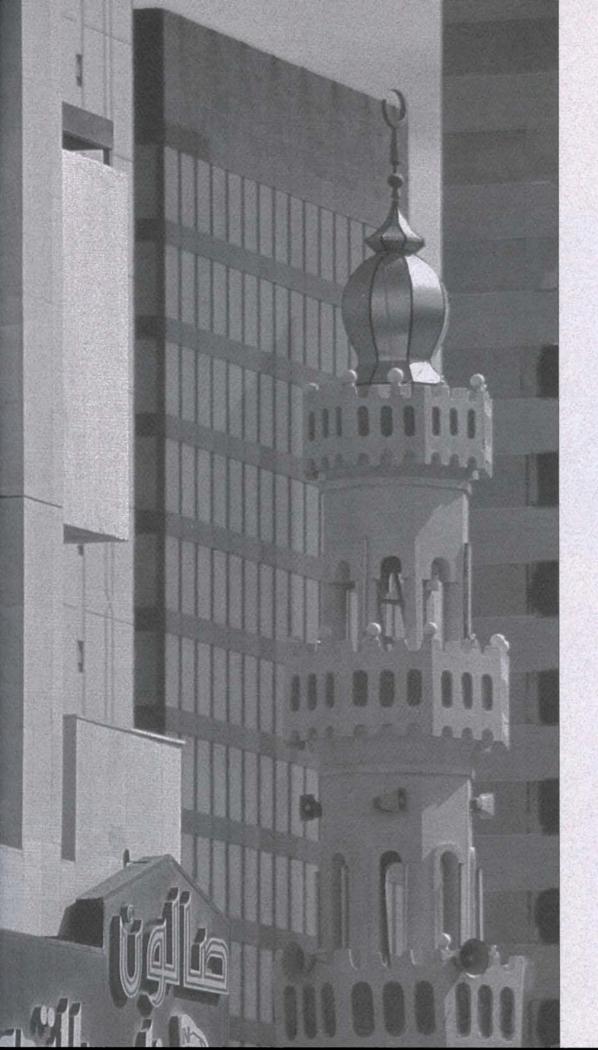


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"Each day
we're engaged
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the grassroots
and in
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best in
America and
the best in
Arabia."

**Dr. John Duke**Anthony
President.
National Council



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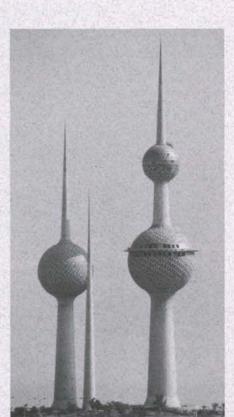
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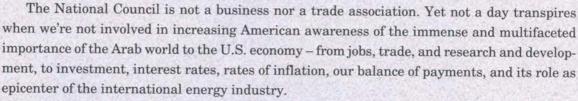
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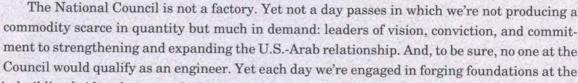
From the many challenges and countless rewards for our work in 1991-92, one basic truth stands out: As a direct result of the National Council's efforts, and those of our supporters at the state and local levels, more people in more places across America now have a broader and deeper understanding of the importance of strong U.S. ties to the Arab world.

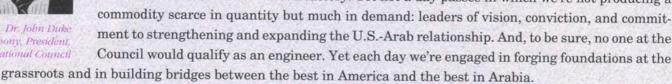
Many ask: How is this done? The National Council is not a classroom. Yet there's not a single day when we're not involved with students across the U.S., providing them with factual information, educational materials, and a range of opportunities to become involved in the U.S.-Arab relationship.

The Council is not a university, either. Yet it is engaged each day in assisting faculty development, enhancing curriculum enrichment, and improving teacher methodologies designed to facilitate the education of America's

future leaders about the position and role of the Arab world in regional and global affairs.







The National Council's founding proposition - that the creation and maintenance of a well-informed citizenry is essential to a strong, healthy, and mutually beneficial U.S.-Arab relationship - remains unaltered. The Council's continuing approach to achieving this goal is to be collaborative, creative, and positive.

The Council's greatest results are achieved whenever we introduce Americans to a firsthand experience in the Arab world itself. Through their direct exposure to the U.S.-Arab relationship, these Americans, and those whom they teach and lead, discover for themselves where myth ends and reality begins.

In follow-up activities with the nearly 1,000 alumni of these Arab-world study visits, the National Council functions as a clearinghouse and serves as a continuous source of information and educational materials on a broad range of U.S.-Arab relations issues. The Malone Faculty Fellows illustrate the multiplier effect of just one of the Council's 10 educational programs. The nearly 400 "graduates" of the Malone Program are currently teaching some 120,000 American undergraduate students annually. Through their off-campus public affairs presentations - and those of the nearly 4,000 alumni of our eight regional Model Arab Leagues, 250 Kerr High School Scholar alumni, 75 internship alumni, 36 journalists, five dozen Congressional staff, 36 city committees, 14 State Committees, and participants in our Speakers Bureau and more than 70 teacher training workshops - many thousand more Americans are reached with a positive message about the U.S.-Arab relationship.

None of this would be possible without the collective generosity of the Council's growing number of supporters. Record numbers of alumni, parents, friends, and institutions sharing the Council's educational goals came forward in 1991-92 to offer financial support for the array of programs, projects, and activities highlighted in this Annual Review. To the 792 individual, 19 corporate, 9 foundation, and 3 business association donors listed at the end of the Review (where one will also find a contribution form), and to the many volunteers and contributors of in-kind assistance who helped to make all this possible, a hearty thank you. The range of achievements made possible by their generosity is what enables the National Council to make a difference.



Anthony, President, National Council

### ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

Founded in 1983, the National Council has no affiliation with, nor does it receive funding from, the government of the United States or any other country. It is an American tax-exempt, non-profit educational organization granted public charity status in accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. All contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

The National Council has worked for nearly a decade to broaden American understanding of the Arab world and the region's relationship with the United States. This goal is pursued through a variety of programs on the local, state, national, and international levels. In this manner, the Council is able to provide – and help others provide – high quality educational materials and activities, share information and insight directly with the general public, and stimulate greater national awareness of the range of American interests and involvement in the Arab world.

Since its first delegations of student and faculty leaders participated in study visits to the Arab world in 1984, cross-cultural exchanges have been one of the most prominent aspects of the National Council's educational outreach. From that modest start, the Council has expanded its overseas programs to include additional college and university faculty, journalism school graduates, Congressional staffers, and in 1992, for the first time, university students. The Model League of Arab States, a leadership program for students, provides participants a dynamic educational experience regarding Arab economic, cultural, political, and social issues through role-playing in the context of one of the world's oldest regional organizations.

The National Council's Speakers Bureau provides specialists on a variety of Arabworld topics to numerous institutions nationwide. The Council also facilitates other groups' efforts with grants and a broad range of in-kind assistance for specific projects. On the local level, state affiliates help extend the Council's educational mission to chambers of commerce, media, high schools, and to civic, religious, and professional groups.

In the nation's capital, where the organization is based, the National Council works with other groups to pool resources and maximize effectiveness. To this end, the Council in 1992 hosted a precedent-setting meeting of the heads of nine U.S.-Arab organizations to discuss strategies for sharing information and resources. The meetings have since become institutionalized.

The National Council is not a membership organization. Its supporters are primarily individuals and institutions in the U.S. and the Arab world who have hosted or participated in one of the Council's programs. Their involvement with the Council often begins with a single event or activity and then, from that experience, grows into a broader and lasting relationship based on mutual interests and concerns. By following up with participants, facilitators, hosts, sponsors, and supporters alike – and constantly reaching out to others – we steadily increase the number of people who are informed and involved in the national dialogue on U.S. relations with the Arab world.

"The Congressional Leadership Visit was testimony to the fact that the pulse of a nation is most accurately read through the warm bandshake and words of its people; a library of books is no substitute for face-to-face contact.... Trips like the National Council's belp us to see the many colors that make up today's geopolitical landscape. I hope many other Congressional delegations can join you on future trips."

U.S. Senate staffer

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National Council Board of Directors (L-R): Mr. Jean AbiNader, President, U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce; Dr. John Duke Anthony, President and Chief Executive Officer, National Council; Mr. John Sarpa, President, JANCO; and Dr. Peter Gubser, President, American Near East Refugee Aid, Inc. Pictured separately are Mr. Les Janka, Vice President, Neill and Company; RAdm. Harold J. Bernsen, USN (ret.); and Ms. Sandra L. Charles, Chief Executive Officer, C & O Resources, Inc.



RAdm. Harold J. Bernsen







Mr. Les Janka

# INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In 1992, the National Council continued to expand organizationally, adding a new depth of experience and vitality to its pool of talented advisors, directors, officers, and staff.

Comprising 40 of the nation's leading specialists on U.S.-Arab relations, the National Council's Advisory Board serves as a source of guidance for all of the organization's programs. The Advisory Board is chaired by The Hon. J. William Fulbright, a person long identified with educational and cultural exchange programs. Board members include former high-ranking officials from Congress, the White House, and the Departments of Defense and State, heads of academic centers, and representatives from many American organizations involved in U.S.-Arab educational and cultural affairs.

The membership of the Board of Directors was augmented this year with the addition of RAdm. Harold J. Bernsen, USN (Ret.), and former White House official Ms. Sandra L. Charles. Both have served the U.S. extensively and each brings a valu-

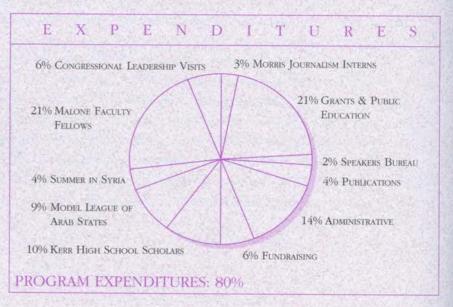
able new perspective to the Board of Directors. (See Page 22.)

