S.-Arab understanding.

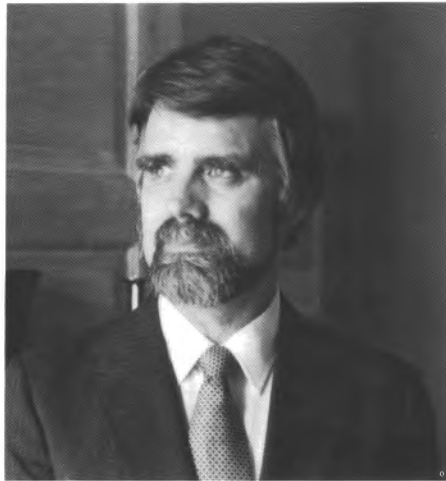
In the process, we identified several areas that were not being sufficiently addressed, if at all. Of prime importance was, and is, the need for an organization that, through the awarding of small to medium-size grants and a cooperative approach to project assistance and information sharing, would enable numerous educational and public affairs groups across the U.S. to reach an exponentially larger number of Americans than the Council would be able to do solely on its own.

With this as our frame of reference, the goal of organizing and administering a first-rate Speakers Bureau was of prime importance. From its inception to date, the Bureau, working with a national network of effective lecturers, has continued to arrange an average of nearly two speeches a day to one or more public affairs groups interested in U.S.-Arab relations. Considering the range of forums—Congressional delegations, Executive Branch agencies, business seminars, international affairs organizations, teacher workshops, universities, and civic and religious institutions, as well as radio, television, and news publications—the Americans reached annually number more than a million.

Next was, and to this day continues to be, the need to develop people-to-people programs not only as a means of building bridges between American specialists on the Arab world and their fellow citizens in the U.S. but, just as important, between the U.S. and the Arab world. Regarding the latter, we believe, along with many others, that first-hand personal experiences in the region almost always have a life-changing impact on Americans. And through just one individual who returns from such an experience, a minimum of 25 other Americans are reached and affected positively. In a survey we undertook this year among the alumni of our academic study programs in the Arab world, we discovered that those reached by each member of this particular group averaged more than a hundred.

Accordingly, this past year we went all

out, as the expression goes, to strengthen and expand the only two programs of their kind designed to place Americans in month-long study programs in Arab countries—the Malcolm H. Kerr Scholars Program for high school students, and the Joseph J. Malone Faculty Fellows Program for social science professors from small and medium-size universities which offer no studies or courses on the Arab world or Islam. Both programs offer a unique opportunity for the Scholars and the Fellows to participate in an intensive



Arab and Islamic studies program in an Arab country—in 1987, the National Council conducted separate Arab and Islamic studies programs in Egypt, Jordan, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen, a four-fold increase over 1986.

In addition, we also continued to organize and escort two-week leadership tours to the region for prominent Americans. An important feature of these tours has been to provide Congressional and Senatorial staff chiefs an opportunity to see the region first-hand and form long-term relationships with Arab professionals in their own field.

In another area, working with primary and secondary school teachers has been of ongoing importance. No other similar organization concentrates nearly as much on training precollegiate educators how to teach about the Arab world or Islam. Dealing with the national problem of caricatures and negative stereotyping of Arabs and Muslims in general has been especially rewarding at this level, as most Americans, upon graduation from high school, do not attend college. As one perceptive high school student remarked to us upon his return from our first Arab and Islamic studies pro-

gram abroad in 1984, "Stereotypes of other peoples are learned at an early age; at that same age, the stereotypes can be erased."

With these objectives in mind, the National Council was established as an American nonprofit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to facilitating educational activities for U.S. citizens at the grassroots level across the country. Today, we're entering a new era in our growth and development. Having attained national and international recognition and credibility for a multitude of ongoing programs, we now look forward to expanding further the potential of providing opportunities for America's emerging as well as adult leaders to gain first-hand experiences with the Arab world. As one peruses the achievements and progress recorded in the pages that follow, it will readily be apparent that the scope of potential is endless.

To mention but a few among the new programs to be launched during 1988, we will be expanding four-fold the number of internships at English language newspapers in the Arab world for newly graduated students from American schools of journalism; doubling our Kerr Alumni summer intern programs in Washington; providing a first-ever work-study program in Egypt for alumni of the Kerr Program to expose them further to a broad range of issues in the U.S.-Arab relationship; and organizing and escorting a series of Autumn and Winter two-week study programs in the Arabian Peninsula and the Gulf states. The latter will be designed for the same kinds of professors who participate in what began as a Summer program in Egypt and has now grown to include additional Summer programs in Jordan, Tunisia, and Yemen, with a Spring program in the United Arab Emirates. In 1988, the Malone Program will expand still further with the addition of new Spring programs in Egypt and Jordan, plus first-ever Winter programs in Oman and Saudi Arabia.

As the foregoing attests, we've had a productive year, thanks to an ever-increasing number of supporters, individual and institutional, who have made such progress possible. With their continued support, and with the hope of new contributors being added to their ranks, we look forward to even more fruitful efforts in 1988.

Sincerely,

John Duke Anthony
John Duke Anthony
President

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THE NATIONAL COUNCIL: A PROFILE

"I wish that every person in the United States could have this experience and the knowledge that comes with it; I wish everyone could put aside their stereotypes and prejudices and open their minds to other ways of life."

Egypt Kerr Scholar

"Thank you for an extraordinary opportunity to learn more, firsthand, about this strategically important area of the world. The value of the knowledge and insight we gained should not be underestimated. As more and more members and staff become acquainted with the Arabian Peninsula, I cannot help but think that U.S. policy toward the region will become more even-handed, which is, I think, essential."

*Participant,
Congressional
Chiefs of Staff
Leadership Tour to
Saudi Arabia,
Yemen, and Oman*

The goals of the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations are multifaceted, yet interrelated. They are: to help other organizations provide quality educational programs on the many dimensions of America's ties to the Arab world; to share information and insight with the general public on issues of importance to U.S.-Arab relations; and, through an array of educational activities, to stimulate greater national awareness of the range of American interests and involvement in the region. These goals support our basic mission—to promote a more positive and mutually beneficial U.S.-Arab relationship.

We pursue these objectives primarily through four means: cross-cultural exchange programs, educational programs at the local level, Speakers Bureau activities, and the awarding of small grants. We work closely with other organizations which share these objectives. Several means continue to be important to these ends, but in 1987, as in earlier years, the most important were the collaborative efforts of innumerable civic, educational, and community groups throughout the United States.

Our constituency is largely comprised of the members of other organizations whose directors have either requested assistance in connection with a new activity or with whom we have generated a joint project. In addition, we serve a wider audience through our Speakers Bureau and publications as well as through quality information and analysis, and the support we extend to teacher training workshops, conferences, the media, and related grassroots efforts. In every instance, we seek to contribute to the national dialogue on U.S. relations with the Arab world.

The founding members of our Board of Directors and Advisory Board were, and remain, a highly diverse group. They include specialists from corpora-

tions, foundations, international affairs institutions, academia, and former high-ranking government officials who are themselves either the directors or leading board members of many of the more prominent organizations active in the field of U.S.-Arab relations. In May of 1983, they established the National Council as an American nonprofit educational organization. By year's end, the Council had been granted tax-exempt, public charity status in accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code.

The National Council has no affiliation with the United States government or any other government, and is funded solely by corporate, foundation, professional association, and individual donations. The Council's offices are located in the nation's capital.

We gratefully acknowledge the enthusiasm and generous support of the growing number of contributors who have made significant financial or in-kind contributions to our educational activities. The growth and expansion of the Council's programs in 1987 are a direct result of the increasing number of donors who have made an important contribution to our work. This *Review* describes the range of activities that their support made possible in 1987.

MEETING THE CHALLENGE

Recognizing that U.S. involvement with the Arab world is certain to remain close for many years to come, and that improved American understanding of that critical region is essential to safeguarding our national interests, the National Council's founders saw the need for an approach to educational outreach that, in its concept, vision, and range of operation, would be substantially different from any that existed previously. The founders perceived, in particular, the value of creating an American organization which, through the awarding of small grants and the provision of related assistance to other institutions and groups active in the field, would seek primarily to reach Americans in the heartland in addition to those in Washington, New York, Boston, and other traditionally important centers on matters of importance to U.S.-Arab relations. In conjunction with groups in states as far afield as Alaska and Hawaii, what we have been, and remain intent on, trying to accomplish is to introduce to the Arab world outstanding American educators, opinion makers, and other leaders who might never have such an opportunity without the facilitating role of the National Council.

More fundamentally, the National Council has served as a catalyst. In so doing, its role has been to bring together a broad range of educators, students, policy makers, opinion leaders, members of international affairs organizations, corporate representatives, journalists, and others from the American public and private sectors to learn about the Arab and Islamic worlds. Through the programs we assist and those we administer, a continuing objective has been to ensure that the participants can learn from each other, broaden their viewpoints, expand their concepts and frames of reference regarding the dynamics of U.S.-Arab relations, and share their newfound knowledge with colleagues and other concerned citizens within their communities and professional associations.



At the end of a briefing on Bahrain's role in regional and international affairs, the Emir is flanked by the Foreign Minister (R), U.S. Ambassador Sam Zakhem, and members of a Senatorial Staff Chiefs delegation organized and escorted by the National Council on a fact-finding tour of Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, and the Yemen Arab Republic.

We recognize that many aspects of the U.S.-Arab relationship are highly complex. We acknowledge that the task of expanding knowledge and understanding of the relationship's multifaceted dimensions requires an intensive in-depth educational effort. Accordingly, our policy has been to favor multiplier projects, i.e., those that are likely to have not only a sustained but a geometrically increasing, long-term impact. For this reason, we do not sponsor research, cinematic, publications, or related projects at a strictly academic or scholarly level, but, rather, pursue programs which benefit broader and more general constituencies. Whenever possible, we seek to foster worthwhile projects in partnership with established institutions rather than assist in the creation of new organizations or undertake such activities on our own.

We remain dedicated to enhancing the ability of Americans to manage an increasingly interdependent U.S.-Arab relationship in the future, heightening public awareness about present and upcoming issues, and seeking to improve understanding about American interests and involvement in these matters.

“A most significant, indeed unique, opportunity for us to have frank discussions with Arab leaders and Americans in the region on issues of importance to our country's national interests.”

“The range and depth of our meetings and other activities, coupled with your insights, has given me a much clearer understanding of the complex problems facing the Arab world.”

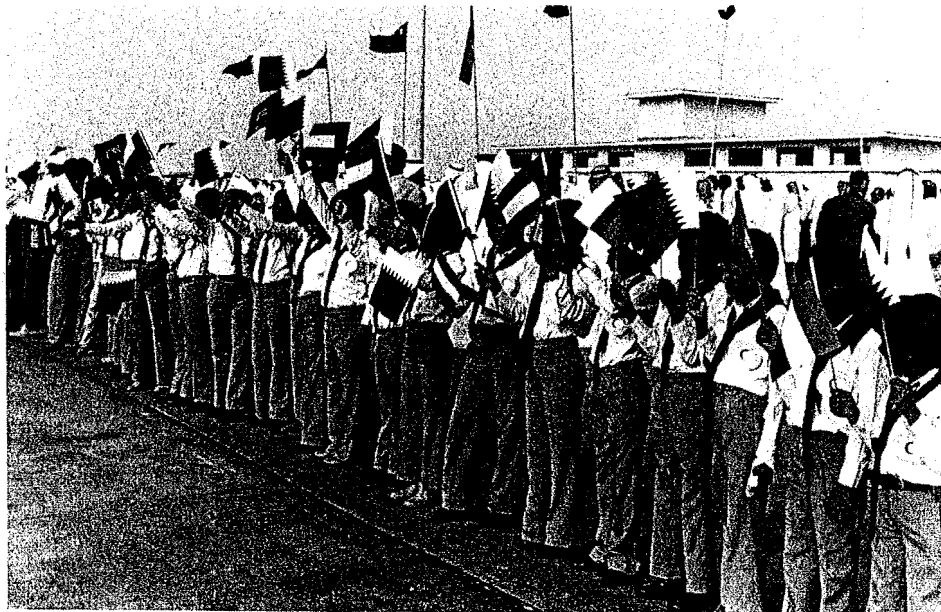
Comments by Participants, Congressional Chiefs of Staff Leadership Tours to Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, and Yemen

1987 IN BRIEF

“**W**ith the Council's grant for our seminars, a generation of young leaders on 13 different college campuses has been sensitized to one of the deep moral problems of our time, and I believe they will seek to do something about it.”

*National Council
Grant Recipient*

GCC youth hail the ceremonies commencing a meeting of the GCC's Supreme Council.



1987 was witness to a major growth in the Council's national and international recognition as an organization dedicated to improving U.S.-Arab understanding. Proposals which in 1986 existed only on paper came to fruition and the Council's network of informed Americans, as well as the numerous Council-sponsored activities and programs in which they participated, were strengthened and expanded.

Institutional Development

To accommodate a steadily growing volume of requests for educational assistance, and the expansion of several Council programs, a full-time International Affairs Fellow and a second administrative assistant were employed. At year's end, the Council's full-time staff of nine consisted of, in addition to the president, executive director, and International Affairs Fellow, two program coordinators, an office manager, two administrative assistants, and a secretary.

As in previous years, we continued to rely heavily on the direction and counsel of our Board of Directors, Advisory Board, volunteers, and interns. In keeping with their record of commitment and contributions since the Council's inception, these individuals once more played a key role in the success of our activities in 1987.

Grassroots Development

Of greatest long term importance to our objectives, we continued to develop a capacity for activities at the regional, state, and local levels. In this context, the bulk of our assistance in 1987 was in support of activities in the Pacific Northwest, the Inter-Mountain West, the Midwest, and the South. During the year, we also laid the groundwork for new activities in the Southwest, the Great Plains, and the North Central states. Prior to the Council's existence, few of the institutions aided had previously been involved in a cooperative relationship with a national organization dedicated to educating Americans about U.S. ties with the Arab world. Additionally, with programs being conducted in many areas for the fifth consecutive year, a corresponding educational outreach network of state and local educators has been established.

All in all, National Council officials and staff provided various forms of educational support throughout the year to several hundred institutions and thousands of individuals involved in activities or programs that contributed to greater knowledge and understanding of the U.S.-Arab relationship.

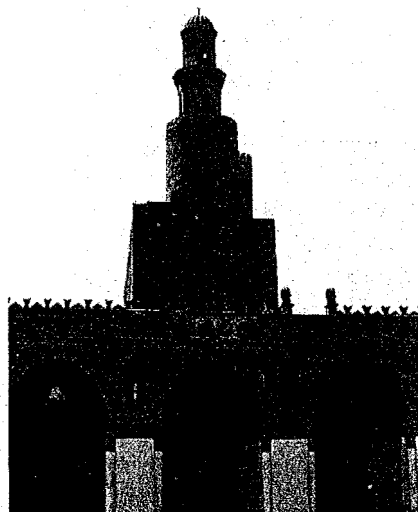
Cultural Exchanges

Our exchange programs in 1987 focused on five groups of Americans whose opportunities to learn first-hand about Arab and Islamic culture have long been limited. In this regard, we strengthened and expanded three existing programs for: (1) professors from small and medium-size colleges where courses or even lecture series related to the Arab and Islamic worlds do not exist, nor would they be likely to come into being in the absence of qualified teachers who have had a chance to study the subject first-hand in an Arab and Islamic environment; (2) graduating high school seniors who, having succeeded in passing both a local and national selection process, are considered to be among America's emerging leaders; and (3) representatives of national, state, and local government who wish not only to become better able to make informed opinions, intelligent

public statements, and responsible decisions concerning the Arab world but, also, to expand their constituents' economic and commercial contacts with this vital area. In addition, two new tours were added in 1987 for: (1) corporate executives of "Fortune 500" firms who have demonstrated an interest in strengthening the people-to-people dimension of U.S.-Arab world business ties; and (2) recent graduates of university schools of journalism interested in working for a newspaper in the Arab world prior to launching their careers in the United States.

In fulfillment of our goal of addressing the needs and concerns of both young Americans and their teachers, we refined and expanded two of our most prominent international programs. Each serves a different constituency. The Joseph J. Malone Faculty Fellows Program in Arab and Islamic Studies remains the only one of its kind in the Arab world. The Program, which began in 1984 in Egypt at the American University in Cairo, was expanded in 1987 to include Jordan, Tunisia, the Yemen Arab Republic, and, for the first time, a Spring program in the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, and Bahrain—thus more than *quadrupling* both the number of participants and the countries involved.

The spiralled minaret of the Cairo Mosque of Ibn Tulun, a frequently visited site of major historical and cultural significance in Arab and Islamic civilization.



For the Malcolm H. Kerr High School Scholars Programs in Egypt, Jordan, and Tunisia, the number of participating cities across the United States also increased. In addition, we offered, for the first time, a Kerr Scholars Alumni study tour to the West Bank and Galilee. Thirty-one Scholars, originating from 22 American cities, participated in the three traditional Kerr Programs. In addition, ten former Kerr Scholars from as many different colleges participated in the Alumni Program.

National Council-led leadership tours to the Arab world also increased by nearly 70% in both their frequency and number of countries visited—from three in 1986 to five in 1987. Included were different groups of Congressional chiefs of staff, U.S. corporate leaders, and theologians who travelled to a total of six Arab countries plus the Occupied Territories.

Grants

During 1987, the National Council awarded a total of 28 grants to a broad range of American educational institutions. The number of grants approved was the same as the previous year. Eighteen grants were awarded for secondary school teacher training workshops; four for adult and community education projects; and six for cultural events and exhibits. The grants were awarded to a wide spectrum of non-profit educational institutions in 20 states. During the course of the year, fully 90% of the Council's grants were in support of programs involving educators who, in turn, reached student and community constituencies that numbered in the thousands. In 1987, to a greater extent than in previous years, Council grants made it possible to include a significant number of elementary school teachers in Arab and Islamic studies workshops.

Speakers Bureau

The National Council's Speakers Bureau maintained its previous record of service to other organizations. Since its beginning in 1983, the Bureau has

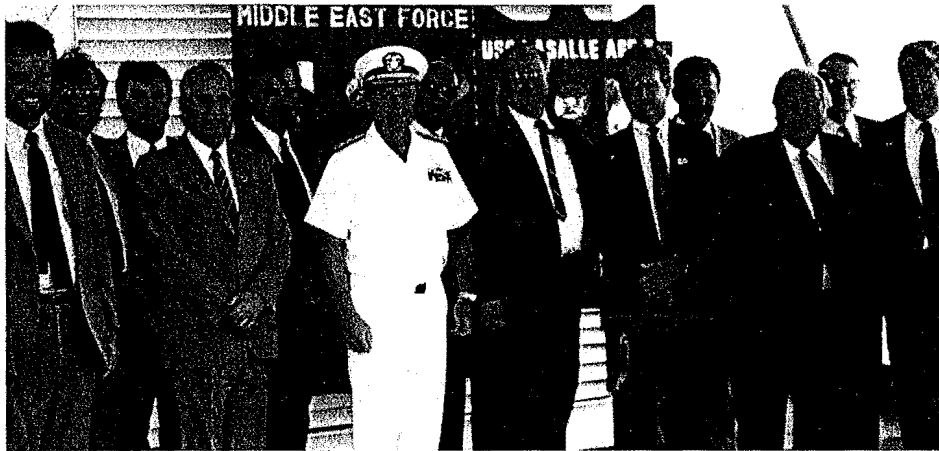


The minaret atop the mosque in Cairo where the late Egyptian President Gamal 'Abd Al-Nasir is buried and where the National Council's Kerr Scholars and Malone Fellows visit in an effort to understand an important chapter in contemporary Egyptian and Arab history.

