



North County Chapterline

San Diego World Affairs Council

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The Prez Sez

by Cy Chadley

Following my December Prez Sez, Burt Colan drew to my attention the losses Amb. and Mrs. Richard Matheron, suffered during the recent fires - their home, art and mementoes from their travels and postings. I sent them my sincere commiserations and those of our chapter and received the following assuring reply:

Many, many thanks, Cy. We are doing very well and are looking forward to building a new and different house, with same architect, on same site. In the meantime, we'll be living in RB close to old haunts. I'm glad to hear that your house escaped. It was all a matter of destiny determined largely by the devilish Santa Ana winds. We are lucky to have great memories of travels to the places we collected, probably too much. At least our brains are still here, more or less.

I have been engaged in correspondence with one of our members who felt that the October Prez Sez report of Marshall Saunders' talk was unnecessarily alarmist and that there is little that humankind can do to change the world's temperature. Irrespective of mine or other members' views, I recommend to everyone interested in the subject, and we all should be, the IPCC Synthesis Report Fourth Assessment (www.independent.co.uk), that gives summary of anthropogenic causes of global warming, and adaptation and mitigation options available to humankind. I fault the report for not including what I consider to be the principle global mitigation option, that of reducing the increase in world population. If there are members who feel strongly about these issues and would like discuss them at one of our meetings, please let me know and I would be happy to arrange the forum.

November 1st saw a revisit by Dr. Dipak Gupta who spoke on "Pakistan: The Biggest U.S. Foreign Policy Dilemma", in which he divided the dilemma into three elements – terrorism, democracy and nuclear weapons. He proved to be pre-scient in forecasting the likelihood of General Musharraf declaring martial law when this was the case a couple of days later. I have arranged a panel to discuss the very complex situation presented in Pakistan for our first meeting in 2008, at which your views will be encouraged.

It remains for me to wish you all happy holidays and a prosperous New Year.

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Chapter's News

- ◆ To facilitate membership renewals, the January newsletters not collected at our December 20 meeting will be sent by U.S. mail. The newsletter will be sent by e-mail to those members for whom we have an e-mail address; members are requested to keep Leon Bloom (leonbloom@sbcglobal.net) informed of address changes.
- ◆ Details of SDWAC and NCC events can be seen on www.sdwac.com. SDWAC office phone number is (619) 325-8200.



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January, 2008 Programs

10:00 AM, Thursdays at
THE REMINGTON CLUB, 16916 HIERBA DRIVE, Rancho Bernardo*

Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in these meetings - no charge, no need to reserve.

- January 3 Panel discussion, "**Formulating U.S. Foreign Policy: PAKISTAN**" led by members, **Don Gragg (democracy)**, **Vojin Joksimovich (nuclear weapons)**, **Cal Watson (terrorism)** The chapter will try to achieve a consensus as to how the U.S. should deal with the complex situation presented by Pakistan. Audience participation will be encouraged.
- January 10 **Dr. James Larrimore** will describe the work of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), established in 1957 to prevent the global proliferation of nuclear weapons, in his talk, "**From Atoms for Peace to Nobel Peace Prize: 50 Years of the IAEA**". During his 16 years with the agency Dr. Larrimore worked closely with three Deputy Director Generals.
- January 17 **Mr. David Edick**, a financial services consultant specializing in global and international political, financial and economic affairs, who has lived, worked and traveled in the Russian Far East, will speak on "**Politics and the Economy in Putin's Russia**". He is a long time leader of the San Diego Sister Cities Corporation and recently completed a term as its President.
- January 24 Member, **Dr. Farouk al-Nasser**, following his recent visit to Jordan and discussions with Iraqi exiles, and Jordanians, will report on "**The U.S. Military Surge in Iraq; and the Political Environment in Jordan**", including an assessment of Iraq's current security, political and development situation and a brief update of Jordan's political and economic progress.
- January 31 Member, **Mr. Dan Conway**: "**Delayed Justice: The Cambodian-UN Khmer Rouge Tribunal.**" Dan Conway worked in the UN system for many years and is now an International Management Consultant; his latest assignment took him to Cambodia where he assisted with the Cambodian-UN Tribunal set up to try Khmer Rouge leaders for crimes against humanity.

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