The National Council has also expanded its State Committee network. The 14 State Committee affiliates assist with faculty development, award grants, participate in the National Council's programs, and offer a broad range of educational services to a variety of local organizations.

In Washington, D.C., new staff members have brought additional skills to the national office, allowing the Council to incorporate fresh ideas and leading-edge technologies into its traditional programs. They have also aided the Council in its ability to serve and communicate with a greater number and wider variety of Americans through new and innovative activities.



National Council Staff: (top row, L-R): Ms. Linda K. Chu, Mr. Scott Ward, Ms. Jane M. DeLay, Dr. Yvonne J. Seng, Mr. Todd D. Sims, Mr. Robert J. Gassner. (front row, L-R): Ms. A. Irene Tongelidis, Ms. Gail M. Johnson, Ms. Elizabeth B. Prettyman, Ms. Soni S. Gerlach, Ms. Alison J. Richards, Mr. Ronald W. Cathell.



#### PROGRAM SPECIFICS

Sponsors: U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce, Council of Saudi Arabian Chambers of Commerce and Industry

Special thanks to (Kuwait):
Shaikh Jaber bin Khalid AlSabah, Armed Forces Chief
of Staff in Kuwait; Dr. Rasha
Al-Sabah, former Vice
President, University of
Kuwait, and a leader in the
women's movement; HE
Ibrahim Shaheen,
Under Secretary, Ministry of
Foreign Affairs

Special thanks to (Saudi Arabia): Dr. Sulaiman Solaim, Minister of Commerce; Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Zamil, Deputy Minister of Commerce; Shaikh Sulaiman Olayan, Riyadh business leader; Mr. Ali Naimi, President, Saudi Aramco; American Business Associations of the Eastern Province and Riyadh; Mr. Abdallah Dabbagh, Secretary-General of the Council of Saudi Chambers of Commerce and Industry; the Gulf Cooperation Council; HE Dr. Abdulla Bishara, GCC Secretary-General; HE Abdallah El-Kuwaiz, GCC Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Affairs; HE Saif Al-Maskari, GCC Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs

'Abd Al-Qadir Qaddoura, Speaker of the Parliament; Dr. Mohamed Ali Hourieh, President of the University of Aleppo; Golan Province Governor 'Abd Al-Monem Hamwy

Special thanks to (Syria): HE

Escorts: Dr. John Duke Anthony, President, National Council; Ms. Cindy Malvicini, Congressional Relations Coordinator, National Council

Highlights: Visit to Qunaitra, capital of Syria's Golan Province; meeting Shaikh 'Abd Al-Aziz Al-Tuwaijri, Deputy President of the Saudi Arabian National Guard; discussing future regional security arrangements with Kuwaiti and Saudi Arabian officials; assessing the prospects for progress in the Middle East peace process with Syrian leaders

# CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP VISIT

he National Council organized its 12th Leadership Visit to the Arab world for Congressional staff in 1992, focusing on Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and Syria. The delegation comprised senior staff members from the Foreign Affairs, Armed Services, Intelligence, and Foreign Relations Committees.

Since their inception in 1986, the Council's Congressional Leadership Visits have helped bring about a more informed national debate on issues of vital concern to the United States. They provide an opportunity for U.S. policymakers to examine Ameri-

can interests in the Arab world as a whole, to view for themselves the implications of U.S. policies toward the particular countries, and to discuss bilateral ties with these countries' leaders and a range of other Arab and American representatives involved in the relationship.

One staffer commented that the visit "was more than 'fact finding' in nature; it embodied 'perception finding,' or, better yet, 'misperception losing.' We generally only hear one side of the story in the U.S., and it is important that more of us be aware of the very real arguments made by those in the Arab world."



The 1992 Congressional delegation meets with Gen. Jaber Al-Sabah, Chief of Staff of Kuwait's Armed forces.



Members of the Congressional delegation were briefed by HE Dr. Abdulla Bishara, GCC Secretary-General.



Mr. James Wholey (L), Foreign Affairs Advisor to U.S. Senate Republican Leader Robert J. Dole, discusses U.S.-Saudi Arabian and U.S.-GCC trade and investment issues with Mr. Dirk Teller, Counselor for Commercial Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh.

The Congressional Leadership Visits provide an opportunity for U.S. policymakers to examine firsthand American interests in the Arab world as a whole,

#### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Combining intensive study with an incountry cultural experience, the Joseph J. Malone Faculty Fellows Program in Arab and Islamic Studies remains a one-of-a-kind educational opportunity for American professors.

Although each year's program offers different experiences to Malone Fellows. certain features are common to all study visits. The Fellows meet with university faculty members, government officials, U.S. ambassadors and embassy staff, and business, civic, and religious leaders to discuss a broad range of topics. From national capitals to major cities, towns, and villages, the Fellows' itinerary includes numerous sites of cultural and historical significance and allows them to interact with Arabs from different walks of

Named in honor of the late Dr. Joseph J.
Malone (1924-1983), a distinguished Arabist and founding member of the National Council's Advisory Board, the program has sponsored nearly 400 Fellows on study visits to 13 countries and territories in the region since 1984.

As Malone participants are community and professional leaders as well as educators, the long-lasting benefits of this program are shared not only with students year after year, but also with individuals at the state and local levels through the Fellows' public speaking, media interviews, and publications.

# JOSEPH J. MALONE FACULTY FELLOWS

For the ninth year, the National Council enabled professors to become students through the Joseph J. Malone Faculty Fellows Program in Arab and Islamic Studies. In 1992, more than 40 professors studied in the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain, Kuwait and Syria, and Egypt.

The 1992 Egypt Malone Fellows, most of whom are from North and South Carolina, have joined Malone alumni of earlier years' programs to establish the Carolinas Committee on U.S.-



Malone Fellow at the remains of a Kuwaiti freedom fighter's home, in which all of the inhabitants were killed.

Arab Relations. Some 20 institutions of higher education in the two states are represented. "Involvement in the Committee allows me to continue my education in Arab studies and my association with an extraordinary group of people," said Dr. Edward McGee of Belmont Abbey College. Among a host of other activities, the Fellows organized speaking engagements throughout the Carolinas for Dr. Thomas Lamont, Escort for the 1992 Malone Program in Egypt, and Dr. Elias Samo, chief coordinator of the National Council's educational exchange programs in Syria.

Malone Fellows in separate programs to Bahrain, Ku-



1992 Kuwait Malone Fellows with former Kuwait Minister of Higher Education HE Dr. Ali Al-Shamlan (center) and Under Secretary of Education HE Dr. Musaed Haroun (second from right).

#### PROGRAM SPECIFICS

UAE/Bahrain
Sponsors: HE Abdallah
Nahyan, UAE Ambassador;
HE Shaikh Nahyan bin
Mubarak Al-Nahyan, UAE
Minister of Higher Education
and Chancellor, UAE
University; HE Yousif A.
Shirawi, Minister of
Development and Industry in
Bahrain; HE Dr. Ali Fakhro,
Minister of Education in
Bahrain

Hosts: UAE University; Mr. Mohammed Al-Afandi, Protocol Representative, UAE University; Mrs. Fran Pattison, Special Projects Coordinator, UAE University

Special thanks to (UAE): Dr. Mohammed Eid Moustafa, Vice Chancellor, UAE University; Dr. Mohamed Morsy Abdullah, Director, Center for Documentation and Research; HE Ali M. Al-Shurafa, Director, Presidential Court; Jebel Ali Free Zone Authority Chairman Sultan bin Sulayem; Mr. Khalaf A. Al-Habtoor, Dubai business leader; U.S. Ambassador Edward Walker; UAE University faculty and administrators: Dr. Khaleel Al-Hosani, Professor, Faculty of Engineering; Dr. Hasan Al-Naboodah, Professor, History Department; Dr. Elsayed Elsayed Nour, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Planning; Dr. Mohammed Amiri, Deputy Vice Chancellor of Community Services; Dr. Ali Al-Sharhan, Director, Basic University Education Center

Special thanks to (Bahrain): Dr. Ibrahim Al-Hashemi, President, Bahrain University; U.S. Ambassador Charles Hostler

Escorts: Dr. John Duke Anthony, President, National Council; Ms. Linda K. Chu, Director of Programs, National Council; Dr. Erika Alin, Malone Program Coordinator

Highlights in the UAE: visits to Liwa Oasis, Zayed International Experimental Farm for High Salinity-Tolerant Plants at Nashalah, Center for Documentation and Research, Jebel Ali Free Zone Authority, Women's Higher Colleges of Technology, Fujairah Chamber of Commerce

Highlights in Bahrain: visits to National Museum, Bahrain's 80,000 pre-Islamic burial mounds, the Bahrain Petroleum Company Kuwait/Syria Sponsors: HE Dr. Ali Al-Shamlan, former Kuwait Minister of Higher Education; Kuwait University; Dr. Mohamed Ali Hourieh, President, University of Aleppo

Hosts: Dr. Shuaib Abdullah Shuaib, President, University of Kuwait; Dr. Mohamed Ali Hourieh, President, University of Aleppo; Dr. Elias Samo, Director, Office of International Relations, University of Aleppo

Special thanks to (Kuwait):
Dr. Hassan El-Ebraheem,
Chairman, Kuwait
Foundation for the
Advancement of the Arab
Child; U.S. Ambassador
Edward Gnehm

Special thanks to (Syria): HE
Dr. Kamal Sharaf, Minister
of Higher Education; HE
'Abd Al-Qadir Qaddoura,
Speaker of the Parliament;
Dr. Ghias Barakat, Director,
English Language Center;
Mr. Muhi Al-Din Sultan,
Public Relations Department, University of Aleppo

Escorts: Dr. Erika Alin, Malone Program Coordinator; Ms. Becky Fish, Malone Alumni Program Coordinator

Highlights in Kuwait: visit to Al-Qurain House with a resistance fighter, attending a diwaniyya (traditional Kuwaiti gathering) hosted by Mr. Ibrahim Al-Khamis, Director of Arabic Scholarships in the Ministry of Higher Education

Highlights in Syria: meeting with HE Gregorios, Metropolitan Bishop of Aleppo, Syrian Orthodox Church; visits to Crac des Chevaliers, Al-Sayyidna Zaynab shrine, Castle of St. Simeon, Qunaitra, Golan Province

Egypt Sponsors: The American University in Cairo Hosts: Dr. John Swanson, Director of Special Programs, American University in Cairo

Special thanks to: Ms. Chris Covey, American University in Cairo - Washington, D.C. Office; Mrs. Mona Kamel and Mr. Abdullah Schlieffer, American University in Cairo: Ambassador Tahseen Bashir, Egyptian National Center for Middle East Studies; Dr. Ali Hilal Ad-Din Dessouki, Cairo University; Ambassador Mervat El-Tillawy, Senior Ambassador in Egypt; U.S. Ambassador Robert Pelletreau Escort: Dr. Thomas Lamont, Director, American

wait, Qatar, Syria, and the UAE equaled the Egypt delegation's enthusiasm in pursuing follow-up activities. Numerous newspaper articles, scholarly presentations, media interviews, and slide shows to various community groups enabled the Fellows to share their enhanced understanding of the Arab world with thousands of other Americans.

