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International Perspectives is intended to provide information to the UMD community, Duluth, and the surrounding area about international events or opportunities for international education and grants. The Royal D. Alworth, Jr. Institute for International Studies welcomes your contributions to this newsletter. Please send announcements regarding international programs, speakers, films or other international events to Cindy Christian, Alworth Institute for International Studies, 302 Cina, UMD, phone 726-8616, e-mail alworth@d.umn.edu or fax 726-6386. Our home page on the World Wide Web can be found at <http://www.d.umn.edu/~ints/>.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

As I write these notes, the American negotiator, General Zinni has arrived in Jerusalem having "failed twice already," as the CBS news puts it, to bring peace to the Middle East. The Israelis have withdrawn from Ramallah, having given the Palestinians a "battering" to quote Prime Minister Sharon. And, Vice President Cheney is in the Middle East trying to remind everyone that the real issue remains Iraq. Earlier in the week, a piece of skillful diplomacy at the U.N. put the U.S. at the head of a Security Council resolution which envisions two states in the area, Israel and Palestine, living together in peace with secure boundaries. A Saudi plan that Trades diplomatic normalization by the Arabs for an Israeli withdrawal from all the territories captured in the 1967 war was already gathering momentum. President Bush seems more willing, both emotionally and for reasons of interest, than his predecessors to distance the U.S. from Israel's forceful policies, especially if those policies are seen not to be working. In short, the possibility of reduced American support for Israel and increased pressure upon it appears to beckon. Those with long memories will remember how American arm-twisting got the Israelis out of the Sinai after the 1965 war. Perhaps the hypothesis, taken as axiomatic by many that Israel's position will soften in direct proportion to a reduction in American support for it is about to be tested. It would take a braver man than me to predict the outcome of such a test.

Paul Sharp, Director

THE ANNUAL ROYAL D. ALWORTH, JR. MEMORIAL LECTURE

In recognition of the very active role that the people of Duluth and the surrounding communities play in promoting understanding and peace across the globe, the 2002 Royal D. Alworth, Jr. Memorial Lecture is dedicated to the discussion of citizen diplomacy. **Mr. Tim Honey**, Executive Director of **Sister Cities International (SCI)** presents

Rethinking Citizen Diplomacy in the Aftermath of September 11 on **Wednesday, April 24, 2002** at **7:30 p.m.** in the Kirby Student Center **Ballroom** at **UMD**. Sister Cities



International is a non-profit citizen diplomacy network that creates partnerships between communities in the United States and across the globe. The intention of these relationships is to increase cooperation, cultural understanding and economic development. Twin Ports and Iron Range cities have been active participants in this effort by fostering relationships with cities in Canada, Finland, Germany, Japan, Russia and Sweden.

Mr. Honey, former city manager of Boulder, Colorado and Portland, Maine, has been the executive director of Sister Cities International since June of 2000. He has over twenty-five years of experience in state and local government management, intergovernmental relations, international development and university teaching and administration. He is an internationalist in both his professional and personal life. He chaired the

International Committee of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) from 1993-1996, and worked for ICMA in Budapest, Hungary, in 1997-98 where he directed their USAID-funded Public Administration and Local Government Project. After returning from Budapest, Mr. Honey served as a consultant with the Eastern Research Group, directing their State and Local Government Center for Smart Growth. He also served as a USAID local government consultant in South Africa, Uganda and Lebanon. He was very active with Sister Cities International during his tenure as city manager in Boulder and Portland, assisting community based organizations with sister cities programs in Japan, Nicaragua, Tibet and Tajikistan. Mr. Honey was an international exchange (AFS) student in 1963 in South Africa, and he and his family have been involved with international exchange programs in Hong Kong, Indonesia, Paraguay, Costa Rica, Turkey, Japan, Australia and the United Kingdom.

Rethinking Citizen Diplomacy in the Aftermath of September 11

Mr. Tim Honey

Wednesday

April 24, 2002

7:30 p.m.

Kirby Student Center Ballroom

UMD

Free and Open to the Public.

A reception will follow in the Garden Room.

