

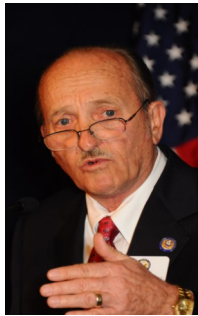


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President's Corner

Dr. Henry A. Fischer
President & CEO

As we begin the 112th session of Congress, the ASCF's programs are even now more important than ever in maintaining our vigilance of events happening around the world. Wars in the Middle East, possible military action between North and South Korea, and our government that has continually cut our military budget at every turn.

On the home front, rising gasoline prices are now over \$3 per gallon for regular gasoline. Oil is nearing \$100 per barrel and the former head of Shell Oil Company is forecasting \$5 per gallon of gas by the year 2012. T. Boone Pickens plan of energy independence, utilizing our huge reserves of natural gas, long thought to be too expensive, is fast becoming an economic reality. We definitely need to be in control of our future energy resources—resources that are not imported from countries that would rather we didn't exist.

I would also like to personally invite all of our members to the Congressional Leadership Awards Ceremony that will be held in the U.S. Capitol HC-5 on March 10, 2011.

Respectfully,



The American Security Council Foundation will hold their 2011 Leadership Awards Ceremony in Washington D.C. March 2011. The event will be hosted by the Board of Directors of the American Security Council Foundation. For more information regarding this event please visit our website at www.ascfusa.org.

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STATE OF OUR NATION

By Dr. Henry A. Fischer

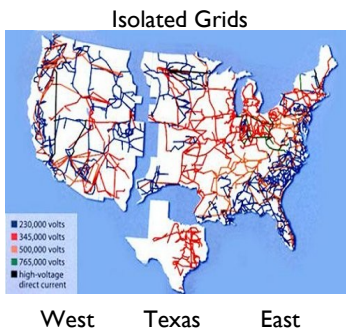
As Congress opens the 112th Session it reflects that the United States is at the apex of a declining value system of the greatest nation in the world.

The mission of keeping freedom, justice and the Rule of Law in place is through a free enterprise system, democracy and equality for all citizens of the United States.

ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

The freeing of our great nation from its dependence on foreign oil is one of the most critical national security missions. Imported oil destabilizes and strangles our economy. Consequently we send billions of dollars overseas, \$312 billion in 2010, which equates to almost one billion dollars a day.

ENERGY SOLUTIONS



The use of solar, wind, natural gas, clean coal and small nuclear reactors as well as off-shore drilling and other new “green” forms of energy yet discovered, will help reduce our imported oil addiction. A new electrical energy grid also needs to be constructed, delivering electrical power more efficiently than our present 3 grid nationwide system that does not connect allowing us to move power from east to west efficiently. We need Congress, environmental movements and the oil industry to work together to develop our goal of energy independence. All of these groups can be watchdogs in the process to be sure that all resources are used and developed efficiently and safe all the while allowing for the development of energy resources in an environmentally reasonable manor.

THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE

The United States needs to reinforce our friendships with our trading partners in Latin America, Canada and the Caribbean. They should not be forgotten as they have been our long term friendly trading partners and have supported our American values. Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez’s goal is to destroy the Western Hemisphere, our U.S. trading partners and capitalism. The form of socialism that he is promoting for the Western Hemisphere conflicts directly with capitalism and free trade.

A STRONG MILITARY

We need a reliable missile defense system that would provide us with an “umbrella of protection”, shielding us from rogue nations such as Iran, North Korea and Venezuela. Adequate funding for a missile defense system has been delayed by the previous sessions of Congress and must now be addressed with the utmost urgency.

F-22 Raptor



EMERGING THREATS

China is on track to become the world’s leading economic power, and is pursuing a rapid military modernization. This bears watching in light of their present handling of dissidents and critics. The gulags and punishment system is part of China management style. America stands for freedom and human rights. With an estimated 25,000 Chinese spies in the United States seeking to steal American technology and industrial secrets, China’s technology should improve rapidly at a very low cost.



China is farther along in its development of a new stealth fighter jet (J-20) than the U.S. had predicted — that plane and other Chinese Military advances have become very troubling. The United States is also nervous about a new Chinese ballistic missile that could theoretically explode a U.S. aircraft carrier nearly 2,000 miles out to the sea. China has also apparently beaten U.S. estimates to develop that weapon.

