



Left: Mayor Newsome's Proclamation for the week of our San Francisco conference, scanned for us by Steve Kimball of Light Rain, Inc.



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*"The cook is going. She sent in her spoon and ladle on her own account. I am very glad. She had the knack to the highest degree of making all food taste the same, and that not particularly good. I subsist on soup which Margaret makes for me secretly in London and is delicious."*

—WSC TO HIS WIFE

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# News and Views

## WINSTON CHURCHILL TRIBUTE GIFTS



The Churchill Centre has received three new Churchill Tribute Gifts in memory of "Absent Friends":

- March 2009: Mrs. Barbara Evans

of Missouri in memory of her husband Bill.

- August 2009: Mr. Gary Wuslich of Indiana in memory of Mrs. Irene Moden.

- August 2009: Mr. Keys Curry of Texas in memory of his son John F. Curry.

Losing a loved one or close friend is always difficult, and we often struggle to find an appropriate and lasting way to remember them and their passions. Many members have made Churchill Tribute Gifts to the Centre to honor an event or person, or in memory of those they have lost.

Sir Winston Churchill continues to inspire us all. A Tribute Gift recognizes the integrity, character, vision and passion your honoree shares or shared with Churchill. It shows also the esteem, admiration and appreciation for those honored or remembered, and demonstrates gratitude for those who deeply influenced your life.

A Tribute Gift is a lasting and powerful way to make a positive impact on educating future generations about the life and legacy of Winston Churchill and honoring ones you love.

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## EDITORIAL BOARD

Although the editor or webmaster rightly get the blame or praise for what we publish, they have never if ever been one-person shows. We have long had consultants: senior editors, chief contributors and leaders in their respective fields of expertise, who advise us regularly.

I have not thought to make a formal point of this, but I do now: their names are listed on the masthead opposite.

Readers will note a balance of disciplines and philosophies, from left to right. As a body they are the best minds we could bring together in search of Churchill. As editor I often consult them on the quality, propriety, and significance of proffered articles. Often a piece is generated, edited or axed, after their reading and upon their advice. Our flagship publication, *Finest Hour*, is increasingly choosy.

We also consult readers. A Reader Survey (*Finest Hour*, *Chartwell Bulletin*, website) was sent with issue #144, with a form that can be filled out online. Results will be tabulated, reported and considered.

Our Patron is still involved. Although not as vocal nowadays, she still lets us know her likes and dislikes. She is indeed irreplaceable. No one can match Lady Soames's knowledge of her parents—and her ability to offer "the word fitly spoken" in every situation. —RML

## COLD WAR LEGACY

CAMBRIDGE, UK, NOVEMBER 18-19TH—Churchill College and the Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy hosted an important conference of prominent academics, media commentators, politicians, diplomats and military figures involved in shaping events

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Will the ideas you cherish *now* be sustained *then*?  
Who will guide your grandchildren, and your country?  
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during the Cold War and its aftermath. Panels explored the origins and events of the Cold War, including the rise and fall of the Berlin Wall, the use of technology and intelligence, and the impact on contemporary international relations in Europe and the Middle East. Details are available on the Archives Centre website: <http://www.chu.cam.ac.uk/archives/exhibitions/home.php>.

Sir Winston Churchill featured prominently, with contributions from several Churchill scholars including Sir Martin Gilbert, Professor Christopher Andrew, Professor David Reynolds and Dr. David Woolner of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute.

Witness testimony was provided by Senator Howard Baker, Winston S. Churchill, Susan Eisenhower, Field Marshal Inge, Hugh Lunghi, Lord Powell and Senator John Warner. The conference welcomed Dr. Alexander Likhotal, a former adviser to and spokesman for President Gorbachev, along with other Russians, and representatives from China, France, Germany, India and Romania.

