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The National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations is pleased to provide the tenth edition of the *Council Chronicle*, the Council's newsletter. The *Chronicle* seeks to keep the Council's alumni, donors, and other supporters informed and updated. One among other efforts to do so on an ongoing basis is achieved by presenting highlights and special reports related to the Council's year-round educational programs, events, and activities. For new readers interested in learning more about the Council's vision and mission, together with the ways and means it utilizes to pursue both, please visit the Council's Web site at www.ncusar.org.

About the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations

Founded in 1983, the National Council is an American educational, non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to improving American knowledge and understanding of the Arab world. It endeavors to do this through leadership development, people-to-people programs, academic seminars, an annual Arab-U.S. policymakers' conference, specialized publications, and the participation of American students and faculty in Arab world study abroad and Arabic language learning experiences as well as intensive year-round and summer university student internships combined with an academic seminar in the nation's capital.

The Council's *vision* for the U.S.-Arab relationship is one that rests on a solid, enduring foundation of strategic, economic, political, commercial, and defense cooperation, strengthened continuously by exchanges of present and emerging leaders among Americans and Arabs alike.

The Council's *mission* is educational. It seeks to enhance American awareness and appreciation of the multi-faceted and innumerable benefits the United States has long derived and continues to obtain from its relations with the Arab world.

In pursuit of its mission, the Council serves as a U.S.-Arab relations programmatic, informational, and human resources clearinghouse. In so doing, it provides cutting edge information and insight to national, state, and local grassroots organizations, media, and public policy research institutes, in addition to select community civic, religious, business, and professional associations.

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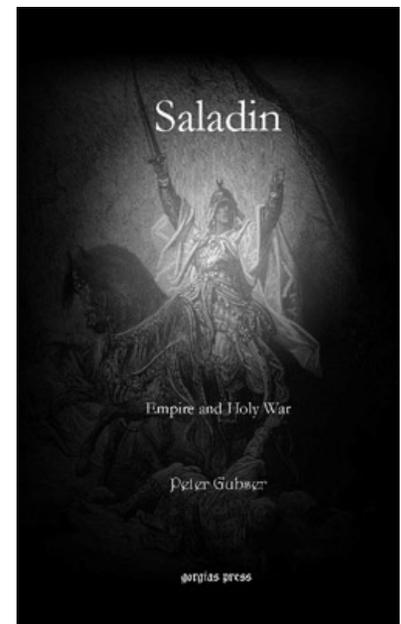
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New Book from Late National Council Board Member and Cofounder Dr. Peter Gubser: *Saladin: Empire and Holy War*

About the Book

Saladin, the great Muslim leader of the twelfth century, generated far-reaching change in the Middle East. During his life, he profoundly altered the region's landscape in religious, political, geographic, and ethnic terms. In the West, he is famous for sharply curtailing the Crusader presence in the region and for the chivalrous and honorable way he dealt with adversaries and neighbors. In Muslim lands, he is well known – even lionized – for his success vis-à-vis the Crusaders.

Saladin's achievements in other spheres also significantly influenced the course of Middle East history. First, when he took control of Egypt and thus eliminated Fatimid rule, he deracinated Shia Islam from that important part of the region. Second, he built a new empire that stretched from Egypt, North Africa, and Yemen to the Levant, Syria, Iraq, and parts of Anatolia. Third, as Saladin extended his suzerainty over much of the Middle East, the heretofore dominate role of the Seljuk Turks declined, to be replaced by a more varied group – Kurds, Arabs, Turks, and others – but with a unifying Muslim identity.



About the Author

In addition to serving as a Cofounder and Treasurer of the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations Board of Directors, from 1983 until 2010, Dr. Peter Gubser served as President of American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA) in Washington, D.C. A non-political, non-sectarian charity, ANERA facilitates relief and long-term development in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel, Lebanon, and Jordan. Prior to joining ANERA, Dr. Gubser was Assistant Representative for the Ford Foundation in Beirut, Lebanon and Amman, Jordan (1974-77); an Associate Research Scientist with the American Institute for Research in Washington, D.C. (1972-1974); and a Research Fellow at the University of Manchester, England (1970-72).

In addition to serving as an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, Dr. Gubser wrote books and articles on Jordan, the Middle East, and civil society and economic development in the region. He received his Ph.D. in Social Science from Oxford University, St. Antony's College, his Masters in Middle Eastern Studies from the American University of Beirut, and his Bachelors in Political Science from Yale University.

