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Leon Peters To Receive 'Citizen Of Year' Award

FRESNO — Leon Peters, a former State President of the Armenian American Citizens League, will be honored as the Citizen of the Year at the League's 43rd annual State Convention April 3 in the Fresno Hilton Hotel.

Aaron Goorigian, convention chairman and a former State President, said "the league is proud to be able to honor its first State President, Leon Peters. He has not only been a leader in our affairs, but he has been a community and state leader, also."

The annual convention will start with the Open House April 2 in the AACL Building at the California Armenian Home. The evening event will feature the music of Richard Hagopian and his orchestra.

LEON PETERS

Goorigian said the business sessions are scheduled for Saturday morning and afternoon and that the annual dinner-dance will follow in the evening at the Hilton.

Assisting Goorigian with the planning are Jack Kazanjian, who will also be the emcee of the Saturday evening program; Joe Dishian, president of the Fresno chapter, and Pete Hagopian, past president of the Fresno chapter.

Entertainment and dancing are also on the program for the April 3rd dinner. The Fresno chapter will sponsor the April 4 (Sunday morning) breakfast at the AACL Building.

State President Kasper "Bob" Babigian of San Fernando will preside at the convention. Delegates are expected from the chapters in Los Angeles, San Fernando, Montebello, San Francisco and Fresno.

Other state officers are Seda Bedrosian of Sepulveda, state vice president; Nubar Tashjian of Oakland and Pete Hagopian of Fresno, regional vice presidents; Zabelle Demirjian of Los Angeles, recording secre-

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Guild Dinner To Benefit Home

FRESNO — Tickets are still available for the Ani Guild's 14th annual Champagne Dinner March 13 in the Sheraton Inn.

Mrs. Pete Parnagian, chairman of the dinner-dance, said that tickets, priced at $65 per person, may be reserved by calling Mrs. Jack Kazanjian at 229-0345.

Assisting Mrs. Parnagian are Mrs. Charles Missakian, co-chairman; Mrs. Ronald Cloud, decorations; Mrs. Edward Karahadian, invitations; Mrs. Harry Goorabian, fund raising; Mrs. Martin Mazman, publicity; Mrs. Kazanjian, reservations; and Mrs. Sam Parnagian, menu.

The theme of the 1976 dinner-dance appropriately is the Bicentennial. The Frank Wells Orchestra will provide music for dancing.

All proceeds will go to the California Armenian Home for the Aged in Fresno.

An Open House and Tea will be held at the California Armenian Home Sunday afternoon, March 14. Mrs. Krikor Bedrosian is the chairman of the Open House.

MRS. PETE PARNAGIAN
. . . Ani Chairman

2,700 At Pasadena Auditorium For 'Aremian Case' Premiere

By Dr. Art Margosian, Editor

PASADENA — More than 2,700 persons came to the Pasadena Civic Auditorium Feb. 22, and they were conquered by the moving documentary by Dr. J. Michael Hagopian, "The Armenian Case."

Sponsored by the United Armenian Commemorative Committee in conjunction with the Armenian Revolutionary Federation and the Armenian Democratic League, the World Premiere of the timely and factual film was a tremendous success in all respects.

First, the Armenian-American community now has a film — based on facts, historical data — to take the true story of the 1915 Turkish Genocide of the Armenian people to people in this country and in other English speaking countries.

Second, the remarkably large turnout — which filled all but a few hundred seats in the huge auditorium — was responsive to the film and the speeches by several community leaders preceding the showing.

Third, the joint effort of the Armenian Democratic League and the Armenian Revolutionary Federation, working in concert with the United Armenian commemorative Committee, paid off in dividends, rich dividends evidenced by the large turnout and the tremendous, ear-shattering applause which interrupted the showing of the film and the speeches.

And fourth, the film attracted a large proportion of young men and women under age 21 — a major first in the Western United States.

The large audience sat patiently through the brief but relevant remarks by Leo Garapedian, chairman of the commemorative committee; talks by George Mandossian of the ADL and Hagop Manjikian of the ARF, and the keynote address by Dr. Richard Hovannisian, professior of Armenian and Near Eastern History at UCLA.

Speaking to Anne Avakian-Bishop, Los Angeles area author-journalist after the premiere, Joyce Altoon, a school teacher, asked, "Why has it taken 60 years to document the shocking events? Where did these photographs of the brutal killing, rapes and hangings come from? Every one should see this film, certainly one of the most important in world history."

Amazed At Inhumanity

Young Aram Philibosian said he was amazed that such inhumanity could have been allowed by the civilized countries of the world. "I wept tears of frustration," he said. "What wonderful people Armenian forefathers were! To think that Mike Connors' (narrator of the documentary) own grandparents were killed in Kharpert? What can we in America do to make amends — to

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AGBU-St. Peter Day School Opens Doors

VAN NUYS — Nineteen students enrolled in kindergarten and first grade of the first Armenian Day School in the Western District of the AGBU Feb. 2 as a result of efforts by AGBU, Western District and the St. Peter Armenian Apostolic Church of Van Nuys.

The St. Peter-AGBU Armenian School, located on the Church grounds, held formal dedication and ribbon cutting ceremonies Feb. 1 after church services when the Rt. Rev. Bishop Vatche Hovsepian, Primate of the Western Diocese of the Armenian Church, pointed out the importance of Armenian Day Schools in the United States and commended the joint efforts of the Church and the AGBU.

Jack Simsarian, chairman of the school board, made the opening remarks and emceed the dedication program after the short religious service. Parish Council Chairman Albert Shahbazian's welcoming remarks were followed by Parish Priest Rev. Shahe Semerdjian's comments, expressing his joy on the occasion.

Bishop Hovsepian praised the St. Peter community for reponding to the need of an Armenian Day School in the Western District, and Parsegh Kartalian, executive secretary of the AGBU, Western District, lauded the St. Peter-AGBU cooperation and promised the full support of the AGBU.

He then read two congratulatory telegrams sent by AGBU

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Fresno To Host AGBU Convention

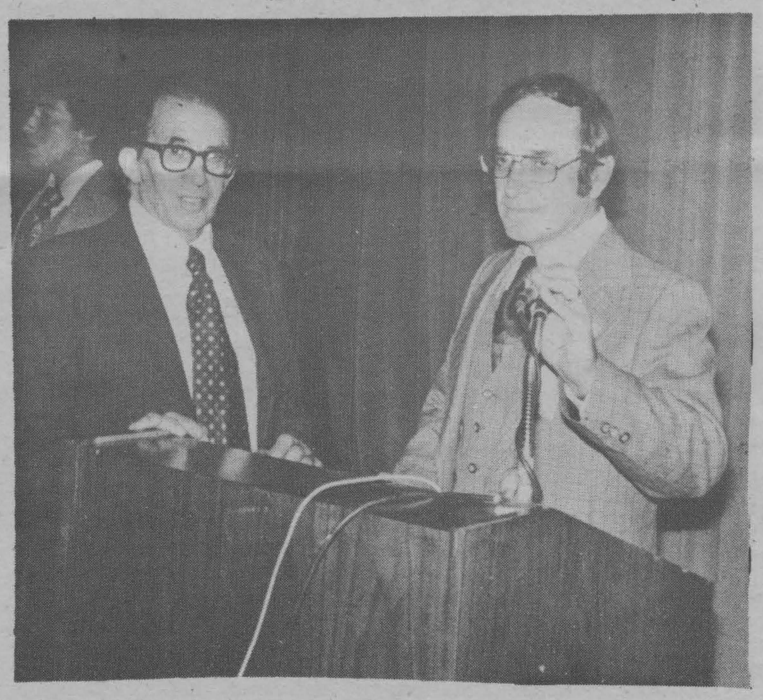
FRESNO — M. Haigentz, the executive director of AGBU International, will speak at the 60th annual Convention of the Armenian General Benevolent Union, Western District, March 19 and 20 at the AGBU Center, 1720 Fulton Street in Fresno.

A Fellowship Night is scheduled for Friday, March 19. A two-session meeting will be held during the day with luncheon at noon on Saturday, March 20. And the 60th annual Convention Banquet will be held at 7 PM in the AGBU Center.

Also on Saturday, the highlight of the program will be the talk by Haigentz.

"Delegates representing 25 chapters on the West Coast, including Washington, California and Arizona, will hear the reports of the Western District Committee and make plans for the coming year," said the Western District Executive Secretary, Parsegh Kartalian.

The Achievement, Merit and Progress Awards will be given to the most deserving chapters within the Western District during the Saturday night banquet program.



RIGHTFULLY PLEASED — "The Armenian Case" producer-director, Dr. J. Michael Hagopian, left, goes over final plans for the World Premiere with Leo Garapedian, United Armenian Commemorative Committee chairman. COURIER PHOTO

HYE REFLECTIONS

By Dr. Art Margosian

DINNER FOR SENATOR — Tickets for the dinner, "An Evening of Entertainment," honoring Senator and Mrs. George Deukmejian of Long Beach are on sale now. The Thursday, March 11, special is scheduled for the Golden Sails Restaurant in Long Beach. Those wanting tickets, priced at $50 per person, may reserve them by writing Mrs. Norbert Zink, Deukmejian Dinner Chairman, 3268 Cherry Avenue, Long Beach, Ca. 90807.

As I have written many times, the Armenian American community has one of its outstanding representatives in Senator Deukmejian. And it is our obligation to support the Senator materially during this election year. Our Los Angeles readers are especially urged to attend this special dinner for George and Gloria Deukmejian.

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NOTE FROM ANNE — Regular Courier contributor, Anne Avakian of Berkeley, writes that the February 1976 issue of "Sunset" magazine has a photograph of Varaz Samuelian's sculpture of David of Sassoon. The photo is on the last page under the heading: "Window on the West: Armenia in Fresno." Thanks Anne.

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IN LAS VEGAS — Your editor spent most of last week in San Diego and Pasadena — with the CNPA and the Aram and Peggy Manoogians in San Diego and with the Leo Garapedians and Sam Bedrosian in Pasadena.

I returned to read the stories about the "maligned" Coach Jerry Tarkanian. While in Vegas, I read the sports pages and listened to TV newscasts, seeking out news about my classmate, Jerry. Tarkanian is doing exceptionally well. His team has been in the top 10 in the United States throughout most of the season.

I asked a cab driver — normally the most learned men in most big cities — about the University of Nevada-Las Vegas team, and he praised the team and its coach for their outstanding record. UNLV (great abbreviation) was 28-1 at our last look and has been 75 and 11 since Tarkanian took over as head coach some three years ago.

The Las Vegas television was critical of those who had bought season tickets for the Rebel games and did not attend some of the games. Reason: almost all games are sold out at UNLV. Much of the credit goes to Jerry. He accomplished wonders at Long Beach State, challenging the likes of John Wooden's UCLA team and making Long Beach a nationally-ranked university. He is a success in basketball. He has been successful, operating in unique — limited facilities.

And, just think, Fresno State once had a chance to hire Jerry. Our congratulations to Jerry (and Lois) and UNLV!

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HELPED CHURCHES AND HOME — Fresno's Holy Trinity Church held requiem services for Vic Hall (Las Vegas), who supported both the Armenian churches and California Armenian Home for the Aged with generous contributions. Our condolences to his survivors. Vic Hall truly left his mark on the Armenian community.

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IN SAN DIEGO — Jeanie Esajian, a California State University, Fresno journalism graduate, had a photograph entered in the Best News/Feature Competition of the California Newspapers Publishers Association in Coronado. Jeanie, on the "Visalia Times-Delta" staff, is both an accomplished print and photojournalist.

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GREAT, FANTASTIC, SOUL SHAKING — I want to comment briefly on Dr. J. Michael Hagopian's excellent documentary, "The Armenian Case," which I finally saw with 2,700 others in Pasadena's beautiful auditorium. Today's paper has pictures and copy on the historic, world premiere, and next week I want to devote most of this column to the documentary.

For now, let me say to Michael and his crew and to Leo Garapedian and his United Armenian Commemorative Committee, congratulations! You have made a major contribution to the Armenian community in this country and throughout the world. I hope to have my own print of the film soon. It was superb!

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THANKS TO NOMIE — I recently discussed the need for scholarships and other forms of aid for Armenian students attending CSUF. My particular reference was to a young lady from Istanbul. She came to my office seeking information about the AACL "A. Ted Ashjian" Scholarship.

Nomie Derderian of Fresno called my home while I was in San Diego to offer help. We say thanks to Nomie for her gracious offer. I must add, however, that several students from Lebanon have asked about potential contributors. They say they have read of special scholarships for Lebanese students. I sure would like to help these young men and women.

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GREEK HELP — Eugene T. Rossides, special counsel for the Hellenic Institute, made some interesting points before a US Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee. His comments should be relayed to both President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger, to be read to

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MRS. EDWARD BARGAMIAN
. . . cancer drive chairman

Ms. Bargamian Heads County Cancer Drive

FRESNO — Mrs. Edward Bargamian of Fresno has been appointed to head the 1976 American Cancer Society residential drive in Fresno County.

Mrs. Bargamian, an associate member of the Insurance Women of Fresno County, has been active in church work, the American Legion Women's Auxiliary, ALSAC and Zonta. She has been publicity chairman for the Raisin Wives.

Mrs. Bargamian said she is eager to begin recruiting volunteers to aid in the campaign, especially the residential drive which will be conducted throughout April.

Mrs. Edward (Mildred) Shirin of Fresno is one of the first volunteers recruited. She will be the co-chairman. She is a member of the Emblem Club, president of the Trinity Guild of the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church and a former member of the Venture Club.

Those interested in helping may call the local Cancer Society at 224-0360 or Mrs. Bargamian at 266-7253.

Brothers Coach

EPHRAIM, Utah — Dave and Paul Arslanian, sons of Sarkis Arslanian, head football coach at Colorado State University, are apparently following in the footsteps of their father.

Dave is head football coach at Snow Junior College and Paul is his assistant.

Assembly Leaders Discuss Ethnic Affairs With Presidential Aide

WASHINGTON — Dr. Myron Kuropas, Assistant to the President for Ethnic Affairs, invited Dr. Dennis R. Papazian and Robert A. Kaloosdian, co-chairman of the Armenian Assembly, to a meeting at his office in the Executive Office Building of the White House Feb. 24.

Dr. Kuropas, who is of Ukranian origin,explained that he was eager to learn more about the Armenians in America and their interests and aspiration. He told of the President's interest in ethnic Americans and expressed his own belief that people of various ethnic backgrounds were just coming to their own in making a contribution on a national scale to the American political system.

Dr. Papazian, who had written his doctoral dissertation on Nikolai Ivanovich Kostomarov, a famous Ukranian nationalistic hero, showed, showed a keen interest in Ukranians in America. Kuropas explained his pleasure at the extensive knowledge which Dr. Papazian had about the Ukraniane, and expressed his own deep interest in learning more about the Armenians, and said he would accept from the Armenian Assembly a set of books on Armenian history for his use in the White House Library.

Dr. Kuropas also expressed an interest in receiving subscriptions to the major Armenian-American newspapers so that the White House would have access to the rich material contained in the Armenian-American press. Since Kuropas considered the one hour meeting insufficient for exploring the full range of Dr. Papazian's views on the interests of Armenians in America, he invited Papazian to return soon so that they might discuss the issue at greater length.

Dr. Papazian was presented a photograph of himself being introduced to President Ford at the Kobelinsky inauguration. Dr. Kuropas said that this photograph was symbolic of the interests which the President had in the Armenians in America.

Bicentennial Theme At UACC Banquet

HOLLYWOOD — A Bicentennial theme will be carried out at the 7th Annual Banquet of the United United Armenian Congregational Church Saturday, March 13. The dinner and program will be held in the Church Fellowship Hall beginning at 7:30 PM.

The evening's musical program will feature vocalists Arthur Tookoyan and Jackie Shahbazian, who will sing songs dedicated to the Bicentennial as well as selections in Armenian.

The keynote speaker will be Archbishop Karekin Sarkissian, Prelate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America. He will speak on the topic, "The Rebirth of The Armenian Church and Nation."

Ticket reservations may be obtained by calling the church office, 851-5265.

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Party Secretary Scores Armenia Economic Lag

YEREVAN—Garen S. Demirjian, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Armenia, has strongly denounced the corruption, inefficiency, and poor workmanship in his country, and has called for renewed efforts by the party's leadership and cadres to rid the country of these shortcomings.

Addressing the 26th annual Congress in the Armenian captial last month, the youthful First Secretary, who holds the highest position of leadership in Soviet Armenia, has asserted that the persistent continuation of permissiveness within the economy of the country, is already reflected in the diminution of discipline, the productivity of Armenia's workers and has resulted in an atmosphere of almost complete indifference towards goals of productivity as set forth by the party's highest bodies. He declared that this indifference and lack of discipline has created a situation in the country in which productivity has suffered in the last five-year plan.

Scoring these deficiencies Demirjian has also outlined the numerous successes achieved in the country during the five-year plan from 1971 to 1976. He revealed that during this period the Gross National Product was expanded by 46 per cent and many projects were completed before scheduled deadlines. He also underlined successes in raising the standard of living.

In his lengthy report to the Congress, Demirjian also outlined in great detail the successes in various areas of economic output and has pledged a more concerted effort to achieve further improvement in the economic development of his country.

Along with these successes, Demirjian sharply criticized the permissiveness of the political leadership towards improving deficiencies and has hit at the failure of the party's hierarchy to train and prepare new leadership.

Discussing this failure, Demirjian said, "Party organizations unfortunately have continued to remain captive to old concepts governing workers' production. With many of the organizations, efforts to create new cadres were limited to two brief operations — the dismissal and the appointment of this or that person." He considered that this was only a superficial action and failed to remedy the ill. He has also directed his criticism to the party's failure to train reserves for leadership. In his conclusion, he emphasized the need for well coordinated leadership capable of leading the country in a more efficient manner.

Membership Increase

Mr. Demirjian also revealed that the membership of Soviet Armenia's Communist Party increased by 12,606 members, bringing the total to 142,959 persons. Sixty-six per cent of this number consists of persons who are directly involved in the physical production of goods and services in the country.

The two-day Congress also heard reports by Krikor Arzoumanian, President of the Council of Ministers of Armenia and by a number of party functionaries and government leaders. The Congress also elected delegates who will attend the Soviet Union's Communist Party Congress in Moscow.

Before adjourning, the Congress re-elected Demirjian as First Secretary of the Party along with B. B. Anasimov as second in line. Other secretaries of the party include H M. Vosganian, V. P. Galoumian, and G. L. Dallakian. Also elected were members of the Executive Committee of the Central Committee and 11 persons who will head various departments within the Central Committee.

Demirjian was named to his present post tw years ago after the Central Committee of the Party removed Andon V. Kochinyan as the First Secretary of the party. The transfer of power to Demirjian came following reports of widespread corruption within the country.

—The Armenian Reporter

WAAA Olympics Dedicated To Bicentennial

OAKLAND — The 8th annual Armenian Olympics, sponsored by the Western Armenian Athletic Association, will take place June 25, 26, and 27 at Chabot College in Hayward.

This year the Olympic will be dedicated to the 200th anniversary of the birth of America. Plans are being made to hold a special Bicentennial ceremony to celebrate this occasion as a remembrance to a country that has been so generous to the Armenian people who have settled here, especially after the tragedies of the Turkish massacres.

The Olympics will include three popular athletic events, track and field, basketball and soccer. Gregg Cherezian of Walnut Creek will serve as track and field director, John Dichian of Daly City will direct the basketball tournament, and Ed Tchakalian of Reseda and Karekin Kardzair of San Francisco, will be co-ordinators of the soccer tournament.

Armenian Classes At U Of Michigan

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — A course in Armenian language is being offered at the University of Michigan for the first time in the school's history. The new class is being programed on a two-year experimental basis at the Ann Arbor campus.

About 20 students have registered for classes. The instructor is James Der Garabedian.

ABA Endorses Genocide Pact

PHILADELPHIA—In an overwhelming voice vote, delegates to the American Bar Association's mid-year meeting in Philadelphia finally endorsed the 1948 UN Convention on Genocide, which the Senate has long refused to ratify. Though the document clearly outlaws only an intentional effort to destroy an entire ethnic or racial group, Southern Democrats and isolationists worried that such charges might be brought unfairly against Americans.

Key opponents to the convention in Washington were the ABA and North Carolina Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr.

With Ervin retired and the ABA having reversed course, supporters of the convention now hope the Senate will at last rafity the anti-genocide pact.

Danielson Seeks Reelection To US House Seat

MONTEREY PARK—Congressman George E. Danielson announced last week that he will seek reelection to Congress.

First elected to the House of Representative in 1970, he was reelected by a landslide vote of 75 per cent in 1974. A Democrat, he is Assistant Majority Whip, a leadership post he has held since his freshman term. He represents the 30th District, and is currently serving his third term.

In 1974, Danielson gained national recognition as one of the outspoken members of the House Judiciary Committee during its historic impeachment hearings. He serves on three key Judiciary subcommittees: Crime: Administrative Law and Governmental Relations, and Courts, Civil Liberties and the Administration of Justice. The extensive powers of the Judiciary Committee include overseeing the administrative procedures of the regulatory agencies, commission and departments of the federal government.

Danielson also serves on the Veterans' Affairs Committee which exercises jurisdiction over laws relating to veterans. He is a member of the Hospitals Subccommittee on Cemeteries and Burial Benefits. Under his Chairmanship, a new national cemetery site was selected in 1975 at March Air Force Base

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Agajanian Honored By US Automobile Club

GARDENA—There's a new plaque on the wall of J.C. Agajanian's paneled Gardena office.

The Municipal Service Company executive and racing impresario now proudly displays a handsome plaque carried to him from Indianapolis by Shim Malone, United States Auto Club midget division racing director.

The original presentation, made at USAC's annual awards banquet in the Indiana capital, calls attention to two unique records.

Agajanian's USAC midget race in San Jose was his 250th event as a USAC race organizer. His entry of a car in the Indianapolis 500 will mark his 29th consecutive appearance as a car owner at the May classic.

"I had no idea what the exact total of USAC races had been for me until recently," he smiled. "But I knew I had paid about $2 million in purses for championship cars, sprint cars, stock cars, and midgets over the years."

The San Jose race was only one of the number of races scheduled this year. He returns to Phoenix to organize the Indy car race at FasTrack International Speedway March 14, and he is also lining up both USAC sprint and midget races at Ascot Park in Gardena, where he recently signed a 10-year lease as sole operator.

Agajanian recalls that his first USAC promotion came at the paved quarter-mile in Saugus in January 1956. That race was won by Shorty Templeman, who became a three-time national champion.

When he opens the 1976 California Racing Association sprint car season at Ascot April 3, Clark Templeman, Shorty's son, will be a leading contender.

Fowler Jr. Ladies Set For Annual Luncheon-Fashions

FOWLER — The Junior Ladies Society of St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church will present its annual luncheon and fashion show Saturday in the Markarian Hall.

Mrs. Marge Esraelian and Mrs. Dorothy Hagopian are chairmen. "The Stars and Stripes of Fashions" will be the theme.

Donation is $6 a person and tickets may be obtained by calling 896-4598 or 896-5300. Tickets will not be available at the door.

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Faces and Places in Los Angeles

By Margaret Mason

JOHN KAMBOOR of Wilmington recently underwent major surgery and is now convalescing at home. We extend our best wishes for a complete recovery.

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CONGRATULATIONS to R. Bagramian whose horse "Personality Knight" was a recent winner at Santa Anita. The same day "Rojig" came in second in the ninth race to make a winning exacta. Rojig is owned by Calborune Stables.

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GET WELL WISHES go to Rachel Hovsepian who is in the hospital recuperating from a freak tennis accident. Wishing you a speedy recovery.

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MRS. GLORIA AYVAZIAN, daughter of Reverend and Mrs. Antry Bedikian of New Jersey, is vacationing in the Southland. While here she visited with cousins, Mrs. Irene Freyer and her daughter, Kathy, of West Los Angeles and Mrs. Freyers' son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Freyer of Ojai.

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ALBERT ARMEN, the young Iranian-Armenian entertains nightly at the newly opened Little Armenia restaurant at 1609 N. Cahuenga Blvd. A virtuoso on the Cordovox, an accordion-like instrument that duplicates the sounds of 19 other instruments, Armen has starred in concerts and entertained on television and in night clubs. For reservations to Little Armenia, call 462-0229 or 465-6510.

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MAKING A BRIEF STOPOVER in Los Angeles before flying home to Fresno were Zuv and Carl Chooljian and Pete and Carol Bedrosian. They were enroute home following a fantastic Carribean cruise aboard "The Song of Norway" which made port calls in Nassau, St. Thomas and all the other fun places. Also on the same plane to Fresno were Leon and Alice Peters, who were also returning from a Carribean cruise.

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NIKKI (VARTANIAN) CAMPBELL flew to Hawaii for a week's vacation.

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A NUMBER of Southern Californians attended the recent California Refuse Removal Council Convention in Palm Springs. Among those seen at the Canyon Racquet Country Club were Avedik Agajanian, Harry Astor, Bill Ohanessian, Ken Hekimian, Jack Minasian, Bill and Marty Makrdichian and Ed Kouri.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Flora (Mason) Reitz who won second prize at the East Valley Art Association's recent art exhibit. Her painting will be on display at the Mercury Bank in West Covina for until the end of March.

Jr. Ladies Host Bicentennial Lunch In Fowler

FOWLER — Fowler community church women were guests at a Bicentennial Luncheon, hosted by members of the Jr. Ladies Society of St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church of Fowler.

Luncheon guests included representatives from the following churches: United Presbyterian Church, Fowler Baptist Church, St. Paul AME Church, Fowler Christian Church, Armenian First Congregational Church, St. Lucy Catholic Church, Buddhist Church of Fowler and St. Gregory Sr. Ladies.

The Rev. Father Tatoul Yeretzian, parish priest at St. Gregory, gave the invocation and was also the principal speaker of the afternoon. He discussed the significance of the American flag.

The program also included patriotic and religious songs by the Ecumenical Choir.

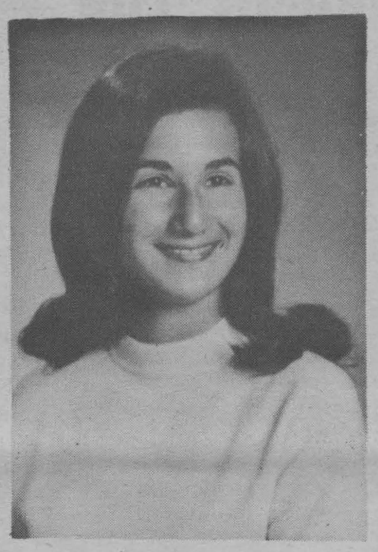
Antranikian-Kachadurian Betrothal Announced At Dinner Party

FRESNO — Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kachadurian announced the engagement of their daughter, Dianne Joy, to Harold Avedis Antranikian, son of Mrs. Rose Antranikian and the late Avedis Antranikian, at a family dinner party at Gandoff's Thursday, Feb. 12th.