The January 1992 study visit to Bahrain and the UAE marked a return to the area in the Gulf where Fellows were first hosted in 1987. The diversity of the Emirates was highlighted in a whirlwind of activity, including a tour of Abu Dhabi's extensive land reclamation program, briefings at the office of the Presidential Court in Abu Dhabi and the head-quarters of the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company, visits to the Dubai Municipality and the Jebel Ali Free Zone Authority, meetings with faculty and administrators at the National University in Al-Ain and the Women's Technical College, and discussions with Arab and American business leaders in Dubai and Fujairah.

In Bahrain, briefings by the Ministers of Education and Development and Industry, plus visits to educational institutions, cultural sites, and the facilities of the Bahrain Petroleum Company – where Fellows were treated to a world-class briefing on the international energy situation – provided a valuable introduction to the island nation. In the UAE and

Bahrain, the U.S. Ambassadors and embassy staff hosted the Fellows for wide-ranging discussions on the nature of U.S. interests and involvement in both countries.

The Spring delegation to Kuwait and Syria comprised a diversity of disciplines – from sociology and education to history and political science. In Kuwait, they focused on the impact of the Iraqi invasion on the society with visits to educational facilities and government ministries, and discussions with Kuwaitis who had lived through the occupation. The Syria compo-

nent provided insightful information and exposure to many historical sites.

Malone Fellows across the United States are having a significant impact on American knowledge and understanding of the Arab world. Each of the nearly 400 Malone Alumni today reaches an average of 300 students a year, a total of almost 120,000 nationwide. In addition, the Fellows reach millions of other Americans through their extensive outreach efforts.

University in Cairo – New York Office

Highlights: meetings with officials from the Egyptian National Center for Middle East Studies, and political, religious, and intellectual leaders; visits to Giza plateau, pyramids, and Sphinx, Suez Canal, Port Said, Rifai Mosques, Fort Qaytbay; walking tour of medieval and old Cairo; visit to the Monastery of St.

It would be difficult

– if not impossible –
for an individual
without significant
contacts and
experience in the
Middle East to put
together such a highlevel itinerary.

Dr. Deborah J. Gerner
Department of
Political Science,
University of Kansas



Dr. Mohamed Ali Hourieh, President, University of Aleppo, shakes hands with Bethel College Malone Fellow Dr. Margaret Koch on the Kuwait/Syria visit. Also pictured is Dr. Elias Samo, Director, Office of International Relations, University of Aleppo.



1992-Egypt Malone Fellows with representatives from the American-Egyptian Cooperation Foundation and the American University in Cairo.

### MALONE ALUMNI

"My two study visits to the region have been the most valuable teaching-related experiences in

Dr. Joe Dunn Chair, Department of History and Politics, Converse College

my life."

Given the changes that have taken place in the Arab world and U.S.-Arab relations since the Kuwait crisis, the need to provide up-to-date information to American educators has never been greater. To this end, the National Council maintains a program for keeping Malone Fellows abreast of the issues and events that continue to shape the region and its relationship with the U.S.

By distributing timely analyses from a range of resources that are not readily available in many parts of the U.S., the National Council provides insight into current events relating to Arab countries, the Middle East, and the Islamic world. Fellows are also informed of a broad array of conferences, seminars, and other activities in which they can build on the foundation established by their study visit to the Arab world. An increasingly effective means of deepening their knowledge of the Arab world are alumni study visits back to the region. In 1992, two such visits were sponsored—one to Syria and one to Gaza, Israel, and the West Bank.

The additional exposure to the region heightens the credibility of the Fellows' public affairs presentations to community and professional groups, as well as their teaching and writing, "After I sat under a jasmine trellis in the Azm Palace [in Damascus], no lecture on Arab and Islamic history could ever be totally boring to my students," said Dr. Allan Armstrong-Patriquin, a 1989 Malone Fellow to Saudi Arabia and Bahrain and Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Beloit College in Wisconsin, who studied in Syria in 1992.

The study abroad programs of many other organizations end when the participants return home. However, the National Council views the faculty members' experience inside the Arab world itself as only the initial phase of the Malone Fellowship – one of the reasons Fellows are so eager to return to the region to broaden and deepen their knowledge and why the program continues to

receive such high praise from participants.

"I have participated in many travel and study programs in various areas of the world. None comes close to the Malone Program," said Dr. Joe Dunn, a 1990 Fellow and Chair of the Department of History and Politics at Converse College in South Carolina. "My two study visits to the region have been the most valuable teaching-related experiences in my life."



Gaza/Israel/West Bank Malone Alumni with Dr. Haider Abdel Shafi, Chair, Gaza Red Crescent Society (center), and Mr. Constantine S. Dabbagh, Executive Secretary of the Near East Council of Churches (far right).

#### PROGRAM SPECIFICS

Syria
Sponsor: University of Aleppo
Hosts: Dr. Mohamed Ali
Hourieh, President,
University of Aleppo; Dr.
Ghias Barakat, Director,
English Language Center,
Dr. Elias Samo, Director,
Office of International
Relations, University of
Aleppo

Special thanks to: HE Dr. Kamal Sharaf, Minister of Higher Education; HE 'Abd Al-Qadir Qaddoura, Speaker of the Parliament; Mr. Muhi Al-Din Sultan, Department of Public Relations, University of Aleppo

Escort: Dr. John Duke Anthony, President, National Council

Highlights: meeting with HE Gregorios, Metropolitan Bishop of Aleppo, Syrian Orthodox Church; visits to Tadmur (Palmyra), the Citadel in Aleppo, Damascus, Ebla, Crac de Chevaliers, St. Simeon, Qunaitra in Golan Province

Gaza/Israel/West Bank Sponsor and Host: Middle East Council of Churches Special thanks to: Mr. Roscoe Possidente, Peace Associate, Middle East Council of Churches; Dr. Haider Abdel Shafi, Chair, Gaza Red Crescent Society: Dr. Joseph Alpher, Deputy Head, the Jaffe Center for Strategic Studies, Tel Aviv University; Dr. Gabriel Baramki, Vice President, Bir Zeit University; Mr. Constantine S. Dabbagh, Executive Secretary, Near East Council of Churches; Mr. Hanna Knaz, Kibbutz Gan Shmuel; Mr. Ibrahim Matar, Deputy Director, American Near East Refugee Aid, Inc.; Ms. Molly Williamson, U.S. Consul

Escort: Dr. Ann Lesch, Professor of Political Science, Villanova University Highlights: visits to and meetings with Israeli and Palestinian leaders in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Gaza,

General

Galilee, Golan, Nazareth, Arab village of Kafr Yasif; meetings at Bir Zeit University, Tel Aviv University, Armenian Patriarchate

#### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

he establishment of the Summer in Syria Program marks the first National Councilsponsored extensive study abroad seminar in Arab and Islamic studies for American university students. The joint venture with the University of Aleppo evolved from a Malone Fellows visit in the Summer of 1990. The program - which combines Arabic language study with the study of Syria, other Arab countries the Middle East, and the world of Islam - is the only one of its kind.

#### PROGRAM SPECIFICS

Sponsors: Dr. Mohamed Ali Hourieh, President, University of Aleppo Hosts: Dr. Ghias Barakat, Director, English Language Center; Dr. Elias Samo, Director, Office of International Relations, University of Aleppo

Special thanks to: The International Center for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas; Mr. Muhi Al-Din Sultan, Office of Public Relations, University of Aleppo; Ms. Lina Abdul Kareem, Secretary to the Director, International Studies Program, University of Aleppo

Escorts: Dr. John Alden Williams, Professor of Religion, College of William and Mary, Ms. Caroline Williams, Kerr Scholars Escort, member of the Kerr National Selection Committee, noted Islamic art scholar

Highlights: extensive daily interaction with Syrian university students and faculty and the people of Aleppo in general; visiting archaeological digs in Syria; tour of Damascus; visits to the Golan region, Crac des Chevaliers

# UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' SUMMER IN SYRIA

In 1992, the National Council introduced its first extensive study abroad opportunity for university students with its landmark Summer in Syria Program. Based at the University of Aleppo, the six-week program offers an intensive study of Arab, Islamic, and Middle Eastern history and anthropology, as well as Syrian culture and society.

Never before have American university students had the opportunity to visit Syria and experience its rich culture and heritage through such a multifaceted educational program. For the National Council, the new Summer in Syria Program



Davidson College's Ms. Laura Molenas (left) and the College of William and Mary's Ms. Ashley Morrison spend time with their newfound Syrian friends at the University of Aleppo.