Model Arab League Student Leaders Visit Saudi Arabia

The National Council, in partnership with the Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission (SACM) and the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE), escorted a delegation of nine Model Arab League students on a cultural immersion study visit to Saudi Arabia, June 6-16, 2010. The visit provided the young American leaders a hands-on experience in the Arab world that few others their age have had.

In the 2009-2010 academic year, nearly 28,000 Saudi Arabian students were enrolled in American universities across the United States, but only a handful of American students were able to experience Saudi Arabia first-hand. To help bridge this "understanding gap," the National Council partnered with SACM and MOHE to provide a firsthand educational experience in Saudi Arabia for a select group of American students who exhibited exceptionally strong leadership skills in the Council's Model Arab League student leadership development program. The visit included meetings with Saudi Arabian educators, businessmen, and civil society leaders in addition to American diplomats and visits to sites of historical and cultural interest.



The Model Arab League delegation meets with HRH Prince Turki Al Faisal at the King Faisal Center for Islamic Studies and Research

The study visit's participants were selected from applicants with outstanding records of professionalism, research, debate, and leadership at a Model Arab League conference in 2010. Nine students were chosen from



The Al Faisaliyah Center is Riyadh, Saudi Arabia's second tallest building and a hub of banking and business activity.

as many universities involved in the Council's Model Arab Leagues, producing a delegation of talented young emerging American leaders from institutions coast to coast. The delegation members were comprised of students with a minimum of two semesters remaining before completion of their degree, which ensures they will be able to share what they learned in and about Saudi Arabia with their classmates, professors, and members of their local civic, business, and professional associations.

The program began with a pre-departure orientation session in the National Council's Washington, DC office. The student delegates were briefed by Council President and CEO Dr. John Duke Anthony; U.S. Department of State Office of Arabian Peninsula Affairs Deputy Director Linda Stuart Specht, Saudi Arabian Embassy Information Office Director Nail Al-Jubeir, Saudi Arabian Defense Attache Brigadier General Amin Shaker, and Saudi Arabian Embassy Cultural and Social Affairs Mission Director Dr. Mody Al-Khalaf. The delegation also attended a reception and art exhibition in honor of 2010 Saudi Arabian university student graduates.



The Model Arab League student delegation visits the Embassy of Saudi Arabia during their pre-departure orientation program in Washington, DC.



In Riyadh, delegation members visit Masmak Fort, one of modern Saudi Arabia's most important national landmarks.



The delegation meets for discussions with H.E. Hussein Al-Athel and other leaders of the Riyadh Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



Delegation members meet to discuss issues of shared interests with Saudi Arabian students in Riyadh.



The delegation touring research facilities at the King Fahd University for Petroleum and Minerals.



The Model Arab League delegation meets with H.E. Dr. Abdulrahman H. Al-Saeed, Advisor to The Royal Court of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and Director of the Office of Special Projects for HRH Abdallah Bin 'Abdalaziz Al Sa'ud, Custodian of the Two Holy Places and King of Saudi Arabia.

The delegation began their study visit to Saudi Arabia in Riyadh, the capital. The students visited King Saud University, the offices of the Al-Zamil Group, the King Abdul Aziz Historical Center, Saudi-Fransi Bank, the Riyadh Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the King Faisal Center for Islamic Studies and Research, the U.S. Embassy, the Ministry of Higher Education, and the Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Foundation. Among the many individuals the delegation met with in Riyadh were HRH Prince Turki Al-Faisal; Dr. Abdulrahman Alsaeed; Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Zamil, Dr. Salwa Al-Hazza, HE Hussein Al-Athel, Ms. Muna Abusulayman, Economist Dr. John Sfandiakis, and American embassy officials as well as American corporate representatives.

After several days in Riyadh, the delegation visited the Eastern Province, center of the world's largest producer and exporter of oil. There they met with diplomats at the U.S. Consulate, visited the King Fahd University for Petroleum and Minerals, toured facilities and received a briefing at Saudi Aramco, and visited the Prince Sultan Center for Science and Technology along with Jubail Industrial City. The delegation concluded their study visit in Jeddah, on Saudi Arabia's western coast adjacent to the Red Sea. In Jeddah the delegation visited Queen Effat University for Women, King Abdul Aziz University, and King Abdullah University for Science and Technology.

