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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



President & CEO Dr. John Duke Anthony

The year in review was unlike any in the Council's history. Having to discontinue some programs, e.g., those in Egypt and Tunisia and, to a lesser extent, in Jordan, because of a lack of sustainable resources, were among the challenges. For the same reason, the High School Scholars Program in Arab and Islamic Studies, which had become dear to everyone's heart, was significantly reduced in scope to a single combined program in Jerusalem, Jordan, and Syria with ten participants. For years, 30 participating U.S. cities and as many young emerging American leaders had previously benefited from first-hand educational experiences in several different Arab countries.

There were, however, many highlights during this time. The most rewarding programs and activities were those that approached a degree of self-sufficiency in terms of cost effectiveness. The Council's self-sustaining programs, however, cannot yet boast of covering overhead, administrative, and other operational costs.

Examples of the Council's most significant accomplishments, chronicled herein, are the Leadership Development/Model League of Arab States Program, the Summer in Syria Program, the Washington Summer Internship Program, the Arab World Journalism Internship Program, the Kuwait Winter and Spring Study Visits for Outstanding University Students, the annual U.S. Mideast Policymakers Conference, and the public affairs programs and activities of the U.S.-GCC Corporate Cooperation Committee, for which the National Council continues to serve as Secretariat.

Innovative features included the National Council's hosting in the U.S. of approximately 100 Kuwaiti university students, faculty, future diplomats, and members of Parliament, as well as 40 cadets, faculty, and commanders from the Zayid II Military Academy in the United Arab Emirates. An additional development was the inclusion, in the Council's University Educators Program, of outstanding high school teachers, community affairs leaders, and representatives of U.S. defense commands and institutes for the first time. These breakthroughs represent a growing component of the Council's cross-cultural educational approach to strengthening the leader-to-leader and people-to-people aspects of the U.S.-Arab relationship at the national, state, and local levels.

With 16 standing State Committee Affiliates and the annual two-day meetings of the Committees' directors serving to formulate their year-round programmatic strategy with the National Council's leaders and staff, the Council is nearer to its goal of being the premier U.S.-Arab relations organization in America — building, maintaining, and operating every day on an increasingly integrated national network designed to bond the best in America to the best in Arabia and vice versa.

None of this would be possible without the help of the Council's Board of Directors, its staff, and the generous and far-sighted supporters, individuals, and institutions who are thanked and proudly listed in this Review.



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Deepening Arab and Islamic cultural immersion:

SUMMER IN SYRIA

*T*he National Council's Summer in Syria (SIS) Program at the University of Aleppo has grown substantially since its inception in 1992. The Program's unique feature and focus is its provision of a Summer academic option for American university students in one of the most culturally rich countries in the world. The program combines a cross-cultural experience with a first-hand introduction to Syria's multi-faceted history and heritage.



Participants in the Summer in Syria program are treated to a picnic lunch in an olive grove by their fellow student hosts.

The Summer in Syria Program attracts a range of significantly talented students from across the United States annually, many of whom have had previous exposure to the Arab world and Middle Eastern studies from which they acquired a deep interest in Syria. Since 1994, a total of 36 students have participated in the Summer in Syria program, raising the number of Program alumni to 63.

The program, currently six weeks in duration, will be expanded to seven weeks in 1996. Hosted by the University of Aleppo's Office of International Relations, the Program offers coursework in Arabic, history, and anthropology and is administered by a team of Syrian professors and American guest lecturers. A principal asset of the program is that students are able to obtain six hours of academic credit while gaining information about and insights into Syrian culture and society empirically. Learning in the classroom is abundantly supplemented with site visits and daily interaction with Syrians from all walks of life.

The program's comprehensiveness also allows students to observe closely a vibrant Arab country confronting the challenging issues of economic and social development while emphasizing the innovation and commitment



Summer in Syria students visit the historic Umayyad Mosque in Damascus.

that characterizes modern Syrian society. The learning experience is further enhanced by a scholar-escort whose broad knowledge of Syria and the Arab world provides supplemental guidance and a unique perspective on Syrian affairs.

The National Council's predeparture program for the participants highlights the historical developments and contemporary affairs of the Arab countries, the Middle East, and the Islamic world. In addition, specialists on Syria familiarize participants with events and forces that have been instrumental in shaping and sustaining modern Syrian society.

Preparing a new generation of leaders:

THE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

*T*he National Council has continued to expand its work in providing young Americans practical training in the skills necessary for effective future leadership on issues affecting the U.S.-Arab relationship. No single Council program has reached as many American leaders and their teachers with such an intense, first-hand experience in analyzing and debating the principal issues facing Arab countries today.

The Leadership Development Program or, as it is popularly known, Model League of Arab States, combines a valuable experience for university and high school students in practicing real-life leadership skills with a broader understanding and appreciation of contemporary Arab economic, political, and social issues.

Initiated in 1983, the Models have become the hallmark of the National Council's regional, state, and local leadership programs. The Models offer the coming generation of young American leaders the requisite tools to help chart a new direction in America's approach to the Arab world. Sponsored by the Council in association with the National U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce and the League of Arab States Information Office, the Program continues to record phenomenal growth — no single other Council program costs so little while reaching so many — and to attract a markedly broad cross-section of student leaders in participating university and high schools.

