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“Geopolitics of Climate Change in 2009”

Paul is founder and Chairman of several successful businesses in recruitment, training, consultancy and marketing. The first business he set up in 1988 grew rapidly to achieve annual revenue of over \$50 million in 2000. In 2007 Paul co-founded Bright Green Talent and Greenest Host with the intent of working with organizations to reduce energy, foster social responsibility and become more sustainable. Between 2001 and 2005 Paul was an Associate Fellow at the Oxford University Environmental Change Institute and was an Adjunct Fellow of Linacre College from 2002 to 2005.



Tuesday, February 24, 12:00 pm *This event is to be rescheduled, new date will be forthcoming*

Handerly Hotel 950 Hotel Circle North, San Diego 92108

\$35 per member/ \$40 per non-member/ \$25 per student with valid ID

Lunch will be served; Validated parking

“Regional Approach to Afghanistan” with Barnett R. Rubin, Ph.D.

Mr. Rubin is Director of Studies and Senior Fellow at the Center on International Cooperation of New York University, where he directs the program on the Reconstruction of Afghanistan. His past experience includes: Director of the Center for Preventive Action 1994-2000; Director of the Center for the Study of Central Asia at Columbia University 1990-1996; Jennings Randolph Peace Fellow at the US Institute of Peace; and Assistant Professor of Political Science at Yale University. In 2001 he served as special advisor to the UN Special Representative of the Secretary General for Afghanistan during the negotiations that produced the Bonn Agreement.



Thursday, March 12, 12:00 pm

Doubletree Hotel, 7450 Hazard Center Dr, San Diego, CA 92108

\$35 per member/ \$40 per non-member/ \$25 per student with valid ID

Lunch will be served; Free parking

“The Spirit of Democracy: Global Perspectives for Freedom”

Dr. Diamond is a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution and at Stanford University’s Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies. He is also founding coeditor of the Journal of Democracy and co-director of the International Forum for Democratic Studies of the National Endowment for Democracy. His research and policy work has dealt with the development and functioning of democracy around the world and international policies to promote democracy and support human development. He has advised the U.S. Agency for International Development, the World Bank, the United Nations, the State Department, and other organizations. Dr. Diamond has authored and published numerous articles and books. His most recent book, *The Spirit of Democracy: The Struggle to Build Free Societies Throughout the World*, explores the sources of global democratic progress and stress and the future prospects of democracy.



Tuesday, April 14, 6:00 pm

Doubletree Hotel, 7450 Hazard Center Dr., San Diego, CA 92108

\$17 per member/ \$20 per non-member/ \$15 per student with valid ID

Wine and hors d'oeuvres; Cash bar; Book signing; Free parking



Message from the President of the San Diego World Affairs Council, Farouk Al-Nasser, Ph.D.

Dear Members,

Welcome to the World Affairs Council of San Diego County (SDWAC) founded in 1954. With two chapters, downtown and North County, our membership is over 300. SDWAC is part of the World Affairs Councils of America, the largest international affairs non-profit organization in the United States.

Today, our world is shaped increasingly by forces far beyond world capitals with many non-state actors; multinational corporations, nongovernmental organizations, charitable foundations, regional and global organizations, functional organizations, global media outlets, and great cities play ever greater roles. SDWAC, as with many educational organiza-

tions, is concerned with issues facing the United States and the rest of the world that must be addressed such as terrorism, the global economy, nuclear proliferation, immigration, human rights, the danger of failed states, public health, the environment, and global governance, that are, to a great degree, beyond the direct control of nations and world leaders alone.

Our mission is to foster interest within the San Diego community in world affairs through sponsoring regular and timely luncheon, dinner and social meetings featuring prominent speakers; to promote greater understanding of current global issues; encourage the community to participate in the national debate on world affairs and seek to improve international education in the San Diego community.

We are a non-partisan organization; we present differing points of views and opinions on

international affairs in all regions of the world. By way of our youth organization we foster international interests in San Diego County's young people through our University students outreach program.

Farouk Al-Nasser,
Ph.D.

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President, San Diego World Affairs Council

PS. Note that Communiqué is coming out now electronically. It is easier to forward to friends, saves operating dollars for the organization, and trees for the planet. Enjoy!