The Rev. Fr. Shahe Altounian, parish priest of St. Paul Armenian Church, assisted by Deacon Allan Y. Jendian, brother-in-law of the groom-to-be, blessed the engagement ring in the traditional Armenian ceremony.

The occasion also coincided with Dianne's 21st birthday. The dining room was decorated in a Valentine's Day motiff. Mrs. Mary Kalenian and Mrs. Zabelle Kachadurian, respectively, are Dianne's maternal and paternal grandmothers.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Bullard High School and Fresno City College and attended the University of Hawaii. Currently she is enrolled at California State University, Fresno, and is employed by Montgomery Ward.



DIANE KACHADURIAN

Antranikian, employed by Longs Drug as a buyer, is a graduate of Washington Union High School, Fresno City College and California State University, Fresno, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in business. The engaged pair are ACYO alumni.

Harold and Dianne have chosen July 10th as their wedding date.

FRESNO GRAPEVINE

FRESNO — Mr. and Mrs. Irwin H. Bagdasarian are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Lee, to Michael Schwartz.

The bride-elect was graduated from Sanger High School and attends California State University, Fresno.

The engaged man, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Schwartz of St. James, NY, was graduated from Pacific College and is doing graduate work at California State University, Long Beach.

An Aug. 7 wedding is planned.

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FRESNO — Levon Baladjanian of Fresno received the Klemens Ibach Trophy at the 6th annual Awards Banquet of the Fresno Junior Soccer League Feb. 19.

Baladjanian, 17, is a Roosevelt High School student who received recognition as a junior referee.

COURIER CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Los Angeles

MARCH 6 — Sat. 25th Annual Banquet of the ARMENIAN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, Ambassador Hotel, LA.

MARCH 11 — Thursday. An Evening of Entertainment with Senator and Mrs. George Deukmejian. Golden Sails Restaurant, 6285 East Pacific Coast Highway, Long Beach, California. All proceeds are to be used for Senator's Deukmejian's campaign. For reservations call area code (213) 426-3385 or write to Deukmejian Campaign Committee, 3268 Cherry Avenue, Long Beach. Tickets are $50 per person.

MARCH 13—7:30 PM. 7TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET, United Armenian Congregational Church. Fellowship Hall. Speaker: Archbishop Karekin Sarkissian; Music: Arthur Tookoyan and Jackie Shahbazian; Shish Keab, family style; RSVP Church office: 851-5265.

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Orange County

APRIL 10 — Sat. 8 PM. First Annual "Hye Hoe Down" Armenian Dance, featuring Jack Chalikian Band. Presented by the newly formed Orange County Chapter of the Triple-X Fraternity. Halecrest Tennis Club,3107 Killybrook Lane, Costa Mesa. Armenian MAZZA and DANCE CONTEST. Price: $6 per person with reservation ($7 at door). For ticket reservations write Haig Jamgotchian, 106 N. Trevor, Anaheim, Ca. 92806.

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Fresno

MARCH 14 — Sunday. 1 PM. At St. Paul Church Hairabedian Hall in Fresno. United Appeal for Armenians in Lebanon Dinner and Program. $5 per person. Secure tickets in advance at the Western Diocese Church in San Joaquin Valley or Fresno AGBU office.

MARCH 13 — ANI GUILD CHAMPAGNE DINNER-DANCE at SHERATON INN. COCKTAILS: 7 PM—DINNER: 8 PM. Frank Wells Orchestra. For Res. call Mrs. Jack Kazanjian, 229-0345 or write 836 W. Princeton Avenue, Fresno, Ca. 93705.

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APRIL 2 to 4 — Annual State Armenian American Citizens' League Convention. Hantes, April 2. Annual Banquet, April 3. Hilton Hotel. Watch this paper for further details.

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APPRECIATION — Armenian Professional Society's outgoing president Eric Avazian (right), receives the traditional presidential plaque from newly-elected president, Judge Richard Amerian who will preside at the March 10 dinner meeting featuring speaker, District Attorney John Van de Kamp.

LA District Attorney Will Speak To APS

By Seda Marootian

LOS ANGELES — District Attorney John Van de Kamp will be the guest speaker at the March 10th Armenian Professional Society Dinner-Meeting. Van de Kamp, the 36th District Attorney of Los Angeles County, will be introduced by Judge Richard Amerian, newly-elected APS president.

Society members will meet at Blarney Castle, 623 South Western Avenue, to hear Van de Kamp, 39, the youngest DA in the county's history. A 15 year veteran with the criminal justice system, he has been praised by Chief of Police Ed Davis as having "a great balance and perspective" who also added, "the citizens of this county will benefit greatly from his leadership."

An alumnus of John Muir High School in Pasadena, Dartmouth College and Stanford Law School, Van de Kamp has served as United States Attorney for the Central District of California and as Deputy Director of the Executive Office for US Attorneys in Washington.

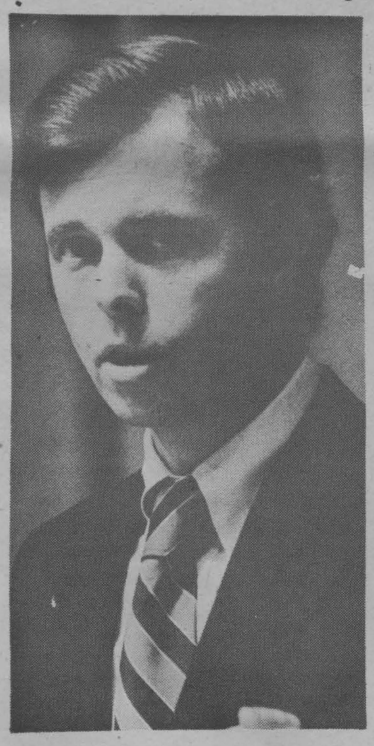
"My legal and administrative experience in Los Angeles and Washington has proved to be invaluable in my job as DA," Van de Kamp states. "Most DA's are perceived as trial lawyers. This is a myth in offices the size of Los Angeles DA's office. An office like this will rise or fall with the DA's administrative and policy-making abilities," he added.

Van de Kamp, whose family is well-known in the bakery and restaurant business, was selected as the first Federal Public Defender in Los Angeles by the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in 1971. He organized a 16-lawyer staff with support personnel to represent those defendants charged with federal crimes who could not financially afford adequate legal counsel.

Joining President Amerian on the executive board for the current year are Richard Mushegain, attorney; Sarkis Broussalian, neuro-surgeon; Harold Kardashian, CPA; and Seda Marootian, executive secretary.

The Armenian Professional Society, now in its 18th year, is open to all men and women who are actively practicing their profressions. A candidate for membership must be active in one of the following professions: architecture, certified public accountant, dentistry, economics, education, engineering, government service, law, medicine, optometry, pharmacy, or the sciences.

Application for membership may be obtained by writing to the executive secretary, Seda Marootian, 215 W. Mariners View Lane, La Canada, 91011.



JOHN VAN de KAMP

Hye Briefs

By ZOE KARAGOZIAN

Martha Mirigian, an RN and public health nurse, is teaching a new eight week accredited course in Aging, Death, and Dying at the Millikan High School in Long Beach. The purpose of the course, said Miss Mirigian who organized the class, is to help people recognize the needs of the elderly, and to help students prepare themselves emotionally and financially in the event of death in the family. More than 100 students attended the first session.

Miss Mirigian received her BS and MS degrees from the University of Southern California and is now teaching biology at Long Beach City College. She is a former school nurse and has also taught nursing in Southern California for a number of years.

A native of Fowler, Miss Mirigian is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Mirigian and the late Avedis Mirigian of Fresno.

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Mr. and Mrs. Zorig Selvian from Sukhumi, Russia are spending a month visiting relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Selvian, who sponsored their visit to this country.The Selvian family made many financial sacrifices in order to give the Selvians an opportunity to visit the United States.

What surprised the visitors [illegible] so many women and girls smoking, the number of cars, and people working so hard when they seemed to be financially comfortable.

Although they are enjoying their visit, the Selvians said they missed their four children. They will return to Russia March 6th.

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Randal C. Garabedian was elected Student Body President for the spring semester at Sequoia Junior High School in Fresno.Randy, son of Charles and Barbara Garabedian, is on the school cross country team, plays in the band, and also is active in various school clubs.

October Wedding Date Announced

FRESNO — Mr. and Mrs. Craig H. Tatosian announced the engagement of their daughter, Carol Alice, to William David Kelzer of Dinuba, at a buffet dinner party, held Feb. 14th, Valentine's Day, in the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church Social Hall.

The traditional ring blessing ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Kourken Yaralian.

Some 50 relatives and friends helped celebrate the special occasion. The bride-elect attended McLane High School and Fresno City College, and is now employed by the Internal Revenue Service.

Kelzer, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kelzer, attended Sutter Union High School and is a graduate of California State University, Fresno. The engaged man, who majored in agriculture at CSUF, is employed by George Bros. of Dinuba.

An Oct. 9th wedding will take place in the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church.

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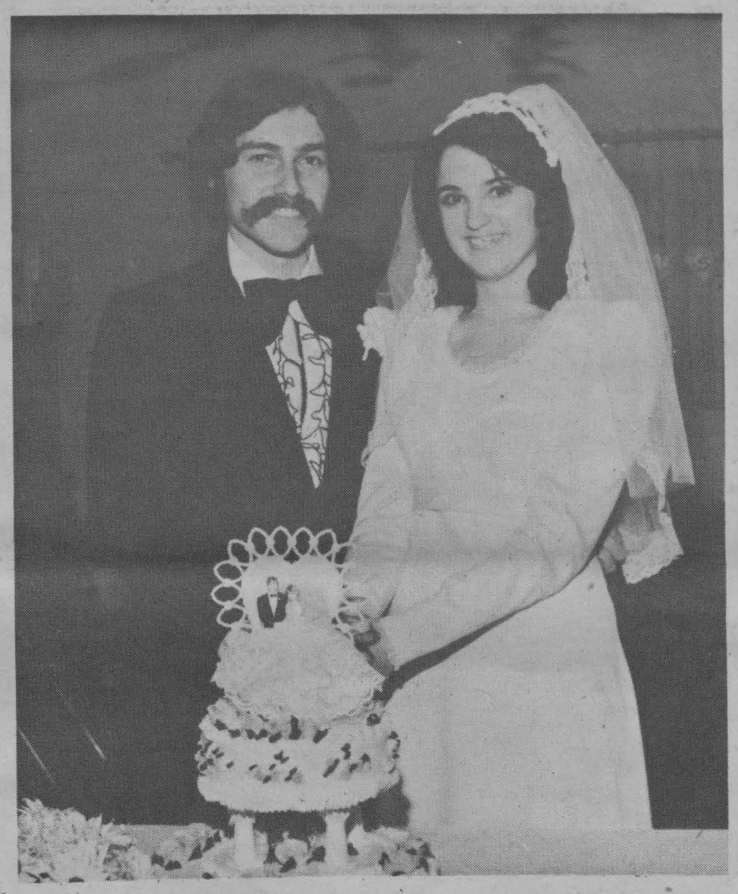

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM MICHAELIAN

Michaelian-Irissarri Vows In Reedley Rites

REEDLEY — The traditional marriage rites of the Apostolic Church were observed at the Jan. 10 wedding of William Michaelian and Denise Irissarri.

The Rev. Father Datev Tatoulian officiated at services performed in Sts. Sahag-Mesrob Armenian Church in Reedley. The newlyweds were especially honored since it was Father Tatoulian's first wedding ceremony since his ordination into the priesthood. He was assisted by Deacon Karekin Setian. Father Neri, pastor of St. Lucy's Catholic Church of Fowler, also assisted at the altar.

Jim Michaelian served as his brother's best man while maid of honor duties were performed by Maggie Doe, a close friend of the bride. The organist was Mrs. Queenie Sadoian.

Following the reception in the church social hall, a wedding dinner was held at the Bear Club in Reedley.

After a honeymoon trip along the coast the new Mr. and Mrs. Michaelian have established their first home in Fresno where both are employed while attending California State University, Fresno.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Irissarri of Fowler. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Michaelian of Dinuba.

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'Kach Nazar'

The Legend Of Nazar The Brave

(Armenian folklore is replete with humorous tales. This retelling by Hovhannes Toumanian is one of the best known.)

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Part I

Once upon a time there lived a peasant, whose name was Nazar. He was lazy, good-for-nothing, and cowardly; so cowardly that he was afraid to take a single step himself. He was always hanging on to his wife's skirts. Wherever she went, he would follow her. And people nicknamed him Nazar the Coward.

One night Nazar the Coward followed his wife out of doors. He stood outside the door, and seeing everything around lit up by bright moonlight, said:

"There's a night for you! Makes me long to attack and rob the caravan that goes from Hindustan to the Shah's city and fill our house with riches!"

"Be quiet, you fool! To think of a coward like you even daring to speak of robbing caravans! Get back to bed and stay there!"

Nazar began to scold her.

"That's just like you, you foolish woman! Now you're preventing me from robbing the Shah's caravan and filling our house with riches! Am I a man or aren't I? How dare you argue with me!"

Seeing his temper was up and he would not calm down, his wife ran back into the house and locked the door.

"Go on, rob the Shah's caravan if you can, old chicken-heart!" she sneered.

Shut out in the yard, Nazar stood with his heart in his mouth.

"Let me in! Please let me in," he begged.

But she wouldn't. He pleaded with her in vain for some time. Finally he gave up and squatted against a wall and waited shivering until morning.

The night passed and morning came, and Nazar lay dozing disconsolately in the sun, waiting for his wife to let him in. It was summer and there were flies everywhere. They settled on Nazar's face in swarms. At first he was too lazy to make the effort to raise a hand and swat them, but in the end he could bear it no longer and slapped his forehead. Dead flies dropped all around him.

"Aha!" muttered Nazar, "how many of them have I killed, I wonder?"

He began to count the dead flies, but soon he lost count.

"Anyway, there must be at least a thousand," he mused. "Never knew I had it in me! If I can kill a thousand creatures with a single blow, I'm sure I can get on without my wife!"

He got up and went straight to see the village priest.

"Father, give me of your blessing."

"God bless you, my son," said the priest.

"It's like this, father," Nazar began and went on to tell the priest about his feat, adding that he must leave his wife, and asking the priest to write down his feat so that it would not remain unknown and everyone might read and know about it.

As a joke the priest wrote down on an old rag:

"Nazar the Brave, who fear does not know,

Kills a thousand with a single blow!"

He gave the rag toNazar, who fixed it to a long pole, buckled on a rusty old sabre, mounted his donkey and rode out of the village. (to be continued)

Did You Know?

An Armenian architect by the name of Sinan designed and built the Mosque of Adrianople and the Mosque of Suleiman in Constantinople.

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When an Italian does not understand what someone else is saying, he says "Come la solfa degli Armeni" (you have an Armenian accent).

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According to Armenian mythology, the Milky Way was created when god Vahakn stole corn from the barns of King Barsham of Assyria, he ran away and tried to hide himself in heaven. The ears of corn he dropped became the Milky Way, called in Armenian, "The Track of the Corn-Stealer."

A GLIMPSE

Into Armenia's Past

Vartan Mamigonian

In 451, a large Persian army, 200,000 strong, moved into Armenia. Vartan Mamigonian, at the head of the 60-000-man Armenian army, like Dikran the Great before him, chose to meet his enemy on a flat battlefield south of the populated areas of Armenia in order to spare his homeland the ravages of another clash. It was on the plain of Avarair, on the banks of the muddy Dghmoud River that the confrontation occurred on May 26. For the previous two weeks, the Armenians had faced the Persian army with its contingent of elephants on the opposite side of the river, waiting for the results of a series of negotiations, which proved fruitless.

The night before the battle, the Armenian troops gathered to hear the words of Vartan and the Armenian religious leaders. Bishop Yeghishe, whose account of these events is still extant, was also present. He relates Vartan's eloquent words of inspiration:

"I have been in many battles, and you with me . . . if for a human commander you did show such loyalty and heroism, how much more should we do for our Eternal King . . . I pray you, therefore, my valiant comrades in arms, let us not be afraid of the heathen because of great numbers . . . for God willing we shall destroy their power that righteousness may

VARTAN MAMIGONIAN

prevail . . . Remain loyal to your eternal General who never forgets your worthy deeds. Brave men! Great is the work that God will perform through us . . . On to Christ and Victory!"

Then Ghevond, a pesant priest, told of the early martyrs, stating that the clergy, too, was ready to fight in the lines in the cause of Christianity. In an expression of unity and faith, the entire army took together the sacraments of communion and baptism in spiritual preparation for the challenge of the next morning.

At dawn the battle began. It raged all day. The early advantage went to the Armenians, but before long, the superior strength of the Persians began to be felt, and the tide turned. Before the day was over, Vartan Mamigonian had fallen on the field of battle along with 1036 Armenian nobles. The defeated Armenians were forced to retreat to the north.

However, the Persians, who were engaged in a military confrontation with the Huns, were disposed to be conciliatory and agreed to permit the Armenians to remain Christian. Vahan Mamigonian, a member of the family of Vartan, signed the Treaty of Nuvarsak in 484, officially ending the war between the Armenians and the Persians. Vahan was made viceroy over Armenia, a position which he held until 505.

The battle of Avarair, or Vartanantz, was more than a religious conflict. It gave impetus to the struggle for national survival. It resulted in the preservation of an outpost of Christianity in the East. An idealistic battle for the freedom of conscience, it has inspired Armenians continually throughout their subsequent history. Even though the statistics and the odds were against them and the battle was lost from a political point of view, it was a moral victory, for the Armenians had preserved their faith. For the next hundred years, the Armenians were allowed internal autonomy, and they have ever since remained faithful to their Christian religion.

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Masco Corp. Looks For Banner Year

TAYLOR, Mich. — Another record year in sales and earnings was set by Masco Corporation, according Richard Manoogian, president of Masco Corporation.

Manoogian said this marks the 17th consecutive year of increased sales and the 19th consecutive year of increased earnings.

Net sales for 1975 were $310,862,000, an increase of 17 per cent from the previous year, and net income was $33,674,000, an increase of 22 per cent.

For the fourth quarter of 1975, Masco's net sales increased 33 per cent and net income increased 36 per cent from the comparable period of 1974. Record results were achieved as lower sales of industrial components were more than offset by increased sales of higher margin specialty products with particular strength in faucet and personal communications products.

"Our overall business continues to improve," Manoogian said. "We anticipate that increased housing starts, higher auto and truck production, and a lessening of the need for customer inventory reductions, as well as higher demand for certain of our specialty products, should generate significant growth for Masco in 1976.

"We believe that first quarter 1976 results will compare favorably with last year's equivalent period. We anticipate gains in sales and earnings exceeding 25 per cent. In the first quarter of 1975 Masco had a net sales of $68,500,000 and net income of $7,500,000 or 29 cents per share, said Manoogian.

Hollywood Church To Note Vartanantz

HOLLYWOOD—Rev. Father Vartan Dulgarian, pastor of St. Sarkis Armenian Church, will be speaker at a luncheon commemorating Vartanantz Sunday, Feb. 29. He will speak in Ouzoonian Hall following church services.

The luncheon, which will also include a program, will be sponsored by the Hollywood parish Armenian Church Youth Organizaton.

During the morning service, Rev. Father Moushegh Tashjian will celebrate Divine Liturgy in St. John Cathedral, 1201 North Vine in Hollwyood.

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Chapter 2

READING DRILLS — THE TALL AND MINI LETTERS

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CROWD ARRIVING — A few minutes before curtain time, people were still arriving for the World Premiere of "The Armenian Case" at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.

DOCUMENTARY CREW — Dr. J. Michael Hagopian, left, introduced members of the production crew at the conclusion of the showing of "The Armenian Case." COURIER PHOTO

BEFORE SHOWING — Producer-director Dr. J. Michael Hagopian goes over the "The Armenian Case" program with a member of the technical crew before the Feb. 22 showing in Pasadena. COURIER PHOTO

2,700 Applaud Story That Took 60 Years To Tell

awaken the conscience of all mankind, and join in the cause to restore our ancestral home, and see that justice is done?"

Another young man said he had to see it to believe it.

This writer, too, was overcome by tears several times during the moving presentation. Mike Connors' narration was well done and in very good taste.

Hundreds of Hours

The hundreds of hours of research, interviewing, digging through difficult to obtain files in governmental and privately owned offices, and the soul-searching work of Dr. Hagopian and his production team were all for the eyes to see, the ears to hear and the hearts and souls to reflect on and mourn over.

Viewer after viewer commented on the exceptional quality of the excerpts of films taken during the World War I period, such as the parade of Armenian soldiers moving through the streets of Erevan after the Battle of Sardarabad in 1918 and the appearance of President Woodrow Wilson, champion of Armenian rights, at the Paris Peace Conference at the Palace of Versailles in 1919.

The documentary tells also of the rebirth of the Armenian people in Soviet Armenia and in the diaspora and includes expressions by a number of Armenian community leaders regarding the resolution of The Armenian Case.

Accurately described as a "White Paper" on the Armenian Case, the film should be shown throughout the United States and — with proper subtitles — in other countries. Now the true story of the 1915 Genocide can be shown through the effective medium of film.

Praise For Hagopian

Garapedian, Mandossian and Manjikian praised the efforts of Dr. Hagopian and his crew in producing the 43-minute documentary.

Mandossian's pointed remarks were directed at the cooperation between his organization, the ARF and the committee and the financial support given the film by the two organizations. His talk, although only five minutes in length, was interrrupted by applause six times.

Mandossian said, "The most powerful weapon the Armenian community possesses in its effort to resolve The Armenian Case is unity—steadfast unity."

Manjikian also told of how the two organizations worked together during the 60th Anniversary Commemoration of the Genocide and reviewed the history of the hiring of Dr. Hagopian to do the film, hoping to have such a film for the 60th anniversary. He also spoke briefly of the history of the Genocide that the audience would be viewing later in the afternoon. He drew applause several times, especially after his comment on the importance "of our small numbers (of Armenian people) working together."

UCLA scholar and author, Dr. Hovannisian, drawing from the literature of the past and his own scholarship and using the oratory that has made him popular before both English speaking and Armenian speaking audiences, quoted from a Greek poet's writing concerning what had happened to his people (the Greeks during a war).

He spoke convincingly of the tragedy upon tragedy suffered by the Armenian people over the centuries. The Armenians, however, were never sent from their land, their country. Then the Turks, through a well orchestrated plan, moved on the Armenians in the eastern provinces in 1915.

Dr. Hovannisian recounted how his father witnessed the mulilation of an infant brother during the massacre — how his father was stripped naked and forced to march with his mother. of how his father was taken by a tribesman out of the arms of his mother — into slavery. He described the grief of his grandmother as she heard her young boy say, 'Bye Maigig, Bye." What could this defenseless mother do when she heard her child's cry "not to be abandoned?"

He asked if there was any scientific instrument even today that could measure the growing pain of the mother and the number of times mother(s) died although she (they) continued to live physically.

Dr. Hovannisian spoke of those today who say "it did not happen." He briefly reviewed Turkish historians and scholars' attempts to rewrite history— to whitewash the blood of the Armenian people from the Turks of 1915.

He stressed the important role of factual, scientific research in putting together the true story of what happened in Turkey. The UCLA professor commented on the writings on the Genocide and on other periods of the history of the Armenian people.

He said it took a long period of years for the Armenian people spread throughout the world to rebound from the tragedy of 1915 and to then start its search for the truth — to tell the truth of what happened.

Dr. Hovannisian read an historical account of the ten commandments of the Young Turks, the plan to eradicate the Armenian people in their ancestral homeland. Dramatically, he read each commandment — order — handed down by the Young Turk leadership, commandments directing the Turkification of those Armenians allowed to remain in Turkey. And he described how the Turks implemented the orders — the commandments — with demonic efficiency.

The result: a Genocide, and worse than that, a Terracide, a rape of the land and all of its inhabitants.

Our grandparents, those who escaped, were forced for

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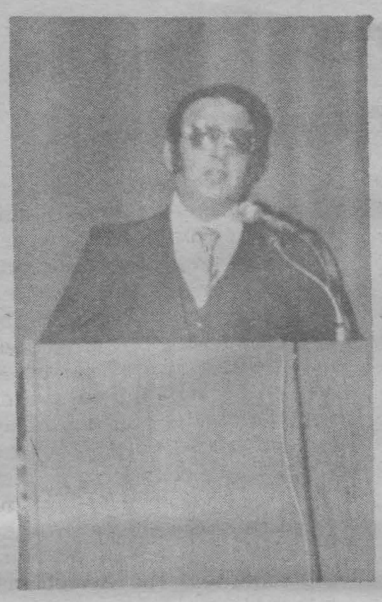

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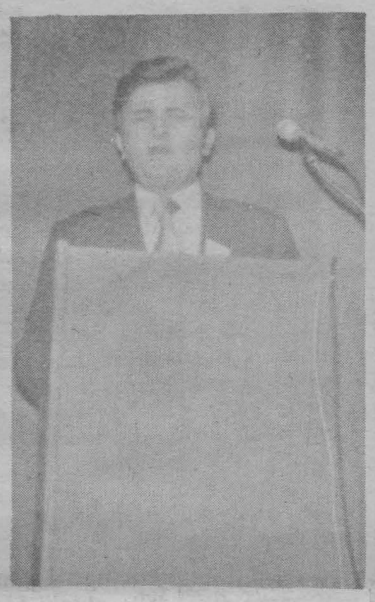

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Commemorative Committee Plans TV Showing Of 'Armenian Case'

decades to work, merely to survive economically. He reminded many in the audience that they missed the Genocide by only a generation, that it may have been a relief for some today to look back and be pleased that their parents came to the United States.

Dr. Hovannisian explained how the "Hye self-realization" of the 1960's and 1970's has been reverberating from Erevan to Los Angeles to Beirut to Buenos Aires. And he emphasized the worldwide campaign being carried out by the heirs of Talaat, the anti-Armenian propaganda — even in Turkey. He noted that book titles tell of this, that scholarly titles critical of Armenians, shifting the blame for the events of 1915 to the Armenian people, are being published in Turkey.

"Forget, the Armenians cannot and must not," Dr. Hovannisian said. "The wrongs of the past cannot be forgiven casually."

He discussed the reparation made by Germans who were not guilty of the genocide of the 6,000,000 Jews during World War II. He said the Germans have repented for what their predecessors, the Nazis, did.

"My children must be made to understand the horrors of the children of 1915 — the horrors of what they witnessed," Dr. Hovannisian said.

He stressed the enormous potential of the Armenians of Los angeles, of "Armenians present in the auditorium." He said that the Armenian-Americans can overcome external barriers and the internal indifference.

In concluding, Dr. Hovannisian quoted Santayana: "Those who do not remember the past are condemned to relive it." The UCLA professor's speech was interrupted numerous times by applause from the attentive audience.