"Thank you for the valuable contribution which you are making to the education of our young people."

*Local Selection
Committee Chair-
person, Kerr Schol-
ars Program*

1987 IN BRIEF



American members of the U.S.-GCC Corporate Cooperation Committee, for which the National Council serves as Secretariat, attend a briefing by Admiral Harold Bernsen, Commander, US Middle East Force, aboard the USS La Salle, offshore Bahrain, during the Committee members' fact-finding tour of three GCC countries in the Spring.

“We in the U.S. Air Force feel that it is very important that our students receive an extensive background on the issues that they will be faced with during their tours in the region and you provided that insight in spades.”

Colonel, U.S. Air Force

“When I arrived on campus, Arabic was not offered. I spent my first three days on campus going through several channels to reverse this. It was finally settled that a professor would cancel one of his English classes so he could offer an Arabic course.”

Tunisia Kerr Scholar

arranged speakers for more than 2,300 events, reaching audiences in every state of the Union, the District of Columbia, eleven other countries, and the Occupied Territories. Speakers included American, Arab, and European specialists involved in almost every topic and issue of relevance to the overall U.S.-Arab relationship. Through the Bureau, Council staff also provided extensive advice and a broad range of facilitative and logistical support for conferences, seminars, lecture series, media, and related events that took place in conjunction with other forums.

Educational Outreach and Development

In recognition of the limited opportunities and resources at the elementary, junior, and high school levels for study about the peoples and cultures of the Arab and Islamic worlds, we increased our special emphasis on assisting educators engaged at these levels through the support of teacher training institutes and other activities. In addition, we worked in close association with the Middle East Outreach Council and the Model Arab Leagues to devise several innovative teacher resource materials. In each endeavor, the goal was to increase knowledge and understanding of: (1) the Arab and Islamic worlds; (2) the nature, diversity, and extent of U.S.-Arab interdependence; and (3) the implications and consequences of that

interdependence for official U.S. policies and positions, as well as American actions and attitudes.

Publications

We continued to support our three publications series: (1) *Occasional Papers*, which feature works of monographic length that address either a region-wide or country-specific issue of relevance to the overall U.S.-Arab relationship; (2) *National Council Reports*, which, in going behind and beyond the daily newspaper's headlines, offer brief analyses of fast-breaking events in terms of their background and context as well as their impact on U.S. interests and policies; and (3) *Gulf Cooperation Council Reports*, which focus on various aspects of the U.S.-GCC relationship.

Each of the series addresses topics of current interest either ignored or inadequately covered by the media as well as subjects of enduring and growing significance to the U.S.-Arab relationship in general. This year, the *Gulf Cooperation Council Reports Series*, launched in 1986, was expanded to include a monograph entitled *U.S.-G.C.C. Relations: Economic and Financial Issues*, authored by Kevin Taecker, an International Economist with the Department of Treasury.

In an effort to respond to numerous requests by supporters for more frequent and extensive news about our activities over and beyond what appears in the *Annual Review*, we also expanded the coverage and improved the format of the quarterly *President's Reports* introduced a year earlier.



With the help of an increasing number of individual and corporate contributors, together with other supporters who provided an impressive range of gifts-in-kind, we were able to reach a broad spectrum of the American public with these activities in 1987. In the process, the Council achieved recognition as both an educational institution and a source of reference. The Council also remained a logistical and facilitative resource for a broad range of activities supportive of improved understanding about the numerous and multifaceted ties between Americans and Arabs.

INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Board of Directors

The National Council's Board of Directors is comprised of five individuals, each of whom has a long history of professional involvement in Arab and Islamic affairs. The Board convenes frequently on all major decisions affecting the Council's goals and project implementation, as well as on the nature of assistance extended to other organizations. The members of the Board are:

Dr. John Duke Anthony President and Chief Executive Officer
Former President, Middle East Educational Trust.

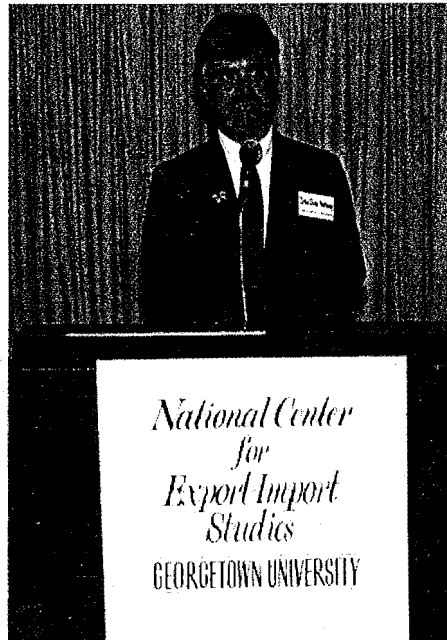
Mr. Les Janka Vice President
Vice President, Neill and Company; former Special Assistant to President Reagan and Deputy White House Press Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Jean R. AbiNader Secretary
President, National U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce; Chairman of the Board, National Association of Arab Americans; and President, Transnational Associates.

Dr. Peter A. Gubser Treasurer
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Mr. John G. Sarpa Member
Senior Vice President, Hadid Development Companies, former President, Intermarket Network Corporation, and former Director for Middle East Affairs, U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Board Member Les Janka stresses the strategic and security dimensions of U.S.-Arab relations at a National Council Speakers Bureau event.



National Council President Dr. John Duke Anthony addresses the topic of U.S. interests and involvement in the Gulf states at a conference on "Impediments to U.S.-Arab Economic Relations."



Board Member Jean R. AbiNader explains to a group of grassroots educators visiting Washington, D.C. the range of American commercial and related private sector interests and involvement in the Arab world.



Board Member Dr. Peter Gubser (L) explains the role of humanitarian organizations in a speech to college students and their professors at a National Council-organized "Career Day" program focusing on the range of opportunities available for young Americans seeking careers in the field of U.S.-Arab relations.



Board Member John Sarpa (R) is debriefed by Congressional Staff Chief Douglas Johnston upon the latter's return from a National Council-organized study tour to Saudi Arabia, Yemen, and Oman.

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Advisory Board Member Lucius D. Battle, Middle East Institute President and twice Assistant Secretary of State, with Mr. Don DeMarino, Director of the U.S.-Saudi Arabia Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation Field Office in Riyadh, discuss the economic, training, and technology transfer dimensions of U.S.-Saudi Arabian relations during a National Council-organized and escorted Congressional Leadership Tour to the Arab World.

Advisory Board

The National Council's Advisory Board is comprised of distinguished Americans who combine a variety of experience, expertise, and service in the field of U.S.-Arab relations. The Board includes a former Deputy Undersecretary of State, a former Assistant Secretary of State, two former Deputy Assistant Secretaries of State, nine retired ambassadors, five former Members of Congress, several business and academic leaders, and the heads or

The Hon. J. William Fulbright, former Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Honorary Chairman of the National Council's Advisory Board.

"Along with its contribution, the Executive Committee joins me in thanking you for the National Council's continued unique and inspiring role in U.S.-Arab affairs."

American Businessmen of Jeddah,



prominent board members of numerous other educational organizations involved in U.S.-Arab relations. Advisory Board members are frequently consulted for advice in connection with a broad range of Council endeavors and many participate in the Council's Speakers Bureau activities.

In 1987, we were honored by the addition of two new Advisory Board members: The Hon. Richard Pedersen, President of the American University in Cairo, and Mr. John Mulholland, President of the American Businessmen of Jeddah, Inc. Both of these men have worked in the region for many years and have made numerous contributions toward strengthening the U.S.-Arab relationship. Additionally, each has provided immeasurable assistance in the course of facilitating and hosting Council-sponsored programs in Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

In the year's first quarter, all of us were saddened by the sudden passing of Advisory Board Member Ragaei El Malakh. Ragaei, longtime Professor of Economics at the University of Colorado, was a founding member of the Advisory Board. In 1984, he played a major role in our successful conference at Sun Valley, Idaho, on "U.S.-Arab Trade, Investment, and Technology Transfer." Ragaei's counsel was also valuable in helping us to delineate the range of our modest publications program. His friendship, support, and guidance is greatly missed.

Advisory Board Members

Chairman: **The Hon. J. William Fulbright**, former Chairman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee and co-sponsor, the Fulbright-Hays Act, the landmark legislation which has made possible the participation of tens of thousands of Americans in cross-cultural exchange programs in virtually every corner of the world.

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The Hon. Lucius D. Battle, President, Middle East Institute, and former U.S. Ambassador to Egypt and Assistant Secretary of State for Cultural Affairs as well as for Near East and South Asia Affairs; and former Chairman, American Institute for Islamic Affairs, Washington, D.C.

Vice Admiral Marmaduke G. Bayne, USN (Ret.), formerly Commander, U.S. Middle East Naval Forces and Commandant, National War College; first President, National Defense University; Irvington, Virginia.

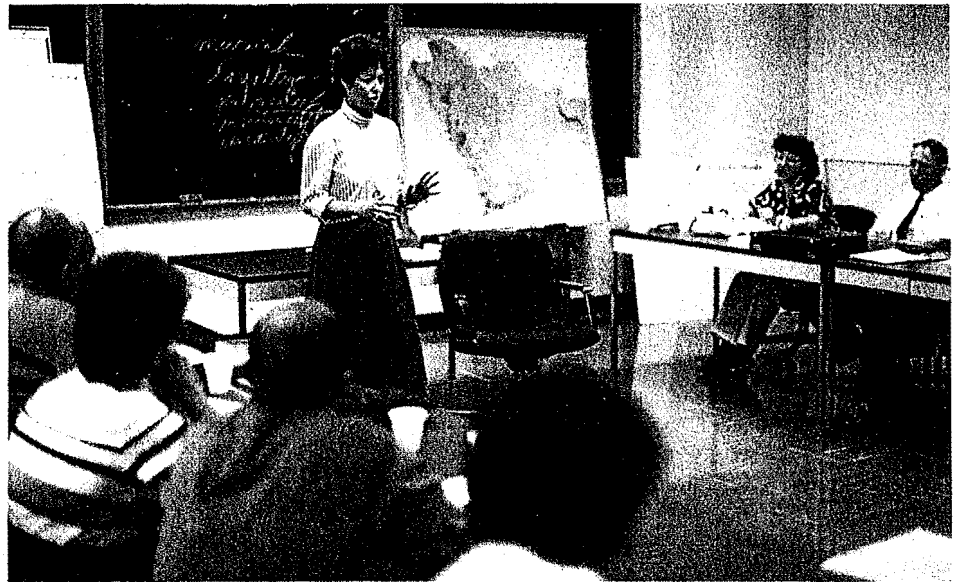
Mr. Carl J. Bazarian, President, East-West Financial Services, Ltd., and former Director for the Middle East and Africa, Overseas Private Investment Corporation; Washington, D.C.

Dr. Ralph Braibanti, Director, Islamic and Arabian Development Studies, and James B. Duke Professor, Duke University; Durham, North Carolina.

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Dr. Laraine Carter, Advisory Board Member, addresses cross-cultural issues for a group of Americans enroute professional assignments in Saudi Arabia in a Council-organized pre-departure orientation program.

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INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT



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Advisory Board Member Rodney Granneman (L), President of International Marketing Group, Inc., confers with Dr. Ralph Magnus, Director of the Middle East Program at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, in conjunction with a National Council Speakers Bureau event.



Advisory Board Member Mr. William Fifer, Senior Vice-President of Northrop Corporation and former President of the American Businessmen's Group of Riyadh, Inc., addresses a delegation of Senatorial staff chiefs during their information-gathering visit to Saudi Arabia organized by the National Council.



The Hon. Richard Pedersen, Advisory Board Member, President of the American University in Cairo, and a major figure in the National Council's study programs in Egypt.

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Member of the National Council's Advisory Board John Mulholland, President of the American Businessmen of Jeddah, Inc. (ABJI), with the ABJI's immediate past President, Mr. Milt Henshaw (L), of United Technologies, Inc., on the occasion of their hosting the National Council's president during a Speakers Bureau event in Jeddah.



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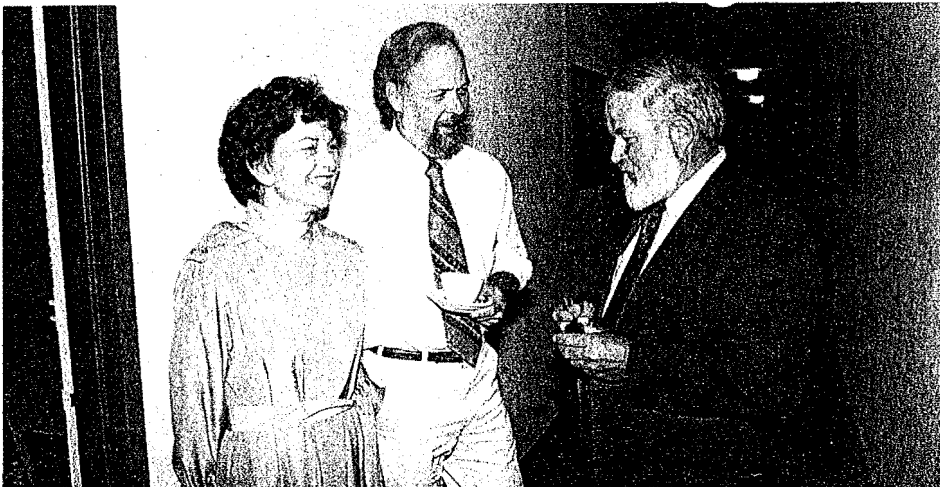
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The National Council's International Affairs Fellow, Mr. Aziz S. Hegelan, of Saudi Arabia, flanked by Council interns, Kerr Scholars Robert Gassner (Tunisia '86) (L) and John Calcott (Egypt '86) (R).

“The Council continues to make impressive strides, and it's especially gratifying that we're able to sustain our support.”

*National Council
Contributor*

The Council is especially happy to have been able to provide an additional number of internships this year for students specializing in Arab and Islamic area studies and international affairs. Such opportunities provided the interns with a chance to apply their training to a variety of activities requiring research, writing, administrative, and organizational skills.

The volunteers, in addition to assisting with logistical and editorial tasks, helped to coordinate various aspects of

our grassroots activities and our follow-on support to alumni of our study abroad programs and educational groups operating at the regional, state, and local levels.

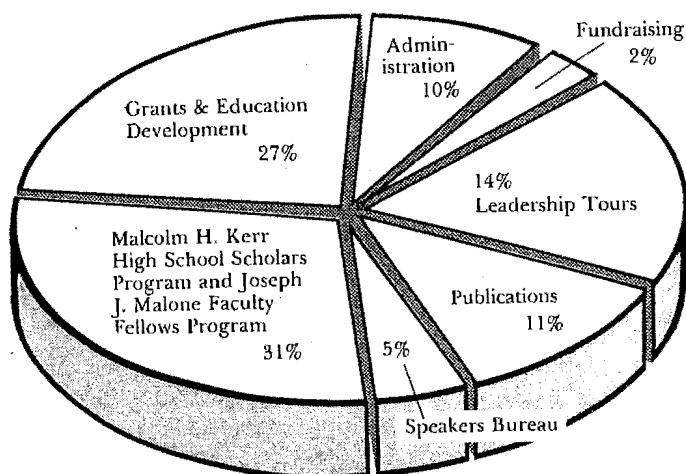
International Affairs Fellow

For the third year, we awarded the title of International Affairs Fellow to an Arab leader who personifies the goals of the Council and who offered to make himself available as a resource specialist to the numerous civic groups, educational institutions, and international affairs organizations which utilize our outreach services.

This year's award went to Mr. Abdel-Aziz S. Hegelan, the second highest ranking Saudi Arabian in the Secretariat of the United Nations. The first holder of the award was H.E. Sadek Jawad Suleiman, former Omani Ambassador to Iran and the United States as well as Director General of Oman's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The second holder of the award was Dr. Rajai' Abu Khadra, Advisor to the Ministry of Petroleum in Kuwait.

Mr. Hegelan was an invaluable resource in light of the many requests received by the National Council for information and insight related to his native country. He was also key to the substantial improvement in the range of educator resources we were able to provide to the Malone Faculty Fellows.

Program Expenditures



CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Congressional and Senatorial Leadership Tours to the Arab World

CONGRESSIONAL AND SENATORIAL LEADERSHIP TOURS

The National Council continued its educational relationship with Congressional leaders through the sponsorship of two separate tours to Bahrain, Oman, Saudi Arabia, and the Yemen Arab Republic. During the January Congressional recess, we organized and led a delegation of eight Congressional Chiefs of Staff to Saudi Arabia, Oman, and the Yemen Arab Republic. The group was sponsored by the Council of Saudi Arabian Chambers of Commerce and Industry and hosted by the private sector in each country, including, in Saudi Arabia, the American Businessmen's Association in Al-Khobar, the Dammam Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the American Businessmen of Jeddah, Inc.; in Yemen, the Federated Union of Yemen Chambers of Commerce and Industry; and, in Oman, the Oman Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

In cooperation with the aforementioned hosts and sponsors, in April we led a second delegation of Senate Chiefs



A young Yemeni entrepreneur, standing in for his father, welcomes a visiting American Senate staff chief to his shop in Sana'a.



Separate Senate and Congressional staff chiefs' delegations to the Arab world, organized by the National Council, are shown (clockwise) with: (1) the Foreign Minister of the Yemen Arab Republic (C) and the American Ambassador and Deputy Chief of Mission (2nd from R and R); (2) the Chairman of the Omani Consultative Council (C) and the American Ambassador; (3) the Deputy Minister of Commerce of Saudi Arabia; (4) the President of the Arabian American Oil Company in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, following a briefing on the role of Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states in the world energy equation; and (5) the U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission and two Saudi Arabian hosts outside the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Riyadh.

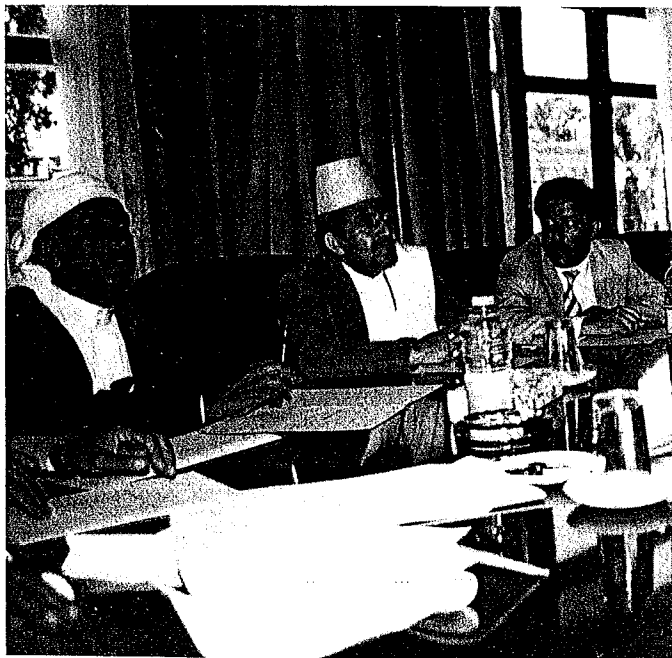
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Congressional and Senatorial Leadership Tours to the Arab World



U.S. Ambassador to Oman G. Cranwell Montgomery (L) accompanies a delegation of Congressional staff chiefs to a briefing by Oman's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, H.E. Yusuf Alawi, during a National Council-organized information-gathering tour to Oman, Saudi Arabia, and the Yemen Arab Republic.