The conference was free and open to all, but was virtually sold out by mid-October. It was a unique opportunity to question and engage with some of the major political, diplomatic, military, media and scientific figures who helped to shape the modern world. ☺

## Local News

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

VANCOUVER, SEPTEMBER 17TH— Over Seventy members of The Rt. Hon. Sir Winston Spencer Churchill Society of British Columbia attended an "Evening with Churchill" to hear Professor Andre Gerolymatos speak on "Churchill and the Intelligence Community." Dr. Gerolymatos, who earned his Ph.D. at McGill, is chairman of Hellenic Studies at Simon Fraser University. He specializes in military and diplomatic history and has published several articles and books on these fields such as *Espionage in Classical Greece* and *Guerilla Warfare and Espionage in Greece 1940-1944*.

His address brought new perspectives to many well known historical events, and demonstrated how Churchill's emphasis on and accumulation of intelligence enabled him to make sound decisions in difficult times—particularly in May 1940, as he assessed Britain's chances of survival in the face of a German invasion. His talk was extremely well received by

members and guests, who generated a lively discussion during the question period.

### CHICAGO

NOVEMBER 30TH— Dr. Gail Rosseau, a neurosurgeon at Rush Medical Center and a local Churchill Centre member, spoke on "The Medical Churchill" during a dinner meeting at The Fairmont Hotel, Chicago.

### COLORADO

DENVER, NOVEMBER 7TH— Rocky Mountain Churchillians held their fourth annual Winston Churchill Birthday Celebration tonight at the University Club Denver. "Winston and Clementine: The Enduring Marriage of Two Strong, Loving Individuals" was the topic of an after-dinner speech by Dean Deborah Nutter from The Fletcher School, Tufts University, Boston. After receiving a standing ovation for her address on this topic at the 2008 International Churchill Conference in Boston last year, Nutter has been in constant demand to repeat the presentation throughout the U.S. and Canada. We were fortunate to have captured a place on her schedule.

Dean Nutter is not only a master of the literature on the famous couple, but she has also gained extensive knowledge through interviews with many Churchill experts, including the Churchill family and friends.

### WASHINGTON

AUGUST 2ND— Rachel Thompson, director of special projects at the George C. Marshall International Center in Leesburg, Virginia, spoke at the Washington Society for Churchill summer picnic about the extensive correspondence between Churchill and Gen. George C. Marshall, U.S. Army Chief of Staff from 1939 to 1945. Using color copies of correspondence, Thompson

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portrayed two men with dramatically different personalities, who often disagreed on matters of strategy, yet held each other in the highest esteem.

Their stream of letters continued after the war, including Marshall's handwritten thank-you notes for signed volumes of Churchill's war memoirs, and during the June 1953 Coronation of HM Queen Elizabeth II, when Marshall represented then-President Eisenhower.

That Marshall actively read Churchill's books is evident in one delightful phrase from a mid-1946 letter written while he was Secretary of State: "The new weeds in my garden at Leesburg will rejoice in the knowledge that between them and their fate stands over 600 pages of your unexcelled prose."

Ms. Thompson noted that in 1953, both men received Nobel Prizes, Churchill for literature, >>



and Marshall for peace (ironic for a former general, and the prize Churchill had hoped he might receive). For her talk, Thompson drew on a late 2006 exhibition of facsimiles of many of those letters at Dodona Manor, Marshall's Leesburg home from 1941 until his death in 1959, now a museum.

An expanded reprise of that exhibit is being planned for 2010, incorporating documents and letters from both men. ☺

## 2009 Awards

*Richard M. Langworth*

SAN FRANCISCO, SEPTEMBER 11TH— The Churchill Centre issues four standing awards, not all of them annually, but rather when one is merited. All four were bestowed at the San Francisco conference, and I had the happy privilege of announcing them.

### Blenheim Award

First presented to Lady Soames and Sir John Colville in 1983, this is a recognition of persons who have notably contributed to the memory of Winston Churchill, our understanding of his life and times, and/or the Churchill Centre.

Over the years, as we have added other awards for scholarly work, the emphasis has drifted more toward those who have done conspicuous things for the organization, and for the people it serves—the students, teachers and scholars who attend its functions, as well as us ordinary members.

They will all be particularly gratified by the 2009 winner, for whom it is long overdue. Where our educational programs would be



without her drive, imagination and determination is not worth contemplating. I was very proud to convey the 2009 Blenheim Award to our educational programs coordinator, from Massachusetts, Suzanne Sigman.