STAFF INTRODUCED

After the showing of the film, Dr. Hagopian introduced his crew: Edward Hosharian, musical arranger; Barbara Gilmore, associate producer; Michael Adams, editor and soundman; the directors of the Southern California Mormon Choir and the California Lutheran College Symphony Orchestra; C. Bruce Thomas, cartographer; Carol Keochekian, script editor; Roger Tully, photography; and Salpi Haroutunian, a production assistant. Krekor Ohanian (Mike Connors), the narrator could not attend.

Dr. Hagopian announced plans to distribute copies of the film, almost at cost. It was also announced that the United Armenian Commemorative Committee plans to buy TV time to show the film on April 24th.

Carl Terzian Will Speak To Credit Group

FRESNO—Carl R. Terzian, prominent Los Angeles public affairs consultant and lecturer, has been named guest of honor and keynote speaker for the annual meeting of the Fresno-Madera Production Credit Association to be held Tuesday, evening, March 9, in the Fresno Sheraton Inn.

More than 1,000 financial executives will hear Terzian discuss, "It Still Takes Two To Tango," an analysis of contemporary national and world affairs.

Terzian has been honored three times by the California Assembly; as well as by the California Senate; US State Department and Congress; Her Majesty the Queen of England; City and County of Los Angeles; University of Southern California; and five times by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

Following graduation in 1957 from USC where he was elected Phi Beta Kappa and student body president, he served as a State Department Goodwill Ambassador; dean and professor of government and speech at Woodbury University and public affairs director for architect Charles Luckman.

EXAMINING BOOK — The man on the left checks a book by the late Dr. Louise Nalbandian, "The Armenian Revolutionary Movement," before the showing of "The Armenian Case."

FEW EMPTY SEATS — Some 2,700 persons were in their seats when the program started at the World Premiere of "The Armenian Case." COURIER PHOTO

BOOK EXHIBIT, SALE — The Sardarabad Chapter of the Armenian Youth Federation sponsored the book sale in the foyer of the Pasadena Civic Auditorium Feb. 22. Hundreds of people examined the more than 100 titles before and after the World Premiere. COURIER PHOTO

Detroit Raises $90,000 For Lebanon Armenians

DETROIT — The Detroit Armenian community is well on its way of reaching its goal of $120,000 to aid Lebanese-Armenian victims of the nine-month civil war in Lebanon.

The detroit fund-raising drive is part of a joint worldwide campaign by the AGBU and the Armenian Church of America to assist Armenians in Lebanon.

"Detroit is the first city to come forth with positive results," said a committee spokesman. "It was already in the news that Mr. Alex Manoogian, International President of the AGBU had donated $50,000 and Mr. Edward Mardigian, General Chairman of the ad hoc fund raising committee had contributed $10,000. The Detroit Committee was asked to match these contributions and meet its quota of $120,000.

"Under the leadership of Martin Apkarian, the committee chairman, and Father Paren Avedekian, co-chairman, the committee has already lined up a number of fund-raising events and the prospects seem very promising," the spokesman said.

Prominent poet and educator, Vahe-Vahian, who was invited from Beirut to be the guest speaker at these functions, made a moving appeal for financial support of the destitute Lebanese Armenians.

Dr. Dicran Varjabedian and his brother, Missak Varjabedian also spoke.

Mardigian said that the American Armenians should feel fortunate and privileged of being among the "contributors rather than the destitute." He appealed to the audience to share the benefits they have been enjoying this country with their brethrens overseas.

Manoogian gave facts and figures regarding the enormous needs of the Lebanese Armenians in the aftermaths of the recent tragedy. The guests responded with pledges totaling $30,000, raising Detroit's relief fund contributions to $90,000.

Another cocktail party will be hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Manoogian at the Michigan Inn Sunday, Feb. 29.

The fund-raising campaign will end Sunday, March 22, with a banquet at the Cultural Center of St. John's Armenian Church.

The committee is optimistic about the outcome of the current fund-raising activities in the Detroit area. Chairman Apkarian said he is hopeful Detroit will top its quota "by a comforable margin."

Southlander Wounded By Classmate

LOS ANGELES—Steven Boyadjian of Encino was among those wounded when a berserk honor student with a shotgun killed one classmate and wounded five others in a Wilshire District computer school Feb. 19, then shot a security guard before he was himself gunned down, police said.

They said 18-year-old Neil Jordan Liebeskind of Chatsworth opened fire in the first floor of the Computer Learning Center at 3130 Wilshire Blvd. shortly after 8:30 AM.

Several of the wounded students staggered out of the building onto the set of Jigsaw John, a television police show being filmed on locaton across the street.

Boyadjian, 35, wounded in the buttocks, was reported in good condition at County-USC Medical Center.

Expert Urges Saving FCC Gym Along With Other Buildings

FRESNO — Pasadena architect Raymond Girvigian, an expert on historical buildings says not only should the State Center Community College District consider saving the old Fresno City College administration building, but the old gymnasium as well

Girvigian reached that conclusion after visiting the campus on behalf of the Fresno County Historical Society to determine if it would be worthwhile to do a feasibility study on saving the 59-year-old administration building as an agricultural museum.

Not only did Girvigian, an expert in the field of preservation, conclude a feasibility study of the old administration building was a valid undertaking, but, he said maintaining the adjacent gymnasium would provide a storage facility to the museum and further enhance the preservation.

Girvigian said he feels the old administration building is a unique architectural landmark and a historical building of great significance to the city, county and state.

Meanwhile, Kent Taylor of the county administrative staff expects in the near future to get the state's approval of a joint powers agreement to finance a musuem feasibility study.

Under the plan, the state, county and city of Fresno would contribute $6,000 each to the study.

Girvigian is considered to be a likely candidate to do the study. —Fresno Bee

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Frosh Stars On Laton Cage Squad

LATON — Dean Arakelian, a 5-11 freshman at Laton High School became the first freshman in the history of the school to make the varsity basketball team.

Dean was a starter on Coach Dave Marshall's team which recently won the East Sierra League championship for the second consectutive year. This year's team also earned a berth in the valley playoffs.

According to Coach Marshall, "Dean is unbelievably poised and really helped stabilize the team particularly in pressure situations. His pinpoint passing and ball handling was a factor in winning the league championship." Arakelian led the team in steals, assists, free shooting and free shooting percentage.

Arakelian is a member of the California Scholarship Federation, the principal's list ("A" average), a member of the student committee for School Accreditation, played JV football and will be playing baseball. He also was a member of the Fowler St. Gregory ACYO junior basketball state championship team last year, and was voted "Most Valuable Player" honors.

Dean is the son of Don and Adeline Arakelian of Laton.

Soviet Maneuvers In Armenia

YEREVAN — The Soviet army has launched the second phase of its military manuevers in the Caucasus region this month. Soviet armed forces station in both Georgia and Armenia are participating in these manuevers which are taking place in an area of Armenia located in the Armenia-Turkey-Iran triangle.

According to one eyewitness report, mock military operations are visible from the nearby borders. Western sources put the number of soldiers participating in this military exercise at 25,000.

A special invitation was sent to Turkey to dispatch observers. The Turkish government has not replied to the invitation. Turkey is a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

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Lebanon Envoy Says Conflict 'Not Religious'

WASHINGTON — Bishop Papken Varjabedian, the Primate's Legate in Washington, paid a courtesy call in His Excellency, Najati Kabbani, Ambassador from Lebanon to the United States Feb. 19 to express the concern of Armenians in America for the people of Lebanon who have suffered so much during the recent civil conflict in that country.

Bishop Papken stressed that all Armenians in America, no matter what their church or political affiliation, shared the same grief for the suffering of the Lebanese people and the same hope for the rapid recovery of that once peaceful land.

Ambassador Kabbani expressed his appreciation for the sympathy of the Armenian-Americans and explained some of the problems still remaining for the political and economic stabilization of his country. He pointed out that the recent fighting was not between Moslems and Christians but rather among the representatives of various classes, social and interest groups. The negotiations being carried on by the representatives of these factions are critical to peace and harmony being restored in Lebanon.

His excellency voiced the hope that the people of America, through their government in Washington, would demonstrate their concern through timely aid. He said that the American "hands-off" attitude during the recent fighting might have been justified, but that a continuation of that stance might give the impression that America did not care whether or not stability returned to Lebanon. He was aware, he said, that a large infusion of funds before a new government was formed and stabilized might not serve the desired end; and yet, he stressed, some degree of immediate aid would help to restore normal life and be conducive to long term peace.

Bishop Papken assured the Ambassador that all Armenians in America were eager to encourage the United States government to provide timely humanitarian relief to the people of Lebanon and that these efforts were being coordinated through the Armenian Assembly in Washington.

Gunmen Riddle Limosine Of Turkish Envoy

BEIRUT — The car of the Turkish ambassador to Lebanon was sprayed with machine-gun fire in a Beirut street Feb. 17, and the driver was wounded. The attack came only a few hours after another Turkish diplomat was shot to death nearby in a pinball parlor.

Ambassador Necmettin Tuncel was not in his car when unidentified men shot at it.

The Beirut newspaper, Al Moharrer, said it received a communique from the "Armenian Secret Army" claiming responsibility for the killing of Turkish First Secretary Oktar Serit in a pinball parlor on Beirut's busy Hamra shopping street Feb. 16.

The Armenian Secret Army was first heard from last October when Danes Tunaligil, Turkey's ambassador to Austria and Ismail Erez, the envoy to France were assassinated.

At that time the underground group announced its aim was "to avenge the massacre of 1.5 million Armenians by the Turks in 1915.

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GROUND-BREAKING — Shown at ground-breaking ceremonies for the Armenian Bicentennial Commemoration statue to be located near the Philadelphia Museum of Art are (left to right) John Samelian, chairman of the Sculpture Committee; the renowned sculptor Khoren Der Harootian; and M. George Mooradian, chairman of the Armenian Bicentennial Commemoration Committee, Inc.

Groundbreaking For 'Young Meher' Statue

PHILADELPHIA—At ceremonies near the world-famed Philadelphia Art Museum, ground was broken Feb. 15 for the base of the statue of "Young Meher" by sculptor Khoren Der Harootian.

The Armenian Bicentennial Commemoration Committee reports that the 15-foot high statue is now in the final stages of being cast in bronze and it will set atop a 7-foot high base containing four bronze panels depicting scenes of Armenian history.

The bicentennial Committee has been actively engaged in a nationwide fund-raising program to encourage all Armenian-Americans to participate in this lasting observance of the American Bicentennial and thus express their gratitude to America.

As part of its program, the Bicentennial Committee is having a special commemorative medal struck which is being offered in bronze, silver and gold to contributors. Those who contribute at least $50 will receive the bronze medal and those who give $100 will receive the silver medal. The gold medal is being presented to those who contribute $500 or more. For contributions of $1,000 or more, a pair of the gold medals, mounted in a clear lucite display stand, will be presented. All contributions are tax-exempt.

The statue of "Young Meher" will be unveiled on April 24th, Armenian Martyrs Day, and those who wish to participate in this nationwide effort should send their contributions to The Armenian Bicentennial Commemoration Committee, Inc., c/o M. George Mooradian, Esq., Chairman, 711 Land Title Building, Philadelphia, Pa. 19110.

Study Group To Hear NY Educator

LOS ANGELES—Dr. Nina Garsoian of New York will be the guest speaker at a lecture Friday, March 5, in UCLA's Dickson Hall (room 3273) beginning at 8 PM.

The lecture will be sponsored by the UCLA Armenian Studies Club in conjunction with the Gustave von Grunebaum Center for Near East Studies.

Dr. Garsoian will discuss "Iranian Aspects of Early Christian Armenia." Dr. Richard Hovannisian will introduce the speaker.

Dr. Garosian is professor of Armenian and Byzantine History and chairman of the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Culture at Columbia University. She is the author of the Paulician Movement in Armenia, and she also has written several articles on ancient and medieval Armenian history. Dr. Garsoian has also translated the works of Armenian historians, Hakob Manandian and Nikolai Adontz.

The public is invited to the free lecture. Those wishing additional information may contact Knar Kouleyan at 667-2673.

Genocide Survivor Recalls 'Death March'

FULLERTON — For Dirouhi Boyajian, celebrating her 80th birthday Feb. 1 almost was like being back in the old country.

Tables were heaped with Armenian foods and a trio of musicians played spirited folksongs in her son George's backyard. But an even more important part of the celebration was a story that also came from the old country 44 years ago.

It was then that Mrs. Boyajian and her 6-year-old daughter Elizabeth, fled to America after World War I along with other Armenian refugees to escape the Turks who occupied their land.

With her, and thousands of others, came the story of the Death March and the ensuring Armenian Massacre.

Sometimes during the day, Mrs. Boyajian says she forgets what happened, but at night she dreams of crossing an Arabian desert and of Musa dagh, or Moses' Mountain, sheltered 3,000 Armenians who chose to flee rather to obey a Turkish order to leave their homes. Struggling to survive on the mountain, located on the Syrian coast, the refugees eventually were resuced by a French fleet which bombarded the Turks.

When the Turks first announced their plan to move the Armenians from their home towns, Mrs. Boyajian did not flee to Musa Dagh with her other relatives who disbelieved the Turk promise of better housing.

Instead, together with her husband and two baby daughters, they joined a long procession across the desert — the Death March.

Forced to travel on foot — a few lucky ones rode donkeys — the marchers often dropped exhausted on the sand and were left behind to die. After her husband and youngest daughter died during the journey, Mrs. Boyajian continued with Elizabeth.

Once she asked an old Arabian woman to keep her daughter. "I began to leave, and she (Elizabeth) called to me. My heart was melting." And so the two continued together.

The memory of her mother's perseverance, the will to live for both mother and daughter, today remains firmly lodged in Mrs. Elizabeth Hummell's memory.

"She had to struggle to save me. Many mothers threw their children in the river because they could not care for them," Mrs. Hummell, now 63, said.

After crossing the desert for one month, Mrs. Boyajian and Elizabeth escaped and made their way to Musa Dagh where they eventually were rescued.

Now living in Pico Rivera, Mrs. Boyajian first settled in Manchester, Conn., where she worked with her father as a weaver. Once mayor of a town near Musa Dagh, her father left the country in 1913 when he realized the Turks intended to rule with an iron hand.

"I could never go back to the old country," Mrs. Boyajian said. "The Turks took everything. I couldn't face it." The family roots are in Antioch.

Another relative, Sarkis Phillian, who also fled to Musa Dagh, did return to Armenia, but under an assumed name to protect himself. After he was rescued from the mountain, Phillian, because he spoke Arabic, English and Armenian, worked for the British as an interpreter until the war ended and he left for America.

Because of Turkish rule, the Armenians were forced to adopt their ways. On his birth certificate, Phillian's birthday is listed as the year 1315.

Dates went accordng to the Turkish calendar which began with Mohammed's birth, but Phillian says he also was born in 1897, a date he prefers to use.

But despite the harshness of the memories, the family's heritage forms a strong link between the young and old, something which will endure as long as one person remains to tell the story from the old country. —Fullerton News

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HYE REFLECTIONS

By Dr. Art Margosian

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them before they speak of their "ally — Turkey."

We wrote and Mr. Rossides reminds us of Secretary Kissinger's June 23, 1975 speech, Kissinger said: "no ally can pressure us by a threat of termination. We will not accept the noton that its security is more important to us than it is to itself."

At the end of 1975, during negotiations between Turkey and the USA, they (the Turks) took what Rossides' described as "an outrageously extortionate position." The Turks demanded that we (USA) prove a $1.5 billion (that's right, billion) annual risk payment for the privilege of defending Turkey — sometimes called maintaining bases on Turkish soil.

You will recall that Turkey showed what some (but not Kissinger) would regard as bad faith when it resumed opium cultivation while retaining the $15.9 million the US paid Turkey to cease cultivation of opium. Rossides says there is no other base agreement with an ally that provides for risk payments, and he urged the Senate subcommittee to make it clear to the administration that Congress will not approve one cent for any such extortion. Rossides further urged Congress "not approve any rent payment arrangement which does not relfect the enormous expenditures — running into the tens of billions of dollars which the US has made for the defense of Turkey in the postwar era."

Also, we need to urge Secretary Kissinger and his department that there was a time when the American experience served as an inspiration to people — as a model to people — struggling for liberty and self determination. America was viewed as a nation governed by laws rather than by men, as a principled, generous, freedom-supporting force on the global scene. In recent years, the image has changed. Credit the State Department and Ford. We have squandered our goodwill through support of oppressive regimes, coup attempts and assassination plots. We have bombed areas of this world into ruins. And last week, our President had unkind words of Cuba's Communist dictator. I have no respect for the Cuban dictator, but this country must clean its own aprons. Dr. Kissinger: A place to start might be Turkey. Search and you shall find: Turkey is not truly an ally.

New School Starts With 19 Pupils

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Life President Alex Manoogian and Haigaz Mekhalian, Executive Director of the AGBU of America, on behalf of AGBU Central Committee President Edward Mardigian.

Remarks were also offered by Paul Bozajian, Diocesan Council chairman, and Hagie Kandarian, president of the AGBU Western District. Also present were the principals of the three Southern California Armenian Day Schools: Dr. Onnik Keshishian of Mesrobian Armenian School, Hagop Hagopian of Alex Pilibos Armenian School and Gabriel Injejikian, Ferrahian Armenian High School.

After the ribbon cutting ceremonies, Kartalian announced a $1,000 donation to the school by Vahan Bedrossian, an Honor member of the AGBU, in memory of his sister, Toutoush Odabashian. Guests and the dignitaries visited the classrooms and met with the teachers and the staff: Sona Vartabedian, head teacher; Mrs. Noemi Minasian, who teaches Armenian classes, and Mrs. Rose Hovsepian, school secretary. classes are held Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 2 PM. Children from all parts of the San Fernando Valley, extending from Woodland Hills to Burbank are bussed to school each day.

Other AGBU Armenian Day Schools are the Alex Manoogian School in Detroit with 235 students, the AGBU Armenian Elementary School in Watertown with 85 students and the AGBU School in Montreal, 170 students.

Dinner

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tary; Karl Shahine of San Fernando, sergeant-at-arms; and Florence Jamgochian of Fresno, historian.

The annual State meeting of the League's Educational and Scholarship Committee will be held Sunday morning, April 4. Mrs. Seda Bedrosian, committee chairman, will preside.

Tickets for the April 2 Open House and the April 3 Convention Dinner may be reserved by calling Goorigian at 834-3020

Leap Qualifies For Assembly Primary Race

FRESNO—Ken Leap today became the only Democratic candidate in the 30th Assembly District eligible to run in the June Primary election.

In addition to his declaration of intent, Leap today filed more than 1500 signatures of registered Democrats living in the 30th Assembly District. The signatures, submitted in lieu of the filing fee, are in accordance with a new California law permitting candidates to file a specified number of signatures rather than paying the fee.

The 1547 signatures were collected by volunteers and Leap, going door-to-door in the four counties of the 30th Assembly District which includes all of Mariposa and Madera Counties, half of Fresno County, and a portion of Merced County.

"The opportunity to collect signatures instead of money is great," Leap said. "It's a big step toward giving people the opportunity to get involved in politics rather than relying entirely on money.

SENATOR HONORED — Senator Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota luches with Armenians at the Garfield Bank in Montebello. Shown with the Senator are, left to right, Los Angeles businessman Richard Mahdesian; Garfield Bank Director, Art Agajanian; President and Bank Director, John Gabriel; Chairman of Cerritos Bank, Mike Harabedian; Senator Humphrey, Los Angeles attorney, Walter Karabian; and Jack Arakelian, Director of Garfield Bank.

Neal Salisian Named Director

LOS ANGELES — Neal Salisian has been appointed director of asset management for Intervest Management Company of Los Angeles.

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D. R. Papazian Attends Reception Hosted by President

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Dr. Dennis R. Papazian, presently on leave of absence from The University of Michigan - Dearborn, represented the Armenian Assembly at a White House inauguration and reception, hosted by the President, for Michael Kobalinsky, newly appointed head of the Small Business Administration, on Thursday, February 12, 1976, in the afternoon. President Ford personally welcomed the guests and spoke of his appreciation for the great contributions made by Americans of various ethnic backgrounds.

Mr. Kobalinsky, of Polish origin, praised the President for his understanding of the important role of ethnic Americans in building American industry and enriching American culture. He praised the President for his concrete efforts in bringing into the Administration many Americans of various national origins.

The President, Mr. Kobalinsky and Mr. Justice Stewart of the Supreme Court, greeted those present in a reception line in the beautiful Red Room.

The invitation to the inaugural was extended through the good offices of Dr. Myron B. Kuropas, newly appointed Special Assistant to the President for Ethnic Affairs on the recommendation of Mr. Vartkes Yeghiayan, Special Assistant to the Director of ACTION.

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YEREVAN, Armenia - The monograph by a member of the Armenian Academy of Sciences, Prof. Sergei Hampartzoumian, called, "The Theory of Anisothrope Plates," was published in Japanese by a publishing house in Japan.

The monograph is about the scientist's theory of strength, elasticity and vibration of plates made of new building materials. According to Soviet and foreign experts, Hampartzoumian's work is important because it has practical application.

Prof. Hampartzoumian, who is 54 years old, is one of the leading experts on mechanics in Soviet Armenia.

Leone was elected rapporteur.

Number 16 on the agenda of 21 items, is the Report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities on its 28th session which took place last year in Geneva. It was during this session that once again several experts spoke on the retention of paragraph 30 of the study on genocide, prepared by a special rapporteur from Rwanda.

The Commission on Human Rights is composed of 32 countries including Turkey.

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SOUTHFIELD, Mich. - More than $30,000 was raised at a private reception held at the residence of Mr. Edward Mardigian, President of the AGBU of America on February 11 for the benefit of a major fund raising campaign to help the Armenian of Lebanon.

MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT. *Mr. & Mrs. George Mardikian of San Francisco were among g who were invited to attend a reception in honor of President Gerald Ford during his recent visit to the Area. During the meeting with the President, the noted San Francisco restaurateur introduced t President Mr. Arch Monson, the National President of the Boy Scouts of America. Both the Presiden Mr. Mardikian are Eagle Scouts, the highest rank in Scouting. Watching the President shake hands wit wife, Mrs. Naz Mardikian, is husband George Mardikian.*

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Turkey Threatens to Sever Diplomatic Relations with Lebanon over the Assassination of Diplomat

BEIRUT, Lebanon - In a strongly worded statement given to the Lebanese Government by the Embassy of Turkey here, the Turkish Government has protested the assassination of the first secretary of the Turkish Embassy last week. The Turks threaten to sever their diplomatic relations with Lebanon unless Lebanese authorities apprehend the culprits of this political crime.

The so-called Armenian Secret Army claimed responsibility for this murder soon after it was committed last Tuesday on Hamra Street in the Rab Beirut section of the city. The incident was followed by an attempt to assassinate Mr. Demirel, the Ambassador of Turkey in Beirut, as he was driving to the American University Hospital of Beirut to claim the body of the assassinated diplomat, Oktan Chirit.

Although Lebanese authorities are vigorously pursuing their efforts to find clues leading to the eventual apprehension of the culprit or culprits, there is little hope that under the present conditions in which the country finds itself, the assassin can be found.

Mayor to Proclaim Feb. 27 "St. Vartan's Day" in N. Y. C.

NEW YORK, N.Y. - Mayor Abraham Beame will proclaim Thursday, February 27, as St. Vartan's Day in the City of New York during a special reception set for 10:45 a.m. at City Hall.

During this reception the Mayor will personally read the Proclamation of the City of New York which pays tribute to General Vartan Mamigonian for his valiant effort on behalf of religious freedom for the Armenian people.

A select group of community leaders will witness the issuance of the Proclamation.

Gourgen Yanikian Agrees to Meet with Turkish Officials

LOS ANGELES, Calif.- Two high ranking Turkish Government officials, who arrived here in mid-January to "deal with Gourgen Yanikian case" upon their request have been granted an audience with the Armenian defendent.

This meeting which will be held in the next couple of days, will be attended by two lawyers representing Mr. Yanikian, who is presently serving a life sentence at San Luis Obispo prison in California for the killing of two Turkish Consulate officials in San Francisco, and two members of the Gourgen Yanikian Defense Committee. It is agreed by all sides that the ensuing conversations be taped in their entirety. Three Turkish correspondents and cameramen, who are in Los Angeles area to cover the anticipated re-trial, have been given permission by the attorneys to take photographs and cover the conversations for the Turkish news media.

The Turkish offcials have twice talked with the head of the prison ward, in order to arrange a meeting to discuss matters relating to the defendent's case. Mr. Yanikian told prison officials that such a meeting would be possible only with the consent and in the presence of his lawyers and representatives of Yanikian Defense Committee.

The Yanikian Defense Committee, headed by Levon Yergat of California, has asked the judicial authotities in California to reopen the case, and has hired a team of lawyers to review the case and defend Mr. Yanikian.

A day after the request was conditi nally turned down by Mr. Yanikian, on Thursday, February 19th, the Turkish officials communicated their request to Atty. Oumman and Mark. The lawyers informed the Turks that they have no objection, but such a meeting would have to be taped in its entirety. The Turks agreed to the counsels' request.

Mr. Yergat, representing the Yanikian Defense Committee in an exclusive interview stated that his committee will consider withdrawing the application to reopen the Yanikian case, provided that the Turkish Government formally recognizes the Armenian Genocide and meets other Armenian demands, territorial and otherwise, stemming from the first genocide of modern times perpetrated by the Turks on Armenians.

NO Surprises Expected from the Communist Party Congress

NEW YORK, N.Y. - As the 25th Congress of the Soviet Union's ruling Communist Party begins its ten-day deliberations, western analysts have all agreed that it will not produce any surprising results.

It is evident that the troika of Brezhnev, Kosygin, and Podgorny, will continue to rule the country without any significant change. What has not been reported and not noticed at the surface, are some radical changes that have taken place in various republics on the eve of the Congress. Major leadership changes have taken place in the political apparatus in Georgia and Azerbai-

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Armenians Comprise Heavy Proportion of Emigrants

WASHINGTON, D.C.- Among Soviet citizens who leave the Soviet Union and come to the United States, Armenians and Jews account for more than 90 percent, according to statistics compiled and released by the United States Department of State in Washington.

The figures show that direct immigration from the Soviet Union to the United States rose from 758 in 1973 to 1,079 in 1974, and to 1,162 in 1975. Of the total admitted in 1975, 585 were Jews and 455 were Armenians. The figures released do not include those Armenians from the Soviet Union who managed to leave the country and then spend a few weeks in a European country and then, after becoming eligible for the status of refugees, were admitted to the United States. The Department of State has not compiled any figures on persons from Soviet Armenia who enter the United States as refugees. The figures compiled are for those who can legally qualify to enter the United States as immediate relatives of citizens of the United States.