Members of a delegation of Senatorial staff chiefs exchange views with members of the Yemen General People's Congress during a National Council-organized fact-finding tour of the Yemen Arab Republic, Bahrain, and Saudi Arabia.



of Staff to the three Arabian Peninsula countries of Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, and North Yemen. The participants were all from the offices of Senators on such committees as Foreign Relations, Armed Services, Foreign Operations, Intelligence, and Energy.

Both Congressional delegations focused in depth on the range of mutual interests between the United States and these four Arabian Peninsula and Gulf countries as well as their neighbors. In meetings with senior gov-

ernment officials, business and finance leaders, and American diplomatic representatives, they discussed the continuing impact of the Iran-Iraq war, the increasingly important role of the Gulf Cooperation Council in regional and world affairs, the economic situation in the host countries, and, in the areas of trade, investment, and technology transfer, the prospects for new and different opportunities for cooperation and partnership with the American private sector.

As a result, each participant came away with an enhanced perspective of the depth and diversity of American interests and involvement in the region. Without exception, each of the participants commented on the value of first-hand observation and the importance of dialogue to the formulation of an effective range of American actions and attitudes, as well as positions and policies, *vis-a-vis* various issues in the overall U.S.-Arab relationship.

In the Spring, in response to a need expressed by the alumni of the tours to the Gulf Cooperation Council countries for a mechanism through which they could sustain their interest in issues of ongoing importance to the region on a regular basis, we launched a series of bimonthly briefings.



CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Arab World Journalism Internship Program



Members of a National Council-organized delegation of Senate staff chiefs attend a briefing in Riyadh by Gulf Cooperation Council Assistant Secretary General for Economic Affairs, H.E. Dr. Abdallah Al-Quwaiz (3rd from R), and H.E. Saif Maskari, Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs (L).

ARAB WORLD JOURNALISM INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

In 1987, the National Council launched a new exchange program for journalism university graduates. The program provided two internships to applicants selected from nine participating universities. These first-ever internships were in Jordan with two English language newspapers—*The Jordan Times*, a daily, and *The Jerusalem Star*, a weekly. The three-month internships provided the students an opportunity to experience all aspects of the newspaper business.

National Council Journalism Intern Tony Schueth, who was awarded a three-month internship at the *Jerusalem Star* in Jordan, interviews Kerr Scholars upon their arrival at the Jerash Festival.

Among their rapportorial assignments were interviews with prominent diplomats and visiting dignitaries and coverage of an array of local human interest events. In 1988, with the assistance of cooperative newspapers, we plan to treble the number of awards by including, in addition to the internships in Jordan, new ones in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates.



“It’s sad to see the great bias by U.S. citizens and the American press towards Arabs and I am very glad I am no longer among those who see the situation in such a negative fashion.”

*Jordan Journalism
Intern*

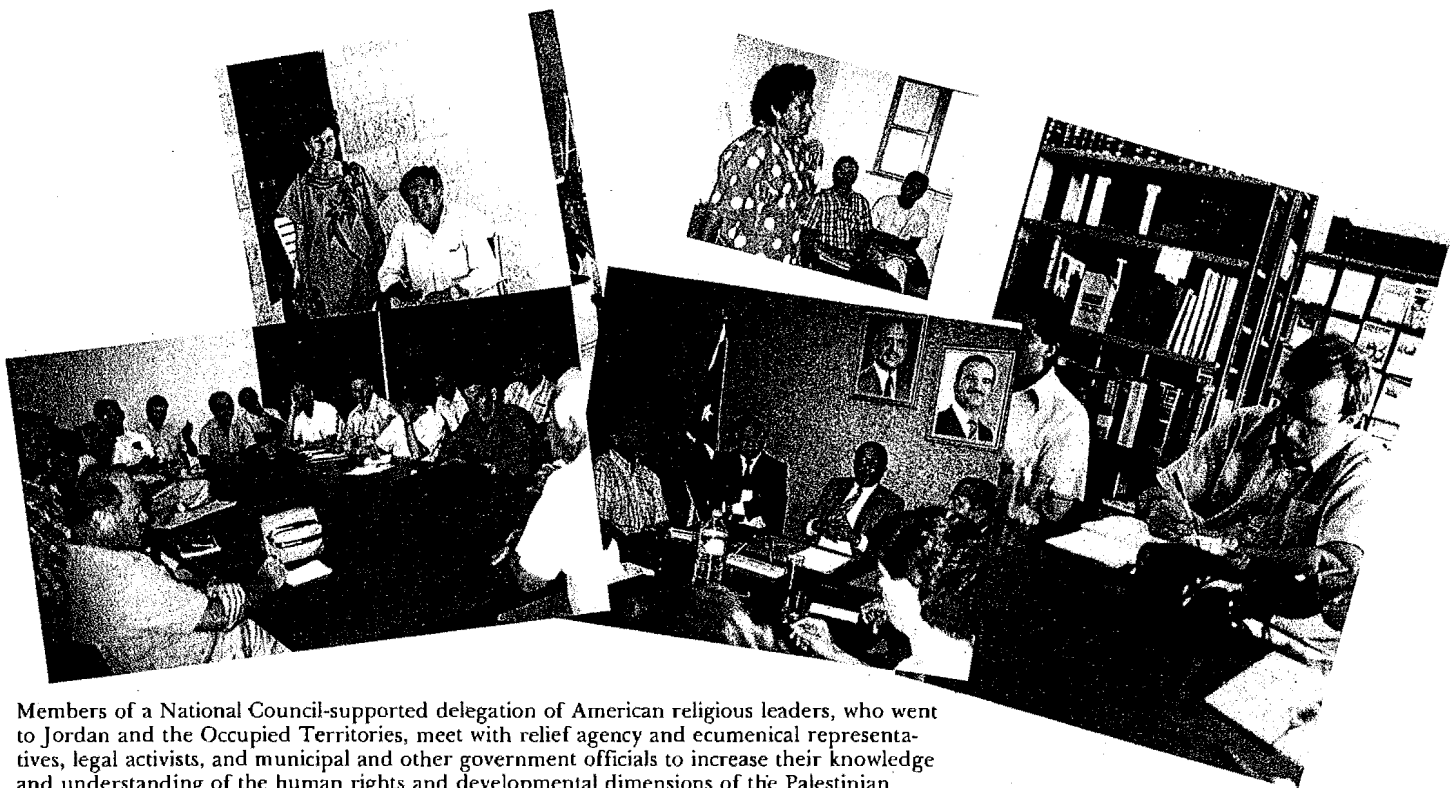
“Thank you for all the time and effort you spent on making our trip so successful. In my various travels, I can safely say, this has been the most richly rewarding trip I have ever taken.”

“I cannot thank the National Council enough for giving me such a unique and enriching opportunity to become acquainted with so many important issues and, more important, with a diverse, challenging, and interesting part of the world.”

Comments by Participants, Congressional Chiefs of Staff Leadership Tours to Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, and Yemen

CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Religious Leaders' Tour to Jordan, Israel, and the Occupied Territories



Members of a National Council-supported delegation of American religious leaders, who went to Jordan and the Occupied Territories, meet with relief agency and ecumenical representatives, legal activists, and municipal and other government officials to increase their knowledge and understanding of the human rights and developmental dimensions of the Palestinian people.

On the Mount of Olives, outside Jerusalem, young Palestinian boys join a group of visiting American theologians, sponsored by the National Council, for a hillside picnic.



RELIGIOUS LEADERS' TOUR

For the fourth year, the National Council made it possible for a delegation of theologians and ecumenical academicians and leaders to visit Jordan, Israel, and the Occupied Territories. The tour was designed to provide a first-hand view of the dynamics of the peace and justice issues unfolding in the region.

The Christian College Consortium, which administered the 1987 program, hopes this people-to-people experience for Christian educators will assist its member college graduates to develop a more sound and balanced understanding of regional issues. By providing this positive educational experience for influential Christian academicians, they will in turn be able to educate future Christian leaders and professionals who will reach the more than 50 million American Evangelical Christians.



In 1987, as in previous years, the participants in all the National Council's exchange programs were provided reading materials and briefing books prior to departure. An additional com-

ponent in each tour was the inclusion of one or more escorts chosen for their long-standing, first-hand familiarity with the history, culture, and economy of the countries visited.

With the alumni of all the Council's leadership tours to the region, including the Kerr and Malone alumni, rapidly approaching 300, the results have been clear, immediate, and far-reaching: each of the exchange programs has had a multiplier effect in terms of increasing the number of Americans eager to learn more about the Arab world and forging new relationships between Americans and Arabs at both ends of the spectrum. Without exception, such programs have enhanced the participants' knowledge and understanding of the nature, extent, and implications of the region's impact on important American national interests, both presently and for many years to come.

More significantly, the programs have had a positive impact in correcting some of the inaccurate stereotyping and caricaturing of Arabs and Muslims in general. In that regard, the programs have helped to foster new sources of informed opinion about the culture and values, as well as the needs, concerns, and interests, of a people who constitute nearly a quarter of humanity.

CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Kerr High School Scholars Program in Arab and Islamic Studies

MALCOLM H. KERR HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

In keeping with the Council's emphasis on addressing the educational needs of students and educators at the precollegiate level, we have actively sought to introduce the worlds of Arab and Islamic culture to an age group which ordinarily has few opportunities to study such subjects for an extended period of time in an American classroom and almost no chance of doing so inside an Arab country. With this objective in mind, we established a high school cultural exchange program in cooperation with the *American University in Cairo* (AUC) in 1984. The program was named in honor of the late Dr. Malcolm H. Kerr, President of the American University of Beirut and a member of our Advisory Board at the time of his assassination in January 1984.

The Kerr Scholars Program, like the Malone Fellows Program, has also benefited from the experience of four consecutive summers. In the first year of operation, the program made it possible for 13 graduating high school seniors from as many states to attend a special AUC summer program in Arab and Islamic studies. In 1985, the size of the program expanded two-fold; there were 27 Kerr Scholars—18 in Egypt and nine in Jordan. In the latter country, the Scholars were enrolled in the *Petra Arabic Program*, sponsored by the *Arab Cultural Association in Amman*. In 1986, the program was strengthened and expanded still further, nearly trebling the size of the Program two years earlier; 31 Kerr Scholars from 21 cities were selected to participate—ten in Egypt, nine in Jordan and, for the first time, 12 in Tunisia.

In 1987, 31 students from 27 cities were selected as Malcolm Kerr Scholars—ten to Egypt, ten to Jordan and 11 to Tunisia. The emphasis for 1987 was on consolidating, strengthening, and streamlining both the local and national selection processes for the winners of the Kerr Scholar Awards, as well as the curriculum of the study programs in the three host countries.

Scholar selection will continue to be the result of assessments by a combina-

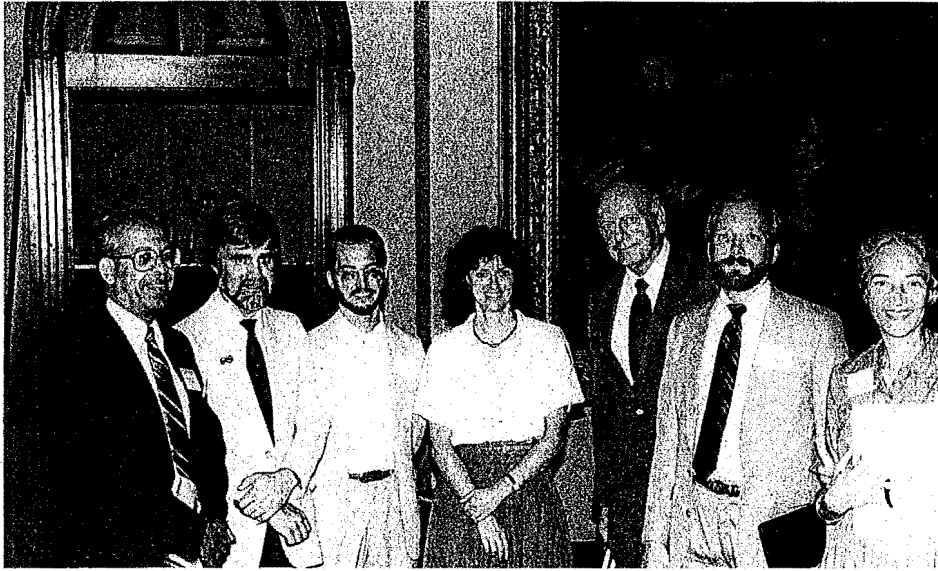
tion of local nomination committees—each of which is tasked with nominating semi-finalists—and a national selection committee comprised of distinguished American educators and international affairs specialists. Both the local and national selection committees evaluate a combination of scholastic achievement, extracurricular activities, evidence of leadership potential, and an essay in determining the winners. For the Class of 1987, the theme of the essay was "U.S.-Arab Relations: Challenges for Tomorrow's Leaders." As he has done for three years in succession, President Reagan wrote a letter of congratulations to each of the winners.

The Malcolm Kerr High School Scholars in Arab and Islamic Studies, numbering over 100, comprise an American mosaic representing every major religious persuasion as well as various ethnic origins.



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Kerr High School Scholars Program in Arab and Islamic Studies



Escorts for the Council's seven study tour programs in the Arab world take time out during the pre-departure orientation session. (L to R) Prof. Michael Suleiman (Tunisia-Malone), Council President John Duke Anthony, Peter Satris (West Bank and Galilee-Kerr Alumni), Nina Dodge (Jordan-Kerr), John Law (Jordan-Malone), Keith Walters (Tunisia-Kerr), and Caroline Williams (Egypt-Kerr). Not shown: Prof. Louis Cantori (Egypt-Malone).

A professor of Islamic theology at the renowned Al-Azhar University in Cairo meets with the National Council's Malone Faculty Fellows to discuss Islamic beliefs, practices, and institutions.



Hand in hand with the prospects for establishing a permanent supportive base for the program, the annual competition for the Kerr Scholar Awards has been broadened in stages to include additional cities—in 1987: 31, up from 21 in 1986. Each participating city, through its own fund-raising activities, is required to contribute toward the cost of the program. The local efforts are linked to our own in a joint effort to place long-term support for the program on a more solid economic footing. Eventually, we envision a yearly contest in each of the 50 states. Already, we're more than a third of the way there.

Egypt

In Egypt, the 1987 Kerr Scholars studied Arabic, Islamic law and economics, Egyptian culture and history, contemporary Egyptian and Arab society, and major issues in both the U.S.-Egyptian relationship and America's relations with the Arab world as a whole. In addition, they were briefed by AUC faculty, government officials, and specialists from the fields of planning and development, as well as sociology, anthropology, political science, public administration, and other fields. The Scholars also visited sites of cultural and historical interest in Cairo and participated in additional field trips to the Sinai, Alexandria, El-Alamein, Luxor, Karnak, and other Egyptian communities.



In an effort to emulate their Arab counterparts, Kerr Scholars model the traditional dress of their Tunisian friends.

Jordan

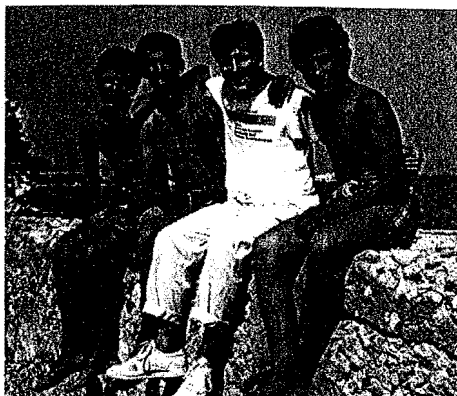
In Jordan, the Scholars pursued a similar program with respect to Arabic language training, lectures on Arab and Islamic culture, and seminars on Jordanian and Arab society as well as U.S.-Jordanian ties and U.S.-Arab relations in general. In addition, they visited the Jordan Valley, Aqaba, Madaba, and the ancient Nabatean and Roman ruins at Petra and Jerash. At Jerash, they also attended the month-long Jerash International Festival which annually brings



The Council's Kerr Scholars to Tunis review their homework before a lecture on contemporary Arab affairs.

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A Kerr Scholar finds it isn't difficult to make friends among his Tunisian contemporaries.

to Jordan performing artists and folklorists from all over the world. A highlight was a reception at the Royal Palace where the Scholars, together with the Malone Fellows, were hosted by King Hussein and Queen Noor.

Tunisia

In Tunisia, the Scholars' home base was in Tunis where they attended classes at the University of Tunis on the inter-relationship of the Maghreb countries, Islam, and Arab society, and the roles of such regionally prominent organizations as the Arab League, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, and the Gulf Cooperation Council in the broader international community. One of the program's most important and memorable features was the Scholars' stay with Arab families in Gabes, a medium-size city on the Mediterranean coast in southern Tunisia, a site not frequented by tourists. In addition, other excursions outside of Tunis

led the Scholars to Dougga, Hammamet, and Monastir, the Berber villages on the island of Matmata, Djerba, and a trip to an oasis near the Algerian border.

Although none of the Scholars knew it at the time, they were present in Tunisia during the last days of the regime of longtime President Habib Bourguiba. The smooth transition to the new government in the Fall, headed by Prime Minister Zein El-Abidine Ben Ali, marked not only a changing of the guard but, in a great many ways, the end of an era.

In both their home communities and on their college campuses, the Scholars soon found themselves sought out by classmates, professors, and others for their views and analyses of life in Tunisia during the last days of a head of state whose imprint on Tunisian national life had spanned more than a generation. Of special importance to the continuity of the Kerr and Malone Programs in Tunisia, the 1988 Programs will be directed in-country by one of Tunisia's foremost academicians, who, coincidentally, is one of Malcolm Kerr's former colleagues.

Alumni Work-Study Program

The year was also one of innovation, as the Council launched a new opportunity for alumni of previous years' Kerr Scholars programs. Ten Kerr Alumni—eight women and two men—participated in a program that combined volunteer work with study at ecumenical institutions in Jerusalem, Ramallah, Galilee, and Nazareth. The alumni are enrolled in collegiate programs focusing on various aspects of the Arab and Islamic worlds. All ten were anxious to further their knowledge of the region through another person-to-person experience.

High School Juniors to Participate

A second innovation was to structure the local and national selection processes in such a way as to allow high school

National Council Kerr Scholars Kim Patton (C), and Rachel Cashdollar (R) take time out from their studies to discuss contemporary Arab affairs with their Tunisian friend, Mona (L).

"Ive taken the initiative to organize a Middle East Awareness Week on campus and bring speakers to cover the Arab world viewpoint."