### Somervell Award

This is a new name for what used to be called the *Finest Hour* Journal Award, issued by the editors of *Finest Hour* for the outstanding contribution over the past four issues—in this case issues 140 to 143. The name Somervell was proposed by Professor David Dilks:

"To the end of days, Churchill acknowledged his gratitude to Robert Somervell, the Harrow master who had taught him English as a boy. We all have ample cause to bless this splendid teacher."

(Incidentally, Somervell's son was Attorney-General and Home Secretary in Churchill's wartime governments).

The first two winners in 2003 and 2004 were Paul Alkon for our Lawrence of Arabia issue, *Finest Hour* 119; and Larry Arnn for his essay "Never Despair" in *FH* 122. The winners since have been Robert Pilpel for "What Churchill Owed the Great Republic" in *FH* 125, Terry Reardon for "Winston Churchill and Mackenzie King" in *FH* 140, David Dilks for "The Queen and Mr. Churchill" in *FH* 135, and Philip and Susan Larson for "Hallmark's Churchill Connection" in *FH* 137.

In 2009, the editors unanimously named a singular article comparing the Churchill experience in war with the current experience of two Presidents in war—not suggesting what Sir Winston would have done, but illustrating his famous quotation:



"The Statesman who yields to war fever must realise that once the signal is given, he is no longer the master of policy but the slave of unforeseeable and uncontrollable events." The winner is Col. David Jablonsky, US Army (retired), for "Preemptive Use of Force: The Churchill Experience and the Bush Doctrine," in *Finest Hour* 141, Winter 2008-09. Col. Jablonsky was unable to be with us, so his award was forwarded to him in Pennsylvania.



### Reves Award

Emery Reves was the man who, probably more than anyone, dispersed Churchill's books and articles to the wider world. He began in the 1930s, placing articles in the European press from Riga to Madrid, sometimes for as little as £5 an article, bringing Churchill's warnings about Hitler to the broad European public.

Then, as Hitler's influence expanded and newspapers began to reject Churchill's work, Reves concentrated on Western Europe. Churchill and Eden got him out of France in 1940, and he landed in New York, where, after the war, he helped Lord Camrose sell the rights to the war memoirs, making Churchill a wealthy man for the first time in his life.

Martin Gilbert's marvelous book, *Winston Churchill and Emery Reves*, provides us with insight to how Reves operated. Churchill gave him an almost impossible task: he must help sell the memoirs, but he must



never say who he represents!

Learning that *Life's* publisher, Henry Luce, is in New York, Emery rings his friend, the redoubtable Claire Booth. "Harry is in bed," she says—"he's back exhausted after a two-night flight from China." Telling Claire his mission is urgent, Emery presents himself at the Waldorf Towers and says: "Wake Harry!"

An angry Luce appears in his dressing gown: "You are the sixth or seventh agent who comes to me saying he represents Churchill—now who *is* his representative?"

"All I can tell you," Emery replies, "is that in forty-eight hours [the serialization of Churchill's war memoirs] will be sold. You can talk to me today or tomorrow, but after tomorrow you won't get it."

Luce gets it—from Lord Camrose, who signs the contract as Churchill's official representative. Camrose says, "They made a very good offer....\$1.4 million for the American serial and book rights." Emery replies, "Lord Camrose—No! The serial rights yes—but not the book rights. You must stop it." Reves has friends at Houghton Mifflin, and they are good for a separate bonanza for the book rights. What a man!

Fourteen Reves Awards have been presented by The Churchill Centre since 1987, recognizing excellence in writing or speaking about Churchill's life and times, or applying his precepts and values to today's issues. The winners include Alistair Cooke, William Manchester, Sir Martin Gilbert, Geoffrey Best, Tom Brokaw, David Dilks, and Chris Matthews.

This year we add to our own lustre by presenting the Emery Reves Award to a great historian, Andrew Roberts, for his wonderfully readable and balanced book, *Masters and Commanders: How Roosevelt, Churchill, Marshall and*

*Alanbrooke Won the War in the West.* This is just one of many feathers in Andrew Roberts' cap, but one which we hope will convey the esteem we all hold for him.