INTERNATIONAL BROWN BAG SERIES

In the 2001-2002 academic year, the Institute has sponsored brown bags covering such areas as Spain, India, China, Germany, Tibet, Benin and Belize. The issue of civil liberties and military tribunals was also addressed. There are two remaining brown bags for this year; one, being given as part of the Baeumler-Kaplan Holocaust Commemoration, focuses on a visit to Nazi death camps in Eastern Europe; the other covers Ethiopia. Both will be held at **12:00 Noon on Thursdays at UMD.**

April 18 - Tweed Museum Lecture Gallery

"Reflections of Life & Death: Remains of Jewish Life, the Ghettoes and the Death Camps in Eastern Europe"

Dr. Karl Bahm, UWS Department of History

May 2 - Bullpub

"Ethiopia: Awesome but Awful"

Ms. Sandra Wright, Retired School Teacher, Superior Wisconsin

THE BAEUMLER-KAPLAN HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION

The 2002 Baeumler-Kaplan Holocaust Commemoration is the most ambitious to date. This year's events take place the week of April 15-18 and focus on the theme of child survivors. The keynote speaker is **Marion Blumenthal Lazan**. Mrs. Lazan was born in a small town in Germany in 1934, a year following Kristallnacht, a pivotal moment in the history of the Third Reich's murderous campaign of anti-semitism. She has co-authored a children's memoir of her experience entitled, *Four Perfect Pebbles: A Holocaust Story*. Her book and her presentations "go beyond the facts." Her goal is to present the lessons learned from her horrific childhood experiences to our contemporary world. She asks her audience members to "be tolerant of others and not stereotype individuals based on religious belief, color, race or national origin. She stresses the importance of positive thinking as well as creativity and inner-strength. She warns her listeners to be true to themselves and not blindly follow the leader." Mrs. Lazan sees her mission as speaking to "as many students and adults as possible so they hear the story from a Holocaust survivor," and, she will be visiting classrooms in many area schools during the week. Mrs. Lazan will speak on **Wednesday, April 17 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Kirby Student Center Ballroom at UMD.



The week's events will begin with a **booksigning and fundraising** sales event for the Baeumler-Kaplan Holocaust Endowment fund at **Barnes and Noble** in Duluth on **Monday, April 15 from 6 to 8 p.m.** Mrs. Lazan will be on hand to read from her book, talk to visitors, and to promote the program.

On **April 16**, there will be showing of the Academy-award winning film, *Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport*, in **Bohannon Hall 90 at UMD at 7:00 p.m.** A post film discussion will be led by Dr. Alexis Pogorelskin of the UMD History Department and Dr. Karl Bahm of the UWS History Department. Mrs. Lazan will also be present to make comments, as will another child survivor, Ms. Lucy Smith.

An Alworth Institute brown bag presentation entitled, *Reflections of Life & Death: Remains of Jewish Life, the Ghettoes and the Death Camps in Eastern Europe*, will be given by **Dr. Karl Bahm**, Assistant Professor of History at the University of Wisconsin Superior, on **Thursday April 18 at Noon** in the **Tweed Museum Lecture Gallery.**

And, on **Thursday, April 18 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** in the **Rotunda** of the UMD library, **Dr. Carol Wirtschafter**, formerly of the Minnesota Jewish Community Relations Council, will lead a workshop on selecting literature of the Holocaust for Young People. Teachers will be able to obtain university credit or continuing education credits for their participation in the week-long activities.

Those wanting more information on the workshop should contact Pauline Nuhring at 726-6361.

Mrs. Lazan's book will be sold by the UMD bookstore at all campus events, except the brown bag.

If you would like further information about the Baeumler-Kaplan Holocaust Commemoration, please contact Deborah Petersen-Perlman at (218) 726-6849 or Cindy Christian at (218) 726-8616.

Baeumler-Kaplan Holocaust Commemoration

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Kindertransport"
Discussion follows the film.