Tunisia Kerr Scholar

"I have loaded up my schedule with classes dealing with the history and language of the region—classes which will help me understand and integrate myself more effectively into other cultures."

Tunisia Kerr Scholar

"I would like to thank the National Council for giving me a very special gift. I hope that I can live up to your expectations—you more than lived up to mine."

Egypt Kerr Scholar

"I can only echo previous Scholars when I say that being a Kerr Scholar has changed, opened, and enriched my life beyond measure, yet that is truly how I feel."

Egypt Kerr Scholar



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Kerr High School Scholars visit Al-Azhar University in Cairo with Escort Caroline Williams (Left).



Kerr Scholar alumnae pick cucumbers in Ibillin as part of their National Council-sponsored work-study program in the West Bank and Galilee.

juniors to apply for the 1988 awards. Our hope in offering the opportunity to students at this level is that, upon returning, the Scholars will have a full year to share the experience in their home communities. In the event the Scholars wish to continue their study of the Arab and Islamic worlds, the extra year will also allow them the time to select a college or university which offers such programs.

For each of the past three summers, former Kerr Scholars have joined our staff in Washington to participate in special internship programs. The internships allow them to integrate their academic studies and first-hand living experiences in the Arab world with the challenges and opportunities of working in the headquarters of a national organization dedicated to strengthening and expanding the U.S.-Arab relationship at its many different levels.

In the coming years, we hope to be able to offer Kerr Scholar alumni a range of summer work opportunities in the Arab world. In 1988, for example, we plan to begin on an experimental basis in Egypt by placing former Scholars in local research institutes, agribusiness firms, and companies engaged in

Kerr Scholar alumna Quynh Pham and Escort Peter Satris take time out from their visit to a West Bank village to pose for a souvenir photo with their new-found Palestinian friends.



“In trying to describe my experiences to my family and to friends, I have found that there are some things that they just can't relate to because they haven't been there. It is this understanding that I feel cannot be acquired any other way except through first-hand experience.”

Egypt Kerr Scholar

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human resource development and international trade.

One of the most gratifying stories of the year was undoubtedly that of Ms. Amy Folger, an alumna of the first 1984 Kerr Scholars Program. In an accelerated program of study following return from her summer in Cairo, Amy chose to continue her Arabic studies at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA). At UCLA, where the late Malcolm Kerr himself had taught and served as Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences prior to assuming the presidency of the American University of Beirut, Amy excelled in her studies. In the Spring of this year, she became the first Kerr alumna to graduate from college.

Father Audi Rantissi, Director of the Evangelical Home for Boys in Ramallah, West Bank, where the Council's Kerr Scholar Ahimol participated in a work-study program.



Kerr Scholar alumni meet with Palestinians during their work-study program in the Occupied Territories.



Kerr Scholars in Jordan enjoy a day of relaxation and take a cool swim in the Dead Sea.

Of equal importance is the fact that Amy left UCLA not only with an impressive record of scholastic achievement behind her and diploma in hand, but a much coveted Fulbright Scholar Award to the University of Kuwait, where she enrolled for a year's further study of Arabic. For those who have assisted the Kerr Program, it is especially heartening to know that other Amy Folgers will be graduating in 1988, in 1989, in 1990, the year following, the year after that, and continuing for as long as the means exist to keep the program going.

"Looking back, I see how fortunate I was to have been able to experience so much in such a short period of time. Before going to Egypt, I honestly did not know what to expect and I was even apprehensive at first. Now, however, my attitude has changed."

Egypt Kerr Scholar

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Kerr Scholar alumna Quynh Pham flanked by three generations of Palestinians.

Father Elias Chacour, author of *Blood Brothers* and Director of the Father Elias School in Ibillin, Israel, where the Council's Kerr Scholar Alumni engaged in a social services project.



"I know that when I speak about my experience as a Kerr Scholar, I will try to change stereotypes and prejudices, just as the National Council tries to change them through its programs."

Egypt Kerr Scholar

Kerr Scholar Kristi Sweep, from Wyoming, enjoys an afternoon with her new Tunisian friends.



The 101 Kerr Scholars to date comprise an American mosaic, representing every major religious persuasion as well as various ethnic origins. The results thus far indicate that teenagers who have participated in National Council programs of this nature more often than not, like Amy Folger, choose to continue their study of Arabic as well as a broad array of topics pertaining to Arab and Islamic culture in general during their university years.

Amongst the generation of tomorrow's leaders from which the Kerr Scholars are chosen, one indication of how competitive the annual selection process has become is that, for three years in succession, numerous National Merit Scholars and an impressive number of valedictorians and class presidents have been bested by still more qualified candidates.

It may seem both premature and too ambitious or pretentious to liken the future role, position, and *esprit* of Kerr Program Alumni to Rhodes Scholars and Fulbright Fellows. For the present, however, there is no other American group at such a young age—all of the Kerr Scholars are still under 22—whose lives have been as profoundly and positively affected by the international and humanizing experience which the Kerr Program represents.

CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Malone Faculty Fellows Program in Arab and Islamic Studies

Cultural exchange programs between the United States and the Arab world, although still quite limited, are hardly new. Groups like the Arab Women's Council, the Experiment in International Living, the Fulbright Commission, the American Friends Service Committee, the Peace Corps, Crossroads Africa, the Palestine Human Rights Campaign, Project Global Village, Mercy Corps, the Christian College Consortium, and the various "junior year abroad" programs of a dozen or so universities have long acknowledged the value of introducing Americans directly to the peoples and cultures of other countries.

While several of these organizations have had and continue to maintain programs in various Arab and Islamic countries, there has been broad acknowledgement that the National Council's approach to the process—frequently, competitive contests for the participants and the inclusion of a wide spectrum of public and private sector representatives, *e.g.* a group of educators one time, followed by corporate leaders the next, then a delegation of elected officials, *etc.*—is novel.

Joseph J. Malone Faculty Fellows Program

One of the most important of the National Council's annual programs, the Joseph J. Malone Faculty Fellows Program, is the foundation for much of our year-round educational outreach activities. The Fellowships are named in honor of the late Dr. Joseph J. Malone, a distinguished Arabist and a founding member of the National Council's Advisory Board.

The Malone Fellows Program provides opportunities for educators in the social sciences a month-long opportunity to study, conduct limited research, and visit the most important historical and cultural sites of a particular Arab country. Upon the Fellows' return, this first-hand experience with another people and culture is utilized to enhance their courses and, in many instances, to start new ones. The Malone Fellows, who today number nearly 100, frequently



assist us in our efforts to organize educational programs for university and community groups throughout the U.S.

National Council Malone Faculty Fellows and Kerr High School Scholars in Arab and Islamic studies meet at the League of Arab States headquarters in Tunis.

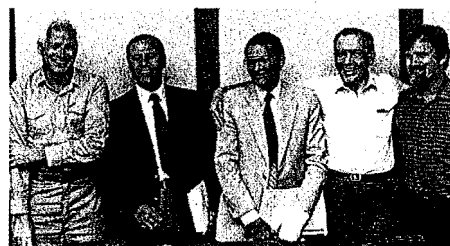
Malone Summer Programs in 1987, as in all previous years since the program began, were held in Egypt at the American University in Cairo, and were expanded to three new countries: Jordan, Tunisia, and the Yemen Arab Republic.

In 1987, a second major breakthrough occurred when we were able to inaugurate our first Malone Program during the academic year in the GCC region. The Spring Malone Fellows Program was designed to offer a more intense, two-week tour *versus* the traditional month-long summer program.

Whether in Egypt, Jordan, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, or Yemen, the Fellows attended a broad range of lectures and special briefings on Arab and Islamic affairs. Interspersed among meetings with prominent government,

"I am more and more convinced that we had a once in a lifetime privilege in the people we met, the experiences we had, and in the ideas presented to us."

Tunisia Malone Fellow



Faculty members of the United Arab Emirates University in Al-Ain in Abu Dhabi meet with members of the Council's Spring Malone Faculty Fellows Program comprised of professors from colleges and universities in Indiana.

CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Malone Faculty Fellows Program in Arab and Islamic Studies

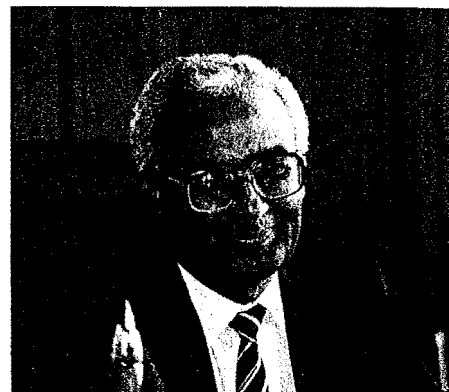


Malone Faculty Fellows to Jordan Ronald Stockton (L) and Gerald Beller (R) discuss peace and justice issues with Father John Ryan.

business, academic, and community leaders, were visits to sites of cultural and historical interest throughout the host country. In addition, many Fellows were introduced to their Arab counterparts in kindred academic disciplines as a means of exchanging information, providing a channel for future communication, and exploring the possibilities of academic exchanges between their respective universities.

From the Malone Program's inception, the primary objective has been to provide the participants with an experience that is as intellectually stimulating as possible. Regarding the academic component, it is hoped that their introduction to Arab history, Islam, regional affairs, the national development process in a particular Arab country, and much more will significantly enhance the professors' knowledge of the Arab world, and that they will subsequently be able to share this knowledge in their classrooms, communities, and professional associations. Certainly, our studies to date indicate that virtually all of the Fellows have been able to enrich their teaching syllabi in such courses as comparative religions, literature, political science, anthropology, sociology, world history, international relations, education, economics, and the problems of modernization and development in the Afro-Arab-Asian worlds.

The Malone Fellows and Kerr Scholars studying in Egypt take a break during a tour of the Sinai Peninsula.



Yarmouk University President Dr. Mohammad Hamden addresses the Council's Malone Fellows in Jordan.

The Malone Program has evolved to its present status as a result of building on each successive summer's experience. The 1984 program, for example, concentrated on the Council's educational efforts in the South, drawing professors from institutions of higher learning in Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. In conjunction with *Georgia Southern College* in Statesboro and the *University of the South* in Sewanee, Tennessee, we instituted a faculty fellows seminar at the American University in Cairo that year. Most of the '84 participants were graduates of a previous *Summer Institute in Arabian and Islamic Studies for College Teachers* at *Duke University* in Durham, North Carolina. The 1984 program was supplemented by a symposium for the Fellows at *Duke University* in the Spring of 1985.

In 1985, the Fellows were chosen primarily from the Inter-Mountain West and Pacific Northwest states of Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, and Utah. Accompanying them were other Fellows from Indiana, Iowa, Montana, and West Virginia. The 1986 program drew most of the Fellows from the five Midwestern states of Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska. Additional Fellows joined them from Louisiana, Virginia, and Wyoming.

CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Malone Faculty Fellows Program in Arab and Islamic Studies



Malone Faculty Fellow John Warner provides early feedback on the value of his summer study tour in Jordan.

In 1987, the Malone Program quadrupled in numbers of participants. The geographic reach of the Program broadened as well to include Fellows from Alabama, Michigan, and Washington. Fellows from Colorado, Indiana, North Carolina, New York, Oregon, Virginia, and West Virginia also participated.

The Fellows' follow-up and the extent to which they have shared their experiences with campus, community, and professional associations has been exemplary. By year's end, one participant had made 50 speeches to local civic, educational, and religious groups on various aspects of his experiences during the study tour. Another had given 25 speeches, most of them to elementary school students and teachers responsible for curriculum development. Three of the Fellows combined resources to produce an hour-long pro-



gram on the Emirates and various Gulf issues for statewide television that was so popular it was re-broadcast seven times in the space of a month.

When the U.S. decision to reflag Kuwaiti oil tankers stimulated national attention on the nature and extent of U.S. interests and involvement in the Gulf, the Indiana professors, having just returned from the region, were very much in demand by their local radio, press, and television stations.

In keeping with the goal of deepening and broadening the knowledge acquired by study tour alumni, we hosted the Spring Malone Fellows shortly after their return at a conference on the Gulf

"This is a great program. You have whetted my appetite—there is no doubt that the trip will have a significant impact on my teaching and on my research."

*Jordan Malone
Fellow*



King Hussein and Queen Noor of Jordan welcome the Council's Malone Fellows and Kerr Scholars at a reception at the Royal Palace in Amman.

CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Malone Faculty Fellows Program in Arab and Islamic Studies



Members of the Council's Spring Malone Faculty Fellows Program in the Gulf meet with Easa Saleh Al-Gurg, a prominent businessman in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

"My month in Egypt was an immensely rewarding one that will provide much to draw on in my future teaching."

*Egypt Malone
Fellow*

"I owe the National Council a real debt of gratitude for making this experience possible. . . . Already, I have begun to pour over magazines and newspapers looking for relevant articles. Even the daily news has more meaning now than it did when I went off to Jordan."

*Jordan Malone
Fellow*



Malone Faculty Fellows and Kerr High School Scholars in Tunisia take time out from their Arab and Islamic studies program to enjoy a 4th of July reception with U.S. Ambassador Robert Pelletreau.



The Council's Malone Fellows to Yemen meet with the Director of the Yemen National Museum.

at Georgetown University's Center for Contemporary Arab Studies. Prior to the conference, the professors attended a reception in their honor on Capitol Hill where they met with Indiana Congressman Lee H. Hamilton and the chief of staff of Indiana Senator Richard Lugar.

Further meetings involved discussions on ways the professors can facilitate activities in their home communities. The formation of the Indiana Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations was a direct result of this tour.

With both the more recently returned and each previous years' Fellows, we maintain an ongoing relationship through an information and resource network which provides them with background and current affairs materials for use in their teaching as well as research, writing, and public speaking about the Arab world.

In 1987, several other Arab countries and universities expressed interest in hosting Spring or Summer Malone Programs in the future. By 1990 we hope to be administering annual study tours in each of the Gulf Arab countries as well as our established study programs in Egypt, Jordan, Tunisia, and the Yemen Arab Republic.

GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL

A subject of special interest to the National Council continues to be the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) in terms of its position and role in regional and world affairs in general, and its importance to U.S.-Arab relations in particular. A grouping of six countries along the northern Arabian Peninsula littoral—Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, and Oman—the GCC is comprised of the core members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and the Organization of Arab Petroleum Countries (OAPEC) as well as key actors in the League of Arab States and the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

Even so, the extent to which the GCC, as an institution, is known to most Americans, remains very limited. In this light, it was heartening in 1987 to note that the U.S. Government and the GCC Secretariat continued the consultation process, begun in 1985, in which both sides are seeking to place the long-term U.S.-GCC relationship on a sound economic footing.

U.S.-GCC Corporate Cooperation Committee Tour

The National Council furthered its activities with the U.S.-G.C.C. Corporate Cooperation Committee, formed in 1986 and comprised of senior executives from eight major American corporations—Lockheed Corporation International, which chairs the Committee; Mobil Oil Corporation; AT&T International; Parsons Corporation; Rockwell International; FMC Corporation; Morgan Stanley International; and The Garrett Corporation. The National Council serves as secretariat for the Committee.

The Committee seeks to enhance America's understanding of the need for strengthened U.S.-GCC economic relations. To this end, the Council's president and executive director participated in the Committee's first visit to Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and Oman. This event, at the invitation of each country and the GCC Secretariat in Riyadh, brought the Committee's members together with key decisionmakers of the three GCC countries.



The cornerstone of the tour was a two-day briefing in Bahrain with government and private sector officials representing the six GCC states. H.E. Abdulla Bishara, Secretary-General of the Gulf Cooperation Council, presided over the meetings which were attended by three representatives from the GCC's Secretariat and prominent business leaders from all six of the GCC's member countries. The discussions centered on current U.S.-GCC relations and opportunities for additional joint ventures in areas of mutual interest.

In addition, the specific national needs, interests, and concerns of Bahrain, the UAE, and Oman were addressed by key representatives in each country. In Bahrain, the delegation met with the Emir, the Prime Minister, the Foreign Minister, and the Minister of Industry and Petroleum. In the UAE, the members attended briefings by the Director of the Presidential Court, the

The Heads of State of the six Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries and members of the GCC's Supreme Council (Left, top to bottom):

H.H. Shaikh Zayid bin Sultan Al-Nahyan, Ruler of Abu Dhabi, President of the United Arab Emirates, and President of the GCC's Supreme Council (1986-87);

H.H. Shaikh Isa bin Salman Al-Khalifa, Ruler of Bahrain;

H.H. Shaikh Jabr Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Ruler of Kuwait and Chairman, Organization of the Islamic Conference (1986-87); and (Right, top to bottom):

Ruler of Saudi Arabia and President of the GCC's Supreme Council (1987-88), Custodian of the Two Holy Places King Fahd bin 'Abd Al-'Aziz Al-Sa'ud;

H.H. Shaikh Khalifa bin Hamad Al-Thani, Ruler of Qatar;

H.M. Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Bu Said, Ruler of Oman.

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“One hates to admit how ignorant one is, but I must say that the trip not only made me realize how many misconceptions I have about the region, but also introduced me to a number of critical subjects I should know more about in my current position.”

*Participant,
Congressional
Chiefs of Staff
Leadership Tour to
Saudi Arabia,
Bahrain, and
Yemen*

Foreign Policy Advisor to the President, and, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, half a dozen officials responsible for UAE-GCC relations, UAE-U.S. relations, and UAE foreign policy in general.

In Oman, the delegation met twice with the Deputy Minister of Commerce and also with the president and leading members of the Oman Chambers of Commerce and Industry, as well as with a prominent member of the Omani State Consultative Council. In all three countries, the delegation also met with the American Ambassador and Embassy staff.

The Committee's visit to the GCC region was a direct result of two 1986 Council activities. The first was the September 1986 visit to Washington by GCC's Secretary-General, H.E. Abdulla Bishara, and the Special Representative for GCC-U.S. economic consultations, H.E. Mamun Al-Kurdi, who participated in numerous public speaking engagements and meetings with senior Administration officials and Congressional leaders.

The second activity was the December 1986 "GCC Days" in Los Angeles in which Mr. Bishara led a 12-member delegation of public and private sector leaders from each of the six GCC member states who met with their American

counterparts to discuss mutual interests and explore opportunities for joint activities. The National Council assisted with the events which were hosted by the American members of the U.S.-GCC Corporate Cooperation Committee.

The Corporate Committee looks to 1988 with expectations of expanding its corporate membership to include additional prominent firms. The Committee will also host a fall visit by the GCC Secretary-General to the United States. In addition, Committee members are planning a familiarization tour to a second group of three GCC countries—Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Kuwait. As in 1987, Committee members will be sponsored in these countries by the private sector.

Malone Faculty Fellows Program Links Up With GCC Countries

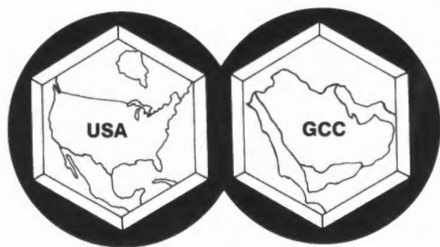
We were also able to lead a group of 13 Malone Faculty Fellows from Indiana colleges and universities on a Spring study tour of the UAE, Saudi Arabia, and Bahrain. The tour's principal sponsor was the UAE National University at Al-Ain in Abu Dhabi. Half a dozen private sector entities, both American and Arab, also contributed to the success of the program.