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Member Spotlight:

James Davis

James McCoy Davis was born October 19, 1914, in Columbus, Ohio, to Laura Smith Davis and James McCoy Davis. Jim attended Ohio State University, working his way through college as night clerk at Lakeside, and as Second Lieutenant in the ROTC Cavalry, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Business in 1937. He attended Union Theological Seminary in New York for two years and Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, where he earned a Bachelor's of Divinity in 1942 (later changed to a Master's Degree).

Jim was commissioned by the Army as First Lieutenant in 1943, eventually rising to the rank of Major. He served as Army Chaplain in China, Burma, and India during World War II. After the war, Jim attended Columbia University Teacher's College on the GI Bill, earning a Master's Degree and a Doctorate in Education. While at Columbia, Jim was a founding member of NAFSA (National Association of Foreign Student Affairs) and was Assistant Minister at Grace Congregational Church in Harlem.

Jim was a Vice President of the Institute of International Education in New York and Provost for Overseas Centers for United States International University in San Diego. He was President of Northwestern Michigan College and Visiting Professor at Stanford University. Throughout this time, he was active in Rotary, church, and the World Council of Members of International House of New York City.

In 1973, Jim returned to San Diego, retiring from education and entering the investment business. In San Diego he was involved with civic organizations, serving as the President of the Point Loma Rotary Club, President of the World Affairs Council, President of the Board of Consumer Credit Counselors, Founding Director of Baja Presbyterian Missions, Grand Juror of San Diego County, President of the Past Grand Jurors Association, and Deacon of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Robert Churley

Robert A. Churley was born in San Diego in 1916 and graduated from UCLA in 1938. During this time he joined the Marines; Mr. Churley went on to receive his Master's Degree in Chinese from UC Berkeley in 1945. Because of these language skills, he was tapped early on to serve as an aide to the Chinese nationalist government's delegation to the founding conference of the United Nations in 1945. In 1952, he was assigned to Korea, where he was made commanding officer of the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment. Also due to his Chinese skills, he was named negotiating officer in 1953 at the Pan Mun Jon armistice between North and South Korea. In 1960, he was assigned to the United Nations, as a deputy chief of the U.S. Mission, later serving as acting chief. He was put in charge of supervising armistice agreements between Israel and Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. According to Mr. Churley, this was "the most significant part" of his career. After serving in the Vietnam War from 1966-67, he returned to San Diego where he launched his second career as a recreation facilities manager for concessioners of several national parks. He served as both a member and officer of several organizations, including the UN Association and World Affairs Council of San Diego.

Mr. Churley passed away January 27, 2008. Thank you to the Churley family for their generous donation of \$10,000 to our Council.

SDWAC Website Update Web Designer, Constance Wuest

In case you might not be aware, the SDWAC launched a new website in December of 2008. After much planning, the long awaited new website is more user-friendly and will serve as a way to introduce members of the public to our organization. Thank you to the website committee for all of their work: Dr. Farouk Al-Nasser, President; Richard Phillips, Vice-President; Alma Aguilar, Executive Director; Neal Weinstein, First VP of Programs for the North County Chapter; and Constance Wuest*, owner of Constance Wuest Graphic Design. We invite your input on how to improve the website. We hope that you will use the website to make your reservations to upcoming events and encourage your friends and colleagues to join the San Diego World Affairs Council online.

*After launching the website in early December, tragically Constance Wuest suffered a brain aneurism and passed away on December 23. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her husband, Mathew, and daughter, Allison.

Message from the Executive Director

Greetings to everyone!

My name is Alma Aguilar and I am your Executive Director for the San Diego World Affairs Council. I was so glad to have met so many of you back on August 27th, at the Garden Reception, hosted at the lovely home of Board of Director, Karen Longstreth and her husband George. The evening's presentation given by Dr. Farouk Al-Nasser, shed light on the complicated nature of U.S. involvement in Iraq since 2003. Many of you mentioned how much you had enjoyed the event. Without a doubt, the event was a resounding success! I want to thank all of you who, since August, have welcomed me and given me kind words of encouragement. I do appreciate your support.