### Farrow Award

The years have rolled by and many now ask, Who was Fred Farrow? Fred was unique, not so much for his many accomplishments, but the way he continued to strive at a very



old age. "I am blessed by coming from a line of long-lived people," he said in 1995, behind his desk at Century Instruments in Livonia, Michigan, the company he founded in 1950 and built up from nothing: "I come in every day and keep an eye on things." He was then 89, and he kept right on until he died at 93.

He was a good model for all of us who have vowed never to retire. As Katharine Hepburn put it: "As long as they're buying what I'm selling, I plan to keep on selling it."

The phone rang. It was 7 pm. "Excuse me," Fred said, picking up the phone: "Century Instruments....I'm sorry, you'll have to call back tomorrow. We're having a meeting right now. Mr. Farrow isn't available."

What company can you ring up in the middle of the evening and find yourself talking to the CEO, who is too busy to chat?

Fred arrived in the United States from England with an engineering degree and not much else—in 1929, of all years. Three years earlier, loading

*British Gazettes* on trucks during the General Strike, he had met Churchill. Hearing Fred talking to his mates, the Chancellor of the Exchequer walked over: "Young man, you don't sound like a Londoner. What part of the country do you come from?"

Fred pitched his bundle of newspapers into the truck, stood as tall as he could and said, "County Durham, Sir!" WSC's grin widened as he put his hand on Fred's shoulder: "Jolly good. Carry on. God bless you." Fred was hooked.

Century manufactures industrial metering devices. Fred's motto was: "If it can be measured, we can control it." I couldn't help noticing the big map covering one wall of his tiny office, sprouting dozens of pins.

"Are those your customers?" I asked. "Yes," he said. "I'm particularly proud of Mexico City."

Mexico City?

"We wanted customers in Mexico," Fred continued, "so I went down myself to have a look. I asked, 'How many sausage makers are there here?' The Yellow Pages listed sixteen. So I made up a little brochure in Spanish, explaining how much our instruments would save the sausage makers by measuring quantities and reducing waste. I would have been astonished if we got two replies—flabbergasted if we got four. We got five! Today almost all the sausage makers in Mexico City are using Century Instruments."

Fred believed deeply in The Churchill Centre and its work with young people. His generosity was great, but he asked no acknowledgement, no praise. "I am only a catalyst," he said. "Just want to get the ball rolling." He lived long enough to see the endowment he helped start roll to its first million.

If there is still a long way to go, the road is that much shorter, not only because of >>

# Coming Events at the Churchill Museum

CABINET WAR ROOMS, Clive Steps, King Charles Street, London SW1A 2AQ



● **Mark Seaman: The Venlo Incident—A New Perspective.**

10th November 2009, 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm.

In November 1939, two SIS officers were kidnapped by Nazi intelligence officers on the Dutch/German border. This lecture will provide new insights into the political and intelligence aspects of this remarkable story.

● **Dr. Christopher Baxter: Uninvited and Unwelcome Guests—Spies and British.**

24 November 2009, 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm.

Almost from its inception, the Special Intelligence Service (SIS) enjoyed a frequently problematic relationship with the diplomats of the Foreign Office. The Second World War brought even greater challenges because of the need to reconcile operational intelligence requirements with the maintenance of diplomatic protocols, and the resultant conflicts.

● **Professor Gary Sheffield: Fighting for Churchill?**

17 March 2010, 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm.

In this lecture Professor Sheffield turns his attention to the Second World War, exam-

ining the impact of combat on ordinary soldiers and analysing their motivation for fighting. In the process he highlights the true, often misunderstood costs of war on the individual.

● **Dr. Nigel Steel: With Winston Churchill at the Front, 1915-16.**

23 March 2010, 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm.

From November 1915 to May 1916, Churchill served in the trenches of France and Belgium, enduring danger and hardship with the men he commanded. This talk examines in detail his time "at the front," and shows how Churchill (contrary to the expectations of his men) proved to be a very able, if unusual, leader, rebuilding the soldiers' morale after the losses they had suffered some weeks before.