American members of the U.S.-GCC Corporate Cooperation Committee, for which the National Council serves as Secretariat, are briefed by Bahrain's Foreign Minister, H.E. Shaikh Muhammad bin Mubarak Al-Khalifa, during the Committee's fact-finding mission to three GCC countries in the Spring.



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The Indiana professors met with Arab academics and a range of Arab, British, and U.S. representatives during their 10-day tour of the Emirates, followed by brief visits to Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, and a meeting in Paris with an American representative of the International Energy Agency and French members of the Euro-Arab Parliamentary Association. The UAE University-sponsored tour was the Council's first Malone Fellows Program to occur during the academic year to the GCC states or any other Arab countries. Based on this experience, we hope to offer additional academic year study tours to other GCC countries in 1988.



U.S.-GCC Congressional Briefings

In 1987, we launched a series of bimonthly briefings on Capitol Hill for alumni of Council-organized leadership tours to GCC countries. Four briefings were held. The first dealt with the GCC's growing influence in regional economic development as well as in world financial circles, and was delivered by an official of the Department of Treasury. The second focused on the build-up of U.S. Naval forces in the Gulf and was provided by a Defense Department representative. The third, which centered on U.S. diplomatic efforts to end the Iran-Iraq War, was delivered by a Deputy Assistant Secretary of State. The fourth addressed the results at the half-year point of the U.S. decision to re-flag 11 Kuwaiti oil tankers and was provided by Kuwait's Minister of Petroleum.



Chairman of the U.S.-GCC Corporate Cooperation Committee Robert Conley, President of Lockheed Corporation International (3rd from R), with fellow Committee members following a briefing at the U.S. Embassy in Bahrain.

Conference on U.S.-GCC Economic and Commercial Ties

At a conference co-sponsored by the National Council, the General Union of Arab Chambers of Commerce and Industry, and Georgetown University's National Center for Export-Import Studies, H.E. Mamun Al-Kurdi, Special Representative for GCC-U.S. Economic Consultations and Saudi Arabia's Deputy Foreign Minister for Economic Affairs, delivered the keynote address. Amb. Al-Kurdi emphasized the need for the GCC and the U.S. to further their cooperation in pursuit of a free trade environment. The conference, entitled "Impediments to U.S.-Arab Economic Relations: Progress in the Midst of Crises," was attended by over a hundred business representatives, academics, journalists, and government officials.



National Council President John Duke Anthony with Abu Dhabi Investment Authority Chairman Ghanem Mazrui during a visit to the United Arab Emirates by the U.S.-GCC Corporate Cooperation Committee.

The GCC's Annual Summit

The GCC's 1987 Summit, held in Riyadh, was convened barely a month after the Arab Heads of State met in Amman, Jordan. At the Amman meetings, the heads of the GCC's member countries played prominent roles in forging consensus on the political and

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The Secretary General and Members of the Ministerial Council of the Gulf Cooperation Council (top to bottom);

Secretary-General Abdulla Bishara (L) with his fellow countryman, H.H. Shaikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Kuwait's Foreign Minister and the Dean of all the Arab Foreign Ministers;

Secretary General Abdulla Bishara (L); H.E. Yusuf Alawi, Oman's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs; and Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister, HRH Prince Sa'ud Al-Faisal Al-Sa'ud;

HRH Prince Sa'ud Al-Faisal Al-Sa'ud, Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia and Chairman of the GCC's Ministerial Council (1987-88); and

H.E. Shaikh Muhammad bin Mubarak Al-Khalifa, Foreign Minister of Bahrain and Member of the GCC's Ministerial Council.

diplomatic reintegration of Egypt into the Arab world, the need to end the Iran-Iraq War, support for Kuwait in the face of Iranian provocation, and the need for an international conference to bring about a settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The GCC Heads of State and the organization's Ministerial Council, at their own meetings in Riyadh, focused on vital economic and security issues for the six countries. As in previous years, the National Council's president attended as an observer and provided contextual and background analysis for Western journalists and others covering the meetings.

Gulf Cooperation Council Reports Series

We expanded our *Gulf Cooperation Council Reports Series*, which focuses on the multifaceted elements of the GCC and its relations with the United States. The first report, authored by Secretary-General Abdulla Bishara, and released in 1986, is *The Gulf Cooperation Council: Its Nature and Outlook*. The second monograph, published in 1987, is *U.S.-GCC*

Relations: Economic and Financial Issues, authored by Mr. Kevin R. Taecker, an International Economist in the U.S. Department of Treasury. The publication is impressively documented with statistical and tabular material essential to understanding an important dimension of the U.S.-GCC relationship.

The *Series'* third monograph is scheduled for release in 1988. Authored by former Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger, and including additional material by Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci and Assistant Secretary of State Richard W. Murphy, the volume is entitled *Security Arrangements in the Gulf*. Additional papers—including one dealing with economic and security issues affecting the GCC as a whole, and another focussing on U.S. policy needs in the region—will appear in the *Series* later in the year. In addition to these works, several manuscripts on the GCC authored by the National Council's president were published in leading journals during the year.

Contemporary Gulf Arab Studies Association

At the 15th Annual Conference of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA), a group of American scholars on the Arabian Peninsula and the Gulf



National Council President John Duke Anthony introduces keynote speaker H.E. Mamun Al-Kurdi, Special Representative for GCC-U.S. Economic Consultations, at the NCEIS conference at Georgetown University.

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states elected the National Council's president to head a preparatory committee charged with forming, over the next two years, a Contemporary Gulf Arab Studies Association (CGASA). CGASA seeks to increase academic and general public awareness of the dynamics of the seven easternmost Arab states—Iraq and the six Gulf Cooperation Council countries—as they assume an ever-increasing role of significance in regional and world affairs. More specifically, it seeks to promote scholarly research, educational exchanges, and institutional linkages between American academicians and research centers that focus on the contemporary Gulf Arab countries.

Leadership Tour Alumni and Grassroots America Learn about the GCC

The National Council's 1987 leadership tours to the Gulf Arab countries for Congressional and Senatorial Chiefs of Staff featured meetings with GCC representatives and member countries' officials in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, and Oman.

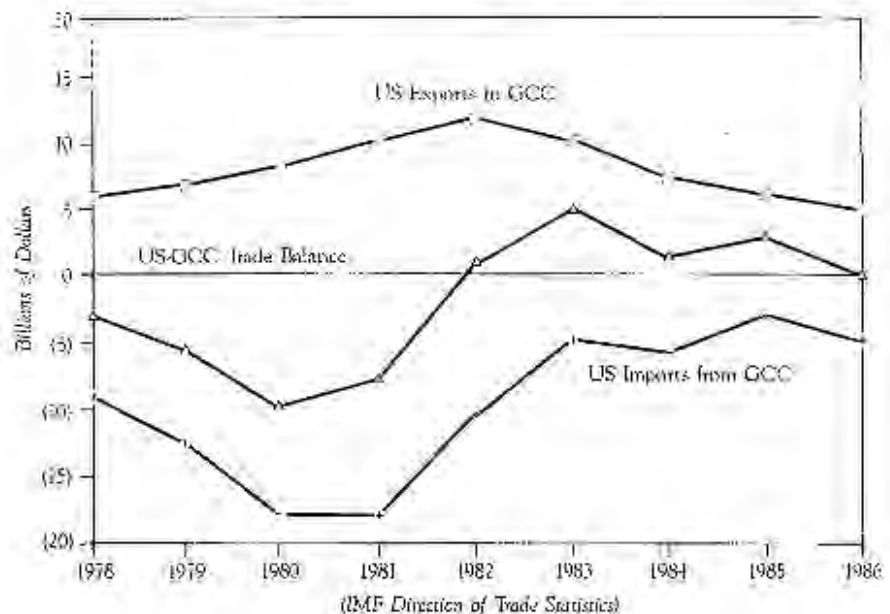
Back home, in addition to the aforementioned bimonthly briefings for the Congressional alumni, and the extensive media and other educational outreach activities engaged in by the Spring Malone Fellows, lectures regarding the GCC's role *vis-a-vis* both the Arab world and the United States continued to comprise nearly 40% of the requests for briefings and lectures by the Council's Speakers Bureau.



A patrol boat bears witness to Oman's role as sentinel of the Gulf as it keeps watch along the strategic Hormuz Strait, the Gulf Cooperation Council members' lifeline to international markets.

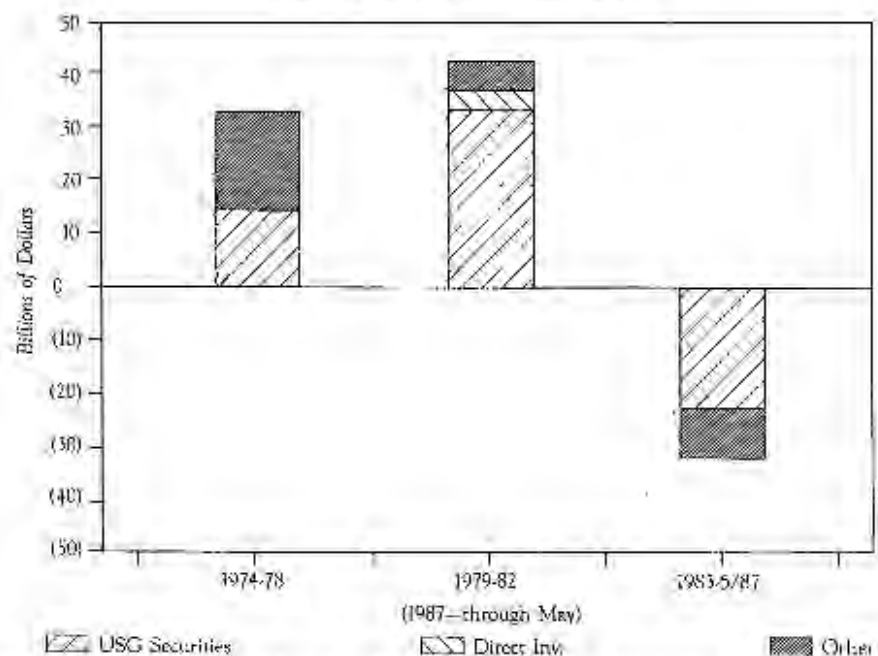
USA-GCC MERCHANDISE TRADE (1978-86)

Imports, Exports and Trade Balance



GULF COUNTRIES' INVESTMENTS IN THE U.S.

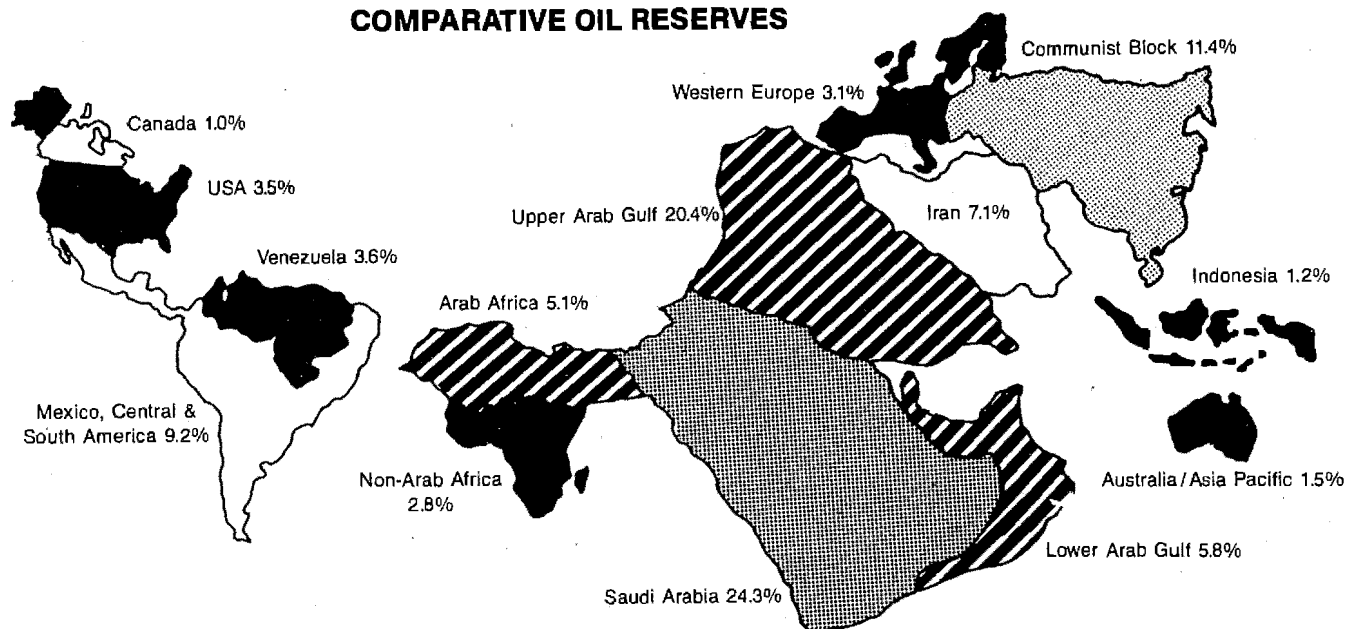
Sum of Annual Investment Flows



Source for Charts: Kevin Taecker, *U.S.-GCC Relations: Economic and Financial Dimensions*, Washington, D.C.: National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations, 1987, pp. 5 and 8.

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**MAP SCALED TO SHOW
COMPARATIVE OIL RESERVES**



Source: Aramco, *Facts and Figures*, 1986.

“It was informative and truly life-changing emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually. I find that I’m now searching for articles and news reports about the Middle East.”

Participant, Religious Leaders Tour to the West Bank, Jordan, and Israel



Overall, the year was one of heightened cooperation between the U.S. and the GCC on several fronts. The most prominent area of cooperation was undoubtedly in the realm of burden-sharing in matters pertaining to regional security. Both U.S. and GCC decision-makers worked together closely on measures combining strength and restraint, as well as deterrence, defense, and diplomacy, aimed at ending this century’s longest conflict.

By year’s end, there was broad-based consensus in both the U.S. and the GCC that the worst results of Irangate were over. To GCC and American leaders

alike, the U.S. seemed to be doing more of the right things, with the right people, in the right places, at the right moment, and for the right reasons than at any time in the history of America’s interests and involvement in the Gulf.

We hope that our special efforts to increase knowledge about the GCC will result not only in better understanding of an increasingly important international organization, as well as its members and neighbors, but of U.S.-Arab relations in general.

SPEAKERS BUREAU



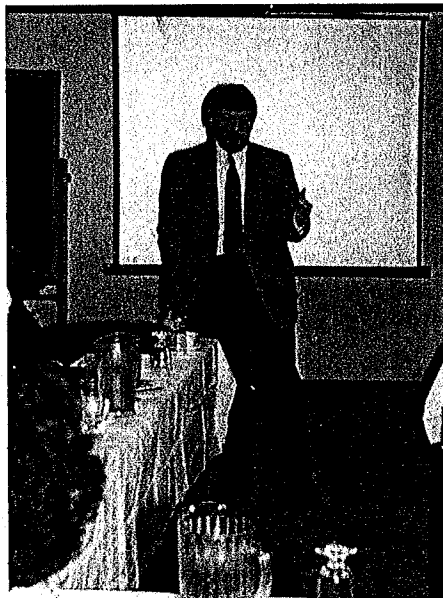
Former CNN foreign correspondent and Lebanon hostage Jerry Levin and his wife Lucille shared their insight and views with a wide range of audiences in 11 cities on a National Council-sponsored speaking tour.



The National Council's Speakers Bureau, focussing as it does primarily on the Arab and Islamic worlds, is the most active service of its kind in the United States. In 1987, as in each of the previous years, the Bureau provided a national network of highly qualified speakers on topics of interest to a diverse range of educational, business, government, religious, civic, and community groups. The Bureau assisted these groups in obtaining speakers for events as varied as lectures and panels at seminars, conferences, teacher training workshops, meetings of professional associations, annual conventions, adult education classes, and radio and television talk shows.

In addition, these individuals provided newspaper interviews, delivered commencement addresses, gave poetry readings, and served as narrators for film and slide show presentations. The great majority of the engagements arranged by the Bureau were in conjunction with the public outreach programs of local educational institutions. More than 90 percent of the presentations addressed contemporary issues.

Dr. John E. Peterson briefs the Council's Malone Fellows to Yemen at a predeparture orientation session.

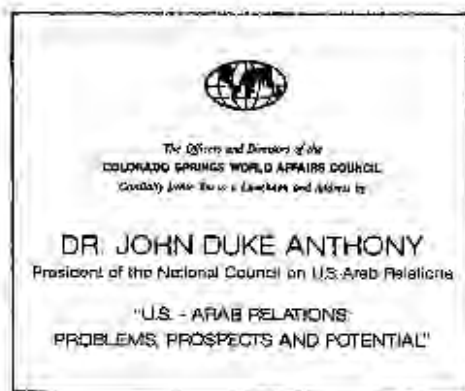


“The speaker’s visit was a rousing success. The stimulus at the college to keep us moving in the direction of a more thorough treatment of the Arab world was injected at just the right time with just the right people, the radio interview was smashing, and the luncheon address was exactly what we wanted.”

*Program Coordinator,
Colorado
World Affairs
Council*

SPEAKERS BUREAU

Promotional flyer advertising a Speakers Bureau event in cooperation with the Colorado Springs World Affairs Council and the Kerr Scholar Local Selection Committee which was attended by nearly 300 people.



Bureau speakers ranged from former senior White House, Pentagon, and State Department officials, to journalists, scholars, business leaders, theologians, diplomats, defense analysts, and Arab and European specialists. All were chosen on the basis of their extensive experience in public speaking and their demonstrated, first-hand knowledge of Arab and Islamic affairs.

In 1987, the Bureau averaged nearly two public addresses somewhere in the United States for every day of the year. It also filled numerous additional requests for television and radio networks reaching audiences in all 50 states.

In 1987, the Bureau was especially privileged to arrange an 11-city speaking tour for Jerry Levin, former Beirut hostage, and his wife Lucille, founder of the Yellow Ribbon Society. The Levins spoke to thousands of students, educators, and business representatives, and reached countless others through media interviews. Wherever they spoke, they focussed on the need for more intelligent public analysis of the background and context to challenges in the overall relationship between the U.S. and other peoples and cultures.

The Bureau continued to provide a range of related services. One such service was to assist meeting planners, curriculum specialists, and panel moder-

ators on matters pertaining to conference and academic course themes. In addition, it assists in the sequencing of panels and speakers, and appropriate utilization of maps, audio-visual equipment and other teaching aids. The Bureau has administered both single event requests and entire lecture series covering various aspects of the U.S.-Arab relationship.

Nearly 40% of the presentations by Bureau lecturers focussed on issues related to the member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council, followed by countries in the eastern Mediterranean. The topics addressed ranged from history and culture, social structure and change, economic development, and tradition and modernization, to political dynamics, cross-cultural linkages, security and military affairs, and various aspects of regional and international relations.

The Bureau continued to function both pro-actively and reactively. As in previous years, it sought out opportunities and placed speakers whose specialization and timeliness of topic was in demand. The Bureau also responded to hundreds of requests from institutions and public affairs groups across the country.