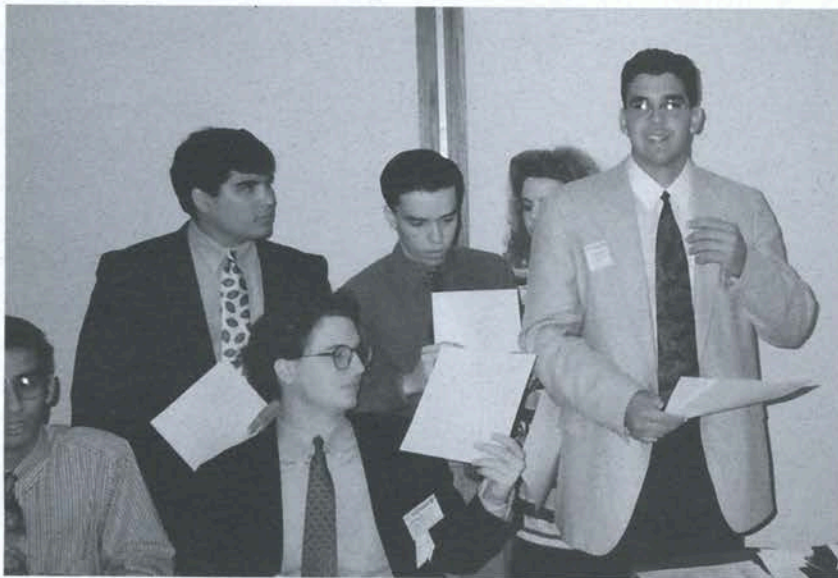
During the 12 years of the Program, the National Council has sponsored a total of 73 Models involving more than 6,943 students. Between 1994 and 1995, the Council conducted 18 university level and 6 high school level Models which brought together 1,688 university students and 581 high school participants. In a special arrangement since 1991, Kuwait University has annually hosted separate two-week study visits in December and April for 20 of each year's most outstanding student delegates.

The Models' format emphasizes group discussion and debate, as well as individual public speaking related to real-life issues. Delegates draft and deliberate resolutions, caucus, vote, and engage in consensus and coalition building, all within a context characterized by advance research and preparation.

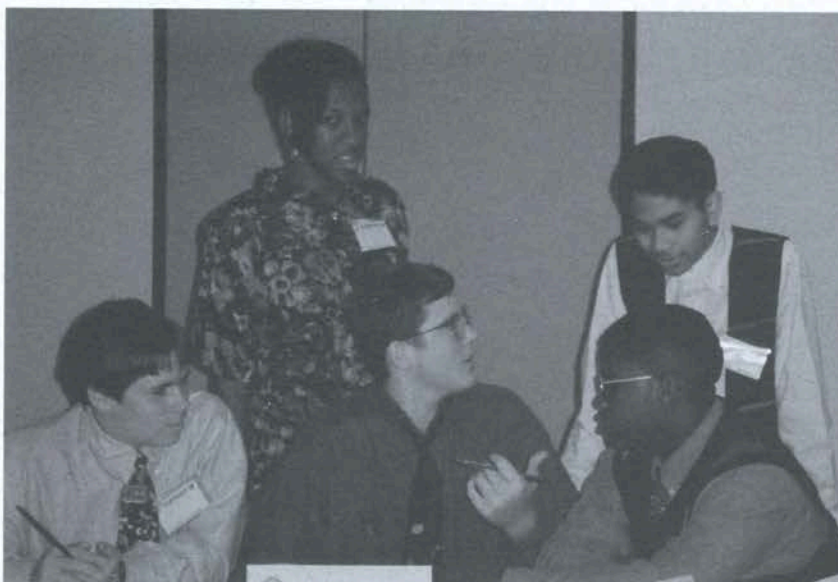
A great many Leadership Development Program participants later become involved in other Council programs, such as the Alumni Study Visits to Kuwait, Summer in Syria, and the Washington, D.C. and Arab World Summer Internship programs. .



Students engage in lively debate at the 1995 Virginia High Schools Model League of Arab States.



"Participation in the Models benefited me in two ways. I now know that I want to pursue a career in international relations and to focus on the Arab world as my area of primary interest."



Increasing educators' awareness:

FELLOWSHIPS IN ARAB AND ISLAMIC STUDIES FOR SCHOLARS AND PROFESSIONALS

*T*he National Council's Educational and Community Affairs Leaders Program in Arab and Islamic Studies dates from 1984, one year after the Council was founded. Since its inception, the Program has been the main standard bearer in the Council's efforts to educate the American public about the multi-dimensional relationship between the United States and the Arab world.

The Program's fundamental goal is to provide certain key categories of American university educators, opinion leaders, and public affairs professionals with an intimate, first-hand exposure to Arab culture, society, history, and contemporary development. A significant characteristic of the Program has been its ability to attract an increasingly diverse group of participants. Its broadened reach now includes U.S. military leaders,

editors, journalists, leaders of World Affairs Councils, Middle East studies organizations, State Humanities Councils, and directors of leading museums and other public educational institutions noted for their commitment to cultural enrichment.

The Fellowship's initial Summer Programs have expanded to include Arab world study visits in the Winter and Spring as well. To date, 54 delegations involving more than 520 Fellows have visited twelve Arab countries and the Occupied Territories under the National Council's auspices and the sponsorship of the host countries. Between 1994 and 1995, the Council sponsored a total of 11 delegations involving 143 educators and community affairs leaders. Each delegation



HE Shaikh Fahim bin Sultan Al-Qasimi, Secretary General of the Gulf Cooperation Council, accepts a book from Malone Fellow Dr. Stephen Neuse (R), of the University of Arkansas, and Mr. Harry Alter, former Executive Director of Government Affairs at Saudi ARAMCO.

is escorted by scholars with considerable experience in the countries visited and first-hand exposure to and understanding of the broader dynamics of the Arab world and Islam. These specialists enhance the learning process for Fellows by providing background and context essential to an understanding of the region and its people.