In the past, Armenians from the Soviet Union who had no immediate relatives in the United States when allowed to leave the country, arrived in Beirut, Lebanon, where after a residence of a few months, were allowed to come to the United States as refugees. However, due to the opposition of Armenian political parties which viewed the departure of a large number of Armenians from Armenia as contrary to the best interests of the Armenian people, the Lebanese Government ceased issuing visitors' visas to Armenians from Soviet Armenia who were leaving the country permanently. Presently, with the approval of the American Embassy in Moscow, these Armenians from Soviet Armenia, upon receiving permission from Soviet authorities to leave the country permanently, are brought to Rome, Italy, and are placed in a number

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Rivalry Between Egypt, Iraq Syria May Re-ignite Religious Strife in War-torn Lebanon

FLUSHING, N.Y. - Although there have been no reports of major violence in Lebanon in general, observers in the Lebanese capital maintain guarded optimism towards the future of that country and now focus their attention on the rivalry between Syria, on the one side, and Iraq and Egypt on the other. They view this situation as one that may re-ignite the flames of religious strife.

According to reports coming from the Middle East, both Egypt and Iraq have not concealed their dissatisfaction with the major influential role that Syria has secured in the Lebanese struggle. Sources both in Iraq and Egypt feel that through clever manipulation and maneuvers, Syria, led by its foreign minister, was not only able to bring the fighting to an end, but also managed to gain a strong foothold in the country, which, according to one Jewish source, paved the way for the eventual "Syrianization" of Lebanon.

If these fears materialize and if Syria is allowed to play a major role in the internal politics of the small country of Lebanon, it is expected that the Syrian type of socialism may soon be introduced and thus bring to an end the *laissez faire* concept of business.

The Armenians of Lebanon continue to maintain their neutrality and yet are carried away by a wave of pessimism that has forced a large number of them to emigrate. A number of Armenians, mainly middle class merchants, are reported to be in the process of liquidating their businesses and preparing to leave the country.

Although Armenian schools have re-opened, there is a marked decline in enrollment. This is attributed to the caution maintained by families who do not want their children exposed to possible dangers while going to school, and then to the financial strain that families have endured during the last 10 months. Most of the families with children are literally penniless and cannot pay for their tuition, as Armenian schools operate on a small tuition basis.

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Chicago Area Armenians Raise $20,000 for Lebanon Relief Fund

FLUSHING, N.Y. - At a special gathering held at the home of Dr. & Mrs. R. Hovanessian of Munster, Ind. on February 13, a select group of 25 guests raised a total of $20,000 towards the AGBU's and the Diocese's joint drive to raise funds for the destitute Armenians of Lebanon.

The invitees responded to the appeal made by Mr. Haig Pedian, Chairman of the Chicago area Fund-Raising Committee, and also listened to an eyewithness account of the situation in Lebanon presented by Dr. Dickran Varjabedian and his brother, Sissak Varjabedian, both of Lebanon.

The gathering followed another meeting held last week in Detroit at the home of Mr. Edward Mardigian, President of the AGBU of America. As reported earlier, $32,000 was raised at this meeting which was attended by Mr. Vahe Vahian and Dr. Dickran Varjabedian, AGBU emissaries from Lebanon. Already over $95,000 has been raised in the Detroit area for Lebanese relief.

Another meeting will be held this Sunday at the Michigan Inn in Southfield, Mich., for the purpose of raising additional funds from among the Detroit area Armenians. The Detroit area drive will

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AGBU EMISSARIES. *Mr. Alex Manoogian, President of AGBU's Board of Directors (2nd from right) is seen flanked by the AGBU emissaries from Lebanon at the recent gathering at the Home of Edward Mardigian. L. to r.: Mr. Missak Varjabedian, Mr. Vahe Vahian, Mr. Manoogian, and Dr. Dikran Varjabedian.*

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EDITORIAL

NATIONAL INSPIRATION

The first nation to accept Christianity as a state religion, the Armenians soon discovered that religious freedom has a high price.

The battle between Persia and Armenia is one in which Armenians fought against an overwhelming adversary in order to maintain their freedom, and is one of the milestones of Armenian history. Later in history when Armenians were again threatened by invaders they fought valiantly to maintain their freedom and to keep their faith. When the Seljuks invaded Armenia and the Ottoman Turks established a bloody rule over Armenian territories, the struggle continued, and one of the main sources of inspiration was St. Vartan. It is irrelevent to debate whether the Battle of Avarair was a religious war or one of national inspiration to proclaim independence from a mighty enemy. Armenian scholars have in the past argued this point and future historians and scholars will undoubtedly continue to do so. The real significance of the Battle of Avarair and St. Vartan lies in the fact that both are tremendous sources of national inspiration.

Even present day Armenia, which does not recognize religion (like some other modern states) as an integral part of its political and social structure, unhesitatingly supports the ideals of Vartan, who fought against foreign domination of the Armenian motherland. For this reason, the Armenian Government recently erected a huge statue of St. Vartan astride his horse. During the unveiling ceremonies Government and Party representatives were among those in attendance.

WORTHY LESSONS

Armenians living away from their national homeland have kept the symbol of St. Vartan alive and honor his name and tradition every year. However, the New York Armenian community was the first to have its mayor proclaim St. Vartan's Day as a day dedicated to the "principles of freedom of thought and worship" officially recognized by the City of New York. Thus Mayor Abraham Beame issued a public proclamation recognizing the Armenians' contribution to this metropolitan city's civic, cultural, and economic growth. This mayoral proclamation is most rewarding, since few mayors with a sizable Armenian population among their constituents (with the outstanding exception of Philadelphia) have publicly recognized Armenian contributions so generously. Thus St. Vartan's Day should prompt Armenian communities across the nation to have their mayors give official recognition to St. Vartan's Day and pay tribute to Armenian achievements.

There is another lesson that other Armenian-American communities can indeed learn from New York. It has become a practice that all Armenian religious denominations here come together under one roof to celebrate St. Vartan's Day *en masse*. As a result of this well-coordinated effort, local television stations have given considerable coverage to the ceremonies.

It is in the interest of all Armenian communities in North America that similar practices are further widened and the non-Armenian segment of the public can thus be made aware of Armenian history. With this kind of unified effort behind all Armenian activities, the Armenians will ultimately command more respect in the pluralistic society of the United States and of the entire world.

An Essay / The Vartanantz War

By **Haig G. Assatourian**

One again we pay tribute to the memory of St. Vartan and the heroes who fell at Avarair. If history is a record of human follies and wisdom, to be used as a guideline for the future, then it behooves us to remember the immortal Yeglisheh (Elisha or Elisaeus) who, in the preface to the **History of Vartan and the Armenian War,** stated, "Solidarity is the mother of good, discord, the parent of evil." This postscript to his famous epic not only crystallized the lesson learned from the course of events that led to the Battle of Avarair but also dramatized the effect of the role played by Vasag Suni and his followers who, motivated by personal and partisan interests, joined the invading Persian army–traitors to the Armenian cause.

Even though defeated, Armenians celebrate the Battle of Avarair as though it were a great victory. Actually, it took more than thirty years of constant struggle and relentless guerrilla warfare to achieve the main objective of this battle-freedom of religion-which was incorporated as one of the terms of the treaty signed between Armenians and Persians at Nouarsag in 484 A.D.

As armchair military strategists, it is easy to criticize the folly of Vartan Mamigonian's battle tactics as a commander, but we cannot question his patriotism. Under his leadership, and as a result of the Battle of Avarair fought on May 26, 451, Armenia retained her language and religion as outward signs of her nationality. If for no other reason, this struggle, which was the first religious war in Christian, if not in human, history must be considered as the most glorious page of Armenian history because it was waged not for a territory but for an ideal--freedom of conscience, or worship, a true Magna Carta of human spirit. We are rightly proud of that achievement of our ancestors, which is our heritage. But, what have we done since?

Discord apparently characterizes the Armenian ruling class, because our history generally reveals a story of a divided nation. Among excuses for such a sad commentary are: (1) geographical location of the country; (2) strength and policies of the contending empires surrounding Armenia; (3) dissension among Armenian feudal barons and reigning princes, and (4) differences of ideological and political viewpoints espoused by different factions jockeying for leadership. Since more than 99 percent of the Armenian population in past centuries were peasants and tillers of the soil, their fate was dependent on the leadership of foreign subjugators, native rulers, and the Armenian Church.

VARTAN MAMIGONIAN

Ignorance, prejudice and selfishness, no doubt, played an important part in forging their chain of servitude--factors that are being manipulated even now by vested interests for partisan gains. It seems that the Armenian people are caught in a circular track and have become a hostage of an untenable past--"divide the people and lead them as a flock of sheep," has become a common motto.

Despite the annual commemoration of Vartanantz for over fifteen centuries, a constant reminder of the weaknesses and strengths of our national character and spirit, we still do not heed the lessons of history. Honest differences of opinion are permissible and, in fact, under certain circumstances inevitable. But, self-interest, partisan gain and political and personal ambitions of churchmen should not be allowed to undermine the welfare of the community at large or the common good of our people, because such a policy, in the long run, is self defeating. For example, the position of some people who maintain that the existence of a strong Catholicate of Cilicia will possibly act as a deterrent

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Views and Opinions / "Belling the Cat"

By Dyran Emuryan

It must be a source of some consternation and considerable amazement to many concerned Armenians, here and abroad, that in this day of detente and dialogue between former adversaries the ancient and venerable Armenian Apostolic Church allegedly prefers to perpetuate its artificially contrived dichotomy/schism/separation/division sectarianism or forking. Call it by any other name you fancy, this forking is still our great national shame!

As among some concerned individual Armenians, at the person-to-person level, this divisive reality is often decried in our press by a few interested Armenians who, with courage and conviction, point to it. Recently, for instance: Mr. John Tembeck in his "The Price of Disunity in the Church;" Mr. Arthur Halvajian's "Comments on Joint Appeal;" Dr. Fred Asadourian's urgent request to coordinate our relief efforts (in Lebanon) under a U.A.C. (United Armenian Committee) and avoid duplication of labor and cost by various "agencies" to achieve the self-same task and/or goal. Etcetera.

What is the underlying - and *actual* - deterrent to often cudchewed national unity - at the Mother Church level, at the so-called partisan and philanthropic levels? Must a mere show of unity come about only at the convenient level, as during the 60th anniversary commemoration activities, as a token measure of togetherness...just to fool the Turks?

Is this the extent of our unity? If the avowed dream or desire for unity is there, why isn't the substance as well?; Why have so many of our *medavoragans* would-be-sociologists, writers & low-echelon leaders bewailed for so long this lack of unity in person and in various publications? (All, alas, to no avail!) Do not the Jews - as another ethnic (and once-persecuted) body in the U.S. - have marked and seemingly irreconcilable differences among themselves? And yet, when the chips are down and the problem or threat effects their overall welfare, they can and do unite in one body, as in a U.J.A. (United Jewish Appeal).

To justify or rationalize the dichotomy or... forking the patent argument sometimes advanced by the spokesmen from both sectors is that Etchmiadzin and Antelias follow two diametrically divergent schools of thought regarding the path our Apostolic Mother Church must pursue. It is also said that the polarity between the two is too entrenched or pronounced to be amicably reconciled. Hence, in the U.S. alone, we have both a Diocese and a Prelacy of the same church, and duplication of all attendant or subsequent efforts and activities under these twin pinnacles or levels.

That there is no rhyme or legitimate reason for duplication - not to say duplicity - is not particularly germane to the real issue or *raison-d'etre* that still remains a mystery to most of the faithful in both "camps." The palpable explanation given by "spokesmen" for both sectors about the schism itself and the perpetuation thereof during all these decades leaves much to be desired.

Question: The "puffery" to justify the original cleavage and its subsequent maintenance by its bilateral "champions" aside, do we not have a concerned, prestigious, knowledgeable, absolutely detached or neutral scholar (or, better yet, a select body of impartial scholars) in any of our academic communities who is willing to study the available - and albeit contradictory - data from both "camps," then determine and sift fact from fiction or fancy, separate the political *goosagtzagan* chaff from the actual nitty gritty of the wheat, and come up with a comprehensive treatise and applicable plan for ultimate unity? Thus, who is the dedicated scholar to whom the walls of disunity will be a challenge and the exposure of the obstacles to true and lasting unity a blessed - nay, saintly - task?

Though the "project" has never been officially subjected (to the best of our limited knowledge) to a "universal" (that is, all-encompassing Armenian) poll, it is generally assumed that the majority of our people, on both sides, favor and/or desire unity.

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As the Bishops' Synod Approaches

By **Dr. James Etmekjian**

PART II

OTHER MATTERS AFFECTING THE CLERGY

Closely related to celibacy is the question of clerical defections. Currently, there are a number of persons in our communities who left the religious orders in order to marry. Various arrangements have been made by special dispensation at the different levels of the church hierarchy so that today some defected clergymen are serving in the church in various capacities. However, there is no basic policy as to what should be the attitude of the church toward them. To a great extent, the primate of a diocese may use his discretion as to how such persons should be treated.

Certain questions inevitably arise. A solemn clerical vow between an individual and the church has been broken. What stand is the church to take? Is this individual to be considered like any other layman in his relations with the church? Does he pass through a period of penance before he can gain standing as a bona fide member of the church? Can he serve as deacon, choirmaster, or choir member? Can he assist at other church services such as baptisms, weddings, and funerals? What happens to him in the event there is a modification in our present policy?

From time to time (fortunately not very often) we learn of the suspension of priests. This, too, seems to be left entirely to the judgment of bishops. Should there not be specific guidelines which the bishops would follow? Should the suspended priest have the right to appeal? If so, to whom?

MIXED MARRIAGES

The *raison d'etre* of any religious group is its conviction that it possesses the truth or that its approach to religious dogma and morals is the best approach. In addition, churches such as ours have an ethnic orientation and mission. In the absence of such convictions and missions, it is futile for a group to attempt to exist as an independent entity. It will be more advantageous for it to join another group, because by so doing, it will become stronger and more effective in the pursuance of its goals if it has any.

Once a well-defined group is formed, it must retain its homogeneity and increase its strength through numbers to preserve and disseminate the ideas that constitute the body of truths as it sees them. Under these circumstances, mixed marriages pose certain problems, because not only do they run the risk of taking a believer away from the group to which he belongs, but they also create the danger of losing the offspring for one or the other of the groups. With a homogeneous population, the problems are reduced to a minimum, but in a highly heterogeneous society, with its extremely diversified religious associations, they become more numerous and more difficult to resolve. Some very obvious questions arise when members of the Armenian Church decide to marry with someone from outside. To mention a few:

1) Should our church accept marriages with members of a. other Armenian religious communities? b. non-Armenian religious communities? c. non-Armenian non-Christian communities?

2) If the church should accept any one of the above, a. should the parties concerned be baptized in the Armenian Church? b. what should be required of the children of the couple, in terms of baptism, for instance?

3) What are the requirements of the godfather? a. Should he be a member of the Armenian Church? b. Can he be a relative of either party? If so, how close?

DIVORCE

As western society has evolved toward more individual freedom, divorces have become increasingly more common. If we have not already reached the point where one out of every two marriages ends in divorce, we shall soon reach it. Our church has not expressed itself on the matter in recent decades.

We know what the traditional rules were governing divorces half a century ago. However, we have the strong impression that they are no longer being universally applied. We do not know whether our church does not recognize the magnitude of the problem or whether it chooses not to recognize it. Are primates making the decisions in each diocese? Or are they leaving the resolution of such questions to the parish priests? In either case, we can see the breakdown of unity in the church unless there is a regular exchange of ideas among primates and patriarchs throughout the world. If such communications exist, and there is a standard that governs their actions, it is well for us to know. If not, our church hierarchs have the responsibility of formulating a policy that may be applied uniformly throughout the church. Questions that require answers are:

1) Does the church accept divorce generally?

2) Does it accept it only under certain conditions? If so, what are they?

3) May a divorce(e) marry in the Armenian Church and under what conditions?

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The Armenian Case / *A Review*

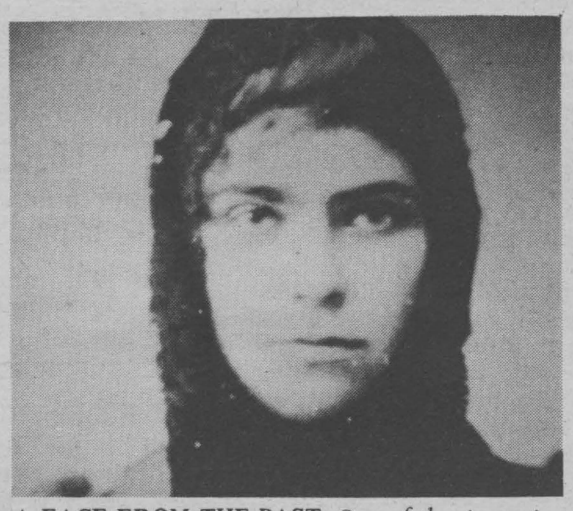
By **Vahan Gregory**

The Armenian Case suddenly appears in focus; the issue which sixty years ago Talaat Pasha, the Turkish Minister of the Interior, referred to in his bestial remark to Ambassador Morgenthau, "We will see to it that there will be no Armenian question for fifty years." That incredible barbarism, along with the souls of more than a million Armenian men, women, and children murdered with unimaginable fiendishness, will haunt the Turkish state with a power of greater and greater organization, as should soon become clear with the film on the subject by the master documentarist, J. Michael Hagopian.

As was pointed out in the film with fine poetic sensitivity by Dr. Richard Hovanissian of UCLA, within a very few years there will no longer be alive even one Armenian who was born in his native Western Armenia. To an Armenian, this is a bone-crushing revelation. That land nourished our ancestors as far back as a hundred and twenty-five generations. For over twenty-five hundred years the Armenians have been known by that name in history. Armenia, evangelized by Saint Gregory The Illuminator, was the first nation in history to accept Christianity as a national religion. The Armenian Church of The Illuminator is decades older than the Roman Catholic. And 82% of this people was exterminated by the Turkish government in 1915.

We are now ten years beyond the fifty predicted in the infamous statement by Talaat Pasha (who died young, just eight years later by the hand of an avenging young Armenian lad). The Armenian question is indeed again before the world, revived with bits of film that go back to the land before the holocaust. We today can see the images, in motion, of the three Turks who led their people into the first great genocide of this murderous century, Talaat Pasha, Enver Pasha, and Djemal Pasha. Incredible to see these very men, alive, working, the heinous plot vibrant in their minds to exterminate our mothers, our fathers, to rid our land and nature of our blood.

J. Michael Hagopian has brought us these images,



A FACE FROM THE PAST: *One of the Armenian freedom fighters who helped defend his people against Turkish tyranny.*

and has further recorded for us the very images of horror as seen through the cameras of German missionaries unable to bear what their eyes beheld, American missionaries who were screaming in rage and horror, neutral witnesses all, whose documents are at last joined together, in one brilliant film, to indict the Turk before the world.

"The Armenian Case" is a force that will breed force. The 18% of our people who survived are now regenerated to a total of six million, throughout the globe. As the film showed, the Armenians of today require two political events of history, and they are, first: acknowledgement by the Turkish government of the genocide, and second: restoration of the lands they destroyed. The Armenian question has returned before the world, in strength, as the creation of this film demonstrates, and with a strength that should cause our question to be answered favorably by the world before the end of the bloody century that promulgated it, with the creation of a new Armenian state, **Nor Hayastan.**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Armenian Reporter welcomes all Letters to the Editor. We reserve the right to print letters at our discretion, but the opinions expressed in these letters do not necessarily reflect those of the editorial staff. If requested, the author's name will be withheld. However, The Reporter will not print any letters received without a signature. Due to limited space, preference will be given to shorter letters.

HELP STILL NEEDED

Dear Sir:

In your release concerning Senator James Abouresk's Bill S. 2941, it was stated thatHaigazian College, which is generally supported by American philanthropy, is going to be included in the list of Lebanese institutions that were to be granted funds. It was further revealed that the Senator had been contacted and had shown willingness to expand his efforts to see that Haigazian College is included in the bill to go before Congress. While it is true that the Senator has shown such courtesy, it should be pointed out in the first place that Bill S.2941 has a slim chance of passing and in the second place the inclusion of HaigazianCollege in the bill has even a slimmer chance.

The Armenian Missionary Association of America is campaigning for heavy financial assistance to the college which at the moment has no resources, no bank credit and faces grave financial responsibilities to teachers and institutions. In relation to our efforts, therefore, the announcement, though a fact, was premature.

Please publish this response to alert our communities that the bill in question is in doubt of passing relative to relief to Lebanon, let alone the matter of a special provision in it for Haigazian College.

Those interested in seeing Haigazian benefit from such a bill should do some letter-writing to their congressmen, senators and to the President of the U.S. in the hope that with the passage of the bill Haigazian College might benefit. At the moment, both the passage of the bill and certainly any possible advantage for Haigazian are negligible.

Should anyone be interested in a sample letter for support of two bills now before Congress for said purpose, he or she may write to the Armenian Missionary Association of America, Inc., 140 Forest Ave., Paramus, N.J. 076752.

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Rivalry Between Arab Countries Seen as Threat to Lebanon Peace

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Last Tuesday, February 17, a delegation comprised of representatives of three major Armenian political parties - The ADL, the ARF, and the Hunchags met with Mr. Kaddam, Prime Minister of Syria, who was in Beirut to supervise the implementation of she stipulations of the peace agreement which stopped the fighting three weeks ago.

Arranged at the request of the Syrian minister, the Armenian representatives discussed the situation in Lebanon in general and the position of the Armenian community in particular. During the one-hour meeting, the Syrian Foreign Minister praised the stand taken by the Armenians as in the best interests of the Lebanese people. He asserted that the Armenians, by remaining neutral in the fighting that took a heavy toll, displayed remarkable discipline and did not participate in the destruction that brought the country to the edge of disaster. He indicated that future generations should become aware of this stand by the Armenians in Lebanon. He also emphasized the friendly relations that have existed between the Armenians in Syria and the Syrian people and outlined the contributions that the Armenians had brought to the progress and development of their adopted land. Before completing his remarks. Mr. Khaddam also extended an invitation to the representatives of the Armenian community in Lebanon to visit Syria and meet with President Hafez Assad in Damascus. The date for this meeting will be set in the near future.

The Armenian delegates, before taking leave, voiced their gratitude for the invitation to meet with the Foreign Minister and pledged their whole-hearted support of every attempt to rebuild the country.

The meeting with Foreign Minister Kaddam was received with enthusiasm in view of an incident involving the President of Lebanon and His Holiness Khoren I. According to reliable sources, when the Armenian Church was left out of a special religious conference composed of all major religious factions of Lebanon and hosted by Mr. Franjieh, President of Lebanon, His Holiness, Khoren I, contacted the presidential palace and inquired of the president why the Armenian Church was not invited. The President, apparently in a bad mood, indicated that before the Armenians are expected to be invited to such conferences, they should first become Lebanese, alluding clearly to the neutrality taken by the Armenians during the fighting and to the continued efforts of the Armenians in Lebanon to maintain a sort of government within the government with little assimilation within the Lebanese community. President Franjieh is a Maronite Christian, the religious group which, under the banner of the Phalangists, took the heaviest burden of the fighting against the Moslems and Palestinians.

The news of this incident had enraged the leadership of the Armenian community and many attributed the meeting with the Foreign Minister of Syria as an attempt at appeasing the Armenian community.

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Views & Reviews /On Hetum I, King of Armenia

By M.D.B.

Hetum I, King of Armenia, is considered by many as one of the wiser and far-sighted monarchs of the Armenians. It is, therefore, well worth our time to see what a respected French historian, Jacques de Morgan, has to say about this remarkable king. Before Marco Polo made his celebrated trip to the "inscrutable East," our King made a similar trip on weightier matters...

This is what we read in de Morgan's **The History of the Armenian People**:

"The reign of Hetum (1226-1270) was the longest of all the sovereigns of New Armenia. It began, however, under very unfavorable auspices. The Seljuks of Iconium invaded Cilicia, and their Sultan Kaikobad (1220-1237) compelled the kingdom to do him homage. Hetum was obliged to coin bilingual money with the name of the Moslem overlord and himself.

"At this time, Genghis Khan was proceeding westward from the Ganges and Indus laying everything waste as he advanced. Northern Persia, Greater Armenia, and Georgia (where Rousoudan, a queen notorious for her evil ways was reigning), had fallen to the might of the terrible conqueror. Hetum and all the Christian and Moslem rulers of Asia Minor joined together and warded off invasion. Genghis Khan withdrew to Kurdistan where he was assassinated in 1231.

"This victory stemmed only for a while the Mongolian wave. Oktai-Khan (1227-1241), Genghis' son and successor, caused his hordes to overrun the countries west of the Caspian Sea, where they spread desolation everywhere, leaving in their wake nothing but ashes, ruins, and heaps of corpses. The suddenness and cruelty of the disaster were unprecedented. In 1235 the Mongols exterminated nearly every inhabitant of Gandzak (Ielisavetpol), and the two following years saw the sacking of Lori, Kayan, Ani, and Kars. About 1242 Karin (Erzerum) shared the same fate. This city was then under the Sultan of Iconium, Gaiath-ed-Din Kaikhosru II, who had obtained possession of the throne by the murder of his father Kaikobad. This sultan was completely defeated by the invaders between Erzerum and Erzindjan, and both Caesarea and Sebaste, likewise belonging to the Seljuks, were also laid in ruins.

"Hetum was appalled by the danger, for the invasion was nearing his borders, and he hastened to surrender to the Mongols. Their Khan, Batchu, demanded that he deliver up to him the mother, wife, and daughter of the Sultan of Iconium who had taken refuge at the court of Sis. Hetum was weak enought to yield to the will of the barbarian, and Kaikhosru to avenge such an infraction of the laws of hospitality, gave his support to the revolt of the Baron of Lampron, the brother-in-law of the Regent Constantine, and they together invaded Cilicia. Hetum shut himself up in Adana, Constantine and their constable Sempad in Tarsus; but with the help of the Mongols who came to his side the king drove out the Moslems from his realm.

"His alliance with the Khans seemed so valuable and necessary to the king of Armenia that he did not hesitate to go personally to visit Mango, the Mongolian ruler, who dwelt at Kavakorum beyond the Gates of Derbend, on the shore of the Caspian Sea, near the mouth of the Volga. There he was received with great honors by the barbarian chieftain, and a treaty of alliance was signed between them, which he put to profit on his return, taking back from the Sultan of Iconium certain districts the latter had captured in his absence.

"A strange proceeding, indeed, for this king to leave his Christian court and, crossing the width of Moslem, to act as his own ambassador to a barbarian from the Siberian steppes, a dweller in the heart of hardly known Scythia! Nevertheless, by way of Greater Armenia the Armenians and the Barbarians had linked up, and a heathen horde after laying waste the Ararat region had turned against the Moslems, thereby serving the Christian cause. Hetum looked on them as his natural allies.