Let me now take this opportunity, to share with you, a little about myself. I am a native San Diegan. I grew up in South Bay and I am a product (for the most part) of private education. I am bicultural and bilingual. I am a Professor of Political Science, at Southwestern Community College in Chula Vista, where I have taught as a full-time faculty member for the last twenty years. I am currently on a year - long sabbatical from the college. I received my B.A. and M.A. in international relations from the University of San Diego. In fact, I am a former student of Dr. Pat Drinan, former president of our council. During my graduate work at USD I arranged for an internship at the U.S. Consulate in Tijuana, Mexico because I originally had thought of joining the Foreign Service. Even though I decided not to join the Foreign Service, I had the good fortune of meeting Daria "Dede" Hollowell, our council's secretary. After all these years I kept in touch with both Pat and Dede. Dede encouraged me to join the Council's Board of Directors. I was nominated and installed in June. I attended the July Board of Director's meeting. Shortly, thereafter, I was asked to serve as the executive director and as the saying goes "the rest... is history".

As executive director, I hope to provide continuity to our office, oversee the day to day operation of our organization and assist the Executive Committee and Board of Directors in promoting the primary purpose of our council, which is *"... to promote public interest in, and encourage and facilitate the study of foreign policy and international affairs."*

I look forward to an exciting year!

All the best,

Alma Aguilar, Professor of Political Science

2008 Executive Committee

Dr. Farouk Al-Nasser, President

Richard Phillips, Vice President

Joe Koszarek, Chief Financial Officer

Daria "Dede" Hollowell, Secretary

Robert Felt, North County Chapter President

Small Country Update — Peru

Richard Phillips

San Diego World Affairs Council , Vice President

Located on the west coast of South America, just below the equator, Peru is a representative democratic republic. Its geography varies from a desert coastline, interspersed with irrigated crop producing valleys, to the Andes mountains with peaks topping out at over 23,000ft. East of the Andes are the vast tropical forests of the upper Amazon basin. The Peruvian population, estimated at 28 million, is multi-ethnic, including Amerindians, Europeans, Asians and Africans. The main spoken language is Spanish. The mixture of cultural traditions has resulted in a wide diversity of expressions in fields such as art, cuisine, literature and music. Peru was a Spanish colony until 1821 and since then has been ruled by an alternating succession of democratically elected and de facto Governments. Women's right to vote dates from 1955. Peru was the first Latin American country to join the allies in World War II, declaring war on Germany in June 1940. The Peruvian military supported the allies in both WWII and the Korean War. For the past 30 years Peru has been a representative democracy. In 2001 the country elected its the first ethnic Amerindian as President. He was Stanford educated Alejandro Toledo. A well accomplished economist, he laid the bases for the dramatic economic growth that Peru has enjoyed over the past few years. The current President, Alan Garcia, was elected in 2006. He is a former populist (and former President) reborn as a market economist. He has, so far, had the intelligence to

leave the sound policies of his predecessor in place. Peru has benefitted from the recent commodity boom as well as none traditional agricultural exports (high quality asparagus, artichokes and mangos) as well as ready made clothing (Polo shirts) and tourism. Per capita GDP was \$3,600 in 2007. The attached article, taken from the Economist, provides further detail on the current boom.

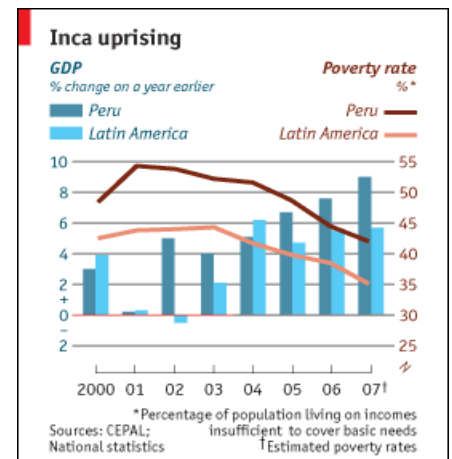
BLOCKS of flats or offices are under construction on nearly every street. New hotels and restaurants sprout on every corner, while shopping centers multiply in what were once shantytowns. Across the city, thoroughfares have been torn up to make way for new bus lanes and terminals. Such is the anarchic volume of traffic that just crossing the street has become a time-consuming and perilous exercise. Lima, Peru's capital of 8m people, is shedding its former air of provincial lassitude and turning into a bustling metropolis.

