

المؤتمر الاول لسيرلانيين الامريكيين المتحدرين من اصل عربي

PRIMER CONGRESO De LOS PARLAMENTARIOS AMERICANOS De ORIJEN ARABE
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~~THE STATE~~

BEFORE 1900 A YOUNG MAN CAME TO AMERICA FROM A SMALL VILLAGE IN SYRIA. ^{ALAA EL-HUSN,} ~~BY THE~~ WITH A COURAGE UNKNOWN TO ^{SO MANY} AMERICANS TODAY, HE LEFT HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS & LOVED ONES TO EMBARK ON A JOURNEY TO A STRANGE ^{LAND HE JOINED THE} HORDES OF IMMIGRANTS, ^{FROM ALL OVER THE} THAT ^{GLOBE ALL} CAME WITH HOPE IN THEIR HEARTS AND ~~DETERMINATION~~ PRIDE IN THEIR SOULS. SEVENTY-EIGHT YEARS LATER HIS SON BECAME THE THIRTY-SECOND GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA AND THE FIRST GOVERNOR OF ARAB ORIGIN IN THE ^{HISTORY OF THE} UNITED STATES.

YES, THAT STORY IS MINE, BUT I SPEAK IN BEHALF OF OUR ^{AMERICAN} DELEGATION, WHO ~~CAN~~ BY THEMSELVES ^{COULD} TELL A STORY EQUALLY AS DRAMATIC, ^{BEARING IN MIND THAT WE HAVE BECOME A PART OF THE FABRIC OF AMERICA} ^{THESE ARE DONORS, TO THE LAND OF OUR FATHERS.}

NOW WE RETURN, ^{IT IS ONLY THROUGH HIS EXCELLENCY} ^{THE INSPIRATION OF} PRESIDENT HAFEZ AL-ASSAD, ~~AND THE~~ ~~THE INVITATION OF~~ ENOCHUS BRADY OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY & THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE'S COUNCIL IN THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC. THAT THIS UNIQUE ASSEMBLY ^{WAS} HELD. I KNOW OF NO ^{OTHER} NATION THAT HAS

~~THE~~ ~~FORMAL~~ ~~STAGE~~ ^{IT IS INCREDIBLE} EVER DREAMED OF AND ^{NOT FORGOTTEN} ~~ASSEMBLED~~ SUCH AN ASSEMBLY AS THIS ^{AND} WITH ALL THE

~~PRESIDENT~~ ~~ASSAD~~ THE TURMOIL, ~~AND~~ PAIN AND SUFFERING THAT SWIRLS AROUND THIS ^{SMALL} COUNTRY AND WITH THE GREAT WEIGHT OF RESPONSIBILITY THAT HAS FALLEN SO HEAVILY ON THE SHOULDERS OF PRESIDENT ASSAD, ^{WOULD STILL BELIEVE SO MUCH IN} THAT HE FEEL ~~SO~~ ~~KEENLY~~ ABOUT IS SOUS & DANGERS ~~AND~~ ~~BEHOLD~~

SO THAT THIS, TOO, BECAME A PRIVILEGE.

~~AND~~ ~~THEY~~ ~~DO~~ HE KNOWS, AS DO WE, THAT FACE TO FACE EXCHANGE IS THE SOLUTION TO SO MANY PROBLEMS AND THAT WE, SOMEHOW THROUGH THIS FORUM, MAY ~~BE~~ ~~THE~~ ~~VEHICLE~~ FOR AN ANSWER OTHER THAN ^{SUBSIST} FOR SO LONG.

MAYBE ^{WE WILL BE} ~~MAYBE~~ NOT, BUT WHY NOT TRY TO HELP PRESIDENT ASSAD SEARCH FOR THAT JUST AND DURABLE PATH FOR WHICH HE

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UNQUESTIONABLY, SYRIA'S ROLE IS KEY TO ANY SOLUTION AND SYRIA MUST BE A PLAYER IN ANY DISCUSSION FOR PEACE. BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER, LET ME SAY MR. PRESIDENT ^{AS A DECENT AMERICAN,} I THINK YOU'RE QUIET BUT NOT ABOUT YOUR PART IN THE RELEASE OF OUR HOSTAGES AND THE ~~ROLE~~ ^{SO GRABBY} YOU CONTINUE TO PLAY IN ~~CONSTITUTING~~ ^{CONCERNING} THE MASTERS THAT ^{CONCERN} THIS PART OF THE WORLD.

WE ~~WANT~~ ^{AS WELL} ~~TO~~ ^{CONVICTED} ~~SEE~~ ^{FROM} OUR BROTHER ~~FROM~~ ^{LEBANON,} WHO SELL IS THE BATTLE FIELD WHERE ~~THE~~ ^A BRUSSELS DRAMA IS PLAYED OUT. HOLD YOUR BREATH TIGHT AND DO NOT LET YOUR SPIRIT FADE, FOR SOMEDAY YOU WILL BE RESTORED TO THE SPARKLING JEWEL OF PERFECTION YOU ONCE WERE.