"As one historian writes: 'When Mango Can (Khan) had heard the King of Armenia's petition, he called together his court, and summoned the king to his presence. Then before the assembly he spoke thus: Because the King of Armenia has come...We do reply, King of Armenia, that we will benignly grant all your prayers. And we, in the first place, who are Lord by the Grace of God, will be baptized and accept the faith, Our Lord Jesus Christ. I will have all those of my house baptized; and I will advise the others in good faith that they too be baptized, and believe the Christian faith. But I will not force anyone, for faith and belief do not require force. To your second request, we reply that we wish for perpetual peace and friendship, we and our people, with the Christians...to the Christian churches and to the clergy of whatever sort, religious or secular, we will give the privilege of freedom, and will not suffer that in any way they be molested. As to the matter of the Holy Land, we would say that we would willingly in our own person undertake the conquest of the Holy Land...But inasmuch as we have have too much other business, we must give commandment to our proud Alaon (Houlago-Khan) and he will accomplish this task and deliver Holy Jerusalem from the hands of the infidels, and return it to the Christians...and to our brother we will give commandment that he go and take the city of Damascus and that he destroy the Caliph, as our mortal enemy...'*

"Hetum was well advised in taking this step, for the mounting storm was about to strike all Western Asia. In 1257 the terrible Houlago-Khan advanced to the center of Asia Minor, overthrew the power of the Sultans of Iconium, and then capturing Baghdad on February 4th, 1258, slew the Caliph Motassem and his two sons. For forty days the slaughter went on in the Arab capital. Everywhere he passed, Houlago had left nothing but ruins: Erzerum, Erzindjan, Sebaste, Caesarea, Iconium, Martyropolis, Aleppo, Damascus, Edessa, Kharan, Amidus, all were laid waste and the inhabitants wiped out. The Christians, however, did not suffer as much as the Moslems in this appalling work of extermination, due to the intercession on their behalf of Princess Dokouz-Khatoun, and also because Hetum, as an ally of the Mongols, was fighting alongside of them.

"Houlago was called away by his brother Mango's death, and did not return to Asia Minor. He left innumerable hordes to continue the deadly work of their terrible chieftain, masses of men who were only less dangerous in that they lacked the cohesive purpose of a leader.

"At this juncture Bibars, the Sultan of Egypt, of the Baharit Mamaluke dynasty (1260-1277), entered the scene to take advantage of the upheaval caused by the Mongol invasion, also of the barbarian chief's departure, and determined to destroy the Latin principalities. Favored by the momentary absence of the Tartars, he invaded Cilicia and overwhelmed the army hastily raised to meet him under Hetum's two sons, Leo and Theodore. The latter prince was killed in the fight, and the other carried away prisoner (Aug. 24, 1266). Adoua, the city of the Templars, Sis, Misis, Adana, Aias, and Tarsus fell to the Memeluke ruler, who destroyed them and slaughtered every single inhabitant. Finally, on May 19, 1268, Antioch itself was lost to the Crusaders. After massacring the male population, the conqueror Hetum finally obtained terms of peace from the victor but they were very heavy. His son Leo was restored to him in exchange for Schem-ed-Din Sonkor al-aschkar (Red Falcon), Bibars' favorite who had fallen into Houlago's hands at the siege of Aleppo. His eyes opened at last to the vanity of worldly greatness, the king relinquished his crown as soon as his son came back. He abdicated to make way for Leo and withdrew to a monastery where he died October 28th, 1270."

Thus a brief history of our good King Hetum I.

Hayton (Hetum) 'La flore des estoiles de la terre d'Orient.' (The flower of the stars of the Orient.)* **Histoire de Croisades, *Vol. II, p. 167.*

Soviet Magazine Writes of Poet Issahakian and Armenian Painters

FLUSHING, N.Y. - In the current issue of **Soviet Life,** a monthly pictorial magazine designed to inform the American public about Soviet culture and published by the Soviet Union in Rockville, Md., there is a remark about the great Armenian poet Avedik Issahakian in the People and Events section. This is what is written about the famous Armenian poet.

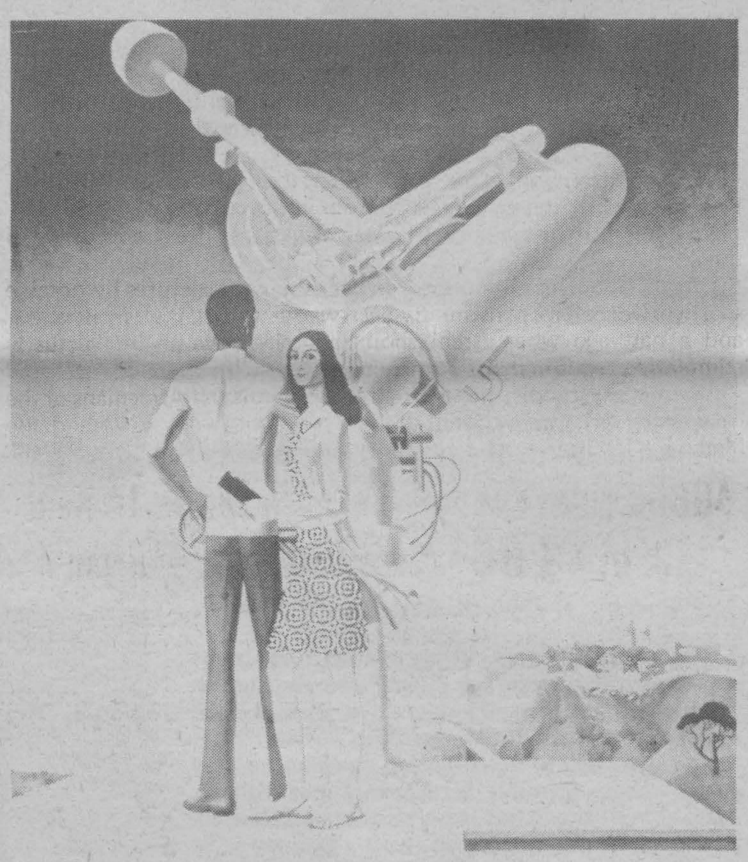
"The name of Avedik Issahakian looms large among the masters of Soviet multinational literature. His works are translated into the languages of the peoples of the Soviet Union and many foreign languages.

"The hundredth anniversary of the Armenian poet's birth was marked in all the union republics. The celebrations concluded with a commemorative meeting at the Bolshoi Theater in Moscow.

"The well-known Soviet poets Eduardas Miezelaitis, Silva Gaboudikian, and Mikhail Dudin paid their respects to Issahakian and talked about the lasting significance of his work."

Avedik Issahakian

In the same issue under the headline "All Kinds of Soviet People," there are two color reproductions of paintings by two famous Armenian artists. One is by Roupen Ghevontian, which portrays a young couple looking through a huge telescope, and the other one is a half page print of a young Armenian peasant girl called Spring. This painting was done by Ohannes Zardarian in 1956.



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Prelate to Discuss the Position of Armenian Church in Christianity

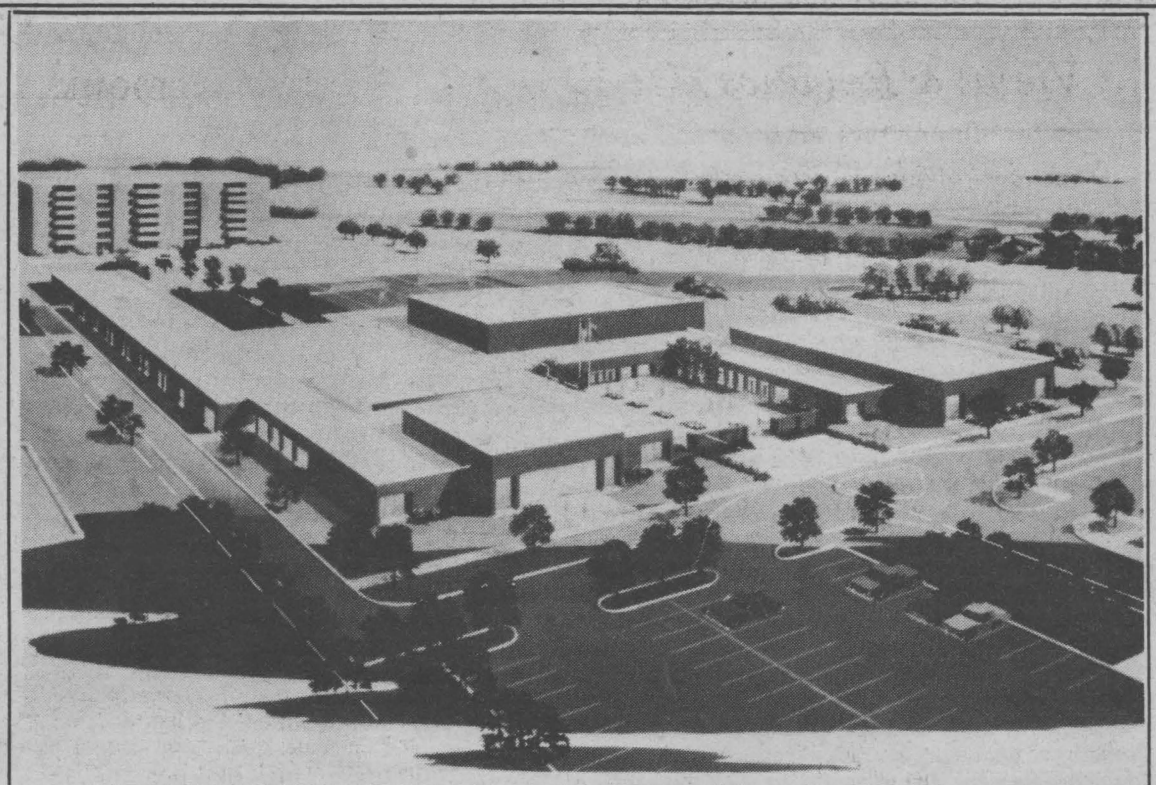
By **Dr. Ara Caprielian**

NEW YORK, N.Y. - Only a few months ago the international press gave wide coverage to the General Assembly of the World Council of Churches held in Nairobi, Kenya. The several hundred accredited journalists who attended this meeting, which occurs once in every seven years, demonstrated the interest the WCC generates for millions of people throughout the world. In a world fragmented by so many different and oftentimes conflicting political, economic and social systems and beset by violence and turmoil, this inter-church organization attempts by virtue of its moral authority, to promote peace in the world, and Christian fraternity among its hundreds of member churches. Furthermore, it champions Christian unity and attempts to take a position on issues of immediate concern to mankind.

The Armenian Apostolic Church is represented in this huge organization by its two Catholicates, Holy Etchmiadzin and the Greater House of Cilicia. Both centers recently sent delegates to the Assembly. It was a rare honor for the Armenian Church when one of its distinguished representatives, Archbishop Karekin Sarkissian, was elected to the h ighly important post of Vice-Moderator of the Council by this large body of Christian leaders. Prior to his election, the Archbishop had been a member of the Central Committee of the WCC. His outstanding record of service and scholarly reputation, and the esteem in which the Armenian Church is held, led the delegates to choose Archbishop Sarkissian and two other clergymen as Moderators.

The varied activities of the World Council of Churches presents a challenge to the Armenian Church. We should contribute our share to this world-wide organization. I'm sure that I speak for many Armenians as well when I say that we should become more familiar with the workings and structure of the WCC. It was with this in mind that the Armenian Literary Society invited Archbishop Sarkissian to present a lecture about the Council. The Archbishop, in spite of his varied duties and manifold commitments, as a leading officer of the WCC and as Prelate of the Armenian Church of North America, graciously accepted the invitation. Those who have attended Archbishop Sarkissian's lectures on other occasions, know how communicative a speaker he is. It is therefore with great anticipation that we await to hear him on Friday evening March 5, 1976, at 8:00 p.m. in the Statler Hilton Hotel on Seventh Ave. and 32nd Street, when he will speak in Armenian and English about "The Position of the Armenian Church in World Christendom (On the Occasion of the General Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Nairobi, Kenya)." A question and answer period will follow.

Parenthetically speaking, this year marks the 20th anniversary of the Armenian Literary Society which will be appropriately marked in the fall. The Society has presented over the years lectures by notable speakers which have consistently been well attended. It was only a year and a half ago when Archbishop Sarkissian gave an intellectually stimulating lecture about Armenian culture with the aid of colored slides which everyone enjoyed. We are certain that all Armenians of the New York-New Jersey Metropolitan Area will want to attend the March 5th lecture.



CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CENTER. *This aerial perspective of the new Armenian Community Center in Dearborn, Mich. incorporates the Armenian Relief Society (ARS) Day School and general facilities building (center foreground). Official groundbreaking is set for this Sunday, February 29 with construction scheduled for completion by September, 1976 in time for the fall semester of the ARS Day School. The multi-million dollar project is the culmination of a 5-year study program. The entire complex is at 19300 Ford Road, the present location of the St. Sarkis Armenian Church.*

AGBU Friday Evening Lecture Series to Hear Talk by AMAA's Rev. Dr. G.H. Chopourian

NEW YORK, N.Y. - Rev. G.H. Chopourian, the AGBU guest lecturer for Friday, March 5 will give an informative talk regarding the question as to which is more important, the state or the individual. In his discourse he will reflect on the outreach of the Armenian Missionary Association and will stress the importance of the individual in the Association.

Rev. Dr. Chopourian has held important teaching and administrative positions in Cyprus and Beirut, Lebanon. Prior to his assuming the office of the executive secretary of the Armenian Missionary Association of America, he served as pastor of the Armenian Martyr's Congregational Church in Philadelphia, Pa.

The lecture is open to the public. The program will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the AGBU Library, 628 Second Ave., New York City and will be followed by a short question and answer period. The evening will end with an informal reception and the serving of some refreshments.

A voluntary offering of one dollar will be accepted from non-students towards AGBU expenses. Information may be obtained by contacting the AGBU (212) 684-7530.

Michael J. Arlen to Address Detroit Group

By **Percy W. Sarkisian**

DETROIT, Mich.- Michael J. Arlen, award-winning author of **Passage to Ararat**, which **Time** magazine ranked among the nation's top five non-fiction books for 1975, will appear at Dearborn's new Hyatt-Regency Hotel on Friday, February 27, 1976, at 8:00 p.m.

Arlen will be appearing as the guest of the Armenian National Committee, whose members are the local counterparts of an international organization that is dedicated to the restoration of a free, united and independent Armenian nation.

Passage to Ararat is the author's attempt to "come to grips" with the reality of his own ethnicity, and the further attempt to understand the reluctance of his famous father to do the same. The book is one of great tenderness which expresses Arlen's intense love of family. It is also a book of historical excellence which traces the centuries-old odyssey of the Armenian people.

Arlen's late father was also an author of great renown whose book, **The Green Hat**, was reportedly the last book ever read by Stalin's wife before she committed suicide.

A group of six carefully-selected panelists were chosen from the community at large. They will prepare questions to which Arlen will address himself instead of the regular lecture-type presentation.

The noted author will autograph copies of his now internationally-read book. They will be available for purchase on the eve of his appearance.

The public is invited, and refreshments will be served following the formal program.

Plans Begin for Chicago Cotillion

CHICAGO, Ill. - The Chicago A.G.B.U. Cotillion Committee had its first meeting Thursday, January 29th at Ouzoonian House in Evanston, Ill.

Mrs. Haig Fedian, chairlady and her committee members have begun plans for the eventful affair to be held at the Drake Hotel in Chicago, Saturday, November 27, 1976.

Armenian Composition to Debut in Albany

NEW YORK, N.Y. - Esta Blood, New York City pianist-composer, recently completed a composition written for string quartet entitled "Variations on the Armenian Theme Medax Tashginag."

This composition will be performed at the Arts Center in Albany, N.Y. on May 15.

Prelate Pays Tribute to A.R.S. for Its Service to Armenians

By Archbishop Karekin Sarkissian
Prelate, Eastern Prelacy, Armenian
Apostolic Church of America

NEW YORK, N. Y. - On Sunday, February 29, 1976, following the tradition of past years, special requiem services will be held in all of the churches of the Eastern Prelacy under the jurisdiction of the Cilician See in memory of the departed souls of all the benefactors and members of the Armenian Relief Society. Special recognition will be given in the memory of Mrs. Sophia Hagopian, a noble and generous benefactor who contributed greatly to the educational mission of the A.R.S.

This special day provides all of us with an excellent opportunity to focus our prayers and thoughts on the achievements and role of this most remarkable organization of Armenian women.

In fact, Armenian history will record with great appreciation and admiration the innumerable services rendered by the A.R.S., its Central Executive, local chapters and individual members to the Armenian people.

How many thousands of Armenian orphans were kept alive through the care of the A.R.S. How many thousands found care for their wounds through the prompt relief of the A.R.S. How many thousands of other children learned the alphabet of St. Mesrob through the unceasing educational efforts of the A.R.S. Thousands of young people were led in communion with the values of their national history and culture through the supportive efforts of this eminent organization.

The accomplishments are so numerous it is not possible to relate them all here. One may unequivocally state that the existence and the activities of the A.R.S. for more than 60 years in the Armenian Diaspora, in general, and in the life of the Armenian community here in the U.S., in particular, has become a source of immense service and achievement especially in the realm of education. Neither the scope nor the nature of this message permits us to present an exhaustive account of the work of this blessed organization. We would like to stress the undeniable fact that without the A.R.S. and its service, Armenian history would not be complete.

During the recent months, a new field of service was opened for the A.R.S. The response of the A.R.S. to the troubled situation of our people in Lebanon demonstrated this same fervor and dedication. Together with the Prelacy, the A.R.S. is devotedly involved in relief work for Lebanon. We believe that our community with the Prelacy, the A.R.S. and other national institutions and organizations will continue to manifest in concrete ways its national consciousness and dignity.

Faithful parishioners, we wholeheartedly recommend that you stand firm with the A.R.S., and through your financial contribution and moral support strengthen this organization; with your membership, enlarge the sphere of its outreach and deepen its influence in our life in order that it may play an active role in our national struggle.

The A.R.S. is not and must not become merely a "relief society" in the strict sense of the term, but a real platform for the activities of the Armenian woman in almost all fields of community life. With this thought in mind and hope in our heart, we believe that the A.R.S. will continue to be a creative power in this period of renaissance of the Armenian nation.

On the occasion of the day for the Armenian Relief Society, once again we bless the memory of all its benefactors and members. We heartily pray that God may strengthen all its present members. Let us keep the A.R.S. powerful enough, financially and morally, in order that, in its turn, it may pursue its sacred mission to the Armenian people and church.

OBITUARIES

GARABED H. SULAHIAN, WATERTOWN RESIDENT

WATERTOWN, Mass. - Funeral services were held here on Friday, February 20, at the St. James Armenian Church for Mr. Garabed H. Sulahian, who passed away after a lengthy illness at the Mt. Auburn Hospital on Wednesday, February 18. Presiding at the funeral services was Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese, who was assisted by Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, former Primate, and numerous clergymen serving in various chruches in the area.

Mr. Sulahian was a noted community leader and was an active member of a number of Armenian organizations. He was best known for his leadership of the Aintab Armenian Association and his involvement in the Armenian Democratic League.

Born in Aintab, Turkey, on December 9, 1903, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hrant K. Sulahian, who subsequently moved to Aleppo, and became well-known community leaders. After his emigration to the United States, Mr. Sulahian, who was affectionately referred to as Charlie, became active in the A.D.L. and at times acted as the chairman of the Regional Committee of that body. He was a member of the St. James Armenian Church and also was elected as their Diocesan Delegate. His involvement in the community included participation in a number of cultural and philanthropic organizations. A self-employed businessman, he was in his last years, a consultant in an industrial firm.

Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Eugenie Sulahian, a daughter Joyce, of New York City, a brother Kevork H. Sulahian, and a sister Mrs. N. Topjian of New Jersey.

In memory of the deceased the family has requested that memorial contributions be sent to the Armenian Church Endowment Fund of the Diocese of the Armenian Church located at 630 Second Avenue, New York, New York 10016.

Vartan's Day Services Set by St. Illuminator's Cathedral Here

NEW YORK, N.Y. - On Thursday evening, February 26th, 1976, religious services and a commemorative program will be held in St. Illuminator's Armenian Apostolic Cathedral, 221 E. 27th St., N.Y., N.Y., at 7:30 p.m. to observe the 1525th Anniversary of the Heroic Battle of Sts. Vartanantz. Archbishop Karekin Sarkissian will be present and will preside at the religious services dedicated to the memory of those who perished for their faith. The Archbishop will be assisted by members of the clergy from the metropolitan area. The Cathedral Choir will participate under the direction of Mr. Vartkes Baboghlian aided by Mrs. Agnes Kazigian, organist.

Immediately following the religious services at 8:00 p.m. a commemorative program will take place in Pashalian Hall. Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Michael Azarian will be master of ceremonies. Mrs. Alice Coherian will render an Armenian recitation, which will be followed by Dr. Herand Markarian, who will present a speech. Mr. Vartkes Baboghlian will be soloist, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Shake Nahabedian. The program will be concluded with the presentation of a speech by Archbishop Sarkissian. Refreshments will be served by the Ladies Auxiliary of St. Illuminator's Cathedral.

Chicago Area Armenians Raise $20,000 for Lebanon Relief

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culminate with a public banquet scheduled for March 21 to be held at the St. John Armenian Community Center in Southfield.

Similar affairs will be held in Milwaukee, Wis. on February 29, and in Cleveland, Ohio, on March 27 and 28. A second get-together will also be held in the Chicago area. It is expected that the $150,000 quota placed on the Chicago, Detroit and Cleveland areas will be met without difficulty.

At the conclusion of the fund-raising drives in the midwest, the drive will be moved to the east coast and the New York area.

WESLEY J. WILLSON

PARAMUS, N.J.- Funeral services were held here at Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church for Wesley James Willson, the husband of Seta Bezirdjian, on Wednesday, February 25. Mr. Willson died of undetermined causes at his home on February 22.

Born in Utica, N.Y., the deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Willson of Florida. He was an assistant manager for Restaurant Associates of New York City. He was also a veteran of Vietnam.

In addition of his widow and parents, he is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Don M. Destito of Rome, N.Y.

Intelisano Funeral Home of this town was in charge of the arrangements.

Primate's Legate and Lebanon Ambassador Discuss Situation

WASHINGTON, D.C.- Bishop Papken Varjabedian, the Primate's Legate in Washington, paid a courtesy call on His Excelency, Najati Kabbani, Ambassador of Lebanon to the United States, on Thursday, February 19, 1976, to express the concern of Armenians in America for the people of Lebanon who have suffered so much during the recent civil conflict in that country.

Bishop Papken stressed that all Armenians in America, no matter what their church or political affiliation, shared the same grief for the suffering of the Lebanese people and the same hope for the rapid recovery of that once peaceful land.

The Ambassador expressed his appreciation for the sympathy of the Armenians here and explained some of the problems still remaining for the political and economic stabilization of his country. He pointed out that the recent fighting was not between Moslems and Christians but rather among the representatives of various class, social and interest groups. The present negotiations being carried on by the representatives of these factions are critical to peace and harmony being restored in Lebanon.

The Ambassador voiced the hope that the people of America, through their government in Washington, would demonstrate their concern through timely aid. He said that the American hands-off attitude during the recent fighting might have been justified, but that a continuation of that stance might give the impression that American did not care whether or not stability returned to Lebanon. He was aware, he said, that a large infusion of funds before a new government was formed and stabilized might not serve the desired end; and yet, he stressed some degree of immediate aid would help to restore normal life and be conducive to long term peace.

Bishop Papken assured the Ambassador that all Armenians in America were eager to encourage the United States government to provide timely humanitarian relief to the people of Lebanon and that these efforts were being coordinated through the Armenian Assembly in Washington, D.C.

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REQUIEM SERVICE

A "Karasounk" Requiem Service will be held following morning services on Sunday, February 29, 1976 at the Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs, 209-15 Horace Harding Expressway for the memory of the late

MARTIN S. ZARIAN

passed away on January 21, 1976.

The family of the deceased requests friends and relatives to attend the service.

Holy Martyrs Language School Holds Annual Valentine's Dinner

BAYSIDE, N.Y.-- The Holy Martyrs Church Armenian Language School held its first annual Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance on Saturday, February 14 at the Holy Martyrs Community Center Reception Hall. A memorable first it was. The demand for tickets was so great that they were sold out one month in advance. Armenian school alumni and their young friends, parents and grandparents accounted for the capacity crowd.

The tables were decorated in a Valentine's day theme with paper lace doilies, hearts, cupids and candles - all in red and white.

The food, prepared by the Women's School Auxiliary, mostly school mothers, included a variety of hors d'oeuvres, an entree of savory meatloaf, molded pilaf garnished with buttered baby peas and individual candle lit baked Alaskas served at each table by an alumni of the school.

Apo Sarkissian and his Sevan Band entertained with Armenian and American music.

All who attended extended their appreciation to the Armenian School Women's Auxiliary and its chairlady, Dorothy Zarfjian, for a most successful affair.

The funds raised will help acquire modern educational equipment necessary for more efficient teaching of language skills to the more than 100 students of the Armenian School.

Yeretzgin A. Kalayjian is Honored at Cocktail Party at N.J. Shore

SPRING LAKE HEIGHTS, N.J. - On Tuesday, February 10, 1976, Mrs. Daniel Kondakjian graciously hosted a cocktail party at her home in Belmar, N.J. honoring Yeretzgin Anahid Kalayjian, wife of Rev. Vertannes Kalayjian, Belmar, N.J.

The approximately 50 ladies in attendance represent Monmouth and Ocean counties in the central Jersey area. These women are active culturally and religious as is the honored guest Yeretzgin Kalayjian, formerly of the Union City Church, Union City, N.J.

The hostess, Mrs. Daniel Kondakjian, has entertained frequently in her home on similar occasions. For this party, Mrs. Kondakjian prepared many Middle Eastern delicacies.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kondakjian are active members of the A.G.B. U.

New Gift Shop in N.J. to Feature Wide Variety of Quality Items

FORT LEE, N.J. - A wide assortment of domestic and imported fine giftware will be featured at Horizon Gifts, Inc., the new shop opening in the lobby level of the North Tower of Horizon House, a luxury hi-rise apartment complex in Fort Lee, N.J. on Sunday, February 29th, under the management of Robert Odabashian, president of Hye Products, the American based Armenian Mail Order House.

Mr. Odabashian said, "Horizon Gifts will offer a wide-ranging variety of the finest quality giftware and the type of personalized service that people are accustomed to finding in the best shops both here and abroad. Total satisfaction will be guaranteed without question to every customer."

He said Horizon Gifts will feature such items as Swedish crystal, Ikora, Mikasa China, porcelain figurines, ceramics, Danish wood, and the famed jewelry designs of Hattie Carnegie.

"Engraved stationery and wedding invitations as well as fine pewter and glass objects of Bicentennial design will be featured," he said. "All merchandise will be comparable to that carried by the better stores but our entire price range will be at competitive levels."

The interior decor of Horizon Gifts provides a contemporary look with silver, black and white wall coverings, charcoal carpeting and glass, wood and chrome fixtures.

Prior to opening the newest shop at the Horizon House, Mr. Odabashian was engaged in retail sales. He also operates a mail order business for a clientele throughout the United States and overseas.

Horizon Gifts will be open in the North Tower of the Horizon House complex Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Thursday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The telephone number is (201) 224-0040 and the mailing address is Horizon Gifts, Inc., 6 Horizon Road, Fort Lee, N.J. 07024.