The Churchill Museum at the Cabinet War Rooms is the official London headquarters of The Churchill Centre, and CC members are always particularly welcome. Do be sure to advise Churchill Centre executive director and Churchill Museum curator Phil Reed of your coming visit by an email message to [preed@winstonchurchill.org](mailto:preed@winstonchurchill.org). We look forward to seeing you soon.

The Churchill Museum and Cabinet War Rooms are conveniently located near the Houses of Parliament quite close to Downing Street, open daily 9.30 am to 6.00 pm (last admission 5.00 pm). For information on these or other upcoming Churchill events please contact the Museum at the address above; by phone (+44) 020-7930-6961; or via its website: <http://cwr.iwm.org.uk/>.

**Farrow Award, continued...**

his generosity, but that of others he inspired. So at the end of the year, when you're thinking how much you want to give to charity instead of the government, think of us. And think of Fred.

Fred himself established the Farrow Award for Excellence in Churchill Studies, which carries a cash prize of \$1000, and we've funded it since his death. The winners are authors of the best books about Winston Churchill one may own: Martin Gilbert, Paul Addison, James Muller, Manfred Weidhorn, Warren Kimball, David Stafford, John Ramsden, Curt Zoller, David Reynolds and Lady Soames. You can't really go wrong with that list. This year marks the 11th Farrow Award. May I have the envelope please....



(At this point Professor James Muller rose to bestow the Farrow Award on the speaker, for his book *Churchill by Himself: The Life, Times and Opinions of*

*Winston Churchill in His Own Words*. Langworth, taken by surprise, could only quote Churchill's words to the Nobel Prize committee in 1953:

"I am proud, but also I must admit awestruck, at your decision to include me. I do hope you are right. I feel we are both running a considerable risk and that I do not deserve it. But I shall have no misgivings if you have none." ☺

# TRIUMPH IN SAN FRANCISCO

In a new departure, the Twenty-sixth Churchill Conference assembled noted thinkers and opinionmakers to consider Churchill's "Big Four" futurist essays of the 1920s and 1930s; his remarkably informed forecasts of the future; and the degree to which his predictions have come true.

BY JUDY KAMBESTAD, CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN  
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2009 enjoyed a stellar array of guest speakers and panelists. **Above:** Secretary of State George P. Shultz. **Left:** Supreme Court Associate Justice Clarence Thomas. **Below:** Presidential historian Michael Beschloss.



George P. Shultz and Martin Walker, senior director of the Global Business Policy Council, opened proceedings with a discussion of Churchill's recurrent theme, "Advancing Technology, Unchanging Mankind," moderated by Hillsdale College President Larry Arnn (in the unavoidable absence of moderator Chris Matthews). Like all the panels to follow, there was ample time for audience participation, debate and contention!

James Muller then moderated a discussion of *Thoughts and Adventures*, with Professor Paul Alkon, Larry Arnn, and Daniel Nadler. The latter, a Ph.D. candidate at Harvard, attended a Churchill Centre graduate student education seminar, where James Muller met him and invited him to this panel. >>

**T**he venerable Westin St. Francis was the venue for "Churchill For Today," a new style of Churchill conference which considered not an historic event but Churchill's relevance to 21st century governance and politics. The focus was on four essays in his book, *Thoughts and Adventures*. This work has just been republished in a fine new edition edited by James W. Muller, with footnotes by Paul Courtenay, both senior editors of *Finest Hour*.

Former Secretary of State

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<http://winstonchurchill.org/images/chartwellbulletins/cb22.pdf>



Panel audiences were large, and ample time was left for trading opinions on Churchill's thought. *Below:* Christopher Hebb and Joseph Abrahamson fire challenges at panelists, while Charlene Abrahamson listens absorbed. That's the right word, isn't it, Joe?



A breathtaking view of the C Saturday night at Alexandra's banquet facility, on the highest floor. Judy Kambestad pulled off two courses with grace and aplomb. T

*Right above:* Martin Walker, Secretary of the Policy Council, who chaired the panel with panelists George Shultz and Kenneth Childs, Robert Luk Abrahamson. Most speak

**B**oth opening discussions received high marks. One attendee wrote on his evaluation: "Brilliant! Nadler gives us hope for the future. Please bring more outstanding students."