During the intensive two-and-a-half-week study visit, the Program not only exposes the Fellows to Arab culture. It also provides the participants with daily briefings and lectures by leading international affairs scholars and specialists, host government representatives, American diplomatic officials, and local business, civic, and religious leaders. In addition, Fellows visit important historical, archaeological, and development sites while being immersed in the nuances of Arab life and society through daily interaction with host country inhabitants from different walks of life.

Prior to the Fellows' departure to the Arab host countries, the National Council organizes an orientation program that exposes the participants to an in-depth overview of contemporary Arab society, history, and culture. Specialists on the Arab countries, the Middle East, and the Islamic world provide briefings on important Arab issues, Arab international affairs, and the dynamics of the bilateral relationships between the U.S. and the Arab host countries.



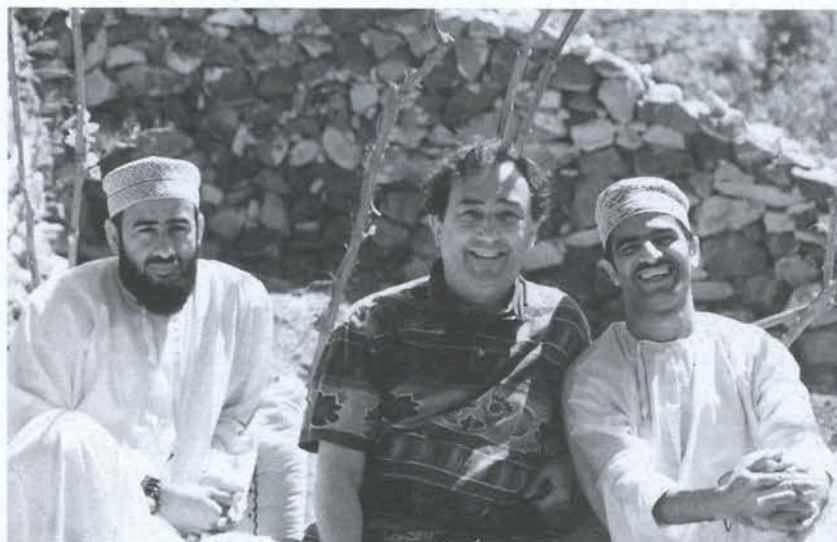
Mr. Nasser al-Othman, Editing Supervisor at Al-Sharq Newspaper (C), meets with a delegation of Colorado educators during their March 1995 study visit to Qatar.



Mr. Ahmad Suleiman (R), Dr. John Duke Anthony (C), and Malone Fellows representing the US Central Command and the US Air Force Institute of Technology study a map of the Strait of Hormuz before an overflight during a study visit to Oman.



Shaikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al-Nahyan, UAE Minister of Higher Education and Chancellor of UAE National University, meets with Malone Fellow Robert Unger.



Malone Fellow Dr. Mario Pascale (C) shares a light moment with Mr. Hafidh Al-Ghannami of the Office of the Special Advisor to HM The Sultan for External Liaison during a study visit to Oman.



Malone Fellow Ms. Faith Andrus during the March 1995 study visit to Saudi Arabia and Oman.

Encouraging objectivity through direct contact:

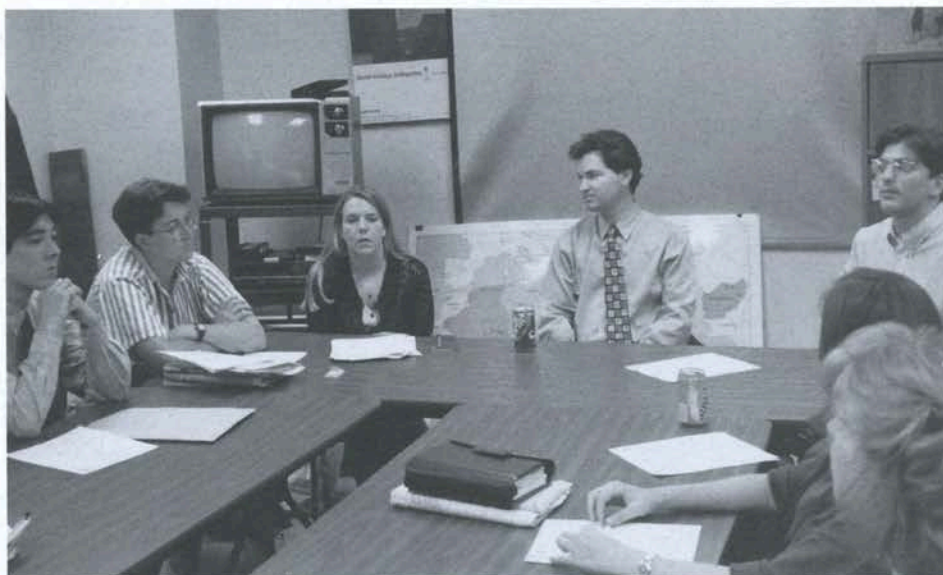
JOURNALISM INTERNSHIPS FOR COLLEGE GRADUATES

Since the founding of the Journalism Internship Program in the Arab World in 1989, young American journalists have had a unique opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge and experience as interns at English-language publications in Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates.

