

John C. West
Ambassador to Saudi Arabia

John C. West has a long record of public service. After serving eight years in the South Carolina State Senate, Mr. West was elected Lieutenant Governor in 1966 and Governor in 1970. Since 1975 he has been practicing law. As Governor, Mr. West was particularly noted for his efforts in attracting over \$680 million in foreign investment to South Carolina. He has traveled abroad frequently in pursuit of his state's trade and development objectives, and he headed a highly successful official U.S. Government trade mission to Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. Mr. West has a special interest in the education field. He played a key role in establishing South Carolina's now renowned technical education system, in creating a second medical school in the state, and in introducing innovative methods of health care. While he was Governor, he served as Chairman of the South Regional Education Board, and since January 1977, he has been Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the South Center for International Studies, a non-profit corporation designed to enlarge public interest in international affairs.

Ambassador West was sworn in as Ambassador to Saudi Arabia in June, 1977. Mr. West, 54, obtained his B.A. at the Citadel and his L.L.B. at the University of South Carolina. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and holds several honorary doctorates. He is married to the former Lois Rhame and has three children.