The city is the visible face of a boom that has made Peru South America's fastest-growing economy (see chart). That performance owes much to record prices for mineral exports. But newer export products, from designer cotton T-shirts to mangoes and artichokes, are also flourishing. As well as trade, private investment, growing at 20% a year, and domestic consumption are driving the economy forward at an accelerating pace (in the year to February, GDP grew by 9.2%).

Thanks to high world prices for food and fuel, inflation has spiked to 5.5%,

having been low for years. Nevertheless, the growth looks to be built on solid foundations. The national savings rate has risen to 24% of GDP, high by regional standards, and the government last year posted a fiscal surplus of 3% of GDP. A free-trade agreement with the United States is about to come into effect. In recognition of such achievements, Peru's debt was awarded an investment-grade credit rating last month by Fitch, a ratings agency.

Yet there are paradoxes at the heart of the boom. Despite the growth, poverty has fallen only slowly. And many Peruvians are disgruntled. The president, Alan García, was once a radical populist who presided over hyperinflation and debt default in a first term in office in the 1980s. He returned to office in 2006 a reformed character. But his people give him little credit for the strong economy. He is one of the least popular presidents in Latin America, with an approval rating of just 26% in a poll taken in the main cities in April by Ipsos-Apoyo, a pollster.



The foregoing article was prepared in August 2008. Since then there has been a dramatic change in the global economy. Peru has held up better than most developing markets. Although the stock market declined by app 40% (many declined by over 50%) some recovery has been seen since the beginning of this year. The Peruvian Sol has declined v/s the US\$ by only 13%. Compare this with a 45% decline of the Mexican Peso a 39% decline of the Brazilian Real and a 20% decline in the Euro over the same period. The Peruvian economy is expected to grow by from 3% to 5% this year compared to 9% in 2008. Given the decline in Peru's major exports the significant investments being made in the country's infrastructure (started before the crisis hit) is expected to hold up economic growth somewhat in 2009. More information is available on Bloomberg.com/Peru.

New Members and Renewals June 2008—December 2009

We would like to welcome the following individuals to SDWAC. We look forward to getting to know all of you at our upcoming events. We would also like to thank those of you who have renewed your membership in the last six months.

Richard Bainter	Wallace Henshaw	Diane Spaulding
Nancy Baughman	Albert Hermann	Michael Stern
Ruth C. Benson	Robert Hill	Lydia Strunk
Karlene Bergold	Daria Hollowell	Kenneth Sulzer
Laura Bottaro	Eva Hooper	Joseph Taft
Joan Bowes	David Johns	Lisa Tansey
La Verne & Blaine Briggs	Lori Jones	Jennifer Temple
Stephen Brown	Lawrence Kamm	Teresa Thomas
Francine Busby	Barbara Kelly	Betty Vorhies
Richard Butchon	Joe Koszarek	George & Kathleen Wahab
Helen Caldwell	Marvin Kripps	Mary G. Walker
Anthoun R. Carr	Sanford Lakoff	Harold Weinberger
Tracy Carrero	Alicia LaPalme	RADM Robert Wertheim
Catherine Lee	Sharon Lapid	Caroleen Williams
David Chaudron	George W. & Carol Lattimer	Abbe Wolfsheimer
Steve Clarey	Marilyn Laurence	RADM R.G. Zeller
Lee Collins	Karen & George Longstreth	
Beverley Crampton	Nancy Lucast	
Tina Davis	Michael McBride	
Lou Dellios	Gloria McCaffrey	
Wayne Dernetz	Betty M. McGovern	
Becky Downer	Selma Myers	
David Edick, Jr.	Tim Nader	
Jerome Eggers	Jean Nappi	
John Erickson	Marlene Pommerenke	
L Michael & Pamela Foley	Joyce Rabens	
Charles & Alicia Foster	Paul Richter	
Patrick Frost	David Robertson	
Helena Galper	Lina Rocha	
Mary Rutland	Amb. & Mrs. Raymond Gonzalez	
Luis Gonzalez	Andrew Sabey	
Leonard Gosink	Alex Sher	
Don & Charlotte Gragg	Gordon & Arlene Shifrin	
Robert Graham	Terin Smith	
William Smith & Carol Harter	Joanne Snyder	

A Review of Events

“They Pored Fire on Us From the Sky: The True Story of Three lost Boys from Sudan”

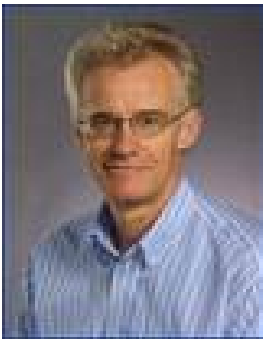


On Thursday, February 12 Alephonsion Deng spoke about his experiences and those of brother Benson and cousin Benjamin along their harrowing journey to safety from war-torn Sudan, to America. The story illustrated a vivid vision of Sudan and a powerful portrait of war as seen through the eyes of children. It was an inspiring and unforgettable tribute to the tenacity of the young human spirit.