A distinguishing feature of the Internship is its ability to afford the intern contact with a region generally

unfamiliar to most Americans at the very beginning of the intern's professional career. The Internship attracts the interest and participation of several dozen leading journalism schools. Year after year, these schools contribute a pool of exceptionally gifted and talented recent graduates to the Program.

The Program's central objective is to furnish aspiring American foreign correspondents with the tools to cover Arab and Islamic issues with a cultural and historical sen-



Former intern Peter Sisler of United Press International shares his experiences with prospective interns during the National Council's orientation program which is held prior to participants' departure for the Arab world.

sitivity that increases the integrity of their analysis and adds credibility and distinction to their reporting of events in the region.

In the past eight years, 52 participants from 39 American universities have been involved in the Program. Since 1994, 13 interns from 12 universities representing various regions of the United States have participated in the Internship. The effectiveness of the Program continues to be demonstrated in the high retention rates and successful careers of former interns by publications in the Arab world as well as by American print media and wire services.

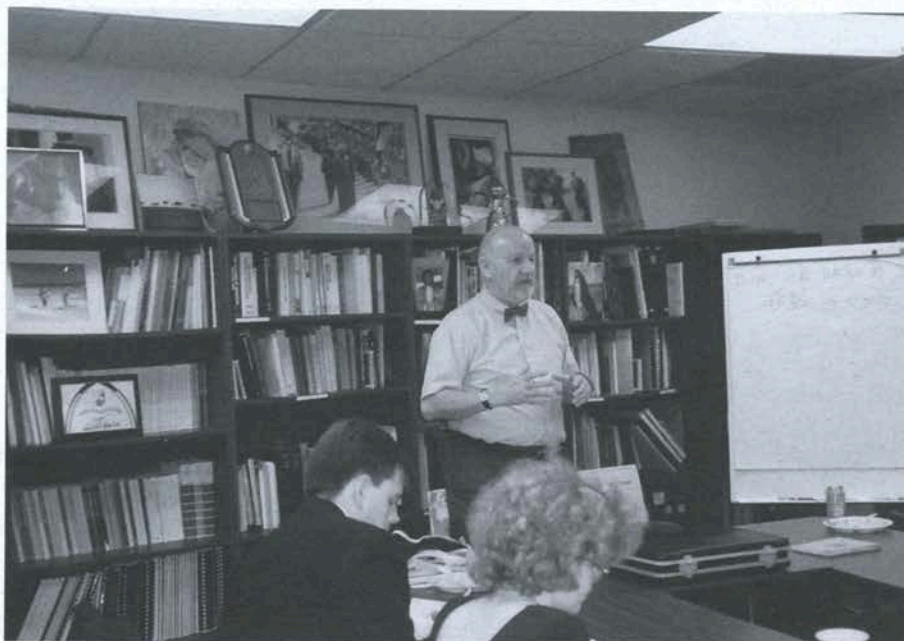
The three-month Program allows interns to function in a range of professional journalistic capacities, including positions as editors, reporters, and photographers. Interns also benefit from direct interaction with other staff members at these publications who are either citizens or long-term residents of these countries. The interns have immediate access to the essential professional and cultural resources that enable them to generate news that reflects the cultural and social nuances of the host country. In turn, the interns share the latest in American media technology with the management and staff of the sponsoring newspaper.

In Kuwait, a significant milestone in the Program has been the addition, this year, of the first broadcast media internship which will further expand the reach of the Program to cover all aspects of media related to international news coverage.

Skills development through practical experience:

WASHINGTON, D.C. AND ARAB WORLD INTERNSHIPS

*T*he National Council's Summer Internship Program, now into its sixth year, provides interns with a combination of professional work experience and briefings by scholars, policy analysts, and specialists involved in Arab and Islamic affairs. An integral component of the Program is the provision of Arabic language training and an in-depth exposure to Arab and Islamic culture and history. The participants also have the opportunity to earn academic credit.



Dr. Peter Bechtold, Chairman of Near East and North African Area Studies at the Foreign Service Institute addresses participants in the Washington, D.C. Summer Internship Program.

Since the Program began in 1987, the National Council has placed a total of 75 students at two dozen international affairs organizations in Washington, D.C. and 24 students in the Arab world, in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Yemen.

In 1994 and 1995, the Program placed 32 university students at organizations in Washington, D.C. and 10 students in three Arab countries. In addition to the National Council, interns have worked

at such Washington, D.C.-based organizations as AT&T, the American Educational Trust, the Arab American Institute, American Near East Refugee Aid, Inc. (ANERA), Bannerman and Associates, C&O Resources, the Center for Policy Analysis on Palestine, Georgetown University, Johns Hopkins University, the Middle East Institute, the National Association of Arab-Americans, Neill and Company, Saudi Aramco, Search for Common Ground, and the U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce.

The Washington, D.C. Program's twice-weekly sessions at the National Council provide interns access to the extraordinary range of educational resources available on international affairs in the nation's capital and invaluable insight into the kinds of professional and career opportunities available in the field of U.S.-Arab relations.

Arab world internships have included AMIDEAST, AT&T, the American Research Center in Egypt, the Palestine Red Crescent Society Hospital in Cairo, Xenel Industries in Saudi Arabia, and the Yemen Language Center in Sana'a. These internships give participants an on-the-ground experience in the day-to-day social, economic, and developmental issues which confront Arabs. Day after day, the internships provide an understanding of the multifaceted ways in which the U.S. is engaged in addressing Arab developmental challenges.

