



North County Chapterline

San Diego World Affairs Council

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The Prez Sez

by Cy Chadley

Having returned from my visit to the UK, staying with family in north Wales and enjoying country dancing in Scotland, I would like to think that I am reinvigorated to serve the chapter as president for another year. I am fortunate to have Vojin Joksimovich deputize for me during my absences, to have a great team of officers perform the branch's several functions and to have Al Myers and the program committee well underway providing us with interesting speakers and subjects. I take this opportunity however to remind members that the board and program committee look forward to receiving suggestions from you, our members, as to speakers you would like to present and subjects to be discussed.

Our annual luncheon June 7, at the Bernardo Heights Country Club, was not as well attended as I would have liked, however the business and the election of the new board proceeded smoothly. Burt Colan was presented with the "Member of the Year" award, for his long service to the branch as a director and officer, by last year's awardee, Leon Bloom. Attendees heard a most interesting lecture by Dr. James Coyle, Director at the Center for global Education, Chapman College, who spoke on "Memorable Architects of 20th Century U.S. Foreign Policy", in which he featured George Kennon, Henry Kissinger and Samuel Huntington. I would like to record our thanks to Arthur Schiff for organizing the luncheon.

The chapter's first presentation of a community lecture at the Oaks North Community Center, June 28th, was a great success; Cal Watson reported an audience of 186. Professor Chalmers Johnson in his presentation, entitled "Republic or Empire", drew attention to the U.S. cost of maintaining over 700 military bases throughout the world, over 1000 if embassies and consulates were included, and said there was a danger of the U.S. becoming over-stretched by what he termed "military Keynesianism". We were already seeing huge deficits that could lead to bankruptcy and social unrest. The U.S. faces a violent contradiction between its republican tradition and its recent imperial ambitions. The U.S. had to decide whether to follow the course of ancient Rome that attempted to keep its empire and lost its democracy or that of Britain that chose to remain democratic and lost its empire.

The CEC-RB will be holding its Annual Open House, 3:00 to 5:00 P.M., Wednesday September 5, to which you are all invited. Their September program of activities is available at the Remington.

In order to continue to reduce labor, postage expense and delays, the monthly newsletters will be sent by e-mail to those members for whom we have an e-mail address and will be available for collection by members at the Thursday meeting before the end of the month, prior to being mailed.

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Membership Categories

- \$60 Family
- \$50 Senior Family (+65)
- \$50 Individual
- \$40 Senior individuals (+65)
- \$15 Full time student
- \$100-\$499 Contributing

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Chapter's News

- ◆ Details of SDWAC and NCC activities can be seen on www.sdwac.com. SDWAC office: (619) 325-8200.
- ◆ "Foreign Affairs" articles can be read on www.foreignaffairs.org.
- ◆ The next Board Meeting will be held after the Thursday lecture, August 30.



North County Chapter September, 2007 Programs

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

Everyone is welcome to attend and to participate in these meetings - free

- Sept 06 **Mr. Cal Watson**, a former president of our chapter and the current president of the Continuing Education Center - RB, will speak on "**Central Asia - a Critical Mass and Why it Remains an Anomaly**".
- Sept 13 **Mr. Tim Tweeten's** career in corporate and commercial real estate provided six years of international assignments including the Middle East and Asia. He will share his observations and experiences of living and managing a local staff in China's largest city in his talk "**Inside Shanghai; Living and Working in the People's Republic**".
- Sept 20 **Mr. Hamou Amirouche**, freedom fighter, member of the first independent government of Algeria, scholar and author, will discuss Al-Qaeda in "**North Africa: An Old Threat, New Challenges?**", dealing with the politics of terrorism and oil in North Africa, from Algeria through Morocco to the Western Sahara.
- Sept 27 **Dr. David Johns**, a retired professor of Political Science at SDSU, will discuss "**Evolving South Africa Politics: A Complex (but not conflicted) Political Landscape**".

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