Since returning from their visit, the students have been sharing the experience in their communities through articles in local and school publications, and presentations to various school and community groups. Such educational outreach and follow-up has a multiplier effect on the knowledge and understanding gained by the Model Arab League alumni during their time in Saudi Arabia.

Through the wide range of individuals and institutions visited, the students were provided a unique view of Saudi Arabian society. Northeastern University student Matthew Cournoyer remarked, "I found all of the Saudi Arabians we met to be warm, hospitable, and willing to engage in discussions about complex issues even where we may disagree. The country is so frequently stereotyped in a negative fashion by Western media that important nuances of its society are unfortunately neglected. The experience helped show me why these stereotypes are unfair and narrow-minded." Myles Murphy, from the University of San Francisco, noted that although he had "studied the Middle East for years, there is simply no substitute for engaging with people face-to-face."



Ms. Muna AbuSulayman, Secretary General of the Alwaleed Bin Talal Foundation, and Ms. Noor Al-Dabbagh Assistant Executive and Manager, Strategic Studies Department, meet with the Model Arab League student delegation at the Alwaleed Bin Talal Foundation office in Riyadh.



The delegation visits Saudi Aramco headquarters in Dhahran in Saudi Arabia's Eastern Province.

Annual University Student Internship Program: June - August 2010

The National Council's Model Arab League/Arab-U.S. Relations Youth Leadership Development Program has been linked for many years to the Council's **Annual University Student Summer Internship Program**. The Summer Intern Program's participants are alumni of the Models and other rising young American leaders of tomorrow. U.S. Ambassador Edward Gnehm (Ret.) made it possible for this summer's program to be administered again in association with The George Washington University's (GWU) Institute for Middle East Studies in the Elliott School of International Affairs. Ambassador Gnehm is a member of the GWU faculty where he holds the Kuwait Chair in Gulf Studies. As in previous years, the 2010 Program provided fertile training ground and an invaluable firsthand professional work experience for young American leaders interested in a career devoted to improving U.S.-Arab relations.



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The National Council expresses its appreciation to The George Washington University and The Elliott School of International Affairs for the use of its seminar facilities for the 2010 Summer Internship Program in the nation's capital.

The program, which lasted from June 7-August 6, provided 27 students an opportunity to work in the nation's capital at 20 organizations involved in one way or another in efforts to improve Arab-U.S. relations. The experience is one that could not possibly be duplicated or paralleled by the students' university studies on campus. In addition to their time assisting with the office routines of their host organizations, the interns met and were briefed as well as mentored several times a week by some of America's most renowned specialists in international relations as they pertain to the Arab world.

By design, the primary focus of the academic component of the program centers on a sub-region of the Arab countries, the Middle East, and the Islamic world: *Arabia and the Gulf*. The reason relates to three truisms with implications for American and other countries' needs, concerns, interests, objectives, and relations. First, this particular region, together with its maritime and aviation routes, has

long been regarded globally as the epicenter of the most strategically and economically vital energy resources that drive the engines of the world's economies.



As these maps illustrate, the academic focus of the internship program is on Arabia and the Gulf which, despite being of vital strategic and economic importance globally, remains little understood by most Americans and many others.



Ambassador Thomas Pickering, former Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs and Permanent U.S. Representative to the United Nations, briefs the students on pressing challenges for U.S.-Arab relations.



The National Council's interns gather after a meeting at The George Washington University Elliot School of International Affairs.

Second, Arabia and the Gulf are front and center among some of the most pressing international issues relating to war and peace as well as world economic growth. Indeed, it is the one part of the planet more than any other to which, on three separate occasions, large numbers of American and other foreign armed forces have been mobilized and deployed in the past quarter of a century. Third, the ongoing importance to much of humankind represented by these nine countries – Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen -- is undeniable. Despite this, the number of Americans who specialize in this sub-region and its member states, or can legitimately claim to be well-informed about the external and internal political dynamics of these countries, remains exceptionally limited.

Accordingly, one of the program's objectives is to increase the number of foreign affairs practitioners that are as knowledgeable of Arabia and the Gulf's internal and external dynamics as possible. To that end, most of the lectures address issues related to the member-states' systems of governance, political realities, economic and social development, as well as foreign affairs, on one hand, and, on the other, the relationships of the United States with this Arab sub-region and its neighbors -- and *vice versa*.