Improving the dialogue on U.S.-Mideast relations:

U.S. MIDEAST POLICYMAKERS CONFERENCE



General J.H. Binford Peay III, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Central Command, (R), Lt. Gen. John P. Jumper, Commander, U.S. Central Command Air Forces (C), and Dr. John Duke Anthony share their views during the Annual U.S. Mideast Policymakers Conference.

*T*he Middle East's complex international relations have long posed special challenges to U.S. and other foreign policymakers. These individuals grapple daily with a plethora of issues and the often elusive quest of *how* best to pursue their country's respective interests effectively. For this reason, the National Council, since 1992, has organized an annual U.S. Mideast Policymakers Conference at the George C. Marshall Foundation on the campus of the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia.

By focusing mainly on the all-important *how* questions, the Policymakers Conferences generate specific and practical proposals on how best to realize U.S. foreign policy goals pertaining to U.S. and allied regional security interests, on one hand, and how best

to bring about a comprehensive and lasting Mideast peace, on the other.

The Conference features panels and presentations on topics central to the U.S. Mideast relationship. The participants are foreign affairs specialists, corporate leaders, Middle East, Arab, and Islamic scholars, and other academics, as well as diplomatic and military personnel. A conference hallmark is that everyone involved has an opportunity to analyze, discuss, and recommend better ways for dealing with some of the most important U.S. policy issues of the day in depth.

The small discussion groups that follow each panel bring together specialists from a variety of backgrounds, experience, and professional disciplines. The debates and discussions that ensue are characterized by a dynamic exchange of ideas that foster insightful perspectives and recommendations.

In addition to the George C. Marshall Foundation and the Virginia Military Institute, corporate sponsors of the Conference have included AT&T, Abu Dhabi International Bank, Inc., Adams & Associates, Inc., Allied Signal Aerospace, Booz, Allen & Hamilton, Inc., Future Management Services, Inc., General Electric, Hughes Aircraft Company, Lockheed Martin Corporation, McDonnell Douglas Corporation, Mobil Oil Corporation, Newport News Shipbuilding, Northrop Grumman Corporation, Oracle Corporation, The Parsons Corporation, Raytheon Company, Rockwell International, Science Applications International Corporation, and the U.S.-GCC Corporate Cooperation Committee, Inc.



Cadets from the Virginia Military Institute in Full Dress Parade in honor of the Annual U.S. Mideast Policymakers Conference.

Opening doors to greater economic cooperation:

U.S.-GCC CORPORATE COOPERATION COMMITTEE

The relationship between the United States and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries — Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates — continues to expand, reflecting their mutually beneficial inter-dependence. The GCC region possesses half the world's proven petroleum reserves, the single most vital energy component fueling the engines of virtually every country's economy. The U.S. remains the most important customer for these countries' oil exports and, increasingly, their refined products and petrochemicals, for which the GCC area's production costs are the lowest of any region in the world.

Similarly, in an international system of more than 190 countries, the GCC countries, collectively, frequently rank among the ten most lucrative markets for American goods and services. American exports to the GCC states account for millions of private sector jobs for Americans, the extension of production lines in strategic industries (e.g., automotive manufacturing, aerospace, defense, telecommunications, *et. al.*), the corporate profitability of oil, oil equipment, and oil service companies, the expansion of hotel and food service chains, the continuing global competitiveness of U.S. construction conglomerates, and an important revenue base for the U.S. federal as well as state governments.

The significance of this economic interdependence and interchange is demonstrated in the reality that the

GCC countries remain the only trading area with which the U.S., in the past decade, has consistently recorded a trade surplus.

Notwithstanding the inherent dynamism that characterizes the conduct of the GCC countries' economic, trade, and investment policies, the region, in many respects, continues to be poorly understood by many American businessmen. This lack of understanding stems in part from the non-existent or very limited knowledge of or information that corporate leaders and investors have about the substantial potential for conducting very lucrative business in the GCC countries.

The U.S.-GCC Corporate Cooperation Committee, since its inception, has helped to broaden and

strengthen U.S. corporate, public sector, media, and other American awareness of the GCC as an increasingly important international organization and of the influential roles of its member countries in regional and world affairs. The National Council, which houses the Secretariat of the Committee, serves as a clearinghouse of hard-to-come-by information and insight for the Committee's 24 member companies. It also publishes *Gulflink*, an analytical report on issues and events of importance to the members, and coordinates many Committee initiatives each year.

The U.S. Government and the GCC Secretariat as well as GCC member countries' leaders have consistently commended the Committee's role as a bridge between the U.S. and GCC public and private sectors.



Dr. Ralph DiSibio, Chairman of the U.S.-GCC Corporate Cooperation Committee, confers with Dr. John Duke Anthony during a briefing at the National Council offices.

Promoting early contact with Arab and Islamic culture:

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS IN ARAB AND ISLAMIC STUDIES

*T*he National Council's High School Scholars Program in Arab and Islamic Studies has continued to provide American high school students with first-hand experience and exposure to Arab and Islamic culture.

The Scholarship, now in its eleventh year, has enabled 320 young American leaders to observe and understand issues of major significance to the U.S.-Arab relationship. Through personal contact with educational, religious, business, and public sector officials, these future leaders not only improve their knowledge and understanding of the Arab world and Islam, but are also prepared to educate other Americans about Arab culture, history, and heritage, as well as the U.S.-Arab relationship.