"I found the Syrians I became friends with some of the best company I have ever kept,"

> Ms. Jill Scheel Fort Lewis College

bridges its programs for high school leaders and university professors, providing university students the chance to learn about the Arab world firsthand.

Representing a diverse range of academic majors, 13 students from eight U.S. universities participated in the pilot program. Each received six hours of academic credit transferable to their respective institutions. Students had the opportunity to become involved in the University of Aleppo community and – as with all National Council programs – to learn about Syrians and Syria directly through one-on-one con-

tact with its people and culture.

Classes were team-taught by Syrian and American professors and supplemented by visits to historical and cultural sites, including Damascus, Tadmur (Palmyra), the Euphrates Dam, Ebla, Golan Province, and the International Center for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas. Students also visited four different Syrian archaeological digs.

The National Council is excited to be able to offer a program of this caliber in Syria on an annual basis. As Dr. Anthony commented, "Syria, as an educational laboratory, is an Arab, Middle Eastern, and Islamic studies gold mine. Through this unique program, we are introducing to the Arab world a new generation of Americans who will help manage the U.S.-Arab relationship in the future."



Summer in Syria participants at Crac des Chevaliers.

#### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Since 1984, the
National Council's
principal training
program for U.S.
university student
leaders has been the
Model League of Arab
States. The Models are
entirely student-run
affairs, led by the
student-elected
Secretary-General and
two Assistant Secretaries-General.

Universities send delegations of five students or more to a Model to represent one of the League of Arab States' 21 member countries in a mock Summit Conference. Within each of five committees, the delegates draft, debate, and vote on resolutions in accordance with their country's positions on selected issues. Resolutions approved by committee pass to the Summit, where they are debated further and put to a final vote.

Through role-playing in leadership positions, a Model provides students with realistic experience in the dynamics of national and international decisionmaking.

Over the course of a Model, delegates gain a better understanding of the various determinants, capabilities, and constraints that shape the actions and positions of the countries they represent. In the process, they sharpen the kinds of interpersonal, teamwork, and leadership skills that will serve them well throughout life and are necessary for success in a variety of fields, especially business and public affairs.

# LEADERSHIP TRAINING: MODEL LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES

Drawing more than 1,000 delegates from across the nation, the 1992 Model League of Arab States Program continued to build on its 1991 successes, adding students, universities, and Models. Consisting of ten separate Models in as many cities, the 1992 program included a new university Model and two new high school Models, in addition



Delegates representing Saudi Arabia and Bahrain discuss a resolution at the Midwest Model.

to seven other Models for university students.

"The diversity represented in the Model Program has to be seen to be believed," said Robert Gassner, Model Arab League Program Coordinator. "All kinds of people and schools are represented: urban, rural, rich, poor, American citizens, internationals. It makes the program more realistic. The world is a diverse and dynamic place and each Model reflects this."

Every Model consists of one to three days of spirited debate among delegates on the exact same Arab-world issues that are debated within the League of Arab States itself. Students engage in speech-making, intensive committee deliberations and caucusing, and draft literally dozens of resolutions on economic, social, cultural, and political issues, as well as Palestinian affairs.

In 1992, several Models witnessed dramatic increases in student participation. The Southwest Model, held at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas, had more than twice the number of students take part in 1992 as in 1991. The new high school programs in Atlanta, Georgia and Pueblo, Colorado together drew more than 300 students from 37 schools.

Additional "firsts" in the 1992 programs included a Great Plains Model at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, the participation of five high schools in the Rocky Mountain Model, held at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, and the inclusion of Wilfred Laurier University from Waterloo, Ontario, in the National Model in Washington, D.C.

Students and faculty alike find the Models intellectually exciting as well as personally challenging and rewarding. Dr. Andrea Johnson, Malone Fellow Alumna and faculty advisor from Alverno College, which participated in the Midwest Model for the first time in 1992, said, "As an exercise in understanding the complexity of the Arab world, the Model League of Arab States is second to none."

#### MODEL HOST INSTITUTIONS & COORDINATORS

Great Plains Model – Northwestern College; Orange City, Iowa; Dr. Raymond Weiss

Midwest Model – Calvin College; Grand Rapids, Michigan; Dr. Charles Strikwerda

National Model – The American University; Washington, D.C.; Dr. Clovis Maksoud

Northwest Model – Shoreline Community College; Seattle, Washington; Dr. Jim Jory

Rocky Mountain Model

– U.S. Air Force
Academy; Colorado
Springs, Colorado; Lt.
Cmdr. Allen Stout

Southeast Model – Savannah State College; Savannah, Georgia; Dr. Kenoye Eke

Southwest Model – Midwestern State University; Wichita Falls, Texas; Dr. J. David Martin, Dr. Michael Preda, Dr. Kenneth Hendrickson

West Coast Model – Mills College; Oakland, California; Dr. Fred Lawson

Atlanta High School Model – Emory University; Atlanta, Georgia; Ms. Louisa Moffitt

Pueblo High School Model – University of Southern Colorado; Pueblo, Colorado; Dr. Pauletta Otis



A delegate at the Midwest Model speaks at the Summit.

Participants in the Great Plains Model caucus at the Kuwaiti Delegation's table before a vote.



#### PROGRAM SPECIFICS

Sponsors: Arab League
Information Center, National
Council on U.S.-Arab
Relations, U.S.-Arab
Chamber of Commerce
Special thanks to: Mr.
Ghassan Masri Zada, Chief
Representative, Arab
League Information Center;
Dr. Abdallah Sbeih, Director
of Political and Information
Affairs, Arab League
Information Center

"As an exercise in understanding the complexity of the Arab world, the Model League of Arab States is second to none."

> Dr. Andrea Johnson Faculty Advisor, Alverno College



Mr. Robert J. Gassner, Model Arab League Program Coordinator, addresses the Southwest Model.



Delegates debate their positions during a Committee meeting at the Midwest Model.



#### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

In 1984, the National Council established a high school exchange program in Egypt in cooperation with the American University in Cairo. The program was named in honor of Dr. Malcolm H. Kerr (1931-1984), President of the American University of Beirut and a member of the National Council's Advisory Board.

Each year the highly competitive program attracts a diversity of students from across the United States. Candidates are judged on the basis of academic achievement, extra-curricular involvement, leadership potential, and an essay written on opportunities and challenges in the U.S.-Arab relationship. Applicants are evaluated by a Local Nominating Committee in their community, which nominates three semi-finalists. These nominees are then reviewed by a National Selection Committee in Washington, D.C., which awards up to 30 Kerr scholarships annually.

To help prepare for their experience, Kerr Scholars study educational materials and participate in a pre-departure orientation program in Washington, D.C. During "Washington Week," the Scholars are introduced to the viewpoints and activities of specialists and officials in domestic and Arabworld affairs. Upon return from the region, Scholars perform a minimum of 35 hours of educational outreach so that the value of the experience can be shared with their community.

# MALCOLM H. KERR HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARS

he Malcolm H. Kerr High School Scholars Program in Arab and Islamic Studies extended its pioneering outreach to American high school students in 1992 with three new country visits. The delegation to Kuwait and Oman was the first Kerr High School Scholars visit to the Arabian Peninsula and



The 1992 Kerr Scholars to Kuwait and Oman. Escort Dr. Mario Pascale, Director of the California Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations. is pictured front left.

the Gulf states, while a separate inaugural delegation to Syria helped to strengthen existing ties and enhance the Jordan portion of the study visit. As in past years, a third delegation of Kerr Scholars studied in Egypt.

From a traditional diwaniyya (an informal social gathering) in Kuwait to a helicopter ride over the Strait of Hormuz with their Omani hosts, the landmark 1992 visit to the Gulf enabled high school juniors to view firsthand the cultural di-

versity and strategic dimensions of one of the world's most important regions.

Seeing the personal side of life in the Gulf against the backdrop of Kuwait's liberation from Iraq's aggression challenged the Scholars to take a hard look at some of the issues awaiting them as future leaders. "Comparing and contrasting the culture and life-styles of Americans vis-á-vis Arabs and, more specifically, certain Arabs vis-á-vis certain other Arabs, caused me to look at my own values in a different light," said Kerr Scholar Ms. Jennifer Bell. "To say the least, I learned a great deal about myself, my country, and international affairs in the process."

In Egypt, the cultural focus was on the contrast between

#### PROGRAM SPECIFICS

#### National Selection Committee:

Mr. Robert Norberg. Director, Aramco Services Company

Ms. Ann Z. Kerr, Coordinator, Fulbright Program for Southern California

Ms. Caroline Williams. noted specialist on Islamic art and architecture

Ms. Isobel Pelham, international crosscultural education specialist with Pelham Associates

Mr. Anthony Watt, legislative aide for Sen. Alan Simpson and Kerr Alumnus (Egypt '88)

### Egypt

Sponsors and Hosts: The American University in Cairo; Dr. John Swanson, Director of Special Programs, American University in Cairo

Special thanks to: Ms. Chris Covey, American University in Cairo - Washington, D.C. Office; Mrs. Mona Kamel and Mr. Abdullah Schlieffer, American University in Cairo: Ambassador Tahseen Bashir, Egyptian National Center for Middle East Studies; Dr. Ali Hilal Ad-Din Dessouki, Cairo University; U.S. Ambassador Robert Pelletreau; Senior Arab Ambassador Mervat El-Tillawy: Mr. Shafik Gabr, businessman; Mr. Moustafa M. Ramadan, businessman; Mr. Hamed Ahmed El-Shiaty, businessman

Escort: Ms. Ann Z. Kerr Highlights: visiting Pyramids and Sphinx, Suez Canal; sailing on the Nile; Arabic lessons

#### Kuwait/Oman

Sponsors: Ministry of Higher Education in Kuwait; Dr. Ali Al-Shamlan, former Minister of Higher Education in Kuwait; HE Dr. Omar Zawawi, Special Advisor to HM the Sultan for External Liaison; Sultan Qaboos University in Oman; HE Yahya Mahfoudh Al-Manthri, Minister of Education and Vice Chancellor, Sultan **Qaboos University** Hosts: Dr. Shuaib Abdullah