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Chinese J-20 Stealth Fighter



The Chavez Power Grab

By Dr. James S. Robbins

Last September Hugo Chavez seemed to suffer a significant reverse in his drive to erect a totalitarian regime in Venezuela. In parliamentary elections his ruling United Socialist Party of Venezuela was soundly rebuffed, dropping from controlling 83% of the legislative seats in the National Assembly to a comparatively low 59%. The opposition Coalition for Democratic Unity grew from 4% to 40%, and in the overall popular vote the opposition garnered 47% against the socialists' 48%. It was clear that the people of Venezuela were moving against the Chavismo, which had

brought increasing poverty instead of the promised prosperity. But the voters hadn't reckoned on their ruler's lack of scruples.

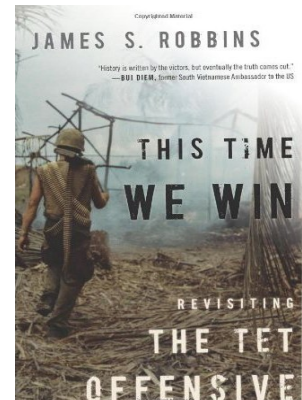
Before the new Assembly could convene on January 5, Chavez engineered an "extraordinary legislative session" of the outgoing parliament, which passed a series of laws officially described as "aimed at strengthening people's power, and ensuring the collective well-being." These included further restricting press freedoms, limiting internet content, and giving Chavez dictatorial powers for 18 months. At the signing ceremony for the law granting power to rule by decree Chavez mocked the opposition as "little Yankees" and said, "let's see how they are going to make laws now."

The U.S. State Department condemned Chavez "subverting the will of the Venezuelan people," and a diplomatic flap quickly ensued over U.S. ambassador designate Larry Palmer, who had speculated before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee about Chavez regime support for the FARC guerilla movement in neighboring Colombia. Caracas' rejection of Palmer led to Washington withdrawing the visa of Venezuelan envoy Bernardo Alvarez. Nevertheless the State Department maintains it wants to repair the rift with Venezuela.

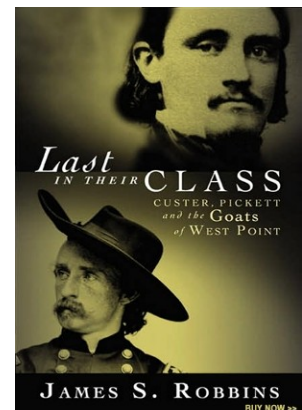
But the Chavez regime shows no such reciprocal intentions, and is seeking new ways to threaten hemispheric stability. According to a December article in Die Welt, Caracas reached an agreement with Tehran to build an Iranian-manned medium range missile facility inside Venezuela. This and Mr. Chavez's drive to achieve total power in the country should raise red flags in Washington. Rather than seeking to improve relations, Washington should explore a comprehensive strategy aimed at limiting Mr. Chavez's ability to destabilize the region, and ultimately to restore democracy to Venezuela. President Obama underestimates Mr. Chavez at his peril.

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THE ENEMY



Osama bin Laden

Osama bin Laden and his Jihadist terrorist organization are pursuing a long term vision of a global Caliphate, based on an extremist interpretation of Islam. Al Qaeda has actively been attacking U.S. interests since 1993, when bin Laden's followers in Somalia took part in military action against U.S. troops engaged in peace enforcement and humanitarian assistance. Al Qaeda declared war on the United States in 1996, and perpetrated several high profile attacks before the tragedy of September 11, 2001.

I hope by now Americans realize that Islamofascists seek the death, conversion or subjugation of all Christians, Jews, Hindus and members of other faiths. They believe that Allah wants them to use every means they have to destroy us. Their hatred of the United States and its values is bitter and eternal. Our Nation has never met a more virulent and driven enemy. With the above in mind, with U.S. and world freedom threatened, talks of a reduction in U.S. Military strength for temporary, small scale budgetary savings seem short-sighted and ill-advised. The Defense Department, as well as diplomatic and intelligence tools of national power, need to be well funded and to operate at full capacity if we are to face these persistent threats.

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