Popular Speakers Bureau participant Dr. Peter K. Bechtold, Director of the Near East and North African Program at the School of Area Studies, Foreign Service Institute, U.S. Department of State, addresses a group of American leaders prior to their departure for a National Council-led study tour to the Arab world.



“One of the best seminars I have ever attended . . . the outstanding feature was the sheer amount of knowledge of the Arab world the instructor possessed, and his ability to pass it on in an understandable and interesting manner.”

University Student

GRASSROOTS DEVELOPMENT

Thanks to assistance provided by innumerable friends at the grassroots level, we were able to expand significantly the scope of our activities during the year in several regions. In each area, the paramount objective was to introduce increasing numbers of Americans to knowledge about the Arab world who might never have had such an opportunity otherwise. Of particular importance in 1987 was the extent to which we strengthened and expanded our activities in the Pacific Northwest, the Midwest, the South, and the North Central states.

State Committees on U.S.-Arab Relations

In 1986, the National Council formed the Oregon Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations, its first state affiliate. In 1987, two additional state affiliates were established. Working alongside numerous friends, supporters, and former participants in Council programs, the Council helped to facilitate, first, the formation of the Indiana Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations and, second, the Washington Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations. Progress was also made toward establishing additional state committees on U.S.-Arab relations in several other regions.

The state committees on U.S.-Arab relations, both those already existing and others coming into being, are an outgrowth of the National Council's intensive involvement in individual communities. The committees' aims are to conduct a range of educational activities designed to increase public knowledge and understanding of Arab civilization and culture as well as American interests and involvement in the Arab world as a whole.

The committees give structure and substance to our and their belief that they can be more cost-effective, reduce redundancy and overlap in programming, and reach constituencies that are at once both much larger and more diversified than would be possible if we acted alone. For our part, we render various kinds of support to the committees, including co-sponsorship of activities, frequent consultation, access to an



The Hon. Alfred L. Atherton, Jr., former Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, former Ambassador to Egypt, and a frequent participant in the National Council's Speakers Bureau activities, meets with former Oregon Governor Victor Atiyeh, Chairman of the Council's state affiliate, the Oregon Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations, at a banquet in Portland honoring the Council's 1987 Kerr High School Scholars and Malone Faculty Fellows in Arab and Islamic Studies.



National Council Programs Coordinator Gregory McCarthy and Ann Blyberg, Seattle World Affairs Council Executive Director, at a National Council Speakers Bureau event in Seattle.



Oregon Malone Fellows Gary Ferngren (Egypt '87) (L) and Galen Martin (Jordan '87) (R) at a meeting of the Oregon Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations.

GRASSROOTS DEVELOPMENT

“The speakers gave an extraordinary presentation which impressed many people.”

A Pacific Northwest University Professor



Washington Committee on US-Arab Relations



Kerr Scholar Lissa Wadewitz (Tunisia '87) chats with former Assistant Secretary of State Alfred L. Atherton, Jr. at a banquet in Portland inaugurating the Oregon Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations.

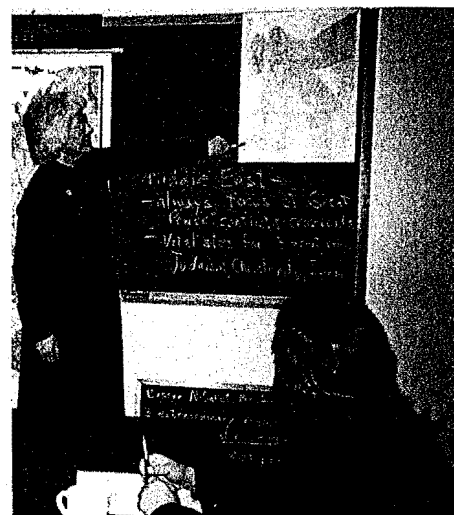
information and resource network, and a broad range of Speakers Bureau services.

The Pacific Northwest

Washington Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations

The Washington Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations' governing body consists of a diverse and complementary group. A 1987 Malone Fellow to the Yemen Arab Republic, Dr. Teresa Perrien, and a 1987 Malone Fellow to Tunisia, Ms. Jill Severn, were elected President and Executive Director, respectively. Other Committee members include a state senator, a journalist, an attorney, individuals active in peace and justice groups, educators, parents of former Kerr Scholars, and business representatives from throughout the state.

Members of the Washington Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations meet for a planning session in Seattle.



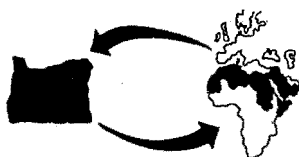
Dr. Anne Denman, a National Council Malone Faculty Fellow in Arab and Islamic Studies (Jordan '87), lectures about Jordan to anthropology students at Central Washington University in Ellensburg.

Several events marked the inauguration of the Washington Committee. A gala banquet was held in Seattle to commemorate the occasion and to honor those Washingtonians chosen as 1987 Malone Fellows and Kerr Scholars. The Hon. Lucius D. Battle, Middle East Institute President and National Council Advisory Board Member, delivered the keynote address and travelled to Olympia and Spokane for additional speaking events designed to herald the Committee's birth.

The Committee will work, *inter alia*, to broaden and streamline the selection process for Washington's participation in the Kerr High School Scholars Program. Additionally, several Committee members will explore the possibility of holding a 1988 Northwest Model Arab League in Olympia. An ambitious Speakers Bureau program is also on the agenda.

Additional Council activities in Washington included a speaking tour by the Director of the Arab League Information Office in Chicago, who spoke to the Seattle World Affairs Council, teacher training workshops, and community groups, and participated in television and radio interviews. Six Washingtonians also participated in Council study tours to the Arab world.

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Oregon Committee on US-Arab Relations

Oregon Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations

The Oregon Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations is chaired by former Governor Victor Atiyeh and directed by Ms. Marilyn Clark, an alumna of a 1985 Council-led study tour to Saudi Arabia and Jordan. Other Committee members include a state senator, a prominent businessman, the head of a relief and development agency which concentrates on peace and justice issues, and the president of the American Institute for Yemeni Studies.

The Oregon Committee furthered its activities by hosting a five-city speaking tour by former hostage in Lebanon Jerry Levin and his wife Lucille, an active participant in women's group peace issues. During the year, the Committee also published its second newsletter, which is distributed to over 500 Oregonians. Committee members also continued their support of Portland's annual participation in the Council's Kerr Scholars Program. As in previous years, Portland continued to hold lead place in the number of Kerr Scholar alumni.

In the Fall, a Council staff member visited Eastern Oregon State College in La Grande to meet with former Malone Fellows regarding future programming and other activities. In addition, Portland Kerr Scholar Robert Gassner (Tunisia-'86), upon completion of his freshman year at Harvard, joined us as a summer intern and provided invaluable assistance with the 1987 Kerr Scholars Program.



District of Columbia Secretary of State Clifton Smith (L), an alumnus of a National Council-sponsored leadership tour to Egypt, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia in 1985, and The Hon. James Douglas, Secretary of State of Vermont and President of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), greet H.E. Muhammad Kamal, Ambassador of Jordan at a reception co-sponsored by the National Council and the Embassy of Jordan during NASS's annual convention. Photographer: Louis Kraft

The Inter-Mountain West

In the Inter-Mountain Western states, almost all our efforts in 1987 were in support of universities, public schools, and international affairs organizations. In Salt Lake City, Utah, for example, we supported both a Palestinian artist's program for the general public and a teacher training and community education workshop administered by the University of Utah.

In Montana, we helped the Great Falls Public School System to administer a teacher training seminar that focused, *inter alia*, on resources for teaching about the Arab and Islamic worlds.

In Colorado, the National Council's president was the featured speaker at a Colorado Springs World Affairs Council symposium on "U.S. Interests and Policies in the Gulf." In addition, he was interviewed on the same subject at length by Radio Station KRCC, which covers all of southeastern Colorado and northern New Mexico. In August, he returned to the state to address the International Leadership Development Institute's annual conference at Colorado College. The University of Denver held a Council-sponsored teacher training workshop for educators in the

In Colorado Springs, Colorado, World Affairs Council Executive Director John Baker (2nd from L), an alumnus of a National Council-sponsored leadership tour to Saudi Arabia and Jordan in 1983, presents National Council President Dr. John Duke Anthony with a contribution for Colorado Springs' participation in the 1987 Kerr Scholars Program. Flanking Mr. Baker are Malone Fellow Joseph Pickle (Egypt '87) and Kerr Scholar Steven Pickle (Egypt '86) with 1987 Colorado Springs' Kerr Scholar Miss Dee Ann Bannister.



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UAE Malone Fellows (L to R) Dr. Thomas Hegarty, Vice-President of Butler University, Hanover College Prof. Harve Rawson, and Manchester College Prof. Carl Caldwell discuss upcoming activities at a meeting of the Indiana Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations.

"In the past month, I have spoken to three different high school college level classes, a faculty forum, and to 180 people as part of a panel discussing Soviet-Middle East relations."

*United Arab Emirates
Malone Fellow*

greater Denver community area. The program examined three areas: (1) an introduction and overview of current affairs in the Middle East, (2) the contributions of Islamic civilization to the world, and (3) teaching about the Middle East in primary and secondary schools.

In **Nevada**, the Council agreed to support a workshop for Clark County school teachers in which the participants will examine innovative teaching materials on the Arab world suitable for adaptation to the primary and secondary school levels. The organizers of the workshop estimate that over 5,000 students will be reached in the first year.



**Indiana
Committee
on U.S.-Arab
Relations**

In **Idaho**, a National Council program coordinator visited Boise to attend a program planning session attended by former Malone Fellows, Kerr Scholars, educators, community leaders, and participants in the Council's 1984 conference on "U.S.-Arab Trade, Investment, and Technology Transfer" in Sun Valley. Former Idaho Lieutenant Governor David Leroy, who led the Council's 1985 leadership tour to the Arab world consisting of members of the National Conference of Lieutenant Governors, was briefed on upcoming Council activities.

Great Plains States

Prior to 1987, the National Council had not been involved in educational activities of any kind in the Dakotas. This year, however, we made a modest beginning by supporting three separate workshops for public school teachers interested in learning and teaching about the Arab and Islamic worlds. In **South Dakota**, one workshop was held for Rapid City educators and a second for members of the Mitchell Regional Inservice Workshop. A third workshop was scheduled for **North Dakota** primary and secondary teachers in the Minot Public School District. These National Council-sponsored seminars involved educators who focused on a broad range of topics, including the legacy of Islamic civilization, contemporary regional affairs, and effective teaching methodologies. In 1988, we plan to broaden our involvement in the Great Plains region by including a select number of its educators in the annual Malone Fellows Program.

The Midwest

Indiana Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations

The Indiana Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations came into existence in 1987. The foundation of the Committee is an outgrowth of several years of National Council activities in the state. The Committee president is Prof. Carl Caldwell of Manchester College, a Malone Fellow (UAE '87). The Executive Director is Dr. Mary Ann Danner of Indiana University in Bloomington.

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Members of the Committee met five times in 1987. One of the meetings took place in Washington, D.C., where they met with Congressman Lee H. Hamilton and other Indiana Congressional leaders, and attended a conference on Gulf security at Georgetown University's Center for Contemporary Arab Studies.

In the Fall, Committee members sponsored two separate speakers' tours on university campuses, as well as before civic groups and the media, in the northern and central parts of the state. The participants were former Lebanon hostage Jerry Levin and his wife, Lucille, as well as the National Council's president. Indiana University in Bloomington also held a six-part public education program that featured arts and artists of the Arab world. The program highlighted a film on these subjects that is suitable for use in secondary schools.

Arrangements were also made for a 1988 round of speeches and media interviews by the new Iraqi Ambassador to the U.S. The Ambassador agreed to speak on the Iran-Iraq war and related issues pertaining to Gulf security to the Indiana World Affairs Forum and other Indiana organizations. In addition, several Committee members made plans to bring student delegations to the

Indiana Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations Executive Director Dr. Mary Ann Danner (R) and Malone Fellow Janos Horvath (UAE '87) the John W. Arbuckle Professor of Economics at Butler University and President of the Indiana World Affairs Forum, meet with Dr. Kenneth Gladish, Executive Director for the Indiana Committee for the Humanities, to discuss educational outreach activities in Indiana.



National Council's 1988 Midwest Model Arab League at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Illinois

Two National Council-sponsored teacher training workshops were held in Illinois. The first was hosted by Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago and the second by the Knox County Educational Service Region. Additionally, the University of Chicago was able to conduct workshops in Anchorage, Alaska and Norman, Oklahoma through Council support.

Third grade essay contest winners in Rensselaer, Indiana display the Gulf Air T-shirts they won by demonstrating their new-found knowledge of the Arab world gained from a slide show presentation given by Malone Fellow Dr. Edward P. Habrowski (United Arab Emirates '87).

"I gave four lectures with slide presentations to the third and seventh graders in the local public schools on the people of the United Arab Emirates. . . . Now my only hope is that this small seed will become implanted in their minds and, as future adult Americans, they will have an open outlook to the region and its people."

*United Arab Emirates
Malone Fellow*

"The speaker's visit was the high point in our semester's activities. Thank you again for your generous help."

*A Midwest College
Professor*

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Congressman Lee Hamilton, Chairman, House of Representatives Near East Subcommittee, discusses U.S. interests and policies in the Arab world with Malone Faculty Fellows from Indiana who visited the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, and Bahrain.

“We are all impressed with the strides the Council has made and with the wide variety of organizations with which it has worked.”

*National Council
Contributor*

Iowa

For several years, the National Council has supported various educational activities in Iowa. Among the most popular have been Speakers Bureau and adult education events, as well as the Malone Fellows and Kerr Scholars Programs. In 1987, preparatory arrangements were made to enable a dozen educators from Iowa's small to medium-size colleges to participate in the 1988 Spring Malone Fellows Program in the Arab world. Malone Fellows Prof. Lana Santamaria (Egypt '85) of Dubuque University, and Prof. David Weddle (Egypt '86) of Cornell College in Mount Vernon, agreed to administer this first-ever program for Iowa professors in the social and behavioral sciences.

Kansas

Kansas hosted two Council-sponsored teacher training workshops on the Middle East and the Islamic world—one at Benedictine College in Atchison, administered by Malone Fellow Sr. Frances Watson (Egypt '86), and the other at Kansas State University in Manhattan, administered by Prof. Michael Suleiman, National Council escort for the 1987 Tunisia Malone Fellows Program.

Michigan

In western Michigan, four Malone Fellows—Prof. James Goode (Egypt '87), Roger Nemeth (Egypt '87), Charles

Strikwerda (Tunisia '87), and Boyd Wilson (Yemen '87)—and Art Hoover, an alumnus of a Council leadership tour to the Arab world (Saudi Arabia and Jordan '83), set a Speakers Bureau record in speaking and media engagements arranged in the course of a two and a half day period. A total of 16 speaking engagements were arranged for the National Council's president on the campuses and surrounding communities of Calvin College, Hope College, and Grand Valley State College.

Included were two television talk shows, three newspaper interviews, two high school appearances, a dozen college faculty and student forums, and a half dozen adult education, civic and public affairs groups. In response to exceptional community, faculty, and student interest, the talks focussed on such topics as the Iran-Iraq War, the U.S. decision to re-flag Kuwaiti tankers, American interests and involvement in the Gulf, and the importance of the Arab world to the United States and the international community in general.

Two additional activities were planned as an outgrowth of the visit to western Michigan. First, Calvin College agreed to host a Model Arab League in Grand Rapids in 1988. With the assistance and participation of additional Malone Fellows alumni at other Midwest colleges and universities, the Model will be the first of its kind in the region. The second outcome was a decision to organize a delegation of Michigan educators to participate in the National Council's 1988 Spring Malone Faculty Fellows Program in Egypt. The delegation will include a dozen professors in the social sciences. In a statewide contest organized by Malone Fellows Peter Bertocci (Egypt '87), of Rochester University, and Ronald Stockton (Jordan '87), of the University of Michigan at Dearborn, candidates from two dozen Michigan colleges will compete for the positions.

In addition, the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor held two teacher training workshops in southeastern Michigan for secondary school educators. Both workshops stressed resources and methods for instruction on the Arab and Islamic worlds.

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The South

Alabama

In 1987, the University of Alabama-Birmingham (UAB) hosted a two-day seminar on the religions of the Arab world and regional conflicts sponsored by the Council. The event was attended by five Malone Fellows, Kerr Scholars, UAB students, and community leaders. Additionally, a teacher training workshop was conducted in Birmingham. The workshop focused on challenging perceptions and evaluating the influence of Arab culture on contemporary civilization.

In the fall, Prof. Lewis Ware of the Command and General Staff College of the U.S. Air Force in Montgomery, together with the National Council's president, participated in a statewide television program on the challenges to American security and related interests in the Arabian Peninsula and Gulf states.

Arrangements were also made for Alabama educators to participate in a first-ever 1988 Spring Malone Fellows Program in Jordan. Deputy delegation leaders for the study tour will be 1987 Malone Fellows Dr. Marilyn Emplaincourt, of the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, and Prof. John Lott, of the University of Montevallo. A dozen professors in the social sciences will be selected in a competitive contest open to all of the state's small and medium-size liberal arts colleges.

Georgia

In the Fall, several informal planning sessions for future educational activities in Georgia were attended by educators, clergy, and civic leaders anxious to increase their involvement in Council activities. These individuals met with the Council's president during a three-day visit to central and west Georgia. During this period, eight separate Speakers Bureau, networking, and fundraising events were held.

Plans are also underway for a group of Georgia educators to participate in the Council's 1988 Spring Malone Faculty Fellows Program in North Yemen. Prof. Huey Owings, of West Georgia State College, and Dr. Laurence Rich-

ards, a prominent clergyman, are involved in organizing the tour, which will be led by Prof. Jon Mandaville, President of the American Institute for Yemeni Studies, and a member of the National Council's Advisory Board.

In Atlanta, the North Fulton community renewed its participation in the 1988 Kerr Scholars Program. North Fulton is the only secondary school in the south to offer a four-year course in Arabic as part of the school's international studies curricula.

The Council supported a West Georgia College seminar on "Exploring the Crisis in the Middle East" which was attended by community leaders, educators, students, and concerned citizens.

West Virginia

National Council program coordinators participated in the Fall meeting of the West Virginia Consortium for Faculty and Course Development in International Studies (FACDIS). FACDIS, a statewide grouping of educators committed to strengthening the international curricula in West Virginia's university system, elected in 1987 to concentrate its efforts on the Arab world. As a result, seven state educators applied for and won Malone Faculty Fellowships for Arab and Islamic studies in Egypt, Tunisia, Jordan, and Yemen. At the aforementioned FACDIS meeting, six Malone Fellows and others met to discuss techniques for use in teacher workshops on the Arab world for West Virginia primary and secondary school

"Opportunities to share insights gained from my Malone Fellowship continue to arise. Part of my assignment this summer will be to work with high school teachers to develop materials for their global studies courses. You can be sure they will not be allowed to neglect the Arab world, and I will provide them with copies of much of the material I have received from the National Council."