The Lost Boys of Sudan are more than 27,000 boys who were displaced and/or orphaned during the Second Sudanese Civil War (1983-2005, about 2 million killed). Many of the boys came from the predominantly Christian southern section of Sudan (as was the case for Alephonsion Deng) who were fleeing persecution by Muslims that dominated northern Sudan. The name was given by aid organizations, including the international Rescue Committee program which resettled some of these refugees from Sudan to the United States.

The program was co-sponsored with Alliant University. The event was held at 7:00 pm in McDonald hall on the San Diego campus.

“North Korea: Challenges for the Obama Administration”



Professor Haggard is the Director of the Korea-Pacific Program at the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies at UCSD. Prior to joining IRPS in 1992, he was an associate professor in the department of government at Harvard University. Professor Haggard is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. His most recent publication is *Revising Social Contracts: Welfare Reform in Latin America, East Asia and Eastern Europe*.

Mr. Haggard spoke on Wednesday, February 4th about the many challenges that face North Korea. He highlighted areas, such as the international threat of nuclear power, as well as the affect their closed trade and commerce market approach has had on the region. He facilitated discussion on the challenges facing the new Obama administration in regard to working with North Korea and reestablishing a line of communication and, ultimately, trust between the two.

The Event was held at 6:00 pm at the Handlery Hotel in San Diego. Guests enjoyed wine and hors d'oeuvres prior to the discussion.

Reception with Dr. Farouk Al-Nasser

On August 27th, Karen and George Longstreth hosted an evening reception at their home for an introduction and discussion with incoming president Dr. Al-Nasser. He spoke at length regarding Iraq, specifically the nation's situation 5 years after the invasion and its future from this point on. Those in attendance engaged in a question-answer discussion after his presentation.

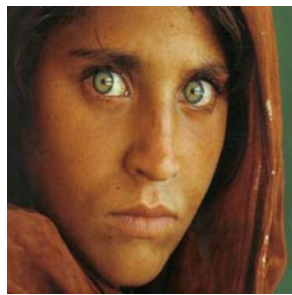
Dr. Farouk Al-Nasser is an Iraqi born American who has lived in the U.S. for the past 46 years. As a graduate of Baghdad University, The University of Colorado and the University of Denver, he received a Doctorate degree in Electrical Engineering. With vast experience in the technology field, he stands as executive director of the Iraqi operation for a fortune 500 San Diego based company and has traveled many times to Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon. Dr. Al-Nasser is the current president of the San Diego World Affairs Council.



Past Events: “An Evening with... Afghanistan” co-hosted by the Citizen Diplomacy Council

September 11, 2008

The SDWAC collaborated with the Citizen Diplomacy Council of San Diego to host a night of discussion and culture and the Art Expressions Gallery. The event offered individuals the chance to hear what is happening in Afghanistan from those who have experienced it first hand. These experts included Tony Perry,



Woman from Afghanistan

Bonita Chamberlain and Stephen R. Brown.

Mr. Perry has been the San Diego bureau chief for the Los Angeles Times since 1987. Some of his assignments include Afghanistan, as well as Iraq, with the U.S. Marines 2001 and 2003. He was honored by the San Diego Press Club for his Outstanding Contribution to Journalism.

Ms. Chamberlain started a jewelry making project with the villagers in the eastern

province of Nuristan, Afghanistan. She taught them how to recover and mine gems uncovered by Soviet bombs during the war. Over \$580,000 has been sent back to be used for schools, teacher training, healthcare an orphanage and to clear landmines.

Mr. Brown has made eight trips to Afghanistan since 9-11, including one this past October. As a charter member of La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club, he works with Rotary Grants to make positive changes in Afghanistan which he shared with us during his presentation.