In the past two years alone, the National Council has sponsored four delegations involving 54 Scholars who visited



1995 Kerr Scholars are hosted during their study visit by The Hon. Rafic Jouejati, former Syrian ambassador to the U.S. (C), and Dr. Elias Samo of the University of Aleppo (R).

and studied in six Arab countries and Jerusalem. The Program's effectiveness can be measured by its consistent success in inspiring the educational, and often also the career, decisions of the participants. Many former Scholars pursue Arabic language, Middle East, and/or Islamic studies at the university level. Others, upon graduation, elect to serve in a range of public and private organizations that focus on the Arab world and the cause of strengthening the U.S.-Arab relationship.

Former Scholars, seeking additional ways to broaden and deepen their exposure to Arab and Islamic culture, consistently participate in other National Council programs. Among these, the most popular are the Council's Summer in Syria Program at the University of Aleppo, Summer Internship

Programs in Washington, D.C. and selected Arab countries, Alumni Study Visits to Kuwait, and the Student Leadership Development Program.

The Program, from its inception, has been the focal point for the National Council's efforts to provide a study abroad experience in the Arab world for America's leaders of tomorrow. Consistent with this goal, the Council's Local Nominating Committees and the Program's National Selection Committee have applied the highest standards to ensure the selection of students with strong leadership potential, high academic achievement, and extensive community involvement.

To prepare Scholars selected for the Program, the National Council provides an in-depth predeparture orientation, involving White House, Department of State, Congressional, and academic specialists on Arab affairs, the Middle East, and the Islamic world. Scholars also receive briefings by area specialists on economic and social development issues and are introduced to the multi-dimensional facets of the U.S.-Arab relationship in the public and private sectors at the national, state, and local levels.

One of the most unique features of the Scholarship is its combination of person-to-person interaction with an educational program that broadens the participants' first-hand academic and inter-cultural experience.



Kerr Scholars visit the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science. The study visit focuses on Kuwait's society, institutions, and national development.

"Visiting the Arab world was one of the most eye-opening experiences for me. Although I had studied Arab history and culture prior to my visit, I was exposed to new dimensions of Arab life that no book or video could have provided me. I now have a greater appreciation of the impact that Arab culture has had on shaping Western civilization."



Kerr Scholars explore the Pyramids which continue to be a site of perennial interest to participants in the Kerr program to Egypt.

National Council Contacts



Queen Noor of Jordan (C), who has regularly hosted Kerr participants since the Program's inception, and Mrs. Khawla Abu Odeh (R), meet with Kerr students during their visit to Jordan.



Bringing the Council's message to grassroots America:

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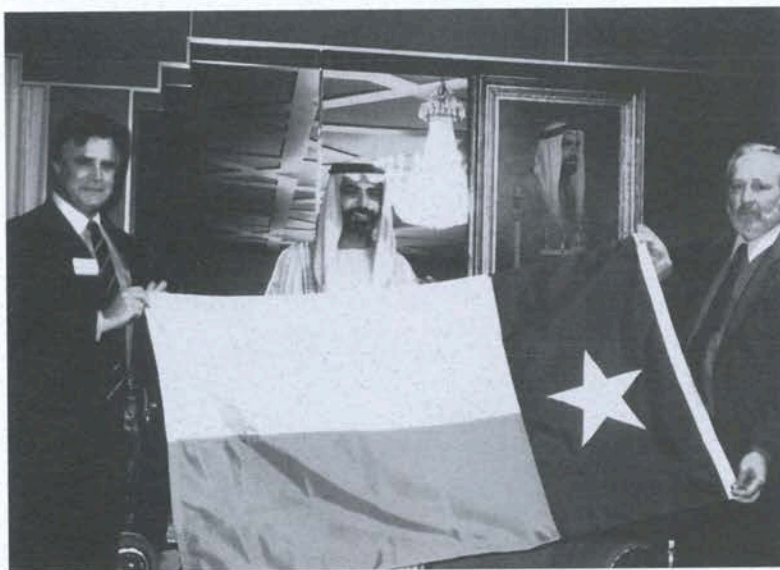
*T*he sixteen State Committee affiliates of the National Council are effective tools for communicating the Council's message to the American public.

The National Council, from its genesis, has placed significant emphasis on extending its educational reach to state and local communities throughout the U.S., thus promoting a greater understanding of the Arab world, the Middle East, and the Islamic countries among Americans from all walks of life. The challenge of educating state and local leaders, and their constituents and followers, is at the heart of the Council's mission. The Committees occupy a key position in the effort to attract increasing numbers of leaders and other highly qualified professionals to the Council's programs and activities. The Council's Educational and Community Affairs Fellows Program, its High School Scholarships, and its university and secondary school Leadership Development Programs, in particular, have greatly benefited from the work of the Council's State Committee affiliates.

Each year, the Committees administer programs and activities specifically designed for local constituencies. Examples include critical operational and logistical support for and promotion of National Council programs,



State Committee Directors deliberate at their annual meeting in Lexington, Virginia which is held in conjunction with the U.S. Mideast Policymakers Conference.



Shaikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al-Nahyan, UAE Minister of Higher Education and Chancellor of UAE National University, is presented with the Texas state flag by Texas State Committee Director Dr. Byron Augustin (R), and Dr. John Duke Anthony.

organizational assistance for the Leadership Development Program, teacher training workshops, and media events, as well as the production of newsletters and other publications which highlight the Committees' and the Council's initiatives in educating as many Americans as possible about the U.S.-Arab relationship and the extraordinary richness of Arab culture, history, and heritage.