The interns gather for a final meeting at the Summer Wrap Up Session before returning to their home universities.



National Council President and CEO Dr. John Duke Anthony addresses the interns on the topic of "Understanding the Arab World: Lenses Through Which to Look and Learn"

Internship Program alumni currently serve as senior diplomats in American embassies in the Arab world, in U.S. government executive branch agencies as well as Congressional committees dealing with U.S.-Arab policy issues, major national and international print as well as broadcast media, leading American corporations engaged in U.S.-Arab trade, investment, technology cooperation, and the establishment of joint commercial ventures, and as teachers of Arabic and Arab area studies in American universities.

The Arab-U.S. relations programs, activities, and functions represented by the twenty organizations and corporations that provided the professional work experience component of this year's program are varied. Included among their missions and activities are educational development and exchange, bimonthly and quarterly publications, humanitarian relief, public broadcasting, academic area studies, international transportation, foreign trade, and peace and justice advocacy. An additional feature of the Internship Program is site visits to public and private sector institutions such as Arab embassies, energy corporations, congressional committees, and government agencies.



At the Embassy of Saudi Arabia, the interns met with and were briefed by Embassy Information Office Director Mr. Nail Al-Jubeir.



*The interns meet with and are briefed by National Council Arab World Journalism Intern alumnus Mr. Afshin Molavi, Senior Research Fellow at the New America Foundation and author of *The Soul of Iran: A Nation's Journey to Freedom*.*

Administering this year's program again were National Council President Dr. John Duke Anthony as Chairman and lead lecturer, Vice President for Programs Dr. James A. Winship as Coordinator and lecturer, and staff members Ms. Megan Geissler, Mr. Josh Hilbrand, and Ms. Chelsey Boggs as Assistants. Included among the many lecturers were Dr. Hussein Ibish, Senior Fellow at The American Task Force on Palestine; Mr. Frank Anderson, President of the Middle East Policy Council and former Director for the Near East and South Asia at the Central Intelligence Agency; Mr. Milton Bearden, author and a retired Central Intelligence Agency officer specializing in, among other countries, Afghanistan and the Sudan; Mr. Bill Corcoran, President and CEO of American Near East Refugee Aid; Ambassador Thomas Pickering, former Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs and Permanent U.S. Representative to the United Nations; Mr. Afshin Molavi, Senior Fellow at the New America Foundation; Ambassador Patrick N. Theros, President of the U.S.-Qatar Business Council; H.E. Houda Ezra Ebrahim Nonoo, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United States; and Rear Admiral Harold J. Bernsen, (USN, Ret.), Chairman of the National Council Board of Directors.

Islamic Finance Forum

July 28, 2010



Mr. Aamir Rehman



Mr. Ibrahim Warde



Mr. Umar Moghul



Mr. Frank Vogel



Dr. Jean-François Seznec



Shaykh Yusuf Talal DeLorenzo

On July 28, 2010, the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations, in collaboration with The U.S.-Qatar Business Council and the Arab Bankers Association of North America, sponsored an inaugural "Islamic Finance Forum" at the George Washington University Law School in Washington, DC. Specialists addressing the forum were **Mr. Aamir Rehman**, Managing Director at Fajr Capital Limited and author of *Dubai & Co.: Global Strategies for Doing Business in the Gulf States* and *Gulf Capital & Islamic Finance: The Rise of the New Global Players*; **Mr. Umar Moghul**, Partner at Murtha Cullina LLP and co-chair of the firm's Islamic Finance and Investments Group; **Mr. Ibrahim Warde**, Adjunct Professor of International Business at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University and author of *Islamic Finance in the Global Economy*; **Shaykh Yusuf Talal DeLorenzo**, Chief Shariah Officer at Shariah Capital; and **Mr. Frank Vogel**, Senior Fellow and Head of Muslim World Law and Islamic Finance, Institution Quraysh for Law and Policy. **Dr. Jean-François Seznec**, Visiting Associate Professor at Georgetown University's Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, moderated the panel discussion.

The program provided a platform for internationally renowned Shariah scholars and leaders in the industry to discuss Islamic finance and its potential to affect domestic and global financial markets and economic growth. Topics addressed at the forum included defining Islamic Law; Shariah financial regulation and practice as applied in Qatar and other GCC countries; how the rise of Gulf capital is affecting financial markets and how it should be regulated; compatibility of Shariah Institutions with U.S. law and regulation; objections by Shariah scholars challenging the

permissibility of derivatives under Islamic Law; Islamic Venture Capital; and law, regulation, and practice relating to Dispute Resolution.