Past Events: “The Human Rights Agenda for the Next President” with Carroll Bogert

September 17, 2008

Carroll Bogert is the Associate Director of Human Rights Watch. The human rights organization is the largest in the U.S.—150 professionals conduct fact-finding investigations into human rights abuses in all regions of the world. Human Rights Watch then publishes those

findings in books and reports each year. Carroll runs the communications department, publicizing the work and findings of Human Rights Watch and draw-

“Rebuilding the reputation of the United States and reestablishing its role as a global leader on human rights will take time... but can and must be done.”

ing attention to such human rights issues in more than 70 countries. Before joining Human Rights Watch, Ms. Bogert spent more than a decade in international news reporting.

Past Events: “The Empire Strikes Back: Russia, Georgia, and the West” with Dr. Mikhail Alexseev

October 14, 2008

Dr. Alexseev is an associate professor of political science at San Diego State University. He is an internationally recognized authority on migration, ethno-political conflict, and post-Soviet Rus-



sia. Alexseev has published articles in Political Science Quarterly, Journal of Peace Research, and other journals. His editorial opinion articles on Soviet and post-Soviet affairs have appeared in The New York Times, Newsweek,

USA Today and The Seattle Times.

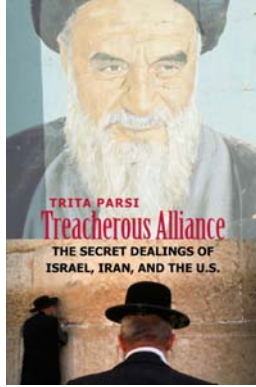
Dr. Alexseev presented on the conflict between Russia, Georgia and Western nations.

Past Events: “Treacherous Alliance— The Secret Dealings of Israel, Iran, and the U.S.” with Dr. Trita Parsi

October 29, 2008

Dr. Trita Parsi is the author of *Treacherous Alliance—the Secret Dealings of Israel, Iran and the U.S.* Dr.

Parsi wrote his doctoral thesis on Israeli-Iranian relations at Johns Hopkins University School of Ad-



Dr. Trita Parsi's book

vanced International Studies, where he has also served as an adjunct professor of international relations. He is a frequent commentator on Middle Eastern affairs and co-founder and current president of the national Iranian American Council, a non-partisan organization promoting Iranian-American participation in American civic life.

Dr. Parsi's presentation was based upon interviews with more than 130 high-level Israeli, Iranian and American officials. It focused on the highly sensitive dealings between

Iran and Israel over the last 50 years and the impact on U.S. policies in the Middle East.

The event was co-sponsored by the Secure America Tour, a series of speaking engagements on timely national security issues with the country's leading foreign policy and military experts, and Physicians for Social Responsibility, a nonprofit organization that is the medical and public health voice working to prevent the use and spread of nuclear weapons.

Past Events: “The Outlook for the U.S. in International Markets” with Larry Speidell

November 19, 2008

Mr. Speidell was responsible for one of the first equity funds in China and worked on the development of a fund for Russia. He has traveled to many countries including Bangladesh, Botswana, Dubai, Ghana, and Tobago. He earned his B.E. in Mechanical Engineering from Yale University and his MBA from Har-

vard University. He is past president of the Boston Securities Analysts Society and a past director of the investor Responsibility Research Center in Washington D.C.

Mr. Speidell presented on the outlook for the U.S. in the international market. Draw-

ing upon his extensive knowledge and experience, he advised on where we should be investing as a

nation based upon the current state of markets. He highlighted the notion that advances in communications and global development are producing more integrated financial mar-

“We are seeing increased globalization of economic sectors and a decline in the importance of countries and regions in financial markets.”

Past Events: “Soft Power vs. Hard Power: The Future of U.S. Defense Policy”

January 14, 2009

Admiral Edney was the Vice Chief of Naval Operations and NATO's Supreme Allied Commander. He has a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University.



U.S. Navy Seventh fleet flagship, Blue Ridge

Vice Admiral McCarthy was the Commander of the Naval U.S. Seventh Fleet and developed many advanced technological products to strengthen fleet capabilities. He has a Masters in Financial manage-

ment from the Naval Post Graduate School.

Both engaged in discussion on the current and future state of U.S. military power within the global commu-



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