~~WE, YOUR SONS & DAUGHTERS, PROUDLY BELONG TO SYRIA. MAY GOD BLESS OUR EFFORTS.~~

I AM PROUD TO REPRESENT OUR PARLIAMENTARIANS OF ARABIC DESCENT, BECAUSE I AM PROUD OF MY HERITAGE AND IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO SPEAK FOR THEM.

Send to Governor

A t y e h .

DR. ASSAD
DISTINGUISHED DIPLOMAT & PARLIAMENTARIAN

Speech by Gov. Victor Atiyeh
Governor of the State of Oregon
United States of America

Before 1900 a young man came to America from Amar El-Hosn, a small village in Syria. With a courage untasted by so many Americans today, he left his home, his family and friends to embark on a long journey to a strange land. He joined the hundreds of thousands of immigrants from all over the world who came with hope in their hearts and pride in their souls.

Seventy-eight years later his son was elected the thirty-second governor of Oregon and the first governor of Arab descent ever elected in the history of our United States.

Yes, that story is mine, but I speak in behalf of our American Delegation, who each by themselves could tell a story equally as dramatic and equally as emotional, for they too have become a part of the fabric of America.

Now we, the sons and daughters, return to this land of our fathers and mothers. We can thank the inspiration of His Excellency President Hafez Al-Assad, the heroic efforts of the Syrian Arab Republic People's Assembly and the sponsorship of the People's Council in the Syrian Arab Republic for the fact that we are here today.

I know of no other nation that has ever dreamed of and put forth such an assembly as this. It is incredible with all the turmoil, pain and suffering that swirls around this ancient but tiny nation and with the great weight of responsibility that has fallen so heavily on President Assad that he would still believe so much in his sons and daughters both here and in the Americas, that this ^{PRAYER} ~~too~~ has become a priority.

He knows, as do we, that face-to-face exchange is the solution to so many problems and that, somehow, through this forum, we may be the vehicle for an answer others have sought for so long.

Maybe we will be----maybe not. But why not try to help President Assad search for that just and durable peace for which he yearns.

X Unquestionably, Syria's role is key to any solution and Syria must be a player in any discussion for peace.

Before Proceeding futher, as a devout American, I thank you Mr. President for your pivotal part in the release of our American hostages and the quiet but ever-present role you continue to play in matters that so gravely concerns this part of the world.

We acknowledge, as well, our long-suffering countrymen from Lebanon, whose soil is the battle field where a gruesome drama is played out. Hold your head high and do not let your spirits falter, for someday you will be restored to the sparkling jewel of peacefulness you once knew.

I am proud to represent our Parlimentarians of Arabic descent, because I am proud of my heritage and it is a thrill to speak for them.

We, your sons and daughters, proudly return. May God guide our efforts.

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DR. ABUL-RAZOF KASSEM - PRIME MINISTER

- = 10.3M POPULATION
- = NO UNEMPLOYMENT
- = 55% OF BUDGET FOR DEFENSE
- = ASSISTANCE WITHDRAWN BY U.S. :
 - TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
 - LOAN FOR HIGH. CANCELLED - COST 1/2 B10 BY LOCUS
- = NO DEFICIT - NO MONEY OWED TO
"WESTERN BANKS & CAPITALISTIC COUNTRIES"
- = PER CAPITA INCOME \$4500 '79 — \$7000 '83



THERE IS NO PEACE BETWEEN THOSE WITH ARMS & WITHOUT ARMS

- = GENERALLY ANGERED WITH U.S. & ITS POLICIES
- WE COULD HAVE HAD A BETTER PEACE THAN EGYPT'S PEOPLE
COULD HAVE RETRIEVED GULAN HARB & PALESTINIAN HOME

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FEDERAL OFFICIALS SAY GURU ARRESTED WHILE FLEEING U.S.:

PORTLAND, OREGON, OCT 28, REUTER - INDIAN GURU BHAGWAN SHREE RAJNEESH, HEAD OF A SPIRITUAL SECT, HAS BEEN ARRESTED WITH A DOZEN DISCIPLES IN CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, AS THEY WERE APPARENTLY TRYING TO FLEE THE UNITED STATES, FEDERAL OFFICIALS SAID TODAY.

CARL HOUSEMAN, REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF PORTLAND'S FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE OFFICE, SAID CUSTOMS AGENTS ARRESTED RAJNEESH AND HIS FOLLOWERS AT THE AIRPORT YESTERDAY AND CONFISCATED THEIR TWO LEAR JETS.

HOUSEMAN SAID THEY WERE ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH SECRET INDICTMENTS HANDED DOWN ON THURSDAY BY A FEDERAL GRAND JURY IN PORTLAND, ACCUSING RAJNEESH OF ILLEGALLY HARBOURING ALIENS AND ENGAGING IN A CONSPIRACY TO MISLEAD IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS.

CUSTOMS OFFICIALS SAID RAJNEESH AND HIS 12 DISCIPLES APPARENTLY WERE TRYING TO FLY TO BERMUDA.

LAWRENCE LADAGE, SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF U.S. CUSTOMS IN PORTLAND, SAID: 'THERE'S THE POSSIBILITY OF CURRENCY VIOLATIONS. WE BELIEVE THERE'S A LARGE AMOUNT ON THE PLANE.'



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