A video version of the specialists' remarks is available on the National Council's Web site: ncusar.org.

In Memoriam: Peter Gubser, 1941-2010 (I)

By John Duke Anthony

It is with great sadness that I write to say that Dr. Peter Gubser has lost his battle with cancer.

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Peter was not just a fellow laborer trying to place the relationship between the United States and the Arab world on the firmest footing possible. He was not only a great teacher, scholar, and lucid writer as well as author of several very good books on Lebanon, Jordan, and Saladin. He was also a role model as an inspirational leader, an institution builder, the longtime head of one of the world's most effective philanthropic organizations devoted to the alleviation of suffering and the provision of opportunities for those in need, as well as an indefatigable champion of the rights of Palestinians living under Israeli occupation. And he was still more. His devotion to his beloved wife Annie, their two children and two grandchildren, together with his great sense of humor, incisive wit, and joy in laughter, even when the joke was on him, was boundless.

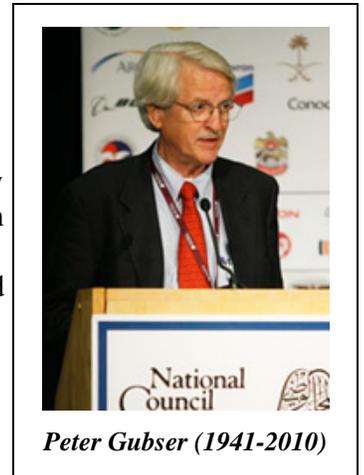
For the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations, Peter was all these things and many more. He was one of four friends who agreed to join me in establishing the Council in 1983. In the twenty-seven and a half years from that founding until the board's most recent gathering this past May, Peter, whose sage input and comment always enriched the sessions' deliberations, was the sole board member never to have missed a single meeting.

In addition to being one of the National Council's cofounders, Peter served from the beginning to the present as its treasurer. In the process, he introduced to the Council its system of accounting that has remained in place to this day. That gift helped pave the way for the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations being awarded last year and again this year the highest possible rating for effective financial management and stewardship by Charity Navigator (CN), America's foremost charitable organization accrediting agency.

More than with any other founding board member, Peter and I had a particularly rich formative experience in common. The late Joseph J. Malone, former head of the history department at American University of Beirut (where Peter had been a student) and later chair of the U.S. National War College's Middle East Program, was long Peter's and my mentor, close friend, and colleague. Indeed, Peter was first introduced to me by Joe in 1971. When I was the then Assistant Editor of the *Middle East Journal*, Joe persuaded me that, because Peter's command of Arabic was so good and his detailed knowledge of Lebanon's system of governance and political dynamics so thorough, he should be the person to review *Man Yuhakim Lubnan?* [Who Rules Lebanon?] for the *Journal's* Book Review Section. Peter did just that, thereby cementing a friendship and professional relationship between us that lasted 39 years.

Many friends of the National Council are aware that the Malone Family earlier this past year bequeathed to the Council Joe and Lois Malone's outstanding pre-Islamic Pottery Collection. Peter and Annie were both on hand for the event that commemorated this bequest. In the evaluating criteria that influenced the family's decision to award the collection to the Council, it mattered much not only that Joe himself was a founding member of the Council's National Advisory Board but also that Peter Gubser and I as Council cofounders, together with our respective wives, had long been close to Joe and Lois.

Yet another positive factor in the Malone family's decision was that following Joe's passing on December 4, 1983, Peter lent his support to the National Council's decision to establish and name its premier university educator award: the Joseph J. Malone in Arab and Islamic Studies Fellowship. As the Malone Family entrusted the Council with its priceless pre-Islamic treasures in part because of Peter's long, faithful, and effective service as Council cofounder, board member, and treasurer, so too will the Council, its friends, and supporters forever treasure the memory of Dr. Peter Gubser. Fare thee well, Peter.



Remembering Peter Gubser (II)

Additional Remarks by Dr. Anthony at Washington, D.C.'s Cosmos Club on the Occasion of a Gathering of Peter Gubser's Wife, Daughters, other Family Members, Friends, and Colleagues, on September 20, 2010, to Commemorate Dr. Gubser's Life.