The conference then turned to Churchill's "Big Four" futurist essays in *Thoughts and Adventures: The individual versus the collective* in "Mass

Effects in Modern Life" (1931); Democracy in the age of information in "Consistency in Politics" (1927); Weapons of mass destruction in "Shall We All Commit Suicide?" (1924), and Churchill's uncanny predictions of the modern era in "Fifty Years Hence" (1931). Our final panel was "Churchill for Today and Tomorrow," with all the previous

discussants and heavy audience participation.

Panelists in addition to Dr. Arnn and Professor Muller were Professors David Freeman (University of California, Fullerton) Manfred Weidhorn (Yeshiva University), Paul Alkon (University of Southern California) Stephen Joel Trachtenberg (The George





ity by the Bay was offered on  
s, the Westin St. Francis' best  
st floor of the hotel. Chairman  
back to back black-tie dinners  
The food was spectacular.

Senior director, Global Business  
the Saturday panel discussions,  
and Larry Arnn; and (below) with  
e, Judy Kambestad and Joe  
ers brought books to sign.



Washington University), John Maurer (U.S. Naval War College); and Michael McMenemy, of *Finest Hour* and *Reason* magazine. The moderators were Martin Walker and *Finest Hour* editor Richard Langworth. All panels were highly rated. They were audio taped and will be published in *Finest Hour* and/or in audio streams on our website.

Centre Chairman Laurence Geller gave the official welcome Friday morning, and spoke at lunch Saturday on the "State of the Centre," listing recent education, chapter, and fundraising activities and future projects. British Consul-General Julian Evans gave a well received speech on British and American relations.

### Programs Available

Members may like to order the commemorative program (see page 11), which is more than just a schedule. Dan Myers offers a valuable travelogue on Churchill's 1929 auto journey in California, which you can follow in your own car. There is also a detailed article on Churchill's "Big Four" futurist essays covered >>

in the conference. A sample...

- *Mass Effects in Modern Life*: "Is not mankind already escaping from the control of individuals? Are not our affairs increasingly being settled by mass processes?"

- *Consistency in Politics*: "Ideas acquire a momentum of their own. The stimulus of a vast concentration of public support is almost irresistible in its potency."

- *Shall We All Commit Suicide?*: "Mankind has never been in this position before.... Death stands at attention, obedient, expectant, ready to serve, ready to shear away the peoples en masse; ready, if called on, to pulverize, without hope of repair, what is left of civilization."

- *Fifty Years Hence*: "The nature of man has remained hitherto practically unchanged. Under sufficient stress—starvation, terror, warlike passion, or even cold intellectual frenzy—the modern man we know so well will do the most terrible deeds, and his modern woman will back him up."

Programs (\$10 postpaid) and may be ordered by credit card from Churchill Centre, toll-free: (888) WSC-1874.

**H**ighlights of the twenty-sixth Churchill conference were our special guests. Friday night's speaker, The Honorable Clarence Thomas, Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court, spoke eloquently and movingly of Churchill's influence on his life and work, and graciously remained after dinner to talk with everyone who wished to meet him, including student guests.

Best-selling author Michael Beschloss closed the conference on Saturday evening with a review of Churchill's impact on history and his own work as a presidential historian.

Attendees expressed special appreciation to WSC's granddaughter, Celia Sandys, and his great-grandson, Randolph



**Above:** Celia Sandys, long a presence at our conferences, in an aside with Justice Thomas on Friday night. **Left:** Julian Evans, HM Consul for San Francisco, was eloquent on the Anglo-American relationship.



**Below left:** Former Secretary of State George Shultz was available to chat after the Thursday panel (here with Phil Lyons of Chicago). **Below:** Professor Manfred Weidhorn, Churchillian of the Left, preparing yet another riposte: "Richard, now you've really stepped in it!"