Shuaib, Rector, Kuwait

University; Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Ghanim, Dean of Student Affairs, Kuwait University; Dr. Othman Al-Fulaij, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, Kuwait University

Special thanks to (Kuwait): Kuwait-America Foundation; Dr. Hassan El-Ebraheem, Chairman, Kuwait Society for the Advancement of the Arab Child

Special thanks to (Oman):
Dr. Ahmed Sulaiman Saleh
Al-Maimani, DirectorGeneral, Office of Special
Advisor to HM the Sultan for
External Liaison; Messrs.
Abdullah Al-Ma'mary,
Abdulla Al-Sabahi, and
Hassan Suleiman

Escorts: Dr. Mario Pascale, Director, California Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations; Ms. Alison Richards, Kerr Program Coordinator

Highlights in Kuwait: family visits, living in university dormitories with Kuwaiti students, visit to the Grand Mosque, attending a diwaniyya hosted by Dr. Mohammed Al-Sabah, professor, Kuwait University

Highlights in Oman: meeting and having discussions with Omanis from all walks of life, helicopter ride over the Strait of Hormuz, visits to Muscat, Muttrah, Nizwa, Salalah

Jordan/Syria Sponsors: Arab Cultural Association (Jordan); Dr. Mohamed Ali Hourieh, President, University of Aleopo

Hosts: Mrs. Khawla Abu Odeh and Ms. Badriya Tabbalat, Arab Cultural Association (Jordan); Dr. Ghias Barakat, Director, English Language Center (Syria); Dr. Elias Samo, Director, Office of International Relations, University of Aleppo

Special thanks to (Jordan): HM Queen Noor Al-Hussein Special thanks to (Syria): Dr. Kamal Sharaf, Minister of Higher Education; HE 'Abd Al-Qadir Qaddoura, Speaker

of the Parliament
Escort: Dr. Ronald Stockton,
Director, Michigan
Committee on U.S.-Arab
Relations and Malone
Fellow Alumnus

Highlights in Jordan: meeting HM Queen Noor, meeting with Muslim religious spokespersons and political leaders, visiting Petra

Highlights in Syria: visits to churches, mosques, the Citadel in Aleppo; visiting historical and archaeological sites in Damascus life in modern, metropolitan Cairo and the images and legacy of an ancient civilization. Geography and history lectures at the American University in Cairo were complemented by excursions to the Suez Canal, a visit to Alexandria, sailing on the Nile, and visits to local villages.

In Syria, ancient as well as medieval and modern history were the major themes of the Scholars' lectures at the University of Aleppo and in their visits throughout Aleppo itself, as well as to Homs, Hama, Ebla, Crac des Chevaliers, Maaloula, Damascus, Al-Sayyidna Zaynab, and Golan Province. The Jordan segment provided a rich educational component, offering insight into the current dynamics of the region from HM Queen Noor Al-Hussein, as well as from the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the Parliament.

Through community service, along with public presentations, articles, and media interviews, the 1992 Kerr Scholars have shared their experience with the broadest possible audience.

Beyond high school, the program has a lasting impact on the Scholars' world view and their choices of university and career. Scholars are now serving as young diplomats in the U.S. Foreign Service, staff members in the U.S. Congress, and U.S. Peace Corps volunteers. Many are also pursuing degrees in Arab and Islamic studies.

At the personal level, the program has a profound effect on virtually all of the Scholars. As Ms. Michelle Clark reflected on her visit to the King Hussein bridge, which links Jordan to the West Bank, "We were all humbled as we walked toward the bridge. As I stepped upon it, tears filled my eyes. Below me flowed the Jordan River, which I had read about so many times in the Bible. In front of me and behind me lay the hearts of people I had grown to love. On one side were Jordanians, on the other Israelis. It was overwhelming."



1992 Kerr Scholars to Syria visit Qunaitra.



1992 Kerr Scholars to Egypt visit the Pyramids. Pictured front right is Escort Ms. Ann Z. Kerr, Coordinator of the Fulbright Program for Southern California.



1992 Kerr Scholar to Oman Ms. Nicole Walton with Omani host.



1992 Kerr Alumni and Escort Ms. Alison Richards meet with HE Dr. Ali Al-Shamlan, former Kuwait Minister of Higher Education (center left) and Dr. Sadek Al-Bassam, Dean of Business and Commerce, Kuwait University (center right).

# KERR ALUMNI

As with other National Council programs, the Kerr High School Scholars Program only begins with the overseas study component. Many Scholars go on to participate in Kerr Alumni study visits and other Council programs, such as the Model Arab League or Summer in Syria, work for a summer or semester in one of the National Council's internship programs in Washington, D.C. and the Arab world, and eventually pursue professional or academic careers in related fields. One such Scholar - now a Foreign Service Officer at a U.S. embassy in the Arab world - wrote us a letter about her experiences that was so poignant, we want to share excerpts with our supporters.

27 December 1991

Dear Dr. Anthony,

As I sit down to write this letter on my final day of work here at the Council, I remember my senior year of high school in Houston, Texas in 1986. Eighteen years old, I had spent the last four years taking courses that would help prepare me for an eventual career as a criminal defense attorney. I had never left the United States and I knew nothing about the Arab world other than what I had heard growing up in the Texas oil industry and living in a Jewish As I looked through my high school's scholarship files, hoping to find a way

to pay for college, I came across an application form for the Malcolm H. Kerr Scholarship. ... When I saw the phrase "Spend your summer in the Middle East," I started to return the form to the file, but something made me stop and

think about what a terrific opportunity I was holding in my hand. A few days after the United States bombed Libya, I learned that I had been

selected as a Kerr Scholar. Ignoring the warnings of my friends and family, I departed in June for what I knew would be the summer of a lifetime. I had no idea that my experiences that summer would change my life.

I fell in love with Arabic, and with the Arab people I met. On 4 July the Scholars were invited to the home of the American ambassador for a small gathering which featured a talk by the ambassador on life in the Foreign Service. The ambassador's comments that day changed my plans for the future. ... [In college] I participated in another Council program, the Model League of

Arab States, serving the first time as Assistant Secretary-General and the second as Secretary-General. My university was so pleased with its participation in the program that I was told that I could choose any Arab country I wanted if I would organize our delegation to the Harvard Model United Nations. ...

During my final year of college I took the Foreign Service written examination and applied to the Master of Arts in Arab Studies program at Georgetown University's Center for Contemporary Arab Studies. The day after I passed my Foreign Service oral examination, I received a letter of acceptance from Georgetown, complete with a scholarship offer. You know the rest of the story. ... I know that on paper it may not look cost-effective to send only a handful of

high school students overseas each summer, but I see it much more as an investment in the improvement of U.S.-Arab relations. Whether or not my first post is actually in an Arab country, the Foreign Service now has one more Officer who enjoys being in the Arab world and who thinks of the region as a place worthy of a different type of attention than it has received in the past.

I cannot thank you and the Council enough for the Summer of 1986, but I did want to let you know exactly how much you did for me and for all the other Kerr Scholars out there and - I hope - in the future.

#### PROGRAM SPECIFICS

Alumni Visit to Kuwait Sponsors: Ministry of Higher Education and Kuwait University; HE Dr. Ali Al-Shamlan, former Kuwait Minister of Higher Education Hosts: Dr. Shuaib Abdullah Shuaib, Rector, Kuwait University; Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Ghanim, Dean of Student Affairs, Kuwait University Special thanks to: Kuwait-America Foundation; Dr. Sadek Al-Bassam, Dean of Business and Commerce, Kuwait University; U.S. Ambassador Edward Gnehm and Mrs. Gnehm. Escort: Ms. Alison Richards, Kerr Program Coordinator Highlights: living with students from Kuwait and other Arab countries in the university dormitories, visit to Kuwait's National Council, seeing the destruction left by the Iraqi invasion, participation in diwaniyyas (traditional Kuwaiti social

Organizations participating in the National Council's Internship Program

gatherings)

Arab world: Palestine Red Crescent Hospital in Cairo, the American Chamber of Commerce in Cairo

Washington, D.C.: America-Mideast Educational and Training Services, Inc.: American Educational Trust; American Near East Refugee Aid, Inc.; Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee; Arab-American Institute; Center for Contemporary Arab Studies; Egyptian Press and Information Office; Middle East Studies Association Local Arrangements Committee; Middle East International, Neill & Co.; Search for Common Ground; U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce; U.S.-GCC Corporate Cooperation Committee; National Council



Kerr Alumni visit a Kuwaiti oil field that had been set on fire by Iraqi troops.

#### PROGRAM SPECIFICS

#### 1992 Interns

Mr. Louis M. Ferrara; University of Maryland, College Park; Arab News; Jeddah, Saudi Arabia Mr. Afshin Alain Molavi; University of Maryland, College Park; Arab News; Jeddah, Saudi Arabia Ms. Laney Salisbury; Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism; Jordan Times; Amman, Jordan Ms. Shay S. Wessol University of Missouri School of Journalism; Gulf News; Dubai, United Arab **Emirates** Ms. Susannah K. Zak; University of North Carolina,

Chapel Hill; Cairo Today,

Cairo, Egypt

1991 Interns Mr. Michael A. Casey; St. Cloud State University; The Star, Amman, Jordan Ms. Kathryn C. Comba; Northwestern University; Gulf News; Dubai, United Arab Emirates Mr. Nidal M. Ibrahim; California State University, Fullerton; Jordan Times; Amman, Jordan Mr. Paul A. Mascioli; New York University; Arab News; Jeddah, Saudi Arabia Mr. Gregory J. Myers; Marquette University: Arab News; Jeddah, Saudi Arabia Ms. Angela M. Stephens; University of Southern California; Cairo Today, Cairo, Egypt Ms. Anne E. Wainscott; Ohio University; Gulf Daily News;

Manama, Bahrain

Ms. Ursula A. Wiljanen;

Northwestern University; Khaleej Times; Dubai,

United Arab Emirates

# JOE ALEX MORRIS JR. JOURNALISM INTERNS

The Joe Alex Morris Jr. Journalism Internship Program, founded in 1987, enables future foreign correspondents to live and work in the Arab world before beginning their careers. Providing an opportunity not available to previous generations of journalists, the guiding principle of the Morris Program is that experience is the best educator, and that education is the foundation upon which thorough, fair, and accurate foreign correspondence is based.