"It is an honor, a privilege, and a challenge to contribute remarks about Peter in addition to those of John Richardson, Peter's Mother and Brother, Peter and Annie's daughters Christie and Sasha, Les Janka, and Mayor Jeffrey Slavin. But ameliorating the challenge is that the task is in some ways more natural and comfortable than many might imagine. That is to say that, in the case of John, Les, myself -- and Peter, whose life we commemorate today -- following each other around in meetings and various mutual endeavors is what the four of us have been doing for the majority of our adult lives. Indeed John, Les, Peter and I have been cofounders of or co-participant activists in one or another Middle East-related organization, project, program, event, or activity nonstop for the past three decades and counting.

"Peter was frequently front and center in our efforts and deliberations that often joined the four of us not only as a team. In many ways we were also like Sisyphus in our constantly trying, as it were, to push boulders up a mountain. In so doing, whenever we had a meeting with Peter in attendance -- and one thing about Peter in the organizations of which he was a member is that he, more than anyone else, was *always* in attendance -- he was the exemplar of principled standards of governance. He also usually stood out for being the most emphatic that a nonprofit organization's leadership, management, staff, and employees had to be treated not just fairly but, to the extent possible from a recognition, appreciation, and benefits perspective, also generously. In addition, in all the discussions that took place when Peter, John, Les, our fellow board members and I addressed these and related matters, Peter was the one more than any other who consistently insisted that leadership, trust, and responsibility proceed hand in hand with transparency and accountability.

"Simultaneously, Peter was ever the voice of reason. He never lost sight of the maxim that if one would be a good leader, one has no choice but to continuously and effectively do one's best to address the legitimate needs, concerns, interests, and objectives of those whom one represents.

"In what ways did Peter do this?

"In one way that was unforgettable for many if not most of us who are here today, he did so by dedicating the bulk of his professional life to easing the pain of those who, in one way or another, have been wronged, injured, and deprived of their human rights. In the case of the Palestinians living under Israeli occupation, on whose behalf he worked the longest, he was driven by the need to help those whose land and water had been illegally seized, whose homes had been illegally demolished, whose legitimate quests for freedom and elemental dignity in their own land had long been illegally denied.

"Peter was ever mindful of the effects of human-inflicted cruelty and tragedy upon the abused, the defenseless, and the devastated. In knowing a great deal about these matters from having observed their effect first hand, he was all about chipping away at, and lessening, the manifestations of injustice. He was all about giving the downtrodden and dispossessed reason to hope that there was indeed a reason to hope. In these and other ways, Peter was not naive. Nor was he overly idealistic. To the contrary, he was something else -- he was all about being fair and just. He was, above all, moral in the marrow of his bones.

"Peter was more than good at his job -- he was great at it. Among the things others and I appreciated about Peter the most was the way he was forever focused -- he was, in Arabic, *miyya bil miyya* -- 100 per cent into everything he did. He was also perpetually principled. He was perennially persistent in purpose. He was unceasingly anxious, as best he could, to do the right thing in the right way for the right reasons at the right time for the right people. In these ways and more, Peter, more than most, was often successful. When he wasn't, it was never for lack of trying.

"For all these reasons, Peter will remain an exceptionally hard act to follow.

"But try hard to follow his example we must. To that end I ask two related questions. Being mere mortals, and therefore hardly bereft of blemish, what might each of us do to merit his mantle? What might each of us do to lengthen his legacy?"

National Council President

Dr. John Duke Anthony's Activities

Since publication of the most recent *Council Chronicle*, Dr. Anthony:

