

CURRENT STRATEGY FORUM

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THEME: "THE ROLE OF POWER IN U.S.-USSR

RELATIONS: THE NEXT TEN YEARS"

BACKGROUND

The Current Strategy Forum had its origin from Round Table Discussions first held in May 1949 for the purpose of bringing together a small number of prominent civilian and military guests with officers of the Naval War College to discuss future strategy of the United States. In 1951 under Vice Admiral Richard L. Conolly, then President of the Naval War College, the program was expanded to include a broader base of civilian guests, and gained Secretary of the Navy sponsorship under a more appropriate title of Global Strategy Discussions. Redesigned around a free and open exchange of views on major national and international issues presented by distinguished speakers, the event has established itself as an important highlight of each academic year. Another significant change in program format was made in 1973 by selection of a specific theme for each event thus narrowing the focus from broad policy discussions to a forum pointed toward examination of a current issue of strategic national importance. The Current Strategy Forum thus evolved from a concept which, despite shifts in title and scope, has retained its original overall purpose and objectives to provide a forum for the open exchange of educated civil-military viewpoints on important national issues.

PLANNING AND PARTICIPATION

Initial planning and organization for the spring Current Strategy Forum begins each fall with collection of nominations for attendance by the College's Special Events/Projects Office. Nominations are typically received from past CSF attendees, students, faculty and staff, Secretary of the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs, Chief of Naval Information, the Naval War College Foundation, the Navy League and numerous friends of the Naval War College. Contrary to some beliefs, prior military service or government affiliation are not prerequisites for selection of a nominee for invitation, rather the potential contribution a nominee might make or gain from attendance is considered foremost. Prospective attendee lists are screened to insure that invitations are extended to an appropriate regional and occupational mix of civilians prominent in their fields, together with Navy flag officers and flag/general officers from other services. A theme is selected and a program developed for

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, 22 JUNE

- 0800-1315 Optional Earlybird Program.
0850 Welcome by the President, Naval War College, Rear Admiral Edward F. Welch, Jr., U.S. Navy
0900 Naval War College Command Briefing in Spruance Auditorium, providing guests with a view of the Naval War College environment, history and functions
0930 Briefing on the Soviet Navy, Spruance Auditorium.
1030 "What's a War Game?" Center for War Gaming, Sims Hall. A demonstration of war gaming techniques for guests.
1130 Earlybird Program concludes. "No host" Buffet Luncheon available for CSF guests at the Officers' Club. Naval War College Museum and buildings open for guest walk throughs.
1315 CSF 82 convenes in Spruance Auditorium with opening remarks by the Secretary of the Navy, The Honorable John F. Lehman, Jr.
✓ 1345 Address: "Changing Features of a Familiar Landscape: The U.S. in the World of the 1980s." Speaker will be Dr. Paul Wolfowitz, Director, Policy Planning Staff, U.S. State Department. Q and A period follows.
Break
✓ 1500 Address: "Forward Defense and Allies; the View from Abroad." Speaker will be Admiral Sir James Eberle, GCB, ADC, Royal Navy, CINC Naval Home Command. Q and A period to follow.
1645-1700 Seminar Groups assemble for brief organizational meetings.
1830-2030 Secretary of the Navy Reception at the Officers Club.

WEDNESDAY, 23 JUNE

- 0900 Seminar groups convene in assigned rooms in Spruance, Conolly, Hewitt, Luce, Mahan Conference Center and the Library Reading Room.
1130 Break for lunch. Odd numbered seminars to the Officers' Club; even numbered seminars to local restaurants.
✓ 1330 Address: "Western Capabilities and Trends: The U.S., Its Allies, and the Third World." Speaker will be Admiral George E.R. Kinnear, II, U.S. Navy, U.S. Representative to the NATO Military Committee. Q and A period to follow.
1500-1700 Seminar Discussions.
1830-2030 Naval War College Foundation Reception at the Officers' Club.

THURSDAY, 24 JUNE

- 0900 Address: "Political Uses of U.S. Force in the 1980s." Speaker to be The Honorable Francis J. West, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. Q and A to follow.
1030-1130 Final seminar discussions.
1130 Break for lunch. Even numbered seminars to the Officers' Club; odd numbered seminars to local restaurants.
1330 Remarks by the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Thomas B. Hayward, U.S. Navy.
1415 Farewell by the President, Naval War College, Rear Admiral Edward F. Welch, Jr., U.S. Navy.

BUS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, 21 JUNE

- 1800-2230 Minibus shuttle from Howard Johnson's, Navy Lodge, Harbor Base Motel and downtown Newport, departing Howard Johnson's on the hour. Return transportation as required from Seaman's Church, Bannisters Wharf.

TUESDAY, 22 JUNE

- 0800-0900 Buses shuttle between hotels, motels, BOQ and Spruance Hall.
1015-1030 Bus shuttle—Spruance to Sims Hall.
1130-1200 Bus shuttle—Sims Hall to Officers' Club and hotels.
1200-1315 All transportation shuttle from Officers' Club and local hotels/motels to Spruance Hall.
1700-1900 All transportation shuttle from Spruance Hall to local hotels/motels and back to Officers' Club.
2000-2100 All transportation shuttle from Officers' Club to local hotels/motels.

WEDNESDAY, 23 JUNE

- 0745-0900 All transportation shuttle from local hotels/motels to Spruance Hall.
0945-1015 Minibus transportation from local hotels/motels for guests' wives—to the President's House.
1130-1200 Minibus transportation for guests' wives from President's House to Officers' Club and downtown Newport or hotels/motels.
1130-1330 All transportation shuttle from Spruance Hall entry to Officers' Club. Transportation to restaurants as available.
1330-1630 Wives bus tour of Newport. (Scheduled separately)
1700-1900 All transportation shuttle from Spruance Hall to local hotels/motels and Officers' Club.
2000-2100 All transportation shuttle from Officers' Club to local hotels/motels.

THURSDAY, 24 JUNE

- 0745-0900 All transportation shuttle from local hotels/motels to Spruance Hall.
1130-1330 All transportation shuttle from Spruance Hall entry to Officers' Club. Transportation to restaurants as available.
1415-until All transportation as available to shuttle as necessary to assist departing guests.

NOTE: Guests baggage may be stored temporarily at the College on day of departure.

The following pages contain additions, cancellations, or corrections to the Distinguished Speakers and Roster of Participants.

Due to a late change in schedule, the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral James D. Watkins, U.S. Navy, is unable to participate in the Current Strategy Forum.

The Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Ronald J. Hays, U.S. Navy, will provide the closing remarks at 1330,
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