Participants in the three-month internship live and work as members – not mere observers – of their host countries' societies. As such, they gain a level of cultural awareness and sensitivity seldom provided to most American foreign correspondents, who often begin their careers as outsiders looking into societies to which they have difficulty relating.

To help maximize the benefit of their experience, the interns participate in an orientation program in Washington, D.C. prior to departing for their host country. During the orientation, specialists on Islam, the Arab world, and the Middle East, as well as internationally recognized journalists, brief the interns on



Morris Intern Mr. Afshin Molavi (right) with Arab News Editor-in-Chief Mr. Khaled A. Al-Maeena.

some of the personal issues and professional challenges they will likely encounter.

At their host publications, the 1991-92 interns covered a number of topics, including the impact of U.S. policies in the Arab world, the American presidential election, the Middle East peace process, special reports, and a variety of features on Arab culture, society, and history.

Morris interns are selected on the basis of academic, professional, and personal promise, and have a proven track record of productivity in journalism following their internships. Many have gone on to work for major U.S. media organizations, while others have remained in the Arab world as reporters, photojournalists, and free-lancers for U.S. and international publications.



Dr. Sulayman Nyang, Chairman, Department of African Studies at Howard University, and a specialist on Islam, briefs the Morris Interns prior to their departure.

"In the State Committee Directors' visit to Kuwait and Syria, the National Council crammed two years' worth of education and intellectual experience into a rewarding and exhilarating twoweek program."

**Dr. William S. Arnett**Director,
West Virginia Committee



State Committee Directors meet with officials of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training in Kuwait.



Profs. Kenneth Hendrickson (TX), Robert Seibert (IL), Ronald Stockton (MI), and Byron Augustin (TX) at a National Council State Committee Directors meeting in Washington, D.C.



State Committee Directors met with the Grand Mufti of Syria, Shaikh Ahmad Kaftaro, with whom they discussed Christian-Jewish-Islamic relations and the role of Islam in contemporary life.

# STATE COMMITTEE AFFILIATES

At the heart of the National Council's grassroots educational efforts are its 14 State Committee affiliates, which operate in conjunction with – but largely independent of – the national office. Formed and headed primarily by Council program alumni, the Committees award grants, sponsor and co-sponsor cultural and educational activities, facilitate teacher training workshops, host media events, participate in other Council programs, and arrange speakers for a variety of local groups.

The Committees work informally with each other and the National Council regularly. They also gather annu-

ally to discuss common goals and strategies and participate in briefings on many of the pertinent topics they discuss with various constituencies throughout the year. Their knowledge and understanding of the Arab world was further enhanced in 1992 when Committee Directors participated in a study visit to Kuwait and Syria. In both countries, the Directors met with educational, government, corporate, civic, and religious leaders; visited numerous cultural and historical sites; and deepened their understanding of the issues, attitudes, and realities of a region they regularly discuss with others.

"Our State Committee Directors are critical to an important dimension of the National Council's mission: promoting U.S.-Arab understanding at the state and local levels. In every case, the key to their effectiveness is the extent of their first-

hand knowledge of the Arab world," Dr. Anthony said.

#### PROGRAM SPECIFICS

Escorts: Dr. John Duke Anthony, President, National Council; RAdm. Harold J. Bernsen, USN (Ret.), Board Member, National Council; with assistance from Ms. Gail Johnson, Development Coordinator, National Council

Hosts: HE Dr. Ali Al-Shamlan, former Minister of Higher Education, Kuwait; Dr. Mohamed Ali Houneh, President, University of Aleppo; Dr. Ghias Barakat, Director, English Language Center; Dr. Elias Samo, Director, Office of International Relations, University of Aleppo

Special thanks to (Kuwait): Dr. Shuaib Abdullah Shuaib, President, Kuwait University; Dr. Sadek Al-Bassam, Dean, Faculty of Commerce, Kuwait University; Dr. Saif Abbas Abdullah, Chairman, Department of Political Science, Kuwait University, and President, Gulf Outreach, Inc.; Dr. Ibrahim Al-Khamis, Director of Arabic Scholarships at the Ministry of Higher Education; Dr. Hassan El-Ebraheem, Chairman, Kuwait Society for the Advancement of the Arab Child; Board Members of the Kuwait-America Foundation; Dr. Abd Al-Rahman Al-Muhailan, Director-General, Public Authority for Applied Education and Training; U.S. Ambassador Edward Gnehm and members of the U.S. Embassy staff

Special thanks to (Syria): HE
'Abd Al-Qadir Qaddoura,
Speaker of Parliament; HE 'Abd
Al-Monem Harmwy, Governor of
Golan Province; U.S. Chargé d'
Affaires ad interim David
Newton and members of the
U.S. Embassy staff

Highlights in Kuwait: meetings with educational, business, government, and religious leaders; participating in a diwaniyya (traditional Kuwaitigathering) hosted by Dr. Ibrahim Al-Khamis, Director of Arabic Scholarships at the Ministry of Higher Education; visiting Al-Qurain House and Permanent War Exhibit, which chronicles the Iraqi occupation

Highlights in Syria: meetings with a broad cross-section of public- and private-sector leaders and other personalities; visiting Qunaitra, capital of Golan Province; participating in discussions with the Grand Mufti of Syria, Shaikh Ahmad Kaftaro, regarding Christian-Jewish-Islamic relations and the role of Islam in contemporary life; visiting Syrian cultural and historical sites

#### ALABAMA COMMITTEE ON U.S.-ARAB RELATIONS



The Alabama Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations was founded in 1988. Dr. Marilyn Emplaincourt was succeeded as Director in 1992 by Dr. Huey Owings, Professor, Department of English, Talladega College in Talladega. Dr. Kenneth Campbell, Professor of Education at Auburn University in Mont-

gomery, is Deputy Director.

The Committee's 1991-92 activities included organizing delegations to the Southeast Model Arab League and distributing information on U.S.-Arab affairs.

The Committee awarded grants and coordinated activities with the following Alabama institutions: Talladega College, Jacksonville State University, Birmingham Southern College, and the University of South Alabama in Mobile.

#### CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE ON U.S.-ARAB RELATIONS



The California Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations was founded in 1990. Dr. Mario Pascale (pictured), a Malone Fellow and the Committee's first Director, serving from 1990 to 1992, has been succeeded by Dr. David Churchman, Professor of Political Science at California State University at Dominguez Hills.

Ms. Ann Z. Kerr, Coordinator of the Fulbright Program for Southern California, is Deputy Director.

The Committee's 1991-92 activities included hosting the Consul General of Lebanon at a speaking engagement, participating in a Middle East conference sponsored by the Los Angeles County Office of Education, participating in the RAND Corporation conference "Turning Points in the Middle East: Beyond Conflicts to Resolutions," working with the Kerr High School Scholars Program, and assisting with the West Coast Model Arab League.

The Committee awarded a grant to the Humanities Institute of California State University at Fullerton.

#### COLORADO COMMITTEE ON U.S.-ARAB RELATIONS



The Colorado Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations was founded in 1992. Dr. Amin Kazak, Professor of Political Science and Middle East Studies at the University of Colorado at Denver, is Director. Col. Joseph G. Burke, Professor of Political Science at the U.S. Air Force Academy; Dr. Gladys Frantz-

Murphy, Professor of History at Regis University in Denver, and Dr. Pauletta Otis, Professor of Political Science at the University of Southern Colorado in Pueblo, are Deputy Directors.

The Committee coordinated Speakers Bureau and teacher training activities with the following Colorado institutions in 1991-92: the Center of Teaching International Relations at the University of Denver and the International Education Program at the University of Colorado at Denver.

#### GEORGIA COMMITTEE ON U.S.-ARAB RELATIONS



The Georgia Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations was founded in 1989. Dr. Robert Claxton, Professor of History at West Georgia College, is Director. Dr. Raymond Gonzalez, Professor of History at Columbus College, is Deputy Director. The Grants Sub-Committee comprises Dr. Gonzalez; Dr. Lynn Holmes,

President, Brewton-Parker College; Dr. Michele Zebich-Knos, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Kennesaw College; Dr. Louis Schmier, Professor of History, Valdosta State College; and Dr. Tom Mullen, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Dalton College.

The Committee's 1991-92 activities included co-sponsoring the meeting of the Southeastern World History Association (founded by National Council Malone Fellow Alumnus Dr. Marc Gilbert), assisting with the Southeast Model League of Arab States in Savannah, helping coordinate the first high school Model in Atlanta, forming additional Local Nominating Committees for the Kerr High School Scholars Program, and publishing the Committee newsletter, which reaches about 500 people.

The Committee awarded grants and coordinated activities with the following Georgia institutions: Georgia/Southeastern World History Association, Savannah State College, Georgia Southern University/South East Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Seminar, Dalton College, and Marist School.

#### ILLINOIS COMMITTEE ON U.S.-ARAB RELATIONS



The Illinois Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations was founded in 1990. Dr. Robert Seibert, Professor of Political Science at Knox College in Galesburg, is Director. Dr. Roy R. Andersen, Professor of Economics at Knox College; Dr. John R. Faust, Professor of Political Science at Eastern Illinois University

in Charleston; Dr. James Krokar, Professor of History at DePaul University in Chicago; Dr. Ralph Radloff, Professor of Religion at Augustana College in Rock Island; and Dr. Barbara Speicher, Professor of Communication at DePaul University, are board members.

