



North County Chapterline

San Diego World Affairs Council

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The Prez Sez

by Bob Felt

This month we have an outstanding lineup of speakers. We start the month with a very timely speaker: Dr. David Pierce from Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. He will be speaking on the effects of climate change on water supplies. This is especially pertinent for us in San Diego County since our Colorado River Pact was recently thrown out by a Sacramento County Judge. In the last two years, Dr. Pierce has coauthored two sobering reports predicting earlier than anticipated shortages in water deliveries from Lake Mead and the Colorado River should climate change continue to make the region drier. Dr. Pierce is an author on over 40 papers in the peer-reviewed literature and was a contributing author to the IPCC "Climate Change 2007" report.

On February 11th our own Cal Watson will draw on his years in the oil industry to discuss the Sept/Oct 2009 *Foreign Policy* magazine's cover story "Oil - The Long Goodbye." The oil age is now 150 years old. The articles discuss what characterizes the oil age today, and what comes next. Cal, as most of you know, is a past president of our North County Chapter and past president of RB's Continuing Education Center. He has spoken many times to our group, and his presentations are always insightful, well articulated and well attended.

On the 18th, Dr. John Rielly returns to evaluate President Obama's foreign policy. Dr. Rielly received his Ph.D. in Political Science from Harvard University where he taught from 1958-1961. From 1962-1963 he served in the U.S Department of State; from 1963-1969 he was foreign policy assistant to Senator and Vice-President Hubert Humphrey; from 1969-1970 he was a consultant to the Office of European and International Affairs at the Ford Foundation. He then presided over the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations for 30 years. Dr. Rielly is currently an Adjunct Professor of Political Science at Northwestern University and a Visiting Professor at UCSD. He is the author of *American Public Opinion and US Foreign Policy* (seven editions) and has published articles in *Foreign Policy*, *The New York Times*, *Europa Archiv*, *Politique Etrangere*, *International Politik*, and other journals.

Our final speaker of the month will be Mr. Milburn Line, Executive Director of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice (IPJ) at the University of San Diego. He will be evaluating whether or not the \$5 billion in U.S. aid to Colombia over the past decade has been a good investment. Mr. Line joined the IPJ in August 2009, following more than 15 years of work in international missions and projects, principally in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Colombia and Guatemala. Most recently, he served as director of a \$37 million human rights program in Colombia funded by USAID. Prior to that, Mr. Line worked with the Club of Madrid, an organization of former heads of state and government that addresses democratization challenges with national authorities at the highest levels. From 2001 to 2004, he was director of a USAID-funded Human Rights & Reconciliation Program in Guatemala.

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Chapter's News

- ◆ If you haven't already done so, please submit your membership dues for 2010 using the application on the front page.
- ◆ Dottie Mortimore is arranging for our Annual Luncheon to be held at Bernardo Heights Country Club on May 27th. Our speaker will be Dr. David Lake of UCSD and the subject is Al Qaeda. More details to come.
- ◆ Details of SDWAC and NCC events can be seen on www.sdwac.org. SDWAC office phone number is (619) 325-8200.



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February, 2010 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.

Feb. 04: Dr. David Pierce, research analyst and climate scientist at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UCSD, will discuss "**How Climate Change might affect world water supplies engendering local or regional conflicts.**" Last April he coauthored an article titled "*Sustainable water deliveries from the Colorado River in a Changing Climate.*" Dr. Pierce was a contributing author to the IPCC "*Climate Change 2007*" report.

Feb. 11: Mr. Cal Watson, member, will speak on "**Oil the Long Goodbye.**" He takes his title from the Sept/Oct issue of *Foreign Policy* magazine which discusses the next phase of the oil age. Mr. Watson's focus is on what we can expect in the near term decades. He will draw upon a Daniel Yergin essay with additions from other essays in this *Foreign Policy* issue and the speaker's own knowledge of the industry.

Feb. 18: Dr. John Rielly, International Relations Professor at both Northwestern University and UCSD, will discuss "**The Obama Foreign Policy: A New Beginning or Bush II?**" Dr. Rielly was President of the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations for 30 years. Prior to that he taught at Harvard, worked at the Ford Foundation, and served in the U.S. State Department as well as the U.S. Senate and White House as foreign policy assistant to Senator and Vice President Hubert Humphrey. In January, 2009 he spoke to us in anticipation of what Obama's foreign policy might be.

Feb. 25: Mr. Milburn Line, Executive Director of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice (IPJ) at USD, will be speaking on "**The Possibility for Peace in Colombia: Is US Aid Helping?**" After 40 years of classic Cold War confrontation in Colombia complicated by the drug trade, are we close to a military resolution or are we stuck in an endless cycle of conflict? Has the \$5 billion in US aid over the past decade been a good investment? Mr. Line joined the IPJ last year after 15 years of work in international missions and projects.

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