*Egypt Malone
Fellow*

Advisory Board Member Carl Barzarian (Far Left) with prominent Council supporters at a meeting in Washington, D.C. (L to R): Mr. Ted Old, President, American Businessmen of Dubai; Mr. J. Philip Hinson, Director for European and Middle Eastern Affairs at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Mr. David Bosch, President, American Businessmen of Al-Khobar, Saudi Arabia; and Mr. John Mulholland, President, American Businessmen of Jeddah, Inc., Saudi Arabia and Council Advisory Board Member.



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“To me, the most effective part of the tour is the chance to sit down, one on one, with an Arab leader and listen to his view of the issues. These kinds of opportunities with Arab officials and members of the private sector are invaluable. It is also the most effective way to get the Arab point of view across.”

*Participant,
Congressional
Chiefs of Staff
Leadership Tour to
Saudi Arabia,
Yemen, and Oman*

teachers. Among the topics addressed were geography, Islam, politics, development, the family, and stereotyping. The participants were tasked with preparing units on the Arab world for workshops they will organize in their communities.

Inter-Organizational Cooperation

National Association of Secretaries of State

The National Council, in conjunction with the Embassy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and the Office of the Secretary of State of the District of Columbia, hosted a dinner reception in February at the Embassy for members of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) during NASS' annual convention. The District's Secretary of State, Clifton Smith (veteran of a National Council-sponsored study tour to Egypt, Israel, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia in 1985), together with NASS President James Douglas of Vermont, Jordanian Ambassador Muhammad Kamal, and members of the National Council's Board of Directors and Advisory Board, used the occasion to renew the Council's relationship with a group of important American officials, several of whom participated along with six Lieutenant Governors on a Council-sponsored leadership tour to Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Egypt, also in 1985.

Federated Union of Yemen Chambers of Commerce and Industry

The National Council, Lockheed Corporation International, and Hunt Oil

Company co-sponsored a reception honoring a visiting Yemeni businessmen's delegation on Capitol Hill. Members of the Yemeni delegation had hosted a Congressional Chiefs of Staff group in a Council-sponsored leadership tour to Yemen in January.

The Yemeni businessmen came to the U.S. to encourage trade with America's agri-business sector. Prominent speakers and guests at the reception included the Yemeni Ambassador, H.E. Muhsin Al-Aini, the League of Arab States' Permanent Representative to the U.N., H.E. Clovis Maksoud, and delegation leader Mr. Faisal Sharif.

League of Arab States and Algerian Ambassador H.E. Muhammad Sahnoun

The National Council co-hosted a meeting between the leaders and prominent board members of Washington, D.C.-based organizations involved in various aspects of U.S.-Arab relations and H.E. Muhammad El-Farra, former Jordanian Ambassador to the U.N. The meeting, held at H.E. Muhammad Sahnoun's residence and co-sponsored by the League of Arab States, focused on El-Farra's book, *Years of No Decision: 1967-1987*, which reflects on his 20 years as Ambassador.



In 1987, the National Council's work at the grassroots level was amply rewarded by the proliferation of a broad range of educational activities. In the process, the Council developed working relationships with dozens of new organizations and consolidated and broadened its existing ties with several hundred institutions and virtually thousands of individuals in over two-thirds of the 50 states.

The Council's relationship with these individuals and organizations proved invaluable in fostering a more rational and cost-effective allocation of resources and in helping to avoid duplication of effort in promoting better U.S.-Arab understanding. More importantly, education about the Arab and Islamic worlds was brought to thousands of Americans in communities which otherwise would not have had such opportunities.

H.E. Ali bin Salem bin Badr Al-Hinna'i, Ambassador of Oman (C) and H.E. Ghazi Mohamed Al-Gosaibi, Ambassador of Bahrain, greet a member of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) at a reception hosted by the National Council and the Embassy of Jordan during NASS's annual convention.

Photographer: Louis Kraft



When the National Council was founded, a major objective was to be able to provide small grants along with a range of related project and informational assistance to institutions which might not otherwise have an opportunity to mount educational programs on matters of interest to the United States in its relationships with the Arab and Islamic worlds. This focus has enabled us to support new projects either in concert with or independently implemented by other organizations around the country, thereby ensuring a significantly broader outreach than might otherwise have been possible.

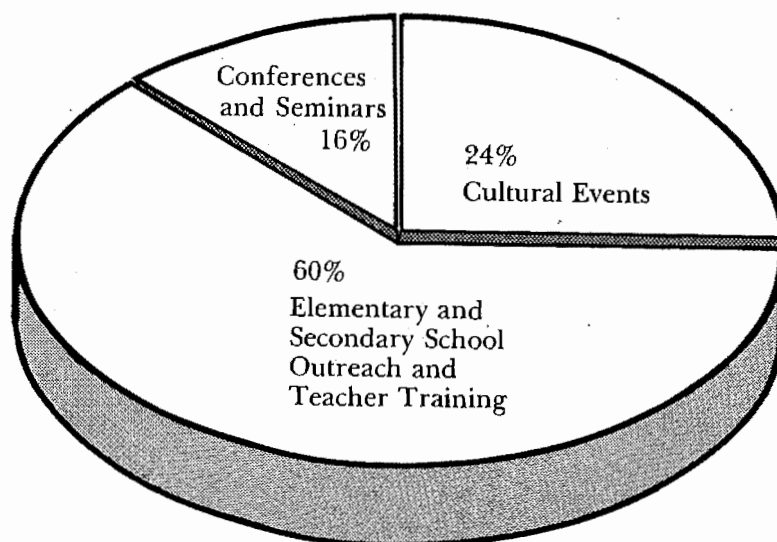
In reviewing the applications of eligible grantees, the National Council considers various factors, including an organization's ability to generate matching funds and challenge grants; indication of a capacity to disseminate information to new audiences; the programmatic component of proposed project costs; the extent of community involvement in the proposed activity; the achievement of economies of scale so as to maximize efficiency in the use of project funds; and the certainty of follow-up and supportive activities.

In 1987, the National Council awarded 28 grants to a wide variety of nonprofit educational institutions, public affairs organizations, professional groups, and cultural foundations. The audiences reached spanned the full spectrum of American society—all ages, religions, professions, ethnic backgrounds, and educational levels.

Elementary and Secondary School Outreach and Teacher Training

• **The United Methodist Church** was awarded a grant to implement four Middle East-related panels with prominent speakers, provide handouts for the 3,000-plus attendees, and stage four workshops on Middle East themes at the annual meeting of the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) in Dallas, Texas. The grant allowed for extensive coverage of Arab and Islamic topics at the single most important annual event for high school social studies teachers.

Grant Distribution Summary



• **The University of Chicago** received a grant in support of teacher training programs in *Norman, Oklahoma* and *Anchorage, Alaska* sponsored by the University of Oklahoma and the Anchorage School District. As with similar workshops conducted by the staff of the University's Center for Middle East Studies, the emphasis was on demonstration of resources that teachers could use in the classroom.

• **The University of Michigan** at Ann Arbor received a grant for two seminars involving teachers in southeastern Michigan. The programs were designed to assist teachers in identifying teaching priorities and to provide resources and promote discussion of successful teaching methods on topics related to the Arab and Islamic worlds.

“Your assistance has allowed the institute to make a difference in the professionalism of the instructors who, in their teaching, reach at least 900 students each year.”

*National Council
Grant Recipient*

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Advisory Board Member Francois Dickman, Course Coordinator (center left), and Dr. Robert Stookey (center), noted Arabist and author of works on America's relations with the Arab world, are flanked by participants in a National Council-sponsored teacher workshop on "The Modern Middle East" at the University of Wyoming in Laramie.

"The tour will change my life."

Participant, Religious Leaders' Tour to the West Bank, Jordan, and Israel

"The speakers did a splendid job with our teacher workshop. Several said it was the best workshop they've ever attended."

National Council Grant Recipient

- **Northeastern Illinois University** in Chicago was awarded a grant in support of its Fifth Annual *Summer Institute of Islamic Studies*. Owing to increased interest, a second month-long session is planned for 1988. In addition to the National Council's grant, the University received support from Mobil Oil Corporation.

- **Benedictine College** in Atchison, Kansas, was awarded a grant for a teacher training program focusing on an introduction to the Middle East and an update of current events in the area; the contributions of Islamic civilization to world culture; and teaching about the Middle East in primary and secondary schools. The workshop was attended by high school teachers and students from Kansas and Missouri.

- A grant was awarded to **Rapid City Area Schools** in Rapid City, South Dakota, for a teacher training program and resource exhibit on the Middle East. The workshop provided an opportunity for public and private school social studies educators from the greater western South Dakota area to obtain information and resources that will enhance their ability to teach about the Middle East and the Islamic world in the classroom.

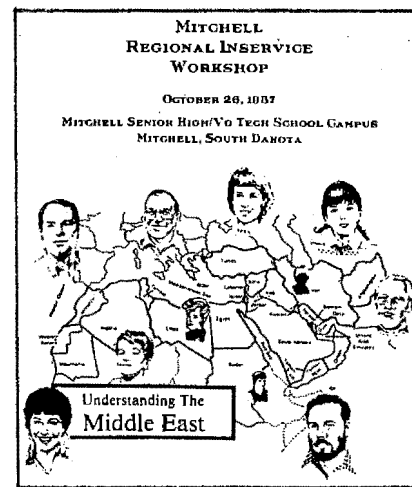
- **The University of Denver** in Colorado was awarded a grant for a teacher training program emphasizing the history of the U.S.-Arab relationship and its future prospects.

- **The Clark County, Nevada School District** was awarded a grant for teacher training workshops on the Middle East and Islamic world. An important component of the workshop was the opportunity for the participants to examine a broad range of innovative teaching materials suitable for adaptation to the secondary school level.

- **The Minot Public School District** in Minot, North Dakota was awarded a grant to bring noted specialists to participate in a workshop for primary and secondary school teachers on the Arab and Islamic world entitled "Teaching about the Middle East and Islamic Worlds: A Resource Oriented Workshop."

- The National Council awarded **The Knox County, Illinois Educational Service Region** a grant for a faculty and staff development symposium on effective teaching methodologies *vis-a-vis* the Middle East and Islamic world. As a result of the workshop, Knox County educators believe that potentially 700 teachers and 10,200 primary and secondary school students will be the beneficiaries of improved instruction and resources related to these subjects.

- **The Mitchell Regional Inservice Workshop** of Mitchell, South Dakota was awarded a grant for an educator's materials seminar entitled "Teaching About the Middle East and Islamic World,"



Over 800 educators from 27 South Dakota school districts attended the Middle Eastern Program of the Mitchell Regional Inservice Workshop supported, in part, by the National Council.

and an accompanying resource exhibit, both focussing on contemporary regional affairs, Islamic heritage, and teaching methodologies.

- **The Great Falls, Montana Public School System** was awarded a grant for a teacher training workshop entitled "Teaching about the Middle East and the Islamic World: A Resource-Oriented Workshop." Several leading resource specialists, including a master teacher with extensive experience in instructional methods related to the Arab and Islamic worlds, addressed the participants.

- **California State University in Stanislaus** was awarded a grant to conduct a series of workshops on the Middle East for teachers and other citizens in Stanislaus and Turlock.

- **The Public Schools System in Wichita, Kansas** was awarded a grant for a teacher training workshop on the Middle East and Islamic world. The workshop introduced teachers to state-of-the-art classroom techniques for imparting knowledge and understanding of the peoples of the Islamic Middle East.

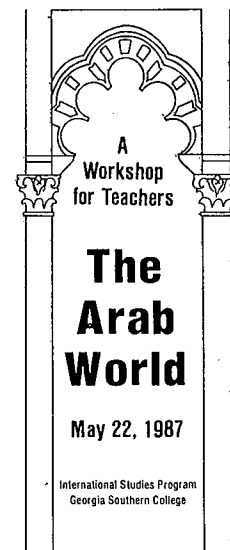
- **Banks High School in Birmingham, Alabama** was awarded a grant to conduct a one-day Arab world teacher training workshop for district educators

to include slide lectures, noted speakers, exhibitions, and resource material distribution. The workshop focussed on challenging perceptions and evaluating the influences of Arab culture on contemporary civilization.

- **The University of Utah** was awarded a grant in support of its teacher training and community education workshop entitled "A Curriculum Evaluation of the Middle East: A Teachers' Seminar, 1987-1988".

- **Rapid City Public Schools** in South Dakota was awarded a grant for a teacher training workshop entitled "Teaching about the Middle East and the Islamic World: A Resource Oriented Workshop". The grant also supported an accompanying resource exhibit which focussed on current events in the Middle East, the legacy of Islamic civilization, and classroom teaching techniques.

- **The University of California at Berkeley** was awarded a grant to facilitate a workshop for grades 7-12 public school teachers on "Women, Men, and the Family in the Arab World." Special emphasis will be on genealogical analysis, oral history, handicrafts, role playing, and discussions with Arab nationals in workshops, curricula assistance panels, and educational films.



Over 50 secondary school educators studied Arab history and culture at a Georgia Southern College teacher workshop made possible by a National Grant grant.

“Thank you for your support of our educator workshop program. The Council's assistance has allowed us to do much that would otherwise have been impossible.”

*National Council
Grant Recipient*

“Superlatives are inadequate to describe the tour and its impact on my thinking.”

Participant, Religious Leaders' Tour to the West Bank, Jordan, and Israel



Participants examine the many resources offered at a National Council-sponsored teacher workshop at Ohio State University.

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"Many thanks for all the materials you have been sending—they are very useful in some of my rethinking of the Malone Fellowship experiences. We have created a 'mini-center' in our departmental reading room for reference to them."

*Jordan Malone
Fellow*

"Super speaker. Provided an important perspective from the other side. This guy needs to speak at all classes."

University Student

"It was the first time that I had a chance to meet representatives from the Arab Embassies, the Arab League, and U.S.-Arab relations organizations."

*Participant, Middle East Outreach Council Forum
hosted by the
National Council*



Educators participating in a National Council-sponsored workshop on resources and teaching methodologies for curriculum units focussing on the Middle East.

Cultural Events

- **Indiana University's Middle East Studies Program** was awarded a grant in support of six events in a series entitled "Arts & Artists of the Middle East," featuring outstanding artists and scholars in the fields of Arab and Persian music, poetry, calligraphy, and film for secondary school teachers of social studies, world civilizations, literature, music and art, as well as for the community at large.

- **The University of Utah** in Salt Lake City received a grant to conduct a public education event on *Palestinian culture*, including a display of handicrafts and a demonstration of audio-visual materials.

- **Mercy Corps International** received a grant that made it possible for members of the *Women's Network for Peace* to deliver a donated van for handicapped children in *Damascus*.

- **The American Council for the Study of Islamic Societies (ACSIS)**, received an award to support a panel entitled "*Taswir—Picture Making in Islamic Societies*"—at its fourth annual conference at *Villanova University* in Rosemont, Pennsylvania. The panel was designed to acquaint educators and

other interested persons with a contemporary aspect of Arab and Islamic culture. National Council Advisory Board member Hermann F. Eilts, Chairman of ACSIS, former U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia and Egypt, and Chairman of the Department of Political Science at Boston University, presided at the sessions.

- **The Council of American Overseas Research Centers** received a grant in support of a photographic exhibition entitled "*Sojourners and Settlers: Yemeni Workers at Home and Abroad.*" The exhibit, which was also sponsored by the University of California at Los Angeles and the Smithsonian Institution, was displayed in the Smithsonian's new International Center and introduced by Dr. Jon Mandaville, President of the American Institute for Yemeni Studies and a member of the National Council's Advisory Board.

- **The University of Utah** was awarded a grant for a program entitled "*Kamal Boulatta: An Evening with a Palestinian Artist*" at the University's Middle East Center and related events, providing wide community exposure for Boulatta and his film, "*Stranger at Home.*"

Adult and Community Education Projects

- **West Georgia College** in Carrollton was awarded a grant for a speakers' program entitled "Exploring the Crisis in the Middle East." The audience included area secondary school students, the campus community, and the general public.

- **The University of Pennsylvania** in Philadelphia was awarded a grant in support of its conference, "Arabia Felix: Yemen in its South Arabian Context," held in conjunction with the exhibit "Sojourners: Yemeni Migrants—A Photographic Interpretation" at the University Museum. The conference included lectures and audio-visual demonstrations for students, secondary school teachers, and the general public.

- **The Middle East Studies Association** was awarded a grant for an exhibition of traditional Palestinian costumes at its annual meeting in Baltimore. The collection, organized by the Commission for the Preservation of Palestinian Heritage, was viewed by approximately 2,000 academic, governmental, and other Middle East specialists.

- **The University of Alabama at Birmingham** was awarded a grant in support of a two-day seminar on religions of the Arab and Islamic worlds and regional conflict. Twenty-five professors, students, and community leaders attended the event.

ARABIA FELIX: YEMEN IN ITS SOUTH ARABIAN CONTEXT

May 16, 1987
9:00-5:00
University Museum



Special Seminar On Islam and the Middle East for High School Teachers

Sojourners and Settlers YEMENI WORKERS AT HOME AND ABROAD



A Photographic Interpretation

A National Council grant made it possible for a photographic exhibit on Yemeni workers to be presented at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

The National Council co-sponsored a seminar on North and South Yemen at the University of Pennsylvania.

"Once again I would like to thank you for a wonderful opportunity—I learned so much and was able to see places many Americans will never see."

*Jordan Journalism
Intern*

"I am presently working on three separate projects: a scheduled presentation to a colloquium sponsored by the Political Science Department; an op-ed piece for the local paper; and, another paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association-Southwest."

*Jordan Malone
Fellow*

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“The Model League is a particularly effective means for acquainting students with the complexities of the Arab situation. The Model League is a more effective educational tool than most university courses.”

“In addition to studying vital world issues, the League gives students a chance to see why it is so difficult to set world policy. It also affords a chance to be judged by your colleagues as well as college professors from around the nation.”

“I can think of no better mechanism with which to provide students with a realistic exercise in international relations. The League in particular and the Arab world in general lend themselves very well to such simulations. I have structured a whole semester-long course around participation in the League.”

*Comments by
Faculty Advisers of
Delegates to the
Model League of
Arab States*

Public education initiatives on the national, state, and local levels have consistently highlighted the need for international studies and foreign language curricula in America's high schools. The National Council, in tandem with its grassroots efforts throughout the country, continues to help meet this need through its support for educational seminars, assistance with the introduction of Arab and Islamic world components in secondary school and college curricula, the distribution of teaching materials, and through Council participation in national, regional, and local conferences for U.S. educators.

Model League of Arab States

The National Council co-hosted with the Pan-Ethnon organization of *American University* and the League of Arab States Information Office in Washington, D.C., the Fifth Annual Model League of Arab States. Fashioned on the Model United Nations, the Model Arab League Summit provides an opportunity for teams of five students and a faculty adviser from 21 U.S. universities and colleges to practice their debating and negotiating skills by representing the interests of one of the 21 Arab countries.

The Model simulates an actual League summit with several committees discussing a variety of issues. Resolutions are passed and communiques are published. The high quality of the



Members of the Tunisia delegation at the Fifth Annual National Model Arab League in Washington, D.C., co-sponsored by the National Council, the League of Arab States Information Office, and American University.

debates and discussions results from many weeks of preparation by each team having studied the policies, national interests, and goals of the country they represent.

At the awards banquet following the end of the four-day program of plenary



Virginia Military Institute cadets represent the Yemen Arab Republic at the National Model League of Arab States in Washington, D.C.