- Was appointed to the U.S. Department of State Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy (ACIEP) 's Subcommittee on Investments (He is also a member of the ACIEP's full Committee as well as its Subcommittee on Sanctions);
- Was elected to the Board of Advisers of the Yemen College of Middle East Studies;
- Participated in the Dubai, UAE-based Gulf Research Center and Cambridge University's First Annual Gulf Research Conference at Cambridge, United Kingdom, July 7-9, 2010;
- Addressed the "Sixth Annual Iraq Conference: The New Iraq -- Internal and External Dynamics Shaping Its Future," June 14, 2010;
- Briefed U.S. defense attaches, security assistance officers, and representatives of the Commanding General, US Central Command, at the Defense Institute for Security Assistance Management, July 16, 2010;
- Delivered five addresses on topics related to Arabia, the Gulf, Arab-U.S. Relations, and American foreign policy to the National Council's 2010 University Student Summer Internship Program participants at the Elliott School of International Affairs of the George Washington University, June-July 2010;
- Addressed the topic of "Arab Cultural Dynamics" for U.S. armed forces personnel assigned to the U.S. Trading and Doctrine Command at Sierra Vista, Arizona, July 27, 2010;
- Participated in the meeting of the U.S. Department of State's ACIEP Subcommittee on Sanctions, June 28 and July 28, 2010;
- Participated in the full ACIEP meeting at the U.S. Department of State, August 12, 2010;
- Authored a Chapter On "Iran And GCC Strategic Relations" In *Industrialization In The Gulf*, Ed. By Jean-Francois Seznec And Mimi Kirk. New York: Routledge, 2010.
- Participated in the *Iftar Ramadan* reception and dinner hosted by General Craig R. McKinley, Chief, United State National Guard Bureau, Fort Lesley J. McNair, for the Ambassadors and other diplomatic representatives of 18 Muslim nations engaged in partnerships with American state National Guard organizations; and
- Addressed the Richmond, Virginia World Affairs Council, October 7, 2010

Additional News & Notes

Dr. James Winship Contributes to *Diplomatic Connections* Magazine

National Council Vice President for Programs Dr. James Winship contributed articles on a variety of subjects as Chief Diplomatic Correspondent for *Diplomatic Connections* magazine. In addition to features on National Council events such as the Annual Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference and various public affairs briefings, Dr. Winship has contributed articles on topics such as the SUGV, a tactical mobile robot developed by iRobot and Boeing; the IMAX film *Journey to Mecca*; and numerous interviews with diplomats along with other features on issues and events in the diplomatic community.

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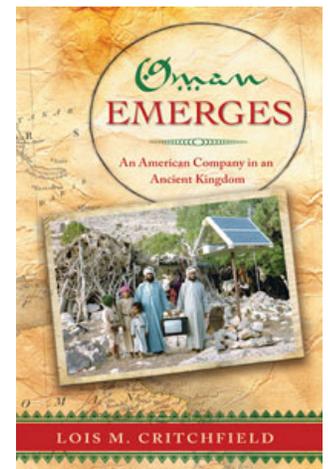


Recommended Reading (I)

Oman Emerges: An American Company in an Ancient Kingdom,
by Lois M. Critchfield. Vista, CA: Selwa Press, 2010.

Description:

When Sultan Qaboos bin Said deposed his father in 1970, he inherited a neglected country with a modest oil income, but virtually no one qualified to advocate for his interests to the executives of Shell Oil until he found James Critchfield. A decorated combat officer in World War II, Critchfield joined the CIA in 1948 and retired 26 years later as the first man to hold the position of national intelligence officer for energy. He was a specialist in the geopolitics of energy who was eminently suited to begin his third career. Originally contracted to advise the Sultanate on oil policy, Critchfield's company Tetra Tech International gradually expanded its role to include the development of the nation's water and maritime resources as well as major infrastructure projects in the vital Musandam Peninsula and the Buraimi oasis. Lois Critchfield's history of Tetra Tech is a behind-the-scenes view of just exactly how such development programs are conceived and implemented on a national scale. She details the technical, financial and political considerations involved in these projects and reflects upon their implications thirty-five years later. *Oman Emerges* is a case study in international commerce and industry that is most valuable for its insight into the age-old conflict between corporate and national interests.



Ms. Critchfield will be present to provide and sign copies of her book at the National Council's 19th Annual Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference, October 21-22, 2010, at the Ronald Regan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C.

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Recommended Reading (II)

America's Misadventures in the Middle East,

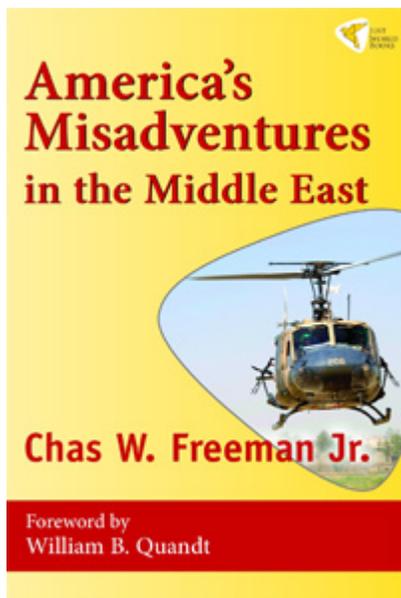
by Ambassador Chas W. Freeman Jr. Charlottesville, VA: Just World Books , 2010.

