

The George F. Kennan Centennial Conference

Friday, February 20, 2004

George F. Kennan '25 is most noted as the author of the "Long Telegram." After World War II, as the Soviet Union expanded its influence in Europe, Kennan, an experienced diplomat and Soviet expert, wrote his telegram to advocate a new course in U.S.-Soviet relations, later publishing its tenets within *Foreign Affairs* as the "X" article. Dubbed simply "containment," for much of the Cold War it would be the foundation of American foreign policy toward the U.S.S.R., though there were significant departures from Kennan's original understanding of the term.

In honor of his centennial, Princeton University will host a day-long conference featuring academics, diplomats, and journalists to discuss the Cold War, its end, and the future of American diplomacy. It is open to students, faculty, alumni, and invited guests.



Portrait of George F. Kennan by Mary A. Bundy, 1990. Original sepia drawing sketched from life.

Welcome and Registration

9 a.m. Frist Multipurpose Room
Includes Continental Breakfast

Opening Address

10 a.m. Richardson Auditorium
Secretary of State Colin Powell*

Luncheon Speaker and Video Presentation

Noon. Frist Multipurpose Room
"The Many-Faceted Figure of George F. Kennan"
Richard H. Ullman, The David K.E. Bruce Professor of International Affairs, emeritus, Princeton University

Kennan and the Cold War, Presentations and Discussion

2 p.m. McCosh 10
"The Long Telegram as an Act of Leadership"
Robert C. Tucker, professor of politics emeritus, Princeton University; and former attaché, American Embassy, Moscow, 1944-53

"New Look or Containment? George F. Kennan and the Making of Eisenhower's National Security Strategy"
William B. Pickett, professor of history, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

For more information, please call 609-258-6115 or e-mail cvcs@princeton.edu.

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"Kennan's Understanding of the Cold War"

Jack F. Matlock, former U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union, 1987-91

"American Diplomacy and the End of the Cold War"

Ambassador Robert Hutchings, director for European Affairs with the National Security Council, 1989-92; chair, National Intelligence Council, 2002-present

Moderator: Don Oberdorfer '52, journalist-in-residence, Johns Hopkins University, Nitze School of Advanced International Studies; former *Washington Post* diplomatic correspondent

The Future of American Diplomacy, Presentations and Discussion

4:30 p.m. McCosh 10

"The Role of Containment in the Post-Cold War World."

John Mearsheimer, The R. Wendell Harrison Distinguished Service Professor of Political Science, University of Chicago

"American Power and Strategy in the 21st Century"

Joseph S. Nye Jr. '58, dean, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

"From the Fall of the Berlin Wall to Baghdad and Beyond: A Practitioner's Perspective"

Colonel Dallas Brown '78, director for peacekeeping, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy, 2001-present; deployed as a political-military planner with the Coalition Provisional Authority, Baghdad, 2003; National Security Council, director for multilateral affairs, 1994-97

Moderator: Chris Hedges, the *New York Times*, and author of *War Is a Force That Gives Us Meaning*

Dinner speaker

6 p.m. Frist Multipurpose Room
"George F. Kennan and American Grand Strategy: A Summing Up"
John Lewis Gaddis, The Robert A. Lovett Professor of History and Political Science, Yale University

For more program details, visit: www.princeton.edu/~mudd/kennan

*Seating in Richardson Auditorium will be ticketed and limited to the first 250 conference registrants. A limited number of additional tickets will be available, at no charge, for alumni wishing to attend Colin Powell's speech only. Please register to be included in the lottery for these tickets. Others may view a simulcast in McCosh 50.

Registration

Mail to: Kennan Centennial Conference, c/o Tara Zarillo, 71 University Place, Princeton, NJ 08544

Name _____ Class/Affiliation _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____ will be used to confirm registration and provide updates only

I/We wish to be entered in the lottery for Powell ticket(s) *limit two*

I/We will attend the conference: \$25 registration fee per person \$ _____

I/We will attend the luncheon and dinner programs: \$50 per person \$ _____

Lunch choice: chicken beef vegetarian

Dinner choice: chicken pork vegetarian Total \$ _____

Payment method: Check *made payable to Princeton University* Visa MasterCard

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