**Above left:** So what does a publisher actually do? *Finest Hour* publisher Barbara Langworth keeps the wheels from falling off and the editor from falling back, shrinks from the limelight and dodges the credit—but we know. **Above right:** One of the great things about conferences is the presence of Churchills: Les Smull with WSC’s granddaughter, Celia Sandys.



**L&R:** Pre-conference events on Wednesday including a wreath-laying ceremony at the Churchill memorial plaque, Grace Cathedral.

**Left:** Rabbi David Wolpe, Celia Sandys, Randolph Churchill, and Bishop of San Francisco Marc Andrus. Later at The Pacific Union Club, Rabbi Wolpe delivered an outstanding talk on “Churchill, Religion and the Jews.” Other pre-conference events were a cruise aboard Franklin Roosevelt’s presidential yacht, *USS Potomac*; a visit to the tank collection at the Military Vehicle Technology Foundation; and a dinner with Michael Bolte, Director of the Lick Observatory, who spoke about the rings of Saturn and other phenomena which fascinated WSC in 1929. **Right:** The Churchill

thanks to Stuart Kuhn, our host at the Pacific-Union Club.

The program was designed by Richard and Barbara Langworth. San Francisco’s proclamation of “Sir Winston Churchill Week” was beautifully photographed for the cover of this issue by Steve Kimball of Light Rain, Inc. in San Rafael, California. Steve went out of his way brilliantly to scan this handsome document.

The conference couldn’t happen without volunteers Ellen Alkon, Solveig and Randy Barber, Beverly and Gary Bonine, Ken Childs, Marcus and Molly Frost, Christopher and Dorothy Hebb, Craig and Lorraine Horn, Ruth

Lavine, Mike and Peggy Loper, Bond Nichols, Suzanne Sigman and Jacqueline Dean Witter.

### Feedback

“It was very well run, a triumph by Judy and Dan. I enjoyed the pre-conference dinner at The Pacific Union Club, and the talk about Churchill by astronomer Michael Bolte, very much. He had a good story to tell.”



“As a card-carrying liberal, I was sorry Chris Matthews had to cancel, but Manfred Weidhorn gamely upheld the liberal viewpoint in a scholarly, collegial and amusing way. I especially liked his wisecrack, ‘Richard, now

you’ve really stepped in it!’ Professor Weidhorn is a true renaissance man.”



“I was sorry about the remodeling of the St. Francis Hotel, which did away with the most wonderful old parts of the place I remembered—particularly the magnificent lobby, which was cut up into shops. But I liked Alexandra’s, the lovely art deco room where we dined on Saturday night. The food was extremely good throughout, and that is something important.”



“The panels were high class. By the second day there was some repetition, but not too much.



**Above:** They helped make it what it was. *Standing L-R:* Randolph Churchill, Larry Arnn, Suzanne Sigman, Francine Trachtenberg, Julian Evans, Laurence Geller. *Seated L-R:* Dr. Daniel Sigman, Professor Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, Hon. Celia Sandys, Justice Clarence Thomas.

**Below:** Everyone was grateful for the participation throughout the conference of the "fourth generation," Randolph S. Churchill, here with Michael Beschloss.

Martin Walker, Richard Langworth and Larry Arnn were fine presiders. The presenters were good and the variety of viewpoints refreshing. The panel on economics wandered too far from the book, in my judgment. John Maurer smoothly substituted for Larry Arnn when he had to leave for a funeral."

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"A few people said we are becoming a branch of the Libertarian Party by emphasizing Churchill's ominous warnings about the growth of government and socialism. But Churchill resists political labels. He promoted liberty, and favored many things now considered passé."

✱

"Justice Thomas's speech was

spellbinding. Michael Beschloss gave us a smooth and amusing talk. Celia Sandys and Randolph Churchill were as always personable and wonderful company, and tireless in talking to conference-goers."

✱

"Most panelists were careful about their politics. I expected some from my old friend Steve Trachtenberg, but he told droll stories about being a college president. Even those had a Churchillian message, if one was discerning enough to see it."

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"At last we got away from Blood, Toil, Tears and Sweat to consider Churchill 'in the round.' I am glad that next year's conference extends the theme by consid-

ering the quest for security in the 21st century, in the light of Churchill's experience." >>



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