Thursday, April 18, 6-8:00 p.m.
Fourth Floor Library Rotunda, UMD
"Selecting Literature of the Holocaust for Young
People" – A teacher's workshop
Dr. Carol Wirschafter

EVENTS OF INTEREST ON CAMPUS

Latin American Awareness Celebration, sponsored by the UMD Hispanic/Latino/Chicano Learning Resource Center and the UMD Latino/Chicano Student Association, as well as the UMD Spectrum Lecture Series, includes several events throughout the month of April. Please contact Susana Pelayo-Woodward at (218) 726-8444 or at swoodwar@d.umn.edu if you would like further information about these events:

"Dirty Secrets: Jennifer, Everardo & the CIA in Guatemala," film about Jennifer Harbury's struggles to determine the true fate of her husband, Everardo, a Guatemalan rebel leader, and her efforts on behalf of all disappeared people in Guatemala. **Monday, April 15, 12:00 Noon in Kirby 323, UMD.**

"Promoting Cultural Diversity Through Music," workshop that incorporates live music into a discussion about cultural and historical ethnic music contributions to Hispanic/Latino music. Music by *Latin Exposure*. Speaker is *Arturo Vazquez, Jr.* **Saturday, April 20, 1:00 p.m., UMD Kirby Rafters.**

"The U.S. Role in Colombia's Escalating Cycle of Violence," presented by **John Pegg** and **Will Sjoblom**, human rights activists with Witness for Peace. **Tuesday, April 23, 12:00 Noon, Kirby Garden Room, UMD.**

"Murder, Coverup, and the CIA in Guatemala,"

Keynote Speaker: **Jennifer Harbury**, attorney and human rights activist examines the role of the CIA in human rights violations in Latin America, focusing on Guatemala and its Mayan citizens. **Thursday, April 25, 7:00 p.m., UMD Kirby Ballroom.**

"Fiesta," 13th annual Fiesta will consist of a buffet dinner of authentic Latin American and Caribbean food and will feature entertainment by **Son del Sur, Ballet Folklorica Mexico de los Hermanos Avila**, and dance music by **William Gomez con CACHE**. **Saturday, April 20, 6-11:00 p.m., UMD Ballroom.** Tickets are \$16.00 for general admission and \$12.00 for students, with ID; \$5.00 for the dance only.

EVENTS OF INTEREST IN THE AREA

"The Demise of Democracy: The Rise of Corporate Power," convention focusing on the topics of money and politics, media and public opinion, globalization, corporate governance, consumerism and corporate welfare. Speakers include: **Senator Paul Wellstone (tentative), John Stauber, David Korten, Marjorie Kelly, John De Graaf, Paul Templet, John Nichols, Monika Bauerlein** and others. Workshops will be held for participants. **July 28-30, 2002, Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center**, sponsored by the Democracy Revitalization Project, a collaborative effort between UMD's Center for Ethics and Public Policy (CEPP) and the Institute for a Sustainable Future (ISF). Major funding provided by the University of Minnesota McKnight Arts and Humanities Endowment. Please see www.isfusa.org or contact **Sue Mageau** at (218) 525-4781 or amageau@isfusa.org for further information.

RESEARCH AND TRAVEL SUPPORT

University of Minnesota Travel Grants for 2002-2003. The Office of International Programs (OIP) grants are available to faculty with regular (tenured and tenure-track) appointments. Grants generally range from \$500 to \$800 and must be matched by another institutional source. The application deadline for activities commencing in September-December is August 1, 2002; deadline for travel commencing in January-April, 2003 is December 2, 2002. For applications and instructions, contact the Alworth Institute in 302 Cina, 726-8616, or e-mail alworth@d.umn.edu. Applications for China Center grants for work-related travel of faculty to the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan, as well as those for the McKnight Arts and Humanities Fund for International Travel, covering airfare only, are completed on the same forms.

IREX Grant Opportunities for U.S. Scholars.

IREX is a non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of knowledge. It offers various grants for scholars interested in the areas of Eastern Europe, the Newly Independent States (NIS), Asia, and the Near East. For further information and applications contact IREX at (202) 628-8188 or irex@irex.org, or visit their web site at www.irex.org.

Institute for Shipboard Education: Semester at Sea. Deborah Good, in UMD's International Education Office, has information regarding this program for faculty interested in exploring the possibility of teaching a semester at sea. She can be reached at 726-8764 or dgood@d.umn.edu.

OTHER INFORMATION

For other information concerning international programs and opportunities throughout the University of Minnesota system, you can view the **University of Minnesota International Campus Update** at www.international.umn.edu/news/campusupdate.

If you would like to be added to the Alworth Institute mailing list or would like to receive announcements about the Institute's events through e-mail, please contact Cindy Christian at (218) 726-8616 or send a message to alworth@d.umn.edu.

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