The National Council's partnership with the State Committees constitutes one of the most basic yet far-reaching components of the Council's work. No other mechanism has been as instrumental in helping the Council to reach tens of thousands of Americans in its quest to enhance and deepen the overall U.S.-Arab relationship.

ALABAMA COMMITTEE



Director: Dr. Howard Johnson, Professor of Geography, Jacksonville State University

1994-1995 Highlights: Committee was expanded by 12 people who travelled on a Malone study visit to Kuwait and Syria in the Spring of 1994; published editorial piece against easing sanctions against Iraq; attended a Middle East Food Festival in Birmingham and made contact with the priest in charge of one of the largest Arab-Christian churches in the city; held STC Fall 1994 and 1995 meetings.

CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE



Director: Dr. Henry Chambers, Professor of History, California State University at Sacramento

1994-1995 Highlights: Published 2 newsletters; attended Fall 1994 and Spring 1995 STC meetings; co-sponsored Middle East Music Ensemble with the Middle East Cultural Association; coordinated West Coast Model Arab League; attended 1995-1996 annual STC Directors' meetings.

CAROLINAS COMMITTEE



Director: Dr. Robert E. Jones, Professor of Political Science, Belmont Abbey College

1994-1995 Highlights: Published Winter newsletter for the Carolinas Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations; completed up-to-date mailing lists of SERMEISS members, Malones, and Kerrs; attended Fall SERMEISS meeting; published article on sanctions against Iraq in *Gastonia Gazette*; attended 1994-1995 and 1995-1996 annual State Committee Directors' meetings.

COLORADO COMMITTEE



Director: Dr. Amin Kazak, Professor of Political Science and Middle East Studies at the University of Colorado at Denver

1994-1995 Highlights: Sponsored Denver High School Model at Regis University and the Rocky Mountain Model at the United States Air Force Academy; published Fall and Winter 1994 and 1995 newsletters; sponsored a project called "Teacher Education Workshop on the Arab World" aimed at developing a course-plan for high school teachers about the Arab world, and Arab culture in particular; attended 1994-95 and 1995-96 annual State Committee Directors' meetings.

GEORGIA COMMITTEE



Director: Dr. Raymond B. Gonzalez, Professor of Political Science, Columbus College

1994-1995 Highlights: Published Fall 1994 and Spring 1995 newsletters of the Georgia Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations; attended SERMEISS meeting; did three radio interviews on Middle East stories; attended annual 1994, 1995, and 1996 State Committee Directors' meetings.

GREAT PLAINS COMMITTEE



Director: Dr. Raymond Weiss, Professor of Religion, Northwestern College

1994-1995 Highlights: Committee was expanded by 12 people who travelled on a Malone study visit in the Summer of 1994 to Kuwait

and Syria; sponsored and hosted the Great Plains Model League of Arab States; gave radio presentation on peace between Israel and Syria; assisted in recruiting for 1995 Great Plains Malone delegation to Saudi Arabia and Bahrain; sponsored Great Plains Malone delegation to Saudi Arabia and Bahrain; published Summer 1995 Great Plains newsletter; attended 1995 and 1996 annual State Committee Directors' meeting

ILLINOIS COMMITTEE



Director: Dr. Willard White, Vice President, The Field Museum, Chicago, Illinois

1994-1995 Highlights: Committee was expanded by 12 people who travelled on a Malone study visit to the UAE and Oman in the Winter of 1994; published Fall 1994 and Spring 1995 newsletters; promoted the art exhibit "Forces of Change: Women Artists of the Arab World" organized by the International Council for Women in the Arts; hosted a National Council fundraising event in May 1995; participated in 1995 Malone Alumni study visit to Yemen; attended 1995 annual State Committee Directors' meetings.

INDIANA COMMITTEE



Director: Dr. Cliff Staten, Professor of Political Science, Indiana University-Southeast

1994-1995 Highlights: Published Fall 1994 and Spring 1995 newsletters; co-sponsored and attended Midwest Model League of Arab States; supported a mini-grant for first-time Model Arab League attendees; attended 1995 and 1996 annual State Committee Directors' meetings.

KENTUCKY COMMITTEE



Director: Ms. Judy Harris, Professor of Education, Thomas More College

1994-1995 Highlights: Committee was expanded by 12 new Malones who travelled to Saudi Arabia and Qatar in the Summer in 1994; published Fall 1994 newsletter; sponsored two mini-grants for first-time Model Arab League attendees; attended 1995 annual State Committee Directors' meeting; participated in Summer 1995 Malone study visit to Saudi Arabia and Bahrain.

MICHIGAN COMMITTEE



Director: Dr. James F. Goode, Associate Professor of History, Grand Valley State University, Allendale

1994-1995 Highlights: Committee was expanded by 12 people who travelled on a Malone study visit to Egypt and Syria in the Summer of 1994; published Fall 1994 and Spring 1995 newsletters; held Fall STC reunion and meeting and sponsored a seminar with guest speakers Israel Shahak and Lawrence Joseph; sponsored two grants for Seminars on the Arab world; attended annual State Committee Directors' meeting.

OHIO COMMITTEE



Director: Dr. Verghese J. Chirayath, Director, International Studies Center, John Carroll University

1994-1995 Highlights: Committee was expanded by 12 people who travelled on a Malone

study visit to Saudi Arabia and Oman in the Spring of 1995; published Fall 1994 and Spring 1995 newsletters; held Winter STC meeting; attended Midwest Model League of Arab States; participated in teacher training workshop on the Arab world and Islam at Ohio State University; attended 1994, 1995, and 1996 annual STC Directors' meetings.