All major credit cards will be accepted and a personalized delivery service will be provided on most items.

New York ASA Hosts Successful Dance & Weekend

NEW YORK, N.Y. - The New York A.S.A.'s Post Inflation Pre-Depression Dance Part II on January 24, 1976 was the highlight of a very successful weekend of activities. The N.Y. Branch was the host for the C.E.C., Board of Trustees and Branch Presidents of the Armenian Students' Association.

The out-of-town executives and guests arrived on Friday, January 23rd in time to attend the N.Y. A.S.A.'s General Membership and Lecture Meeting at Kavookjian Hall. The lecture was by Harry Martinian on Transcendental Meditation. The presentation was the equivalent of the introductory lecture briefly describing the TM technique and emphasizing primarily on its potentials.

Mr. Martinian, who is currently a student at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, is a trained teacher of TM as taught by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi for four years. Harry Martinian explained to the audience that TM is not a religion or a philosophy and no changes in lifestyle are necessary. Studies have indicated a wide range of benefits including improved health, better interpersonal relationships, and better job performance. It was a thought provoking and controversial evening followed by a social.

The C.E.C. and the branch presidents held their business meetings on Saturday morning and continued into the late afternoon. Pertinent topics concerning the Armenian Students' Association were the focusing point of the business meetings. The branches reported on their various activities and the upcoming events planned. The business meetings, which are held throughout the year, provide the opportunity for exchange of ideas, to reaffirm the aims and goals of the Association and further friendships.

On Sunday, the Board of Trustees held a joint business meeting with the Central Executive Committee and Branch Presidents. It was announced that the 67th Annual Convention will be held the weekend of June 25th-27th, 1976 at the Cherry Hill Hyatt House, Cherry Hill, N.J. The scholarship grants, gold medals and the silver medals will be awarded at the banquet.

The highlight of the weekend was the Saturday, January 24th 1976 dance. The Post Inflation Pre-Depression Dance Part II was a huge success attended by 400 people. The music for the evening was provided by Jack Baghsarian and His New England Ensemble featuring Kenny Kalajian, Roger Krikorian and Carnig Mikitarian. The American Band, the Devoshuns, was a crowd pleaser. The New York Branch had done their utmost to make the weekend an active and successful one.

E.C.

Pa. Executive Named to Board of Wilson College

JENKINTOWN, Pa. - Robert S. Damerjian has been appointed to the Board of Trustees at Wilson College here.

Mr. Damerjian is executive vice president and officer in charge of the bank investments division of Girard Bank, Philadelphia.

Queens Archivist Volunteers to Assist Restoration Project in Bellerose

NEW YORK, N.Y. - William Asadourian, of Fresh Meadow, L.I., and archivist in the historical documents collection at Queens College, has volunteered to help the Colonial Farmhouse Restoration Society of Bellerose in its plans to restore a colonial farmhouse in Eastern Queens in honor of America's Bicentennial year.

James Trent, president of the restoration society, said that Asadourian is going to help in tracing the ownership of the farmhouse, because "we had gone about as far as amateurs could go, and Bill has the know-how to delve further."

Asadourian has finished his second masters in library science and has one masters in history and a B.A. in math.

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New Englanders Plan Fundraising Function for Lebanon Relief

BOSTON, Mass.- Local committees throughout the U.S.A. and Canada have already started a drive on behalf of the Armenians in Lebanon. In the New England Area, the A.G.B.U. and the seven Armenian Apostolic Churches (Holy Trinity, Cambridge; St. James, Watertown; Church of Our Saviour, Worcester, Sts. Sahag & Mesrob, Providence; Holy Cross, Lawrence; Sts. Vartanantz, Lowell; St. Gregory the Illuminator, Haverhill) formed a joint committee for this purpose.

Through the efforts of these seven churches and the A.G.B.U., personal contacts and various parish functions will take place in order to raise money for this worthy cause.

A joint fund-raising function will be held on Sunday, March 7, 1976 at 1:00 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Armenian Church Cultural Hall, Cambridge, Mass. sponsored by St. James and Holy Trinity Armenian Churches and the A.G.B.U. Greater Boston Chapters.

The guest of honor and main speaker will be the well-known poet, Mr. Vahe Vahian who recently arrived from Lebanon, in order to assist the A.G.B.U. and the Armenian Dioceses with their Fund-Raising Campaign.

Mr. Vahian will give a first hand accounting of the strife and situation of the Armenian Community in Lebanon.

Reservations may be made by calling Holy Trinity Church, 354-0632; St. James Church, 923-8860, or the AGBU, 926-1373.

PLANS UNDERWAY. *The work has already begun on Festival Bostonian's April Armenian Celebration, sponsored by The Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs in Boston and the Armenian Festival Bostonian Bicentennial Committee. Members of the committee gathered to discuss plans for the upcoming celebration are (left to right, standing) Vahan Kailian, AAAA; Berj Kailian, AAAA; Michael Hintlian AAAA; Richard H. Tashjian, main gallery task force chairman, AAAA; Barkev Kaligian; Hovannes Donabedian; Dr. Michael Mensoian, committee chairman; Robert Goshgarian, committee vice-chairman; Leo Sarkisian; Maria Gheridian; and George Hazerjian; (seated) Mardy Minasian; Shavarsh Bedrosian; Markar Markarian; Michael Haroutunian and Ann Menzoian, committee secretary. Not pictured are Seta Terzian, visual arts task force chairman; and Babken Simonians, performing arts task force chairman.*

Linda Mouradian Named Principal Violist

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - Miss Linda Mouradian of Coventry, R.I., has been appointed principal violist of the R.I. Philharmonic Orchestra. The appointment was made after the selection committee auditioned many applicants. At 22, she is probably the youngest musician ever appointed as a section principal of a regularly performing philharmonic orchestra.

Miss Mouradian graduated from the Boston University School of Fine Arts in May of 1975 with a bachelor of music degree. During her junior and senior years she was placed on the dean's list at the University.

Miss Mouradian has a wide range of musical experience dating to 1962 when she studied the violin. In 1965 she became a student of the viola and since then she has performed with the following orchestras: All New England and All Eastern High School Orchestras, All American Youth Orchestra (Carnegie Hall for 2 years). The Brown University Orchestra, Rhode Island Philharmonic Youth Orchestra (principal violist for 3 years). Wolf Trap Orchestra for the Performing Arts (American University, Washington, D.C.).

As a senior in High School, Miss Mouradian was appointed as apprentice violist with the R.I. Philharmonic Orchestra and during her four years at Boston University she was a full professional member of the orchestra.

In addition to her position as principal violist, Linda performs with the Fall River Symphony

LINDA MOURADIAN

Orchestra, the Peloquin Chorale and the R.I. Civic Chorale. She is a member of the New England Fine Arts String Quartet that recently performed on the ABC Network's nationally televised program "Christmas on Historic Hill."

In addition to her major instrument, Linda also plays the violin, piano, organ, flute and trumpet.

Linda is presently in the process of forming a string quartet the emphasis of which will be on classical Armenian music. After forming the quartet and building up a repertoire of classical music it is her intent to perform at Armenian cultural events. It is her hope to give the average Armenian an opportunity to hear music he customarily does not hear.

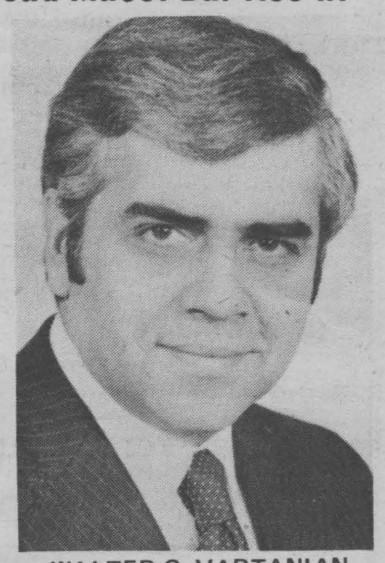
Currently she is investigating the possibility of furthering her education in an Armenian Conservatory of Music in Yerevan.

W. G. Vartanian to Head Mass. Bar Ass'n.

BOSTON, Mass. - Boston attorney Walter G. Vartanian has been appointed by the president of the Massachusetts Bar Association to serve on its newly formed Committee on Immigration. Attorney Vartanian is already membership chairman of the Massachusetts-Rhode Island Chapter of the Association of Immigration and Nationality Lawyers.

In addition to his engaging in the general practice of law since 1959, Attorney Vartanian is a well known immigration specialist. While representing many aliens from around the world, he has shown special concern with the plight of the Armenians from Lebanon and the Near East.

In January, he was honored by his colleagues in the area by being elected treasurer of the Cambridge-Arlington-Belmont



WALTER G. VARTANIAN

Bar Association.

Vartanian lives in Belmont with his wife, Anne, and their three children.

R.I. State Representative Seeks Congressional Seat

EAST PROVIDENCE, R.I. - Rep. Jacob Harpootian, Republican from District 84, has announced that he will seek the Senate District 43 seat now held by William A. Bowen, a Democrat from Riverside.

A firve-term representative in the R.I. House, Mr. Harpootian has indicated that mass transportation in the State of R.I. will be an important issue in his campaign. He has promised that he will work diligently in support of the 15.7 -mile rail line through Providence, East Providence, Barrington, Warren and Bristol.

"Development of this line," asserted Mr. Harpootian, "for passenger and freight service will be a high priority goal."

The East Providence waterfront will be another area of major concern for the candidate who also will support the R.I. Economic Development Corporation in its efforts to bring heavy industry to the state to alleviate the present unemployment difficulties.

St. James Church to Hold Mardi Gras Fun Day Saturday

WATERTOWN, Mass. - A special committee of the St. James Sunday School is working diligently for the **Pareegantan** (Mardi Gras) Fun Day, to be held at The Cultural Center, 465 Mt. Auburn St., Watertown, Sunday, February 29, 1976, to usher in lent.

Families may receive holy communion if they choose. A roast beef dinner will be served at 1:00 p.m. followed by a Midway with games and prizes for the children. The great "No Name Band" once again will donate their time and talents to provide music and entertainment. There will be dance instruction for those who care to learn a few new steps.

Raffle prizes will consist of an oriental scatter rug - a pair of Bruins tickets - and a pair of Celtics tickets. There will be no sale of tickets at the door. Advance reservations may be made by calling Andy Kavjian 924-6208, Alice Mellian, 924-3580, Andrea Movsessian 891-7296 or Mary Minassian 861-9435.

The admission is as follows: Adults - $3.50, Children - $1.50, dance only (2:00 p.m.) - $1.00.

At the finale of the festivities everyone is invited to the church for the short service of "closing the altar curtains" for the 40 days of the lenten season.

Soccer Camp Slates New Sessions in Aug. 1976

NEW MILFORD, Conn. - Efrain "Chico" Chacurian, Armand Dikranian and Haig Dikranian are the directors of the Victory Soccer Camp to be held at the Canterbury School, New Milford, Conn. on July 25th-31st, August 1st-7th and August 22nd-28th.

Efrain Chacurian is the freshman soccer coach at Yale University. He was born in Argentina and turned professional at age 17 with the Racing Club. He came to the United States in 1947 and played in New York in the American League and the German American League. Chico played many international games and in 1954 he represented the United States in the World Cup Competition. In 1967, he became assistant varsity coach at Southern Connecticut State College, New Haven, Conn. and in 1972, Chico assumed his present position at Yale University. Chico is also serving as assistant coach of the Connecticut State Soccer Football Association's All Star Team. He holds a coaching license for the United States Soccer Federation.

Armand Dikranian is the head soccer coach at Southern Connecticut State College, New Haven, Conn. In six years of coaching at Southern Connecticut State College two teams have participated in the National Collegiate Athletic Association National Championship Competition. Armand is a former All American from the University of Bridgeport. He played in the German American League and the American League in New York. Presently, he serves as State Senior Coach of the Connecticut All Star Team. Bob is also an active Referee, Vice President of the South Central Junior Soccer League and holds a coaching license from the United States Soccer Federation.

Haig Dikranian is a former standout player at Adelphi University, where he won All Metropolitan Honors. Haig has performed on many amateur teams in New York City. He is an active collegiate and Public School Athletic League Referee.

Information regarding the Victory Soccer Camp may be obtained from the directors.

Armenian School of Brockton, Mass.

Under the direction of Leo Terzian, the Armenian School of Brockton, Mass. meets every Friday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. at the Brockton High School.

Children of all school ages, as well as interested adults, can enroll by attending the next session.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Mrs. Rita Kechejian at 587-7277 or 587-7557 after 6:00 p.m.

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Pennsylvania Teams Compete in Lively Basketball Games

By **L. Guveyian**

WYNNEWOOD, Pa. - Cam-Phi met St. Sahag and St. Mesrob on the basketball court on Sunday, January 25 at 8:15 p.m. at the Episcopal Academy on City Line Avenue.

Cam-Phi (4-0) seemed pretty much destined to win against Sahag (2-2) before the game even began because of their perfect record. Cam-Phi came on the court with a goal to maintain that undefeated season along with a true winning spirit while Sahag also had a goal, to beat the unbeaten, but were possibly already mentally defeated from the start.

Unfortunately for Sahag, Cam-Phi, in gold, managed to maintain a substantial lead throughout the gold dominated game. Although Sahag, in red, put up a good fight with a lot of team effort, Cam-Phi remained the No. 1 team in the Pennsylvania basketball standings when the final score reached 87-62 at the sound of the buzzer concluding the game.

The current standings in Pennsylvania basketball is: No. 1 - Cam-Phi, No. 2 - St. Gregory, No. 3 - Armenian Martyrs and St. Marks, No. 4 - Holy Trinity/and St. Sahag and St. Mesrob (tied).

Between boys' games the girls played basketball with ten minute halves against each other basically just for fun. The white team played against the blue team; their t-shirts were the team color.

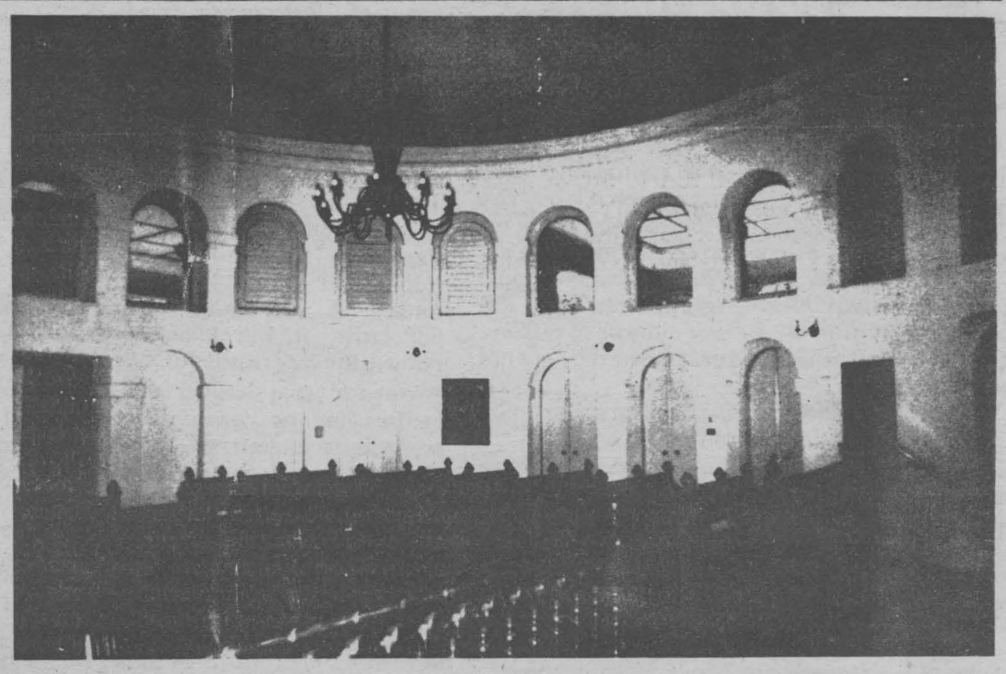
The line-up for the white team was No. 4 - N. Kazanjian, No. 7 - N. Gutchigian, No. 8 - T. Tashjian, No. 11 - V. Gureghian, No. 12 - S. Sharkarjian. The lineup for the blues was No. 5 - J. Sharkarjian, No. 7 - S. Mukalian, No. 9 - L. Tashjian, No. 10 - R. Semerdjian, No. 13 - L. Nercessian, No. 20 - K. Jehanian.

Terry Tashjian was busy acquiring her position as high scorer for the white with a total of nine points while Lynne Nercessian was high scorer for the blue with her four points.

Half-time socre was 11-2 in favor of white.

The second half was a breakthrough for blue which scored 14 more points but it was not enough to beat the white which came back with 12 additional points making the final score 23-16 again in favor of white.

COLONIAL STYLE. *The facade of the St. Gregory Church, which was designed in the neo-classic style popular in the early 19th century.*



The interior of the Singapore Armenian Church.

Armenian Church in Singapore Combines Architectural Styles

NEW YORK, N.Y. - In Singapore the small Armenian community constructed a church of their own, called St. Gregory in 1835. The construction of this Church was made possible through the generous contributions of the Madras (India) Armenian community, who also made the best use of it. Other Armenians who came to this part of the Far East make a point of visiting the church.

The interior of the church is circular and the exterior was designed in the neo-classical style. The overall structure, however, is of an architectural style typical of early Armenian churches. Inside the church are several Armenian inscriptions and khachkar.

St. Gregory Church is presently used as a museum and is under the supervision of the Singapore authorities.

Have something to Say? Write a Letter to the Editor

Future Plans, Awards Announced at ASA Quarterly Meeting

SOUTHGATE, Mich. - The trustees, Central Executive Committee members, and Branch presidents of the Armenian Students' Association met in New York, January 24 and 25, for the third quarterly meeting of the 1975-76 year. Winners of this year's Artist Project were announced; nominations for awards were opened; branch reports were received; and details of Convention 1976 were finalized.

At the January 24 meeting, presided by CEC President Elizabeth Hanoian, Artist Project Chairperson Jeanette Koumjian presented the winning entries of Warren Alberian, recipient of the first prize $100 U.S. Savings Bond and an artist's kit; and of Raffi Pilguian, David Gabrielian, Greg Keushgarian, Garo Avetian, and Armine Khudikian, all recipients of Certificates of Outstanding Achievement in the art competition for students, between the ages of eight and fifteen, in Armenian day and Sunday schools. Their work will be on public display at the June Convention.

Sarafian Award Chairman Andrew Boyajian was present to announce the opening of nominations for the ASA Sarafian Award for outstanding citizenship and contribution to the American-Armenian community. Nominations should be forwarded to A. Boyajian 135 Charlton Ave., Hasbrouck Heights, N.J. 07604, by April 25.

Florence Avakian, High School Award Committee Chairperson, announced that applications are now being accepted for ASA merit awards to outstanding high school seniors all over the country. Applications are available from local branch officers as well as Miss Avakian, and should be submitted to her, 201 East 30 St., New York, N.Y., 10016, no later than May 1.

Board of Trustees Chairperson Natalie Aharonian, and member John Dilsizian were also present to participate in a discussion of the branches' progress.

Branch presidents reported on activities locally and of national scope. Jirair Hovsepian, of Boston, discussed the March 5, 6, 7 "Get Away Weekend," at the Sheraton-Regal Inn, Hyannis Port, Mass. April 2 to 14, Boston ASA will sponsor a multi-media art exhibit, "Armenian Vision," at the Cambridge Public Library; the opening evening will be a musical presentation by Dr. Roupen Gregorian. April 21, 22, 23, the Branch will participate in statewide Armenian Bicentennial activities at the Massachusetts State Legislature. A boathouse dance is scheduled for May 22.

The Connecticut Branch, led by Anthony Barsumyan, will meet March 7, with Yerevan linguist Dr. Shahumian. April 28, the Branch will sponsor a ten-day trip to HongKong. Inquiries should be directed to Ozzie Malootian, 33 Fairfax Ave., West Hartford, Conn., 06119.

A wine-tasting party will be enjoyed by the Detroit Branch March 5. President Ralph Hulun also announced a weekend trip to Toronto, March 19, 20. The May 1 CEC meeting will be in Detroit, in

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ATTITUDE TOWARD OTHER CHURCHES

Generally, the Armenian Church has been rather tolerant and broad minded in its approach to other Christian churches, and yet as a church it must have had to face certain practical problems. People are born, are baptized, marry, and die. As members of a given church, they must comply with certain requirements, but these requirements may not always be met properly for any number of reasons. We should know what to expect when they are not met. For instance:

1) Does, or should our church accept communion from other churches. If so, from which ones?

2) Does, or should our church consider acceptable baptisms, weddings, and burials performed by other churches? If so, which ones?

3) Under normal conditions, is attendance at liturgical services in other churches as valid as our own? Which ones?

OTHER PROBLEMS

Scientific changes bring about social changes in their wake. The ever-increasing tempo of population growth had been causing concern among economists and social scientists for a number of years. The so called "population explosion" of recent vintage brought the problem into more dramatic focus. Meanwhile, scientists had for sometime been working on contraceptive devices to control briths artificially. As they succeeded in their efforts, and as society became more aware of the population and food problems, there began a major drive for birth control. Of course, this was only one aspect of birth control. The Catholic Church had been faced with the problem of family size even in the middle class and affluent families for a long time, but the scientific discoveries and a major birth control push have made the problem much more complex, with its moral, as well as social, political, and economic ramifications.

Abortion, lethal rather than preventive in its approach to life, is merely another and more serious facet of the same problem. Our church has not spoken on either of these subjects, and in our opinion, this is a grave mistake. Birth control and abortion are with us now. They will not simply go away if we pretend that they do not exist. If there are moral issues, it is incumbant upon the church to examine them and to give us guidance. If not, we should be informed to that effect. This is a responsibility that the church cannot avoid if it is to remain as our moral and spiritual authority. Otherwise, it will abdicate that authority and remove the very reason for its existence.

We feel that leaving the resolution of these matters to the parish priests or even diocesan primates is undesirable. To do so is to create a chaotic approach to basic problems in our churches throughout the world. With the breakdown in our spiritual, moral, and administrative unity, we shall no longer be justified in speaking of "The Armenian Church." We are already divided by our politics into the "Cilician See" and the "Etchmiadzin See," and that division seems to grow every day despite the aspirations and efforts of some. We shall in time be so divided because of other matters that each time we mention the "Armenian Church" we shall have to stop to indicate which "Armenian Church" we mean - the "Armenian Church" in America, Lebanon, Australia, Armenia or even Watertown, Detroit, New York, or Racine.

It is our feeling that, deep within, our people and leaders do not want this, but wanting or not wanting is not sufficient. We must do something to prevent it. Therefore, we appeal to our leaders, especially the committee appointed by the bishops' synod of 1969, to examine these matters. We also urge our diocesan council to resubmit these questions (and some that have not been mentioned here) over the signature of Archbishop Torkom Manoogian who is a member of that committee, so that the latter may consider them before the next synod in the fall. Constructive discussion and action by our religious leaders will inevitably serve the cause of Christianity in general and the Armenian Church in particular.

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to the Soviet regime's extreme anti-religious campaign against the Armenian Church and the See of Etchmiadzin is understandable. Regardless of the effect of such a policy, it is inexcusable for the leadership of any Armenian political party and the princes of the Armenian Church to divide the Armenian community into warring camps, at the expense of unity and Christian brotherhood, which is the situation in the United States and other countries. We are told that the schism is not due to differences in doctrine but to administrative problems. Then, all the more reason to unite. How can we endorse ecumenism when our own churches do not cooperate.

The experience of the Armenian community in Lebanon and the urgent need for help by the victims of the tragic civil strife there indicate the need for all types of social, political and charitable organizations, if Armenians are to survive as an ethnic group in the diaspora. For this reason, no organization or institution should consider itself bigger and more important than the people it tries to serve.

"A house divided against itself cannot stand" forever, especially when our survival as an Armenian ethnic group is at stake. The time for unity is now! We must overcome mutual distrust, fear and envy and suppress the desire to secure temporary economic advantages at the price of unity. Certainly, wishful thinking alone will not bring about the necessary changes.

Our church leaders pray for unity, speakers exhort solidarity, writers praise the leadership of the wise, historians and social scientists explore long-range programs, and activists plan priorities. All these are good, and they will remain in essence what they are, provided we practice what we preach. To translate the hopes and aspirations of our people into action requires farsighted statemanship and sincere ccoperation among men of good will, based on mutual respect, understanding and sound reason. In the long run, our salvation seems to depend on individuals who are motivated by fine thoughts, noble feelings, and great aims, and who can work with like-minded men in harmony and brotherhood in order to break down the shackels of disunity which have enslaved us for centuries.

Views & Opinions / "Belling the Cat"

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That it is in the best interest of only a self-perpetuating minority of ("fat-cat?") Armenians that divisiveness be maintained.

To achieve this purportedly "impossible dream," must the "cat" be "belled". And if so, who will "bell" what "cat."

It's time! It's more than time! It's long overdue! Once we collectively agree on this, we will have discarded our "Mus musculus" nomenclature and be on our way to achieve cohesive/collective unity. Let not the T.A.U.C. (True Armenian Unity Crusade) be neglected and postponed until it is too late - an unfortunate victim to the assimilative power of indifference and inexorable time!

Following the concerned/dedicated/impartial scholar's (or a proper panel's) exposure and recommendation, can a "bargaining table" be set up between both factions of our Apostolic Mother Church - and perhaps a few heads "knocked together?" and damn the immunity of the sacred elelphants!")

Would or could an awakened and overriding "public opinion" Armenian, that is) force leaders from both sides of the fence to forego their respective reluctance and egos in order to "compromise" their differences and, thereby, finally create and/or come up with a viable unity at long last?

May Kach'n Vartan hear us and favor our plea! May this be more than a mere "voice in the wilderness" - uttered so often in the past by successive Armenian generations . . . to no avail!

But "hope springs eternal in the human breast!" And maybe St. Nerses and our other hallowed Saints will bestow their collective grace on us this time - so that we may finally realize the elusive unity some of us have sought for so long!

