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"The Power of an Idea"

George McGovern Plenary Address

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55th ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON WORLD AFFAIRS **ANNOUNCES GEORGE MCGOVERN PLENARY:**

"The Wrong War Against the Wrong Enemy in the Wrong Country"

(Boulder) – April 1, 2003 – Ambassador, Congressman, Senator, Special Assistant to President John F. Kennedy, B-24 bomber pilot and 1972 Democratic Presidential nominee **George McGovern** will deliver the Howard Higman Memorial Plenary Address at the *Fifty-fifth Annual Conference on World Affairs* on Friday, April 11 at 12 noon in Macky Auditorium on the University of Colorado's Boulder campus.

Known for his lifetime dedication to public service and humanitarian efforts, McGovern hopes that "...someday we will be able to proclaim that we have banished hunger in the United States, and that we've been able to bring nutrition and health to the whole world." His plenary address, "The Wrong War Against the Wrong Enemy in the Wrong Country" will explore that vision. This event, along with all of the CWA weeks' hundreds of sessions, is free and open to the public.

Former President Bill Clinton has called McGovern "one of the greatest humanitarians of our time. He still imparts to us the power...and the courage of his convictions."

As a three-term Senator, McGovern served on the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the Joint Economic Committee. He was Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs, which developed the highly regarded Dietary Goals for the American People.

He served as President of the Middle East Policy Council from 1991 to 1998, when President Bill Clinton appointed him U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Food and

Agriculture Organization in Rome. When McGovern left this post in October 2001, United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan named him the honorary United Nations Global Ambassador for Hunger.

McGovern's noteworthy public service career has been recognized through many honors and awards, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, bestowed by President Clinton in 2000 in recognition of public service and humanitarianism. McGovern is the author of eight books and numerous articles for leading journals and magazines.

Every year in April approximately 100 participants representing a wide range of backgrounds gather on the University of Colorado's Boulder campus for the Conference on World Affairs. The *New York Times* refers to the CWA as "a week-long extravaganza of discussion and debate" with over 200 non-academic, cross-disciplinary panels, plenary sessions and performances attended by an audience of about 40,000.

For further information, feel free to contact Ramsay Thurber at 303.492.2526, or e-mail the Conference on World Affairs at cwa@colorado.edu. The full CWA schedule and a biographical listing of all our participants are now online at: www.colorado.edu/cwa

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