OREGON COMMITTEE



Director: Ms. Marta Colburn, Outreach Coordinator, Middle East Studies Center, Portland State University

1994-1995 Highlights: Published Fall newsletter; sponsored Northwest Model League of Arab States; attended Middle East Studies Association annual meeting; attended 1994-1995 and 1995-1996 annual State Committee Directors' meetings.

TEXAS COMMITTEE



Director: Dr. Byron D. Augustin, Professor of Geography and Planning, Southwest Texas State University

1994-1995 Highlights: Published Fall 1994 and Spring 1995 newsletters; arranged two lectures for Mr. Mark Biggers of the Mobil Oil Corporation at Southwest Texas State University; recruited Texas Malone delegation to UAE and Oman; sent delegation to Southwest Model League of Arab States; held 1995 Spring STC meeting; held two teacher training workshops; attended 1994-1995, and 1995-1996 annual State Committee Directors' meetings.

VIRGINIA COMMITTEE



Director: Dr. Fran Hassencahl, Professor of Speech and Communication, Old Dominion University

1994-1995 Highlights: Published Fall 1994 and Spring 1995 newsletters of the Virginia Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations; sponsored and coordinated Virginia High Schools Model League of Arab States; held 1994 STC meeting; updated Virginia STC mailing list; attended 1994-1995 and 1995-1996 annual State Committee Directors' meetings.

WASHINGTON COMMITTEE



Director: Dr. Rex Casillas, Department of History, Saint Martin's College

1994-1995 Highlights: Participated in Northwest Model League of Arab States; attended 1994-1995 and 1995-1996 annual State Committee Directors' meetings; supported grant for Washington State University.

WEST VIRGINIA COMMITTEE



Director: Dr. Rollie Williams, Professor of Geography, West Liberty State University

1994-1995 Highlights: Published Fall 1994 and Spring 1995 newsletters; sponsored seminar entitled "American Perceptions of Muslims and Islam"; participated in 1995 Alumni study visit to Yemen; attended 1995-1996 annual State Committee Directors' meeting.

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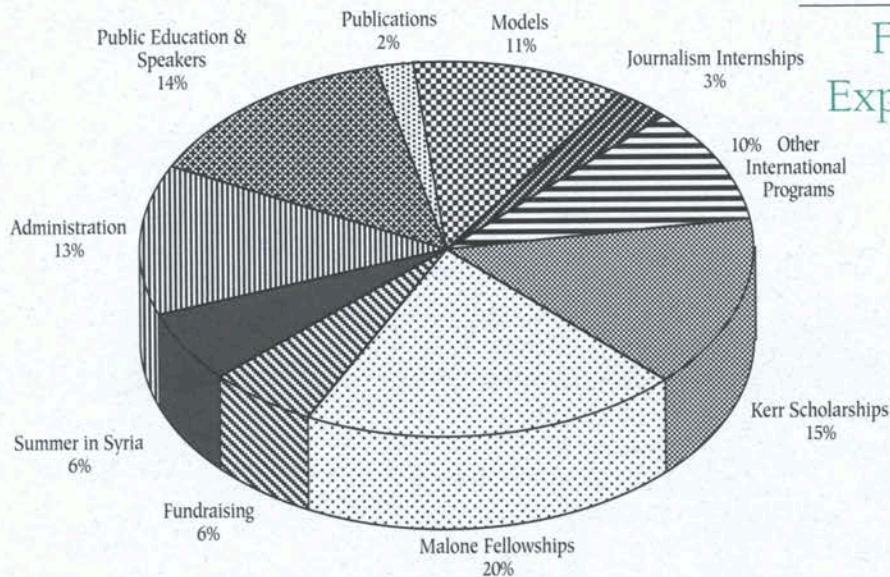
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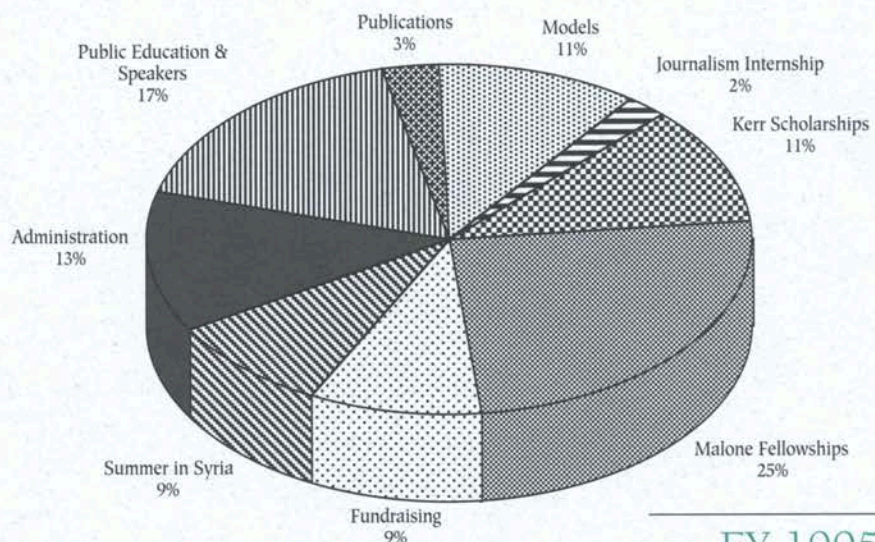
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