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and committee meetings in which delegates caucused, debated, drafted, and lobbied for their countries' positions, H.E. Clovis Maksoud, the Arab League's Ambassador to the United Nations, delivered the summation address. Diplomats from many of the Arab embassies in Washington attended and witnessed the awards ceremonies for such categories as "Best Delegation," "Best Resolution," "Best Debater," and more. Due to the greatly increased attendance and the positive feedback from both students and professors, we intend to hold two additional Models in 1988, one in the Midwest and another in the Northwest.

Arab World Career Day

In the Fall, the National Council sponsored "Arab World Career Day" to enhance awareness among academics and college students regarding the opportunities for employment, curriculum enrichment, faculty development, educational exchange, and careers in the field of U.S.-Arab relations. Over two dozen specialists on the Arab and Islamic worlds shared a rich array of information and insight with 54 Career Day participants from 12 states.

Westinghouse Electric Corporation's Arthur Callahan (L), General Dynamics' Robert Trice (C), and Council President John Duke Anthony address the range of possible career opportunities in the field of contemporary U.S.-Arab relations at the Council's "Career Day" Program for Malone Faculty Fellows and college students held in Washington, D.C.



Participants were Malone Fellows and selected students from their colleges and universities. The proceedings consisted of several panels for the Fellows about national institutions and mechanisms that they might use for faculty development and curricula enrichment purposes—*e.g.* fellowships, travel opportunities, membership organizations, professional associations, *etc.*

In addition, a dozen other specialists discussed the many different avenues for careers in the field of U.S.-Arab relations—government service, education, advocacy, humanitarian, academic, and business. The participants were also guests at a reception in their honor at the Embassy of Jordan where officials discussed Jordan's view of the Arab and Islamic worlds and U.S.-Jordan relations.

Upon completion of Career Day's proceedings, the participants enrolled in the Middle East Institute's 41st Annual Conference. The conference provided them with a unique opportunity to hear numerous distinguished specialists address a range of contemporary challenges and opportunities in America's relations with the Middle East.

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The Model Arab League brings 21 delegations from across the U.S., each representing an Arab country and comprised of five students and a faculty advisor.

"I shall be pleased to serve again as chairperson of the local selection committee for the Kerr Scholars Program. This affords me an opportunity to play a small role in furthering relations between the United States and the Arab world."

*Local Selection
Committee Chair-
person, Kerr Schol-
ars Program*

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"A great learning experience."

Model Arab League Participant

"It is programs like the Model Arab League that open the minds of the young to new ideas, to wider perceptions about foreign lands and, consequently, to the kind of understanding that builds bridges between peoples."

Ambassador Clovis Maksoud, Permanent Observer to the U.N.

One among dozens of high caliber educator resource materials distributed to participants in teacher workshops on the Arab and Islamic worlds sponsored by the National Council.

Teacher Training Workshops

Since its inception, the National Council has placed special emphasis on helping to provide quality education in elementary and secondary schools with a view to seeing that teachers, textbooks, and curricula convey a more thorough, fair, and accurate coverage of the Arab and Islamic worlds. Our foremost effort in this field has been via support for teacher training workshops and the development of teacher resources. In addition, several Council-supported speakers forums, seminars, conferences, and cultural programs have been designed specifically for elementary, intermediate, and secondary school students and teachers.

In 1987, the National Council was involved in teacher workshops in 18 cities in 11 states. In each case, the participants were encouraged to organize additional workshops in their home cities with other educators. Many among the alumni of such workshops have come to serve informally as local representatives for various outreach organizations and as recipients of information about newly available curricula resources of interest and value to teachers. This multiplier effect has helped to expand the learning circle from the original workshop participants. It has also helped to increase educator knowledge of effective teaching materials for topics pertaining to the Arab and Islamic worlds.

Typical National Council-supported teacher workshops include substantive lectures, panel sessions, demonstrations of resources, guidance on obtaining appropriate teaching aids, and curriculum advising. We have encouraged workshop coordinators and staff to distribute as many teaching resources as possible to attendees with a view to increasing the likelihood of Arab and Islamic subjects being integrated into their school's curricula.

Of significance by way of indicating that new teacher resources have actually been created, the number of National Council-supported workshops nearly doubled in 1987. Additionally, more and more workshops are being conceived, designed, and administered in conjunction with teams of two or more Malone Faculty Fellows Alumni.

Institutional Development and Outreach

Middle East Outreach Council (MEOC)

The National Council hosted a two-day meeting of the MEOC Board of Directors in Washington D.C. just prior to the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association in Baltimore. One purpose of the meeting was to introduce members of the MEOC Board to U.S. government officials and representatives of Arab embassies, educational associations, and various Washington-based Arab, Islamic, and Middle East organizations. A second objective of the two-day seminar, entitled "Expanding Precollegiate Education on the Middle East," was to afford MEOC's members greater visibility among institutions in the nation's capital; explore areas of cooperation with these institutions and each other on educational endeavors; and identify additional sources of programmatic and related support.

The MEOC leaders also met with officials from national membership organizations with precollegiate educational interests such as the National School Board Association, the American Association of School Administrators, the Council of Chief State School Officers, the Association of Superintendents of



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College and university students visit the U.S. Department of State for briefings by policy officials as part of the National Council-sponsored Arab World Career Day.

Education, the National Council on Foreign Languages, and others.

The participants also met with representatives from the National Association of Arab Americans, the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee, the Middle East Research and Information Project, American Middle East Educational Training and Services (AMIDEAST), the International Visitor Program Service of Meridian House International, the Middle East Institute, and the National Association for Foreign Student Affairs. The representatives of all these organizations are supportive of collaborating with MEOC and its members' institutions in educational outreach activities. The Arab embassy and Arab League representatives who met with the seminar participants discussed additional resources available for educating Americans about Arab culture and society.

Middle East Studies Association

We were well represented at the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) which was held this year in Baltimore. MESA received a National Council grant that made possible a display of traditional Palestinian handicrafts and costumes

which was viewed by the more than 1,500 registrants. In addition, we maintained a book exhibit at which hundreds of pieces of National Council literature were distributed to conference participants.

While present at the MESA convention, Council staff also attended parallel meetings of the American Institute of Yemeni Studies, the Middle East Outreach Council, and the nascent Contemporary Gulf Arab Studies Association (CGASA) which, as noted, elected the Council's president to head CGASA's preparatory committee. All three gatherings provided valuable opportunities for the Council to have input on these important organizations' work. Additionally, the Council's president spoke at a special panel on the Iraq-Iran war.

Educator Resources

The Council also provided numerous educational groups with literature, bibliographies, maps, and related materials on Arab and Islamic topics in addition to distributing a bibliography of its own on free and low-cost teaching resources. We are also in the process of broadening the range of our assistance to local and regional professional associations and other groups interested in conducting teacher workshops.

"I will make every effort to help out. I intend to write articles, give classroom lectures, speeches, and write letters. I am very grateful for the opportunity."

Jordan Journalism Intern

"Although it has been nearly five months since leaving Egypt, I think about the trip every day—the people I met, the places I visited, the things I learned."

Egypt Kerr Scholar

"I expected a great deal from my month in Jordan and, yet, the experience was far better than I had expected—I was impressed with the country, with the people, and with the program."

Jordan Malone Fellow

MEDIA OUTREACH



National Council President John Duke Anthony prepares for a television interview on America's role in the Gulf at NBC affiliate television station WOIV during a two-day speaking tour in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Through press, radio, and television interviews, the National Council reached audiences in the millions throughout the United States and abroad on important issues facing U.S.-Arab relations. Beyond information sharing, the goals of the Council's media outreach activities have been to increase awareness of the many different dimensions of America's overall relationship with the Arab world.

In addition, informational materials about the Gulf Cooperation Council and the global and regional implications of the Iraq-Iran war for American interests, prepared under the Council's auspices, were distributed to policymakers, educators, journalists, and others interested in these and related subjects.



The National Council's publications program continues to address topics affecting various aspects of the overall U.S.-Arab relationship. The *National Council Reports Series* addresses issues of concern to U.S.-Arab relations that, in the Council's view, have been either ignored or misrepresented by the American press. The Council's *Occasional Papers Series* remains focused on specific aspects of the multifaceted relationship between the U.S. and the Arab world. Both general themes with broad applicability throughout the region as well as bilateral issues between the U.S. and specific Arab countries are addressed in the *Occasional Papers Series*.

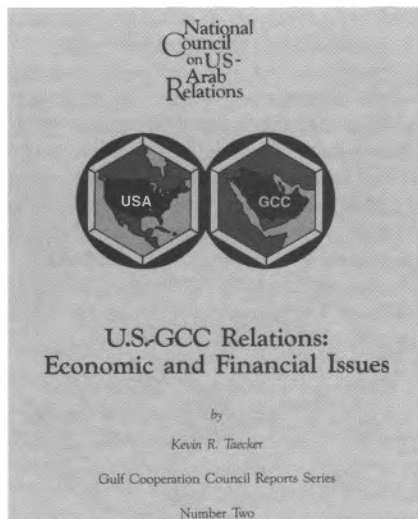
In 1986, the National Council launched a new series. *The Gulf Cooperation Council Reports Series* focuses on the various aspects of the mandate and development of the GCC and its relations with the United States. In 1987, the second monograph of this series was published entitled, "U.S.-GCC Relations: Economic and Financial Issues," by Kevin R. Taecker, a U.S. Department of the Treasury economist specializing in the Arabian Peninsula countries.

The National Council also publishes the *President's Report*, a quarterly review of National Council activities and news, designed to keep the Council's constituents abreast of its new and ongoing programs.

All Council publications, in the judgment of the Board of Directors who by dint of their areas of specialization serve as editorial advisors as well, represent a serious attempt to describe and analyze a significant international topic from the perspective of its implications for important U.S. interests. Statements of fact and expressions of opinion in Council publications, however, are the sole responsibility of the authors.

Occasional Paper Series

- *U.S.-Arab Relations: The Literary Dimension*, by Gregory Orfalea. This study examines the unique and little known literary cross-fertilization that has taken place between the Arab world and the United States over the past century. It takes a highly informative and unique look at four Arab American



authors—Kahlil Gibran, Mikhail Naimy, Amin Rihani, and Elia Abu Madi, whose contributions to literature, except for Gibran's, are recognized by few in the U.S.

- *U.S.-Arab Relations: The Evangelical Dimension*, by Ruth W. Mouly. Christian fundamentalists are proving to be an increasingly important ally of Israel, and, conversely, highly vocal critics of U.S. interests and involvement in Arab countries. This study explores, *inter alia*, the reasons why many prominent American religious leaders view present-day Israel as the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy.

- *U.S.-Arab Relations: The Syrian Dimension*, by Talcott W. Seelye. The author charts the past and recent course of U.S.-Syrian relations, addressing the major misperceptions in Washington and Damascus which have impeded closer ties, and outlining Syria's view of its geopolitical role in the Middle East.

- *U.S.-Arab Relations: The Commercial Dimension*, by John G. Sarpa, reviews the economic and political developments over the past few years that have set the stage for new kinds of commercial transactions between Arab and U.S. businesses. The author highlights some of the major factors that have contributed to the development of a more competitive and sophisticated market in the Arab world.

“Thanks again for your part in making this trip possible. My perspectives have certainly been modified as a result, and I am now able to speak much more knowledgeably about that part of the world.”

Participant, Religious Leaders' Leadership Tour to the West Bank, Jordan, and Israel

“I strongly believe that this program is beneficial in the way of information and perspectives we can give the Congressmen on issues they must face. It is an investment that should pay dividends for U.S. foreign policy someday.”

Participant, Congressional Leadership Tour to Saudi Arabia, Yemen, and Oman.

PUBLICATIONS

"I knew before I left the States in June that the summer journalism internship I was about to partake in Jordan was going to be a great learning experience. But I didn't appreciate it fully until I came home and regretfully saw how ignorant my family and friends were of the region."

Jordan Journalism Intern

"On behalf of other professors who are working in states with little or no monies for extra programs for the student, I want to send a strong note of thanks and appreciation to the Council for this program."

Participant in National Council's Career Day Program

• *U.S.-Arab Relations: The Iraq Dimension*, by Frederick W. Axclgard. With the restoration of U.S.-Iraq ties in late 1984 and the growing convergence of views on regional issues that made this possible, Iraq's role in the Arab world and the factors that influence U.S.-Iraq economic, strategic and diplomatic cooperation have become increasingly important. The monograph examines these issues and charts the growing frequency of high-level communication between U.S. and Iraqi officials.

• *U.S.-Arab Relations: The Economic Dimension*, by Joseph Story. A former Senior Economist with Wharton Econometric Services analyzes the significant economic ties forged between the U.S. and numerous Arab countries since the early 1970s. He demonstrates how Arab oil-generated income has not only fueled most of the economic development process in the Arab world, but has prompted economic expansion in the U.S. as well.

• *Security in the Arabian Peninsula and Gulf States, 1973-1984: An Annotated Bibliography*, by J.E. Peterson. The author, who has written extensively on the Arabian Peninsula, has compiled an annotated bibliography to provide a comprehensive review and assessment of the literature in Western languages on Gulf security published in the last decade. The work assesses several hundred articles, monographs, conference proceedings, background papers, Congressional prints, and other U.S. government publications.

• *U.S.-Arab Relations: The Moroccan Dimension*, by John Damis. A long-time student of the subject delineates the broad outlines of U.S. relations with Morocco, America's oldest treaty partner. In addition to treating at length the strategic and security dimensions of the relationship, the author analyzes and assesses the implications for important U.S. and Moroccan interests of their at times different approaches and reactions to such issues as regional defense cooperation, the Morocco-Libya "Unity" Agreement, and superpower competition.

National Council Reports Series

• *The Iran-Iraq War and U.S.-Iraqi Relations: An Iraqi Perspective*, by Anthony H. Cordesman. In this paper, the edited text of the author's lengthy interview with Iraqi Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz is made available to the public for the first time. Aziz speaks candidly of his government's position vis-a-vis the Iraq-Iran war and of Iraq's viewpoint on a range of issues as important to Baghdad as they are to Washington.

• *Goals in The Gulf: America's Interests and The Gulf Cooperation Council*, by John Duke Anthony. This paper focuses on the implications for U.S. national policy in the event the Iran-Iraq war expands across the Gulf to the region's other oil producers, i.e., the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, as it has come close

A centuries-old cannon atop a fort of even older vintage at Nizwa, a major historical site in the interior of Oman.



to doing on several occasions. Analyzing the nature of the challenge, the report highlights the range of oil-related threats in the Gulf and of U.S. support for local efforts to improve air and naval preparedness in and around the GCC region's major oil facilities.

• *The Iran-Iraq War and the Gulf Cooperation Council*, by John Duke Anthony. In 1984, there were 65 attacks on oil tankers in the Gulf. In the light of these and other threats to regional security, many have looked to see what plans the Gulf Cooperation Council states have been making for their own defense. The author examines this issue as well as the ramifications of potential U.S. military intervention in the region.

Gulf Cooperation Council Reports Series

• *The Gulf Cooperation Council: Its Nature and Outlook*, by GCC Secretary General Abdulla Bishara, traces the

Towers of the restored fort at Rustaq, a reminder of a bygone era and a site visited by members of the U.S.-GCC Corporate Cooperation Committee during a tour of the interior of Oman.



origins and early development of the six-member organization. The monograph, which includes the GCC Charter, provides a comprehensive overview of the organization's perspective of itself in relation to its community, the Super Powers, and the war gripping the Gulf region. It also offers the unique insight of the GCC pertaining to conflict resolution and policy coordination through consensus building.

• *U.S.-GCC Relations: Economic and Financial Issues*, by U.S. Department of Treasury economist, Kevin R. Taecker, provides important insight into the principal issues discussed during the three rounds of U.S.-GCC economic consultations. His analysis also addresses the issues that will likely continue to dominate the dialogue as the U.S. and the GCC search for ways to enhance what is already a strong, healthy, and mutually beneficial relationship.



“I want to continue my studies of the Arab and Islamic worlds, I am looking toward a major in International Studies, with a concentration on the Middle East and North Africa.”

Egypt Kerr Scholar

“Your talk was extremely informative. I meant it when I said to several of my fellow members that I had never heard a speaker more informed about his subject.”

Program Coordinator, National Council Speakers Bureau Event

OUTLOOK FOR 1988

“We’re happy not only to renew our support but, as you’ll notice, to increase the amount that we contributed last year.”

National Council Contributor

“I will never again be the same person I was before this experience. I learned how uninformed and misinformed I was about the region; I am determined that will not be repeated in other areas of my thinking.”

Participant, Religious Leaders Tour to the West Bank, Jordan, and Israel

“My opinions on the matter have helped open some eyes, but it’s going to take time until I reach everyone I want to and make them see things more objectively.”

Jordan Journalism Intern

We recognize that the challenges of improving U.S.-Arab relations are rooted in decades of misperception, misinformation, and disinformation. Attitudes may not be changed overnight, but they can be changed over many nights. We look forward to meeting this challenge by making progress each day and thereby further contributing to our country’s knowledge and understanding of the Arab world and, consequently, of our country’s interests and involvement in the region.

Additional cross-cultural exchanges to Arab countries for youth and leaders of different constituencies are being designed and organized for 1988. Several two-week study tours for university professors are being planned with Arab countries for which such programs have never been offered before. Additional study tours are being planned for Members of Congress, Senate Chiefs of Staff, and Congressional Chiefs of Staff. Also, we look forward to expanding our internship programs for graduates of American schools of journalism to work on English language newspapers in the Arab world.

Existing cross-cultural exchange programs are being expanded and refined. The Joseph J. Malone Faculty Fellows Program will be expanded beyond Egypt, Jordan, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, and the Yemen Arab Republic

to include additional Spring programs in three of these countries, new ones in Iraq and Saudi Arabia, and possibly one or two other Arab countries which have indicated an interest. For the Kerr Scholars Program, the number of cities participating next year will expand from 22 to 35—an increase of nearly 33%.

In 1988, we also intend to broaden our grassroots development efforts with special attention being given to new geographic areas, while continuing to expand and strengthen our existing network. Through these efforts, and through the awarding of small grants, the assistance extended to teacher training institutes, the services of the Speakers Bureau, the broadening of cross cultural exchange programs, and the distribution of timely publications as well as numerous other activities, we will continue our efforts to build and build toward the day when a solid, healthy, and mutually beneficial U.S.-Arab relationship will become a reality.

In closing, we ask that you please take a moment to peruse our contributor’s form. If you are heartened by the achievements and progress recorded in this *Review*, and have not already done so, we ask that you consider contributing to any of the National Council’s programs or activities. Those who have done so can readily see the impact they’re having.



A deserted stone slab street amidst the Roman ruins at Jerash, a site visited annually by participants in the Council’s Kerr High School Scholars and Malone Faculty Fellows Programs in Jordan.

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After five years of existence, the National Council would like to thank all the corporations, institutions, and individuals whose support has made it possible for us to contribute to the cause of promoting a more positive and mutually beneficial U.S.-Arab relationship. They have given us a much appreciated vote of confidence as we continue to address the present and future challenges that confront all who seek strengthened and expanded relations between the United States and the 21 Arab countries.

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