Description:

Ambassador Chas W. Freeman Jr. is one of America's most seasoned and thoughtful diplomatists. In March 2009, he became briefly famous when pro-Israel activists raised a furor about President Obama's decision to invite him to head the National Intelligence Council. Seeking to save Obama from embarrassment, Freeman withdrew his name from consideration. Now, with the publication of this book, Freeman has pulled together most of his previous writings about the part of the world that got him into so much trouble in 2009.



America's Misadventures in the Middle East leads off with Freeman's detailed and previously unpublished reflection on Pres. George H. W. Bush's handling of the Iraq-Kuwait crisis of 1990-91. He was U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia at the time and thus uniquely placed to see and understand what Washington and key allies were doing in those fateful months. In this chapter, and the one that follows, he reflects on "the American way of war," and in particular on Washington's failure in recent decades to plan for a stable and satisfactory political end-state for the wars it wages. These chapters act as an instructive jumping-off point for the rest of the book, which focuses on Washington's continued pursuit of "the American way of war" in the Middle East of the 2000's.



Parts II and III of the book contain many examples of a fine strategic mind at work. Freeman somberly reflects on the failures at many levels that pulled Pres. George W. Bush into the disastrous decision to invade Iraq. And he stresses, repeatedly, the deleterious impact that Washington's failure to hold Israel accountable for the violent policies it pursued toward its neighbors throughout the 2000's has had on Americans' interests in the Middle East and much further afield.

In Part IV he assesses the impact that America's policy failings in the Middle East have had on its ability to continue leading the world in the same way it did in the half-century following the end of World War II. "Why not try diplomacy?" is the title of one chapter there. But it could be seen as the leitmotif of the whole of Part IV, or indeed, the whole book.

In Part V, Freeman gives us four deeply informed chapters about Saudi Arabia, placing the Kingdom's often misunderstood situation in its own historical context as well as in the context of its relationship with Western and other world powers.

As Prof. William B. Quandt notes in his Foreword to the book: "there is much to learn about "old-style" diplomacy here and much to regret that Freeman's views seem so "radical" from the perspective of today's politicized discourse. Readers of this volume will learn a great deal and will appreciate the style as well as the content of these essays... We are fortunate to have these records of his thoughts."

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Ms. Elizabeth Wossen is Principal and Lead Consultant for Energy Links, LLC, a Washington-based firm providing strategic and political counsel to select international energy companies and other clients and assisting them to identify and assess business and advanced technology investment opportunities in the Middle East and Africa. Ms. Wossen also serves as Senior Advisor to Global Business Forum, an executive business group whose members include multinational energy, pharmaceutical, defense and insurance companies.



Ms. Wossen previously served as Coordinator, Congressional and Government Relations for Kuwait Petroleum Corporation, USA, Inc. (KPCUSA). In that capacity, she worked to maintain and enhance relationships between the company and members of the United States Congress and their staffs, with the Executive Branch, and with other international oil companies. Prior to joining KPCUSA, Ms. Wossen served in the Government Affairs Office of the Embassy of the State of Kuwait.

Ms. Randa Fahmy Hudome

Ms. Randa Fahmy Hudome has more than twenty years of experience in the international affairs arena, including service in the executive and legislative branches of the U.S. Government. She is the President of Fahmy Hudome International (FHI), a strategic consulting firm. From 2004 – 2007, with the approval of the U.S. Government, FHI represented the Government of Libya after it agreed to abandon its Weapons of Mass Destruction. Prior to that, Ms. Fahmy-Hudome served as the Associate Deputy Secretary of Energy in the Administration of President George W. Bush, where she analyzed, monitored and assessed energy policy as it related to the impact on foreign policy, national security, and trade promotion and investment, working with the White House, and the Departments of State and Commerce.



National Council Welcomes New Member to Staff

Mr. Colin Moore

In July, the National Council welcomed Mr. Colin Moore's addition to its staff as a Special Projects Assistant. Mr. Moore graduated from Radford University in 2009 with a degree in Sociology. While at Radford, he received a department award for Outstanding Institutional Research for his role in a project with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Previously, he worked in the legal department at the American-Arab Anti Discrimination Committee.



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