The Committee's 1991-92 activities included coordinating a visit by Jordanian Ambassador Hussein Hammami to several Illinois colleges; hosting a visit by Dr. Abdallah Sbeih, Director of Political and Information Affairs, Arab League Information Center; co-sponsoring a one-day conference on the Arab world in Dearborn, Michigan with the National Council's Michigan and Ohio Committees; organizing teacher training workshops; and assisting with the Great Plains Model Arab League.

The Committee awarded grants and coordinated activities with the following Illinois institutions: Northeastern Illinois University's Islamic Studies Institute, Augustana College, and Rock Island County School District.

#### INDIANA COMMITTEE ON U.S.-ARAB RELATIONS



The Indiana Committee on U.S. Arab-Relations was founded in 1987. Dr. Barry Johnston, Professor of Sociology at Indiana University Northwest and Coordinator of Special Programs/Chancellor's Office at Indiana University Bloomington, is Director, Dr. Charles T. Barber, Professor and Chair-

man, Department of Political Science at the University of Southern Indiana, is Deputy Director. Dr. George Irani, Department of Political Science at Franklin College, is Director of the Grants Program.

The Committee's 1991-92 activities included participating in and planning four conferences, publishing a Committee newsletter, assisting five Indiana delegations in the Midwest Model Arab League, distributing materials for the Joe Alex Morris Jr. Journalism Internship Program, and participants' numerous public talks and lectures.

The Committee coordinated activities with the following regional and Indiana institutions: Franklin College, the Indiana Consortium of International Programs, and the Attiyeh Foundation.

#### KENTUCKY COMMITTEE ON U.S.-ARAB RELATIONS



The Kentucky Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations was founded in 1991. Dr. L. Michael Lewis, Associate Professor at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, is Director. Dr. Phyllis Passariello, Associate Professor in the Department of Anthropology at Centre College in Danville, is Deputy Director.

The Committee's 1991-92 activities included participants' numerous lectures and public talks on matters germane to the Arab world, and workshops for public school teachers and students on such topics as Egypt, the Gulf, and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The Committee coordinated activities with the following Kentucky institutions: Berea College, Centre College, Eastern Kentucky University, and Western Kentucky University.

#### MICHIGAN COMMITTEE ON U.S.-ARAB RELATIONS



The Michigan Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations was founded in 1988. Dr. Ronald Stockton, Chairman of the Political Science Department of the University of Michigan at Dearborn, is Director. Dr. James Goode, Assistant Professor of History at Grand Valley State College, is Deputy Director.

The Committee's 1991-92 activities included co-sponsoring a one-day conference on the Arab world in Dearborn with the National Council's Illinois and Ohio Committees, publishing a committee newsletter, organizing a teacher training workshop, and assisting with the Midwest Model Arab League.

The Committee coordinated activities with the following Michigan institutions: the Detroit Presbytery, American Association of University Women, the Arab Community Center for Educational and Social Services, and the Dearborn school system.

#### OHIO COMMITTEE ON U.S.-ARAB RELATIONS



The Ohio Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations was founded in 1989. Dr. Verghese J. Chirayath, Director, International Studies Center, and Associate Professor of Sociology at John Carroll University, is Director. Dr. James R. Gillespie, Professor and Chair, Department of Political Science, Notre Dame

College of Ohio, is Deputy Director.

The Committee's 1991-92 activities included hosting a member of the Jordanian Delegation to the Middle East Peace Talks for a public affairs program, presenting a Jordanian Representative for a lecture at the University of Dayton, sponsoring two seminars on peace prospects in the Middle East, joining a Malone Alumni study visit to Kuwait and Syria, and moving forward plans for four Committee faculty participants to teach at the University of Aleppo in Syria in the Spring of 1993. Participants also published articles on different facets of the U.S.-Arab relationship in local newspapers.

#### OREGON COMMITTEE ON U.S.-ARAB-RELATIONS



The Oregon Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations was founded in 1985. Dr. Ralph Beebe, Professor of History at George Fox College, is Director. Dr. Laura Rice, Professor of Comparative Literature at Oregon State University at Corvallis and a member of the Oregon Council for the Humanities, is Director of the

Committee's Grants Program.

The Committee's 1991-92 activities included coordinating four delegations to the 1992 Northwest Model League of Arab States, organizing Local Nominating Committees for the Kerr High School Scholars Program, hosting Speakers Bureau events, supporting the 1992 Middle East Studies Association annual conference, and distributing the Committee's newsletter.

The Committee awarded grants to the following Oregon institutions: the Middle East Studies Center at Portland State University, George Fox College Center for Peace and Learning, and the Syrian-Lebanese American Club.

#### Texas Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations



The Texas Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations was founded in 1989. Dr. Byron D. Augustin, Professor of Geography and Planning at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, is Director. Dr. Kenneth Hendrickson, Jr., Chairman, Department of History at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls,

is Deputy Director.

The Committee's 1991-92 activities included assisting with the Southwest Model Arab League, which had delegations representing all 21 League member states; participating in a federally funded teacher training program; and hosting and co-sponsoring a variety of seminars and workshops for Texas teachers.

The Committee coordinated activities with the following national and Texas institutions: National Geographic Society, All-Texas Alliance, Texas Governor's Geography Academy, Midwestern State University, and Texas Alliance for Geographic Education.

The Committee also awarded a grant to the Lubbock International Cultural Center and received a grant from the U.S. Outreach Fund.

#### VIRGINIA COMMITTEE ON U.S.-ARAB RELATIONS



The Virginia Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations was founded in 1991. Dr. Charles Kennedy, Professor and Chair, Department of Religion at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, is Director.

The Committee's 1992 activities included coordinating the participation of 12 of its

Malone Faculty Fellow alumni in the conference "The United States and the Middle East: Decade of Challenge, Decade of Change" at the Virginia Military Institute, participating in the Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Seminar, and distributing a Committee newsletter. Participants also gave numerous public lectures and wrote articles for local newspapers.

#### WASHINGTON COMMITTEE ON U.S.-ARAB RELATIONS



The Washington Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations was founded in 1987. Mr. Ray Stewart (pictured) of the Boeing Corporation headed the Committee from 1987 to 1992. Dr. Rex Casillas, Professor of Political Science at St. Mary's College in Lacey, has succeeded Mr. Stewart as Director.

The Committee's 1991-92 activities included conducting a seminar on "Doing Business in the Arab World," publishing Committee newsletters, working with the Northwest Model Arab League, and organizing a Local Nominating Committee as well as fundraising for the Kerr High School Scholars Program.

The Committee awarded a grant to the World Trade Club.

#### WEST VIRGINIA COMMITTEE ON U.S.-ARAB RELATIONS



The West Virginia Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations was founded in 1991. Dr. William S. Arnett, Associate Professor of History at West Virginia University in Morgantown, is Director.

The Committee's 1991-92 activities included presenting a teacher training workshop in

conjunction with the North Central Regional Educational Service Agency that drew 38 educators, and participation in a Middle East Peace Forum at Bluefield State College.

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HE Yousif A. Shirawi, Bahrain Minister of Development and Industry, meets with (L-R) Mr. Alan Brookes, of Allied-Signal Aerospace Company; U.S. Ambassador Charles Hostler; and Mr. Constantine Loixides, of Bankers Trust Company.

# U.S.-GCC CORPORATE COOPERATION COMMITTEE

One of the most important, and yet least understood, international commercial relationships the United States has is with the six countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) – Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates. Although America has



Messrs. David Shepherd (center) of Rockwell International and Ronald Pump (right) of AT&T greet HE 'Abd Al-Rahman bin Faris Al-Khalifa, the new Bahraini Ambassador, at a U.S.-GCC Corporate Cooperation Committee reception.

experienced overseas trade deficits overall in recent years, U.S. trade with the GCC countries has frequently yielded a surplus.

The National Council serves as secretariat of the U.S.-GCC Corporate Cooperation Committee, Inc., which seeks to strengthen the private-sector relationship between America and the GCC's member countries. The Committee pursues

its goals in meetings with high-ranking members of the Office of the U.S. Special Trade Representative and the Departments of Commerce, State, and Treasury, through hosting gatherings where GCC country officials and business leaders can meet their U.S. counterparts, by publishing informative booklets and issue papers, and through sponsoring a variety of other cultural and educational activities.

Since its inception, the National Council has worked to promote understanding of the GCC, whose importance has grown in the aftermath of the liberation of Kuwait. Each del-

egation of the Council's Malone Faculty Fellows and Congressional leaders visiting Saudi Arabia has met with officials at the GCC head-quarters in Riyadh. The Council maintains regular communications with U.S. ambassadors in each of the GCC countries and GCC member state ambassadors in the U.S., the GCC secretariat, and a broad range of American government officials, private-sector leaders, and media representatives who deal with U.S.-GCC affairs.

#### ACTIVITIES

Meeting with Dr. Abdul Hadi Al-Awadi, Director of the Kuwait Economic and Reconstruction Committee, regarding increased involvement in Kuwait reconstruction contracts.

Briefing on Capitol Hill on Kuwait's reconstruction and economic future. Speakers included Col. Michael Fellows, Deputy Director, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Kuwait Recovery Program, and Mr. Fawzi Al-Sultan, Executive Director of the World Bank and former Director of the Kuwait Emergency and Recovery Program.

Eighteen-member delegation of Committee corporate representatives visited Bahrain, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia. The delegation met with the GCC's Secretary-General and Assistant Secretaries-General, American embassy officials, and Arab defense, commerce, and foreign affairs officials.

Roundtable with GCC
Economic Delegation, cosponsored by the U.S.-Arab
Chamber of Commerce and
the American Business
Council of the Gulf
Countries. The meeting was
in honor of visiting GCC
officials and business
executives led by GCC
Special Representative for
Economic Consultations, HE
Mamun Kurdi.

Capitol Hill briefing with Ambassador David Mack, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, and Congressional staffers, in honor of guests from the American Business Council of the Gulf Countries.

