

FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS were co-sponsors with "gifts" and subsidies, what was the rationale for such a restraining order? Unfortunately, with the full involvement of FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS as co-sponsors, and as providers of "gifts" and subsidies for the LACOE Conference on THE ARAB WORLD, **ALL POLITICAL ISSUES WERE PLACED AT THE FOREFRONT.**

Many questions, dealing with **CULTURE**, but quite offensive to the sponsoring foreign governments come to mind. However, none of these **CULTURAL QUESTIONS** could be asked because they would have been branded "political issues." "Security" would have been asked to act.

The Conference brochure--attached--lists as "Conference Outcomes" ".....understand(ing of) current events in the Arab World." It is difficult to see how this stated conference goal could be reached in the atmosphere of **FEAR**, and in the stated condition of "restrain" in which all presenters and all participants had to operate. This particular Conference Outcome seems difficult to be accepted by the co-sponsoring foreign governments. I am sorry that the LACOE chose to guarantee First Amendment Rights to all FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, while abridging the First Amendment Right of Free Speech to all U.S. Citizens.

Issue 3. Role of public educational agencies in recommending the use, for instructional purposes, of publications provided free of charge by Foreign Governments, such publications having **NO** approval by any State of California agency.

Dr. Margaret Grater publicly stated that "the best sources of information, for instructional purposes, about a foreign country " were the free publications provided by foreign embassies. For all the reasons already presented, it is evident that **NO PUBLIC government official** should endorse the publications provided by FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, especially if such publications have NOT passed through the rigorous process of approval established by the State of California.

Issue 4. Conduct of public employees from a public educational agency in making decisions as to the participation of U.S. citizens and taxpayers at public meetings.

The appropriate conduct of public employees must be carefully described to fully assure that U.S. citizens and taxpayers, and all those attending