E. Dyran Emuryan
Yeadon, Pa.,

Benefit dinner to aid starving Armenians

Due to a civil war in Lebanon many Armenians and others as well, are left homeless and hungry. There is a shorta[illegible] supplies and [illegible]

Society, Armenian Revolutionary Federation and the Holy Trinity m[illegible]stolic Ch[illegible]

REMEMBER THE STARVING ARMENIANS? *The reference to "starving Armenians" made by the American press following the Turkish massacres of the Armenians during World War I appears to have made a comeback this year. The headline reproduced here has been taken from a recent issue of the Sanger, Calif. paper, the* **Sanger Herald** *that claims a circulation less than 3,000. The story presented in the headline is a reference to a fundraising function sponsored by the A.R.S. at the Holy Trinity Armenian Church there.*

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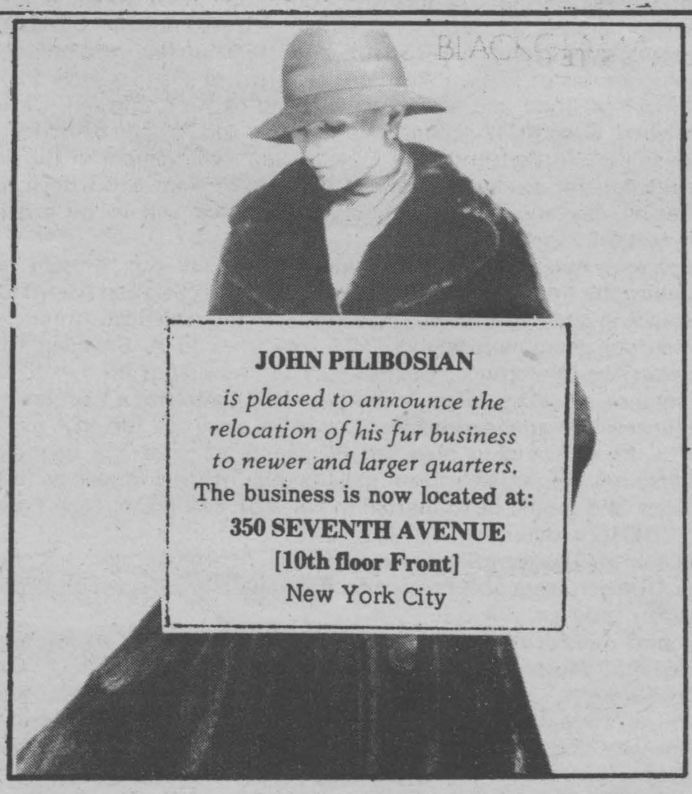

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BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF YEREVAN. *This bird's eye view of one of the busiest sections of Yerevan, Armenia shows the fashionable Sayat Nova Avenue with Ani hotel in the center. With the construction of highrise apartment buildings the skyline of Yerevan now resembles an American city.*

Congressman G. E. Danielson Seeks Reelection in California

MONTEREY PARK, Calif. - Congressman George E. Danielson, affectionately referred to as "Pessa" because of the Armenian background of his wife, Candy Ohanian, has announced that he will seek re-election to Congress.

First elected to the House of Representatives in 1970, he was re-elected by a landslide vote of 75 percent in 1974. A Democrat, he has held the leadership position of assistant majority whip since his freshman term. He represents the 30th Congressional District which has a heavy concentration of Armenians and is currently serving a third term.

In 1974, Danielson gained national recognition as one of the outspoken members of the House Judiciary Committee during its historic impeachment hearings. He serves on three key judiciary subcommittees:Crime, Administrative Law and Governmental Relations; and Courts, Civil Liberties and the Administration of Justice. The extensive powers of the Judiciary Committee include overseeing the administrative procedures of the regulatory agencies, commissions and departments of the federal government.

Danielson also serves on the Veterans' Affairs Committee which exercises jurisdiction over laws relating to veterans. He is a member of its Hospitals Subcommittee, and chairman of the Subcommittee on Cemeteries and Burial Benefits. Under his chairmanship, a new national cemetery site was selected in 1975 at March Air Force Base near Riverside.

Danielson was appointed by the Speaker of the House as a Delegate to the North Atlantic Assembly. Last August, he was one of an 18-member bi-partisan House delegation accompanying the Speaker to the first Parliamentary Exchange Visit to the Soviet Union, Romania and Yugoslavia. The historic exchange had full diplomatic status, and included meetings with General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev of the Soviet Union, President Ceaucescu of Romania and President Tito of Yugoslavia.

SUNDUKIAN'S JUBILEE TO BE MARKED

YEREVAN - A special governmental jubilee commission set up here will plan for the celebration of the 150th anniversary of Kapriel Sundukian, the noted Armenian playwright.

The jubilee will be marked in the latter part of the year both in Yerevan and in the capital cities of Soviet Georgia and Soviet Azerbaijan. Numerous scholars, art critics and stage personalities will attended a special function sponsored by the Jubilee Commission and dedicated to the late Sundukian.

An exhibition will be arranged and jubilee editions of the works of the outstanding playwright will be published in three languages. A collection of records featuring performances by best actors in plays written by Mr. Sundukian will be issued by the Moscow based "Melodia" publishing firm.

TBILISI IS SITE OF NEW FILM

TBILISI, Georgia - The narrow Tbilisi streets lined with old buildings became a natural stage for the operators and technicians of the Yerevan film studio, Armenfilm.

The company is currently preparing a picture about old Constantinople and the city of Tbilisi was picked out as the stage. The film under preparation is one of the famous works of the noted Armenian writer, Hagop Baronian, and is called "Uncle Baghdasar." It is to be a lively musical, with music written by the noted Soviet Armenian composer, Arno Babadjanian.

CONGRESS OF FILM MAKERS OF ARMENIA

YEREVAN - Over the recent years, Armenian film makers made a considerable contribution to the development of cinematographic art of the Soviet Union.

To their credit goes numerous successful feature films on contemporary themes, historical subjects and documentaries on the present day-to-day life of Armenia.

These assertions were made by Mr. Georgy Chukhrai, secretary of the Board of the Union of Cinematographers of the Soviet Union after attending the third annual congress of Armenia's filmmakers held here recently.

Many prominent filmmakers of the Soviet Union attended the congress, during which the activites of Yerevan artists were reviewed.

Garen Kalantar, a noted film critic and head of the Armenian firm of film production, was elected the first secretary of the Union's board.

ARTIST'S BIRTH CENTENARY NOTED

YEREVAN - 130 works by the noted artist Edgar Shahin are on display at the Yerevan Art Gallery as a tribute to the birth centenary of the artist.

For many years, works by Mr. Shahin were on prominent display in various European capitals and captured the interest of art critics. The late painter won his first gold medal as an engraver at the World Fair in Paris held in 1900. Subsequently three more of his works won him various prizes including the "Grand Prix" at the International exhibition of Venice.

Edgar Shahin also made illustrations for books by the French writer Anatole France and other authors. His exhibitions were featured by galleries in Paris, New York, Berlin and later in numerous Soviet cities.

In 1928, Edgar Shahin was elected honorary member of the Artists Union of the Soviet Armenia. When he died in 1947, he left many of his works as gift to the motherland.

YEREVAN BOY WINS IN TABLETENNIS GAMES

YEREVAN - Elmira Andonian, a young student from Yerevan, won four gold medals in the USSR individual and team table tennis championship games which ended last week in Baku, capital of Soviet Azerbaijan.

This is the first time that this 20-year old player has scored such a success. In the past, she held the title of Soviet champion in the doubles, but she was never able to win more than second place in the singles.

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The Art of Animated Cartoons Developing in Armenia

"A Drop of Honey," a 1965 animated cartoon feature based on Hovhannes Toumanian's tale of the same name, became a "test of the pen" for both the producer and the studio. Surprisingly, despite some of its errors, the caroon was and after ten years, still is acknowledged as a classic of cartoon art. Critics laud the depth of this interpretation of Toumanian's story, and generally regard it as one of the best cartoons to come out of the Armenfilm studio.

Tovmanian's witty tale, which points up the absurdity of war, was carefully studied by the producers in order to determine the most subtle way in which to present the satire and yet retain the impact of the author's original version. As skilled contemporary artists, they were able to find the vivid, expressive and plastic equivalents of many of Toumanian's images, as well as supplement them without disturbing their original definition or continuity. The humorous characterization of the shepherd and the king are particularly effective.

The artwork is characterized by vivid coloring and expressions, which gives the nonverbal cartoon caracters an eloquence in conveying every nuance of thought and mood. The soundtrack, composed by Robert Amirkhanian especially for this film, is credited with equal artistic merit.

Inspired by the success enjoyed by this cartoon feature, the producers undertook another cartoon project, called "Violin in the Jungle." This film fell short of the first production because the ending was lacking in quality, but nevertheless it is rated among the best produced by Armenfilm studios.

Other cartoon features produced by Armenfilm did not receive similar acclaim. Many also were based on well known legends; by Tovmanian but they lack the sensitivity of "A Drop of Honey." Three of these, "Striped Tigers" "Legend of Lake Parvana" and "Lurda-Lur" were marred by an unimaginative imitation of earlier films.

A new approach was brought to the art of animated cartooning by Sdepan Antranikian and Raphael Babayan, both of whom had made their mark in the motion picture industry.

All three films produced by Antranikian - "Bridge of the Sun," "Penquin Vin," and Magic Lavash" - exhibit the influence of the rich artistic heritage of Armenia. He bases many of his techniques on those used by masters of Armenian painting thus conveying real distinction to cartooning. Thought his techniques have received wide notice, it is regrettable that the overall quality of his films is often lacking.

As far as Babayan's debut as a producer is concerned, it must be said that judging by the film the "Pui-pui, Little Mouse," based on the tale of the same name written by Terenik Temirjian, as well as by the film "Abu-Hassan's Slippers" (by S. Lisitzian), shot only recently, he has achieved much more success than Antranikian. It must be noted though that Babayan is more cautious in his approach to film-making and is as a result, less innovative than Antranikian. Like Antranikian, producer Babayan also draws on his extensive knowledge of classical painting as evidenced by his film "Abu-Hassan's Slippers."

Antranikian's techniques have been imitated and improved upon by other cartoon artists. Some of the newer artists have introduced their own original techniques and the industry of animated cartooning has matured in recent years, and it is felt that the evolution of animated cartoon art in Armenia will continue to reach new heights of perfection.

A VARIETY OF CARTOON CHARACTERS. *Above are some of the simple yet expressive characters drawn for Armenian animated cartoon features over the past 10 years.*

Hollywod Movie Enjoyed by Washington, DC Armenians

By **Anne Atanosian**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Another very pleasant community experience was enjoyed by hundreds of Washingtonians, the showing of "Tears of Happiness." Mr. and Mrs. Antoine Keshishian, budding entrepreneurs are performing a service needed by the total community. The film itself, concerned with the trials of a young married couple enduring shocks to their relationship, is enjoyable mainly for the music. The recognition that budgetary problems limiting the scope of film making need not limit the artistry, is still to be learned by Armenian film makers; however, as more professionals are involved in future productions, the products will hopefully get better. What is unsettling is that financial woes can no longer be the curtain producers may hide behind; witness the gems being produced on TV Masterpiece theatre. These are films, low budget operations, but clever techniques and photography offset the limitations imposed by lack of sumptuous sets, costumes, etc. Armenian film makers are still at the amateur stage. It need not always be that way. What a field for some zealous individuals with talent. Foreign films are now shown as much as American films in this country; someone should fill this void with a good commerical success.

Antoine and Ashghig Keshishian are to be thanked for bringing films to the Washington community. The audience reaction indicated a dire need for this kind of entertainment, and for the second time through their direct efforts Armenians in Lebanon benefited from the receipts. Notwithstanding obstacles here is a couple involved with the community life of our city - their time is right and we appreciate their personal efforts.

Zaruhi Vartian Wins Accolades as Accomplished Actress & Singer

LOS ANGELES, Calif. -Bishop Vatche Hovsepian, Primate, western Diocese, praised Zaruhi Vartian recently for her great service to the community and her tireless involvement with Armenians at many levels, especially at St. James Armenian Church and at the Ararat Home, where she frequently appears, much to the delight of the aged residents. She also did the Armenian cause a great service when she organized a five-church choir of splendid voices for the 60th anniversarycommemoration of the massacres.

Famous music critic, Albert Goldberg, praised Zaruhi in the **Los Angeles Times**, stating that she "sang exquisitely: her tone was beautifully poised, her phrasing immaculate. Her prefacing recital brought to hearing a lyric soprano of remarkable inherent beauty and a gift of singing that is in many ways notable. Her voice has a soft lustrous quality reminiscent of Lucia Albanese at her best. It commands the elagato of real canto in Donaudy's 'O del mio amato ben' and Scarlatti's Rugiadose Odorose."

Patterson Greene,**Los Angeles Examiner** critic, wrote about Zaruhi in an enthusiastic review: "She has a miraculous singing instrument, pure, luminous and pliable. In fact she sang with such feeling and caught the mood of each song so perfectly that she carried her audience along with her. She possesses a voice of considerable power over which she has sure control, beauty of phrasing, lovely singing, broadly declaimed passages, all well executed.

"As 'Micalela' in 'Carmen,' she was something of a revelation. Her voice was fresh and vibrant. Her rhythmic sense of joy and her phrasing was that of a mature artist."

BEAUTIFUL COSTUME. *Zaruhi Vartian was dressed in this elaborate costume for the motion picture "Orchids for You."*

Zaruhi Vartian was born in Lynn, Mass., the daughter of John Elmassian and Satenig (Aloojian). She was educated in public schools of Fresno and Los Angeles; the University of Southern California College of Music; with a scholarship to the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York; and the New England Conservatory of Music.

Receiving a standing ovation when she made her initial appearance in an AGBU program in Lynn, Mass., at the age of 4, accompanied by her father on the clarinet, she never forgot that applause. Her diction inArmenian had been perfect; her voice had already the magical quality that was to thrill audiences the world over. She later sang professionally with the Los Angeles Opera Company, the San Francisco Opera Company, the Philharmonic Orchestra, the Hollywood Bowl, the Salle Chopin in Paris, and at the Yerevan Conservatory, where she was an instant success. She won great applause and accolades from the foremost critics for her rendition, among many others, of "Micaela," from Carmen, "Shepherd Boy," from Tannhauser, "Anoush," "Manon," Donaudy's "O del mio amato ben," Scarlatti's "Rugradose," Brahms' "Minnelied," Strauss' "Allerseelen," Hemliche's "Aufforderung," Charpentier's "Depuis le jour," aria from "Louise," Pagliacci, and as guest soloist with the Philharmonic, singing Mahler's Fourth Symphony, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, under the baton of Otto Klemperer. She also concertized with Alan Hovaness.

Motion picture producers in Hollywood still request her to "vocal-in" for actresses. In the past she has sang for Jeannette MacDonald in "Naughty Marietta," Binnie Barnes in "Diamond Jim," Helen Vinson in "As Husbands Go," Helen Twelvetrees in "All Men Are Enemies," "Rio Rita, "Little Women," "Charlie Chan at the Opera," with personal credits for appearing in the "Broadway Gondolier" and "Orchids for You."

Among the many organizations she has been officially affiliated with are the Phi Beta, National Professional Fraternity, Music and Dramatic Art; the Screen Actors Guild; various positions with the St. John Cathedral, St. James Church, Mormon Choir, AGBU, and as president of the Armenian Allied ArtsAssociation of which she is a founding and honorary life member.

Married to director-producer Setrag Vartian, the couple have considered doing "Hripsime," the opera based on the lovely Armenian martyr. As a bicentennial presentation, the production depicts Armenia as the first Christian nation who held freedom of worship higher than any other consideration during its tumultuous history.

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Holy Martyrs Fully Accredited Armenian Day School to Open in September 1976

BAYSIDE, N.Y. - The Holy Martyrs Armenian School will begin registration in May for first grade classes to begin in September, becoming the fifth Armenian elementary school in the United States. The first such institution in the New York Metropolitan area, the school will add one grade per year until it offers the full elementary and secondary education.

Designed to provide a full American primary secondary education as defined by the New York State Elementary School Curriculum, the school will also provide daily instruction in Armenian language, culture and history. Each carefully planned day will provide for a child's education in an ordered environment of warmth and concern for each child as an individual.

The basic English language arts - reading, writing and speech, mathematics, science and social science, will be supplemented in the curriculum with elementary Armenian studies. This program will be geared toward creating within each child an awareness of his own identity and his place in the world. A respect for, and knowledge of, the Armenian heritage will be an integral part of this program.

The school will seek to offer a private school education on the level of the very best comparable non-Armenian educational institutions, and will be a non-profit endeavor. The first grade program reflects the expansion of the existing Hye Bardez Nursery School and Kindergarten which have been a part of the Holy Martyrs Church for the past several years.

The Holy Martyrs School features the best in modern equipment, and is dedicated to the maintenance of a high standard in its physical, as well as educational facilities. The faculty has been selected on the basis of solid training and education.

Each student will be provided with a disciplined and moral atmosphere in the classroom conducive to the development of the individual emotionally, intellectually, spiritually, morally, and socially. Physical education programs will also be a part of each school day.

Registration will be held on May 1. Tuition for first grade pupils will be $400 for the first child, $300, for the second child, and $200 for the third child in a family. Bus transportation is an additional $200 per year. Tuition for kindergarten pupils is $400, plus $200 for transportation, and for nursery school students, $800, with transportation included.

Those desiring additional information about the new first grade, or existing nursery school or kindergarten programs, may call the church office at (212) Ba5-0235.

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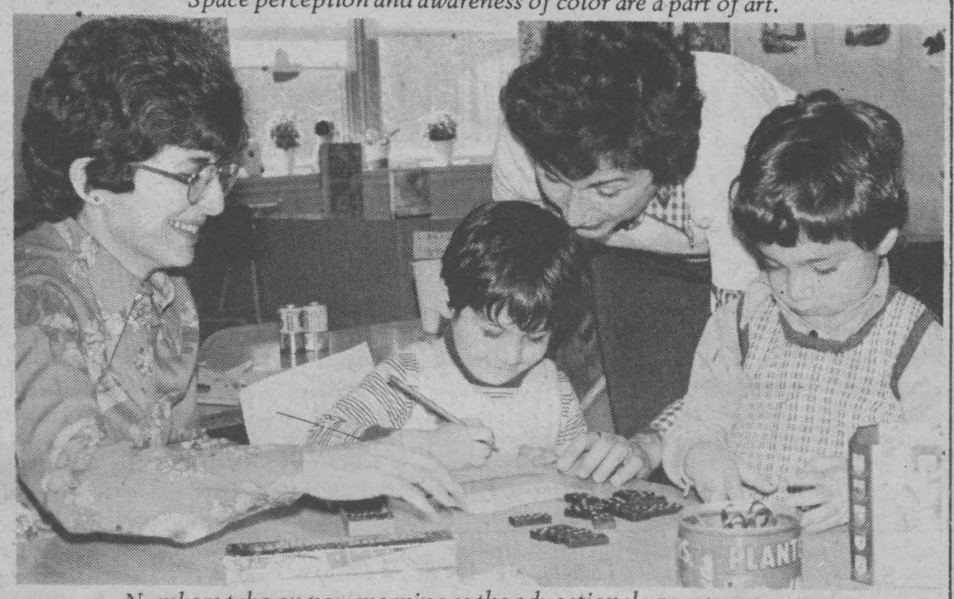
Space perception and awareness of color are a part of art.



Numbers take on new meaning as the educational process progresses.

Analogies and shape identification are a part of guided play activity at the existing Holy Martyrs nursery school and kindergarten classes.

Children become aware of two different languages - that there is more than one word for each object; more than one alphabet with which to record sounds.

The concept of good citizenship begins to form at an early age.

Letters begin to take form; familiar objects begin to be associated with letter shapes and combinations.

The happy students are pleased to pose for a group shot with their teachers.

Beauty Begins at Suzanne De Paris Institute

Her clients include Mrs. John Vanderbilt and designer Anne Fogarty. And Suzy Knickerbocker of the Daily News has a lot to say about her.

The youngest woman to have her own establishment devoted to the totality of feminine beauty, Suzanne de Paris possesses a thorough knowledge of all aspects of skin and body care, evidenced in her own appearance, that immediately inspires confidence. Her new, elegantly decorated Institut de Beaute Suzanne de Paris European Total Care Center, at 509 Madison Avenue in New York City, reflects her ebullient personality.

As one opens the door of Suite 610 and enters the Institut de Beaute, one immediately senses the European ambiance. Old and young, career girls and socialites, as well as the *grandes dames* of Manhattan society, relax and chat about beauty problems -- or even world affairs -- in an environment that, although elegant, removes social barriers with one common denominator. All are here for one reason -- to find their full potential of beauty, and all are novices, equally eager to learn from Suzanne de Paris.

She herself will emerge to greet you. One senses at first glance here is a woman to whom one can entrust one's total appearance, for she herself is an example of the success of her treatments. As an adolescent, she was plagued by problem skin. Her desire to overcome this condition led her to specialize in this field, hoping to help others conquer their complexion problems.

Born in Beirut of French-Armenian parents, she became an airline stewardess after graduating from high school, and began to fly to Europe. Enrolling in college, she also studied cosmetology, specializing in skin and makeup, obtained a midwife's degree (French-Swiss method), motivated by a desire to understand the full compiexity of the workings of the human body, and continued flying on a part-time basis. She soon became a general grooming consultant to numerous international airlines, selected both because of her knowledge of the field of beauty, and because of her fluency in five languages - French, English, Arabic, Armenian, and Turkish.

At the age of 22, she came to the United States, and added American certification as a cosmetologist and beautician to her European certification. She immediately joined Revlon, working in the New York Salon, then moved to Elizabeth Arden. Recognizing her unusual capabilities, Elizabeth Arden executives chose her to follow an extensive training course in skin care, makeup, waxing, individual eyelash application, and eyelash tinting. Upon completion of this course, she began training Elizabeth Arden cosmetologists and employees throughout the country, and began doing makeup for models for top fashion shows in New York. Encouraged by her unusual success, she decided to start her own company. She is now recommended by the beauty editors of most national magazines, including **Vogue**, **Cosmopolitan** and **Harper's Bazaar**.

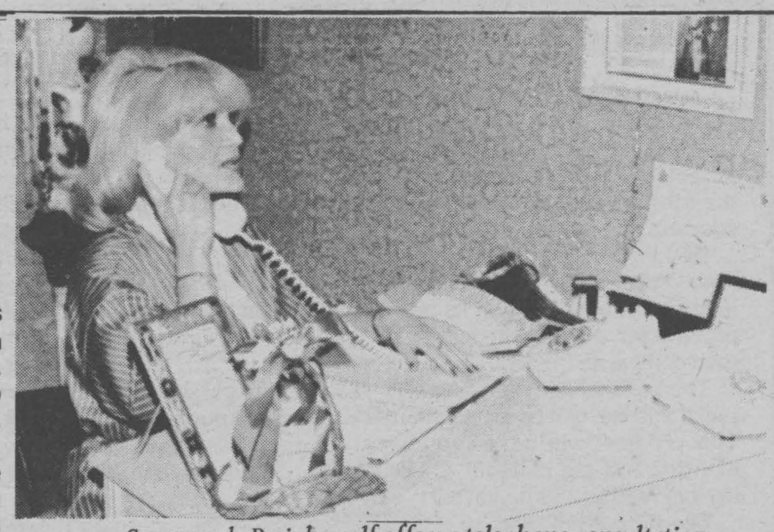
Suzanne de Paris' treatments give one the feeling of being immensely pampered due to the degree of individual attention which she lavishes on each client, treating all equally. When beginning the facial treatment ($15), she first analyses the client's skin, placing her on a special diet if necessary. She then pays particular attention to superfluous facial hair, a problem shared by 98% of all women, whether it is on their lipline, chin, sideburns, or eyebrow area. "Bush eyebrows are a very common problem," she remarks in her French-accented English. And without further ado, she begins, applying a pleasantly-scented warm wax to the face, which she skillfully and gently removes, along with all traces of this problem. "The formula leaves the skin like marble, soft and glowing," she declares, and she is right. Applying the wax to the eyebrow area with a special spatula, she carefully shapes the eyebrows, selecting the proper form for each face ($5). The lip area is also treated ($5), followed by the chin ($5). The full face wax is $10.

"Waxing is far preferable to electrolysis," she asserts. "There is no chance of scarring, and the skin is left super-flawless, with no sign the hair has been removed. Repeated waxing eventually eliminates the hair growth." Also done on the legs ($22 with bikini line), the stomach ($10 with bikini line); the thighs ($15 with bikini line); the lower leg ($10); the underarm ($5); waxing may be done once a month to totally eliminate the necessity of shaving. She is pleased to offer consultations over the telephone and arrange special combinations to suit individual needs.

Once the problem of facial hair is tackled, Suzanne de Paris then proceeds with the facial, deep-cleansing the skin with one of her own special French-formula creams chosen according to whether the skin is oily, with a tendency toward blackheads and acne; dry; or normal. "The skin around the eyes and the neck is dry no matter what one's age, she points out, "because there are no oil glands in those areas. I thus apply my Wrinkle Cream to these regions."

She massages her pleasantly-scented natural products into the skin, working them in with an upward and outward motion that is especially beneficial to the facial muscles. For older woman, she concentrates on facial contour firming, and incipient wrinkles around the eye, mouth, and at the neckline. Strongly opposed to the use of machinery in skin care, which stretches the skin, she feels that trained fingers give better results, firming the muscle tone, and instructs her clients on the proper methods to use as well as the proper beauty products for their skin type. She applies an herbal cream, which warms the skin, and then begins dealing with blackheads and whiteheads which are easier to remove once the skin is warmed. She continues the treatment with an equally beneficial herbal steam, which helps to loosen remaining impurities and clarify the skin, followed by a masque, selected according to skin type, which provides additional cleansing and firming. Covering the masque with sheets of cotton saturated with chilled skin toner, she places the client in a tie-up position. The client is then free to relax, absorbing the benefits of this unique skin treatment.

While the Suzanne de Paris facial masque works its magic, some clients choose to make telephone calls on telephones which are brought to them as they recline, others decide to have a body massage with the unique, non-greasy Ronald Suzanne (Kazanjian) Special Body Lotion, which she has named after her husband, since it can also be used by men, particularly after shaving. A trained European masseuse will massage this lotion into the skin ($15), paying special attention to the silhouette, particularly beneficial if one is planning to lose weight. A special Vitamin C pill is then given for revitalization.



Suzanne de Paris herself offers a telephone-consultation.

Other clients chose to fill this interval with a cream manicure ($5), paper manicure ($10), which makes the nails virtually unbreakable; with the application of sculptured, or patti nails ($35); or with a European-method pedicure, in which the feet are given a special whirlpool bath to prepare callouses for ease in removal ($10).

After the masque is removed, Suzanne de Paris offers complimentary makeup, offering instructions according to one's coloring and skin type. She uses products from her own line of natural cosmetics. If she feels that her client's eyelashes are light in color or short, she will recommend either eyelash tinting ($10) which lasts one month, or will suggest individually applied eyelashes, which give a natural, romantic look ($20). These eyelashes last about one month, and may be touched up in the interval if necessary ($10).

Other treatments available include complete day or evening makeup ($25), including a skin care lesson, with contouring to minimize a prominent nose or chin, and to create the illusion of high cheek bones, and the new Brenda Suzanne Revitalizing Treatment, which Suzanne de Paris created on her daughter's third birthday, February 4. This treatment ($25, with complimentary makeup) gives the deepest cleansing possible and peels off dead skin and impurities, leaving the skin as soft and smooth as that of an infant.

Her line of "natural French formula" beauty products include Placenta Cream, containing milk and placenta extract, a stimulating and moisturizing cream which is ideal for normal and dry skin; Throat Cream, which benefits the neck; the Special Silica Cream, used to cleanse oily skin and skin with an acne condition; as well as a full line of products for all skin types. Although licensed as a beautician, she does not offer hair care or hair care products.