Numerous Administration liaison meetings where Committee members met with top executive branch officials to discuss an array of U.S.-GCC issues.

Working to re-establish the U.S.-GCC Economic Dialogue with the Administration regarding the promotion of U.S. and GCC commerce and trade measures to enhance economic development within the GCC and strengthen the overall U.S.-GCC relationship.

Capitol Hill Oriening in nonor or GCC Secretary-General HE Dr. Abdulla Bishara, who addressed members of the Committee, Congressional staff, and key Administration officials.



Lubbock, Texas Independent School District Social Studies Curriculum Supervisor Ms. Carolyn Goebel, Chair of the Lubbock Kerr High School Scholars Local Nominating Committee, and Ms. Audrey Shabbas, noted specialist in pre-collegiate methodologies for teaching about the Arab world, take a break from a teacher training workshop cosponsored by the Texas Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations, the National Council, and the Middle East Policy Council.

"No other organization has such a multifaceted program fostering relations with the Arab world as the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations. Educational. commercial, and public-sector groups can all benefit from the expertise marshalled by the Council."

#### Dr. Charles Kennedy

Professor and Chair, Department of Religion, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and Director, Virginia Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations

### GRANTS

Many times, excellent ideas for projects in support of U.S.-Arab educational activities fall by the wayside for lack of programmatic and related kinds of assistance from other organizations. The problem is particularly acute with smaller, local groups. To help these organizations realize their full outreach potential, the National Council assists many local-level events through its Grants program, which occupies a special niche among non-profit institutions in the field of U.S.-Arab relations.

National Council grants are awarded in four categories: adult education, conferences and seminars, cultural events, and teacher training workshops. In 1992, the National Council awarded 20 grants to a broad range of American educational

organizations in 14 states and the District of Columbia. More than half of these grants were awarded through the Council's State Committee affiliates.

Nine awards were for seminars on topics ranging from the prospects for Israeli-Palestinian peace to issues involving Arab women writers. Teacher training workshops, such as one co-sponsored by the Michigan Council for the Humanities, accounted for five of the Council's awards. Grants also supported several cultural events — including one in conjunction with the Springfield, Massachusetts Museum of Fine Arts exhibit, "The Here and Hereafter: Images of Paradise in Islamic Art" — and adult education programs, such as a series on "The Arab World and Islam" at the Iberia Parish Library in Lafayette, Louisiana.

### SPEAKERS BUREAU

One of the first objectives the National Council achieved following its founding in 1983 was the establishment of a national network of knowledgeable speakers on issues related to the Arab countries, the Middle East, and the Islamic world. The result was the Council's Speakers Bureau, which quickly became second to none in fulfilling requests from institutions, organizations, media sources, and public affairs groups around the country. The Bureau provides specialists on numerous topics who can accommodate practically any need – from an hour-long presentation to a semester-long high school- or university-level course.

Speakers Bureau participants include former senior



The National Council coordinated a 12-state, 21-city speaking tour for Jordanian Ambassador Dr. Fayez Taraweh and other Jordanian peace delegates, who represented their country in the Seventh Round of the Middle East Peace Talks.



Representatives of AT&T, McDonnell Douglas Corporation, and Philip Morris Companies, Inc. attend a reception at the conference "The U.S. and the Middle East: Decade of Challenge, Decade of Change," cosponsored by the Virginia Military Institute, the National Council, and the Virginia Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations.



Among those taking part in the VMI conference were (L-R): Lt. Cmdr. Allen Stout, Dept. of Political Science, U.S. Air Force Academy; RAdm. Harold J. Bernsen, USN (Ret.), National Council Board Member; Vice Adm. Marmaduke Bayne, USN (Ret.), National Council Advisory Board Member; and National Council President Dr. Anthony.

White House, Pentagon, and State Department officials, journalists, scholars, business leaders, theologians, diplomats, defense analysts, and Arab and European specialists. These individuals give media interviews, serve as panelists and keynote or banquet speakers at conventions, deliver commencement and other addresses, participate in various lectures and workshops, and narrate film and slide show presentations. All are selected on the basis of their extensive experience in public speaking and their demonstrated knowledge of the subject matter.

Among the numerous roles the National Council played in programming speakers in 1992 was a 12-state, 21-city speaking tour for members of the Jordanian delegation to the Seventh Round of the Middle East Peace Talks. In cooperation with Malone Fellows, the Council's State Committee Directors, and other Council supporters, the delegates shared their perceptions of the peace process. Events included public forums, university lectures, teacher training workshops, and numerous media interviews.

In association with the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) and the Virginia Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations, the

National Council also co-sponsored a major conference at the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia, entitled, "The United States and the Middle East: Decade of Challenge, Decade of Change." The two-day conference, which combined key U.S. policymakers with specialists from numerous American universities and think tanks, drew participants and panelists from around the world.

The format of the VMI conference was unique. Participants were tasked with addressing not "what" needs to be done to further U.S. interests in the region, nor "why," but rather how, in terms of various options and with special reference to the implications for U.S. policies.

"Participation in this program provides a firsthand exposure to the rich cultural heritage of Jordan and the Arab world. Being an especially gifted group of young Americans, I am certain that you will benefit from this exposure."

> HE Hussein Hammami Ambassador of Jordan (speaking of the Kerr High School Scholars Program)

"Thanks to your support and encouragement, we were able to present a unique program to our community, one that was very rewarding to everyone."

Ms. Jean Miller
Director of
Development,
Polytechnic
Preparatory
Country Day School



On two separate occasions during 1991-92, National Council President Dr. Anthony addressed a National Press Club forum on the topic of U.S. national interests and regional security in the

### NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The National Council welcomes RAdm. Harold J. Bernsen, USN (Ret.), and Ms. Sandra L. Charles as its newest board members.

RAdm. Bernsen retired from active duty in December 1991, after more than 33 years of naval service, the last seven as a flag officer. From 1980 to 1991, his primary focus was the Middle East with special reference to the Arabian Peninsula and the Gulf states. RAdm. Bernsen is best known as the architect and implementor of the successful U.S. Navy effort to protect re-flagged Kuwaiti oil tankers during the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war. As Commander of the U.S. Middle East Force, he also functioned simultaneously as a U.S. political representative to the Gulf Cooperation Council countries. His last assignment was as Chief of Staff to the Atlantic Fleet Commander.

Ms. Charles has an extensive background in Arab, Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African issues stemming from 16 years of experience in the national security and foreign policy community in the executive branch of the U.S. Government. She formerly was Senior Director for Near East Affairs at the White House with the National Security Council, and also worked in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Currently, she is Chief Executive Officer of C & O Resources, Inc. in Washington, D.C.

### COOPERATIVE EFFORTS

The National Council has been a consistent catalyst in the movement to foster cooperative, mutually beneficial relationships among organizations in the field of U.S.-Arab relations. In February of 1992, the Council made another significant contribution to this effort, hosting the first-ever of what subsequently have become regular meetings of the heads of nine major U.S.-Arab relations organizations.

Commenting on the group's common objectives, Dr. Anthony said, "The main purpose of these meetings is information and resource sharing. The goal is to explore ways in which we might be able to enhance our collective effectiveness. Each person briefs the group on his or her organization's objectives and resources and highlights upcoming activities and special needs and concerns. This aspect alone is invaluable. It provides everyone with a better foundation from which to expand the areas of our cooperation."

The inaugural meeting was hosted by Dr. Anthony at the National Council's office. Subsequent meetings have been hosted by former Senator George McGovern, President of the Middle East Policy Council; former U.S. Ambassador Robert Dillon, President of America-Mideast Educational and Training Services, Inc. (AMIDEAST); Mr. Merle Thorpe, Jr., President of the Foundation for Middle East Peace; former U.S. Ambassador Robert Keeley, President of the Middle East Institute; and Dr. Peter Gubser, President of American Near East Refugee Aid, Inc. (ANERA). The other organizations participating include American Educational Trust (AET), the Council for the National Interest (CNI), and the U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce (USACC).

# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FELLOWS

As part of its mission to facilitate the efforts of others who promote U.S.-Arab understanding, the National Council offers International Affairs Fellowships each year to individuals with broad international relations experience who need a study and outreach center for their work. The National Council provides use of office facilities and other administrative support to the Fellows, who write, lecture, teach, and give media interviews on various topics related to U.S.-Arab relations. In turn, they offer their in-



Dr. Elias Samo University of Aleppo

valuable information, insight, and suggestions to the National Council.

For 1992-1993, the National Council has chosen three International Affairs Fellows. Each of them – a U.S. specialist in political-military affairs, a Syrian specialist in strategic issues, and a Kuwaiti political scientist – brings a perspective germane to the changing face of U.S.-Arab relations in the aftermath of the Kuwait crisis.

The 1992-93 Fellows are RAdm. Harold J. Bernsen, USN (Ret.), former Commander, U.S. Middle East Force, and newly elected member of the Council's Board of Directors; Dr. Elias Samo, Director of the Center for International Relations, and Acting Director, Program for Strategic Studies at the University of Aleppo, Syria; and Dr. Abdallah Y. Al-Shayeji, Professor of Political Science at Kuwait University and a Vice President of Gulf Outreach, Inc.



With all the students the National Council sponsors on study visits in the Arab world, the Council was delighted to return the favor when a delegation of students from Kuwait University visited the United States. Escorted by National Council Program Assistant Mr. Hugh Galford, the students visited Washington, D.C.; the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia; U.S. Naval facilities in Norfolk, Virginia; and finally, Disney World. Above, members of the delegation listen to a presentation by National Council Executive Director Mr. Ronald Cathell.

"We each returned from the 1992 Malone Fellows Kuwait/Syria trip deeply impressed, once again, with the need for our colleges to get students into the region to learn firsthand about the great history of its peoples, cultures, religions, and political economies."

Dr. Ronald P. Mahurin 1992 Malone Fellow and Task Force Member, Christian College Coalition; Department of Political Studies, Gordon College

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