Suzanne de Paris believes in total beauty, beauty from head to toe, which is exactly what she offers at her Institut de Beaute. "But the key to beauty," she asserts, glowing with animation,

A client relaxes as a beautifying masque is applied to the face.

"is happiness." She certainly makes her clients happy. They leave beaming with satisfaction at the improvement in their own appearance which Suzanne de Paris has wrought and at the knowledge about the secrets of awakening their own beauty which she has imparted to them.

Her masques, to be used once a week for deep pore cleansing, are the Revitalizing Masque, the Clearing Masque, and the Evening Masque for beautifying the skin.

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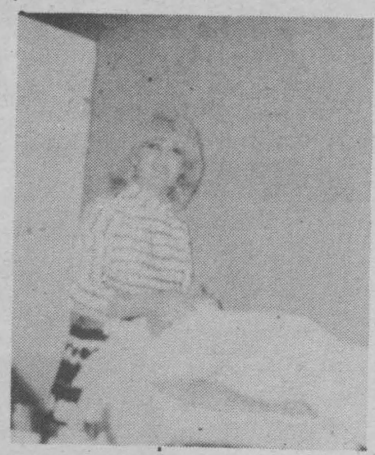

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Mrs. Kaprielian says, "they are extremely intelligent and possess a very complicated brain. They have the greatest 'scentibility' of all dogs. When they track a man it is admissable evidence in a court of law. However all bloodhounds must be trained to track. They don't have the ability at birth." None of the Kaprielian's dogs are trackers yet, but the couple plans to enroll them in a tracking seminar to be offered by the American Bloodhound Club this spring.

Mrs. Kaprielian also says that bloodhounds are the oldest breed of hound which hunt and scent blood. The average hound weighs between 90-110 pounds at full maturity and reaches an average height of 26 inches. The earliest line of bloodhounds has been traced back to 2000 B.C.

Two years ago, Steven, a lawyer, received Admiral, one of their best dogs, as a fee. The male hound is descended from a long line of award-winning show dogs. The Kaprielian's feel, "the satisfaction of bringing up a beautiful, perfect bunch of pups is enormous. We have sold eight of the most recent litter already - the males going for $100 and the females for $250 - and we plan to stay in touch with their owners and follow the dogs' progress through the years. We're not in it for the money. It is a hobby and we love it."

The Kaprielians check prospective owners to see if they are worthy of owning a bloodhound. "After all, the dogs need stable homes like anybody else," said Mrs. Kaprielian.

The Kaprielians are avid dog show fans and belong to the northeastern branch of the American Bloodhound Club. The four remaining pups the Kaprielians are still trying to sell, will be shown at the Saw Mill dog show in White Plains on March 7.

"The pups are beautiful," said Mrs. Kaprielian, "Someday they'll be champions."

Mrs. Kaprielian takes a walk with Admiral.

Poet's Verses on Armenia Win Award

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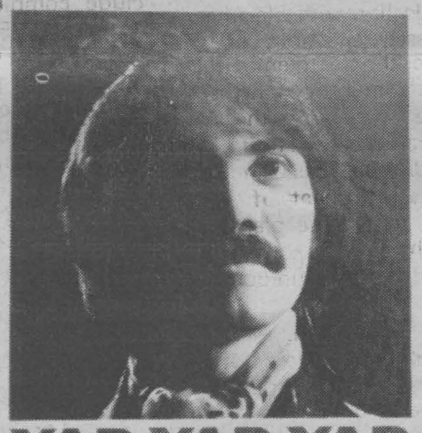

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FEB. 27 FRIDAY NIGHT OPEN HOUSE. Armenian cuisine served at Club Yerevan from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Dinner and admission: $3.50. Ping pong, Tavloo, Checkers, other games to 11:00 p.m. Diocesan Center, 630 Second Ave., New York City.

FEB. 27 - N.Y. ASA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP & LECTURE MEETING. "Time of Crisis in Lebanon" by Dr. Robert John. Kavookjian Hall. 8:30 p.m.

FEB. 27 - KEF, KEF, KEF NITE A.G.B.U. "YOUTH PLACE" plans a night of Middle Eastern Food, Music, Dance and Performances. Admission $1.00. Vartan Hall, 630 2nd Ave., NYC. 7:00 p.m.

FEB. 28 - GOMIDAS CHOIR ANNUAL DANCE, 8:30 p.m. Holy Martyrs Church Community Center.

FEB. 28 - "CAFE 27" sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary, St. Illuminator Armenian Cathedral. Pashalian Hall, 221 E. 27th Street, N.Y.C. Onnig Dinkjian, John Berberian. $7.50, mezza included. 9:30 p.m.

MAR. 5 - A.G.B.U. LECTURE SERIES. "The Individual and His Importance" by Rev. Dr. G.H. Chopoorian, Guest Speaker. AGBU Library 628 Second Ave., New York, N.Y. 8:00 p.m. Voluntary donation $1.00 - Students Free.

MAR. 5, 6, 7 - N.Y. & N.J. ASA SINGING, SWINGING SKI WEEKEND at Mt. Snow, Vermont. For information call after 6:00 p.m. (516) 938-0460; (201) 646-0082.

MAR. 5 - LECTURE sponsored by Armenian Literary Society. Statler Hilton, 32nd St. & 7th Ave., NYC, 8:00 p.m. Guest speaker: Archbishop Karekin Sarkissian on "The General Assembly of the Council of Churches in Nairobi and the Position of the Armenian Church in World Christendom."

MARCH 5 - GAMES GAMES, GAMES NITE A.G.B.U. "YOUTH PLACE" sponsors game nite with Bingo, Ping-Pong, Backgammon, Group games, etc., Vartan Hall, 630 2nd Ave., NYC. 7:30 p.m.

MAR. 6 - ARAX A.F.A. TRADITIONAL SPRING BALL. Kavookjian Auditorium. Donation: $7.00

MAR. 6 - LAS VEGAS NITE St. Sarkis Church, 213 St. & 42nd Ave., Bayside, N.Y., 9:00 p.m.

MAR. 7 - A.Y.F. DAY CELEBRATION sponsored by N.Y. Hyortik Chapter, Pashalian Hall, 221 E. 27th St., NYC, 3:00 p.m.

MAR. 12 - DISCO, DISCO, DISCO NITE, A.G.B.U. "YOUTH PLACE" sponsors Disco Nite with latest disco music. Admission $2.00, Vartan Hall, 630 2nd Ave., NYC, 8:00 p.m.

MARCH 14 - "ITS SO HARD TO DIE," a comedy in death. Hamazkain A.C.A. - N.Y. theatrical presentation sponsored by N.Y. Armenian Relief Society. Fashion Institute of Technology 227 West 27th St. N.Y.C. Details to follow

MARCH 20 - KEFF NITE Sponsored by the Armenian Society of Greater New York. Kavookjian Auditorium, NYC. Details to follow.

MARCH 21 - APRIL 2 - ART EXHIBIT by Marcel Apkarian. Presented by the AGBU Art Committee. Opening reception: Sunday, March 21, 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Weekdays, 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.; Fridays till 7:00 p.m. AGBU Gallery, 628 Second Avenue, NYC.

APR. 10 - DINNER DANCE sponsored by A.R.S. Erepouni Chapter, at Elks Lodge, Elmhurst, N.Y. Armenian-American music. Details to follow.

MAY 1 - ANNUAL DINNER-DANCE by the Armenian Welfare Association. Villa Bianca, Flushing, N.Y. Details to follow.

MAY 22 - N.Y. ASA ANNUAL ARTISTS' BALL, St. Moritz On-the-Park. Details to follow.

JUNE 5 - LUCINE AMARA 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. Kavookjian Auditorium. Lili Chookasian, Mistress of Ceremonies. Details to follow.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

MAR. 5 - LENTEN SUPPER by the Ladies Aid Society of the Armenian Presbyterian Church, 140 Forest Ave., Paramus, N.J. 6:30 p.m. Res.: Mrs. Kazanjian (201) 342-8546; Mrs. R.S. Movsesyan (201) 944-2288.

MARCH 27 - ORIENTAL KEFF NITE sponsored by N.Y.-N.J. AGAU Track Team. Music by Johnny Berberian Ensemble featuring Onnig Dinkjian. Social, Assyrian Church, 644 Paramus Road, Paramus, N.J. Donation: $7.50 including mezza. For reservations: [201]224-4441; [212]224-9813.

APRIL 4 - "HAMPOOYRE" theatrical presentation by Hamazkain Armenian Cultural Association of N.J. Sts. Vartanantz Church Auditorium, 461 Bergen Blvd. Ridgefield, N.J. 3:00 p.m. sharp.

APR. 17 - BENEFIT DANCE TO AID ARMENIANS IN LEBANON by Hamazkain Armenian Cultural Association of New Jersey. In American Legion Hall 444 Palisade Avenue, Cliffside Park, N.J. At 9:00 p.m. Music by Sevan Band.

MAY 8 - DINNER DANCE sponsored by Sts. Vartanantz Church of N.J., at the Westmont Country Club in West Paterson, N.J. American Band: Continentals Armenian Band: John Berberian Ensemble featuring Onnig Dinkjian. Details to follow.

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Future Plans, Awards Announced at ASA Quarterly Meeting

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conjunction with the Branch's Eighth Anniversary Ball that evening, to be held at the Northland Inn, in Southfield.

New Jersey Vice President Linda Aginian discussed two joint events with the New York Branch: a ski weekend at Stowe, Vermont, March 5, 6, 7; and an outing to the March 27 game between the New York Knicks and the Boston Celtics. The New Jersey Branch Anniversary Dance will be in June. Branch members are also meeting for volleyball each Wednesday.

The New York Branch, under the leadership of Garabed Yazidjian, is also planning its Artists Ball for May 8.

From Philadelphia, President Sue Meshejian announced a presentation by Armenian performing artists on March 14. The annual Anniversary Dinner-Dance will be March 20.

Providence Branch President Carol Norigian reported the backgammon and tennis groups continue to meet regularly. A special group, SWAT (Some Wild Armenian Times), plans day-outings. The Branch will enjoy an Armenian party in March; and meet with speaker Dick Zorabedian, March 19. The Providence ASA Alumni Ball is scheduled for May 8.

The Worcester Branch, and President Robert Anusbigian, will host a March meeting with Dr. Martin Deranian, an authority on the history of Armenians in the Worcester area. A spring "Las Vegas Night" is planned. July 11, the Branch will participate in an area Bicentennial parade.

Branch presidents, the Central Executive Committee, and the Board of Trustees met in a joint session presided by Chariperson Natalie. Aharonian, January 25, to discuss matters of mutual concern. Attention was focused on the upcoming 1976 Convention, June 25, 26, 27, to be hosted by the Washington Branch, at the Hyatt House Hotel, Cherry Hill, N.J.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

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NEW JERSEY

MAY 8 - 19TH ANNUAL COTILLION BALL by St. Thomas Armenian Church, Tenafly, N.J., at Tammy Brook Country Club, Cresskill, N.J. Res. (201) 945-7147.

OCT. 2 - BEEFSTEAK ARMENIAN--AMERICAN DINNER-DANCE. Entertainment Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church Hall, Ridgefield, N.J.

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FEB. 28 - 2ND ANNUAL STUDENT YOUTH DANCE sponsored by Knights of Vartan, Gamsaragan Lodge No. 27. Hospitality Inn, Enfield, Conn., off I-91. All Armenian Students & Youth are admitted free. Armenian music by Hye Echoes Ensemble and the American by the Sunny Daze Orchestra. 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. For further information, call Karnig Zeroogian (413) 566-3097.

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MAR. 20 - PHILA. ASA's 65TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER-DANCE, GSB Building, Belmont and City Aves., Phila., featuring the Steve Vosbikian Ensemble.

MAY 8 - SPRING BALL featuring Richard Hagopian, Hachig Kazarian, George Regalis, and Bob Sohigian, "Kef Time." Sponsored by Armenian Sisters Academy. Details to follow.

MASS

FEB. 28 - NERZE SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP DANCE featuring H. Minassian, L. Parnagian, R. Krikorian, K. Kalayjian. Holy Trinity Cultural Hall, Cambridge, Mass. Donation $5.00, Door Prizes. 8:00-12:00 p.m.

MAR. 5,6,7 - BOSTON ASA 3RD ANNUAL GETAWAY WEEKEND. Friday nite "Disco" featuring Dale Dorman (WRKO): Saturday - Noon Kef; Saturday P.M. Dance, Sunday Breakfast, Sunday Noon Kef - featuring Harry Minassian Ensemble. Lodging Friday and Saturday Nites, Sheraton Regal Inn, Hyannis (Cape Cod), Mass.

MAR. 6 - SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE Sheraton Regal Inn, Hyannis, Mass. 9:00 p.m. - ? Harry Minassian Ensemble - $6.00.

APRIL 3 BATTLE OF BANDS featuring Onnik Dinkjian, Jack Baghsarian, Harry Minassian, John Berberian, Roger Krikorian, Greg Jamian, Leon Janikian, Kenny Kalajian, George Richellis, Erevan Band, Daniella, and Margo. Sheraton Commander Hotel, Cambridge, Mass.

APRIL 23-26 - TRIP TO LAS VEGAS. $259.00. Call Harry Adamian at [617]643-5981 or 243-2225.

MAY 1 - 3RD ANNUAL SAHAG MESROB DANCE & BUFFET. St. James Cultural Center, Watertown, Mass. Music by Jack Baghsarian from N.Y.C. and Roger Krikorian Ensemble. Admission: $7,50; students, $5.50.

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MAR. 27 - 5TH ANNIVERSARY BALL OF KACH NAZAR newspaper of L.A., at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles. Embassy Ballroom. Special Program: Guest Artist-surprise singer from . . . ? Two bands for Armenian and American dancing. Admission $6.00 advance, $7.00 at door. For tickets call 467-5997.

Armenians Comprise Heavy Proportion of Soviet Emigrants

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of hotels used to give shelter to such refugees from the Soviet Union. The Refugee Department of the World Council of Churches has taken upon itself the support of such refugees until such time as their petitions to enter the United States on a conditional basis are approved by the American Embassy in Moscow. ANCHA (The Armenian National Committee for Homeless Armenians), headed by George Mardikian of San Francisco, has remained active over the past decades in assisting Armenians from Europe and the Middle East in reaching the United States as refugees.

While reliable statistics on the number of Armenians who have come to the United States from the Soviet Union since restrictions were removed in the early 1960s are not available, a Soviet official in Armenia has conceded that close to 9,000 Armenians have left Soviet Armenia with the approval of the Soviet authorities. This figure is close to State Department estimates made available to the **Armenian Reporter** on a special request.

While the Armenians from the Soviet Union who come to the United States eventually settle in most of the major cities of this country, the majority somehow find their way to Hollywood, California, where presently there is a heavy concentration of such Armenians. One estimate places at more than 5,000 the number of Armenians from the Soviet Union who live in a four-block area bordered by Hollywood and Santa Monica Blvds.

No Surprises Expected from Communist Party Congress

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jan. Both these Soviet Republics neighbor Armenia.

The official explanation of these changes is that they were necessary to halt economic corruption. But western analysts have long felt that although this explanation may be partly true, the most important reason for these changes is the desire of the Moscow Politbureau to have its own men heading each local party machine.

The shakeup in party personnel has not affected the party and government structure in Armenia. Anton Kochinian, the former First Secretary of the Armenian Communist Party Central Committee was "relieved" from his high position long ago as a result of local pressure exerted on him and Mr. Brezhnev. Mr. Kochinian, a long time protege of Mr. Brezhnev, was charged with economic mismanagement and failure to prepare cadres to assume various party positions. Mr. Kochinian is now in Moscow and has assumed an important job in the Communist Party bureaucracy there, according to well informed sources.

Therefore any changes that could have been expected to take place in Armenia on the eve of the 26th Congress took place long ago. The present party and government leadership of Armenia now consists mostly of technocrats who have been able to establish viable working relations with Moscow and help the country to overcome its economic malaise with the realization of major economic projects which are exptected to be a boost to Armenia's progress toward becoming an industrial mini-power.

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Dear Dr. Papazian:

I greatly appreciate your taking the time to send me information about Armenia and the Armenian American community. Given your rather extensive knowledge of Ukrainian history, the very least I can do is to read Michael Arlen's Passage to Ararat. It should be a fine beginning.

Our meeting was most enjoyable and I look forward to more in the future.

Warmest personal regards,

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March 27, 1976

Dear Ed:

Thank you for your March 23 letter, on behalf of Dr. James H. Tashjian, asking that consideration be given to proclaiming the week of April 18 as "Armenian-American Week," during which time the Armenian Bicentennial exhibition for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be held.

Your interest in taking special notice of the contributions of Armenian-Americans to our national life is understood and appreciated. Except in unusual circumstances, though, it is not customary for the President to issue a proclamation setting aside a particular period for special observance unless authorized and requested to do so by the Congress. Should the Congress take such action with respect to an "Armenian-American Week," the matter would of course receive most careful consideration.

I will be pleased to ask that consideration be given to having a special Presidential message sent to mark the observance of this special Bicentennial event.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Edward J. Derwinski
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Dear Max:

I enclose the letter I received from Dr. James H. Tashjian in which he requests, on behalf of Armenian-Americans, that the President issue a Proclamation designating the week of April 18th as "Armenian-American Week".

In addition to recognizing the contributions made by Armenian-Americans, I believe that such a Proclamation should be considered from a practical political standpoint. Since you must keep in mind the fact that the Armenians are one of the many ethnic groups unhappy with Secretary Kissinger. It is a necessary step to strengthening support for the President among the entire ethnic community.

Therefore, consistent with your procedures, I hope that serious consideration will be given this request, and if at all possible such a Proclamation issued.

Sincerely yours,

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The Honorable Edward Derwinski
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Dear Eddie:

As you perhaps know, I recently, with a good deal of reluctance — took on the responsibility of chairing the Armenian Bicentennial effort in this Commonwealth under commission of the Massachusetts Bicentennial Commission. The thing has become well nigh a full time enterprise. There is a history of the Armenian experience with the Commonwealth to be written -- fresh research material-- and a major traveling exhibition to be planned and mounted and financed. The experience has been trying but it has led me to understand the many potentials inherent in this Bicentennial year.

I wonder if we might be able to have the President issue a Proclamation setting aside April 21-22-23-24 as "Armenian American Day" in the nation? Those will be the days when the Armenian Exhibition will be open at the State House here, and I am most anxious, for obvious reason, that that span of that week be indeed given the fullest recognition. We have the Governor here doing a proclamation, I understand the General Court will also pass a Resolution, and Mayor White himself will somewhat act. But I am most eager for President Ford to do something, for something he must do to recoup, if nothing else, the damage the Ford-Kissinger policy in re Turkey has done among the Armenian American (and other) citizenry. This is the political aspect of it. The more important facet is that such a Proclamation would be only right, in the light of the very real contributions of the Armenians to the United States. I would be glad to submit a sample resolution embodying some thoughts on what ought to be said.

At the same time, Ed, I wonder if Congress, both the House and the Senate, could do something in recognition of the days suggested above? Resolutions to this effect would I suppose do. I am honored to be able to ask you to lead this effort and will of course do all I can to assist you.

The Massachusetts Bicentennial effort I feel is the principal thrust of the Armenian effort and ought to be given recognition because it was this State that gave birth to the community nationwide.

I wonder if you might be able to find some time to let me hear your thoughts on the matter. A Presidential Proclamation and a Republican led-effort in Congress would be both political and quite properly apropos.

My very best respects.

Cordially,

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Armenians in Lebanon Resume Community Life Despite Reservations About Future

NEW YORK, N.Y. Recent travellers from Lebanon arriving in the U.S.A. point out that the situation in that country is far from normal and that pockets of resistence continually threaten the uncertain peace and upset all efforts to form a new government.

In a transatlantic telephone conversation over the weekend, the **Armenian Reporter,** established that most Armenians feel a deep sense of insecurity and are apprehensive that if there is a new outbreak of fighting, as many observers anticipate it will within a few months, Armenians will not be spared.

Although normalcy reigns in Armenian areas of Beirut, most activities ceased in the capital city of Beirut early in the afternoon and people confine their activities to their immediate neighborhood. Armenians, specially those living in the western quarters of the city and in the Kantari area avoid unnecessary travel after 1:00 p.m. when central Beirut becomes totally deserted.

It is believed that the present tranquility in Lebanon is fragile; economic recovery is slow; and a strong feeling of insecurity is prevalent among the population. These feelings are also shared by members of the Armenian community who came through the 10-month civil strife with minimum losses. The general consensus among well-informed Armenians in the war-torn country is that the present calm is an extended cease-fire and when spring comes, fierce fighting will resume between the two major groups of antagonists in this once-prosperous Mediterranean country. As evidence, they point out the presence of over four divisions of P.L.A. (Palestine Liberation Army) forces in Lebanon, and the tolerance exhibited by the Government of Rashid Karami toward an outlawed gunman who is a deserter from the Lebanese army, Col. Khatib, who is openly challenging the Lebanese Government with his 500 well-trained men and heavy equipment. The uncertainty in the Lebanese situation is further substantiated by the fact that no Government of reconciliation has been found yet and the old political leaders have returned to power.

A number of traditional political leaders in Lebanon who had looked to the Armenians for some help during the civil strife have once again warned their Christian fellow-citizens that a new outbreak of fighting is imminent. Large quantities of heavy weaponry are being unloaded and parachuted to different parts of the country. Many young fanatics are presently being trained in sabotage and urban guerrilla warfare in Arab, European, and communist countries.

Despite these negative signs and the lack of confidence in the future, Armenians have once again begun extensive community reorganization. For almost a month now, Armenian schools have been reopened, and according to reliable sources in Beirut, the enrollment has risen to about 80%. Armenian newspapers have resumed their publication and cultural life is showing signs of revival. However, enormous financial help is still needed to pull the community out of its moral and economic depression. The affluent Armenian community in the United States has been quite responsive to the multiple needs of their Lebanese brethren. Authoritative sources within Armenian circles in Lebanon now indicate that they have been getting considerable financial assistance from the Armenians of Iran who have been able to take advantage of the economic boom in that oil-rich country.

Some estimates put the overall financial need of the Armenians in Lebanon at up to $5 million. However, a quick look at the funds raised for the destitute Armenians in Lebanon will reveal that hardly one tenth of this amount has been collected.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION. *Mrs. Alice Kavookjian proudly displaying the mayoral proclamation declaring Thursday, February 26th as "St. Vartan's Day" in the City of New York, the home of an estimated 50,000 Armenians. She is flanked by Mayor Abraham D. Beame, who presented the proclamation to Mr. Haik Kavookjian, right. The ceremony was witnessed by a select group of New York Armenians. Later in the day, Mr. Sam Azadian, a high official in the Highways Department of the City, read the mayoral proclamation during a special program held at St. Vartan's Armenian Cathedral (Story and additional photos on page 9).*

Photo by MADO HAIRABEDIAN

A BICENTENNIAL PROJECT. *Shown at ground-breaking ceremonies for the Armenian Bicentennial Commemoration statue to be located near the Philadelphia Museum of Art are (l. to r.) John Samelian, chairman of the Sculpture Committee; the renowned sculptor Khoren Der Harootian; and M. George Mooradian, chairman of the Armenian Bicentennial Commemoration Committee, Inc. Full coverage of these ceremonies will appear in next week's issue of the paper.*

Ankara Blames Armenians for Assassination of Turkish Diplomat in Beirut-Probable Retaliation Considered

By **Edward Babayan, Jr.**

NEW YORK, N.Y. - The growing number of political assassinations perpetrated against Turkish officials in Europe and the Middle East has aroused mixed feelings in Turkey proper. A Turkish Foreign Ministry spokesman recently admitted that his country had to face the agonizing fact that Armenians in the Diaspora are "acting" irresponsibly. This statement was not further elaborated. One grim reality is emerging - Armenians in Turkey once again will be subjected to tremendous pressure.

It is evident, however, that the Turks are not sitting idle while they count their victims. The Ankara Government was able to contain anti-Turkish publicity stemming from the killings of the ambassadors in late October last year, but with this most recent murder, they realize a trend has begun that must be halted, thus preventing the glare of world attention that would focus on past atrocities committed by the Turks.

Through careful analysis of the Turkish diplomatic patterns, one detects persistence and a cunning instinct. But these are not the only two characteristics of Turkish diplomacy. In case both of these tactics fail, the Turks will resort to blackmail and violence, as their history readily shows.

In a desperate effort to halt the growing wave of anti-Turkish activities in the Diaspora, many observers of post World War I Turkish-Armenian relations admit that the Turks once again will hold the remaining Armenians in Turkey as hostage. The killing of the First Secretary of the Turkish Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, last month convinced the few remaining Turkish skeptics that Armenians were indeed responsible for this rash of political assassinations.

As in the past, the heavy pressure that is expected to be applied to Armenians living in modern Turkey will be paralleled by a diplomatic offensive in the Diaspora. On the local level, a tightened control over the Armenian community can be expected.

A number of Turkish journalists and resident businessmen both in Europe and North America have been trying to start some kind of a dialogue with Armenians, as one of them put it, "to resolve some differences of the past in a friendly manner." This attempt has been received unenthusiastically by Armenians, although these Turks have doubled their efforts since the beginning of the year.

Another effort undertaken by official Turkey to prevent further attention to "past events" (Turks exhibit great sensitivity

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Violinist Receives Another Prize

NEW YORK, N.Y. - The noted violinist Ani Kavafian, was one of the four young American instrumentalists who have been awarded Avery Fisher prizes, recently established to give major performance opportunities to instrumentalists deserving of wider public recognition.

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EDITORIAL

FALSE IMPLICATIONS

The recent killing of a high-ranking Turkish diplomat in Lebanon has evidently irritated the Government of Ankara. The sober attitude that the Turkish officials adopted during the aftermath of the assassination of two Turkish ambassadors in Vienna and in Paris has been changed. High-ranking officials of the Turkish Foreign Ministry admit, rather reluctantly, that Armenians have been the perpetrators of these political assassinations. Mr. Shagliangil, the Foreign Minister of Turkey, in a public statement in the Norwegian capital, remarked that those who killed the two Turkish ambassadors in western Europe were also the authors of the crime against the Turkish diplomat in Lebanon.

This is an open admission by the highest Turkish official of the Turkish Diplomat Service that Armenians were involved in this chain of political assassinations. It does not require an elaborate explanation in order to point out what the potential impact and consequences of these killings might be for Armenians now living in Turkey if the Turks indeed are convinced of this and especially publicly point their fingers at the Armenians. It is unfortunate that one leading Armenian party organ gave unprecedented fanfare to a communique released by the little known Armenian underground organization following the killings of Turkish officials claiming responsibility.

Ironically, the Armenian political organizations in the middle or even to the left of the Armenian political spectrum, adopted an extremely cautious attitude. This provides a vivid indication that Armenians as a whole do not justify political killings as a tool to achieve world attention. If the Armenians under the political leadership of two or three organizations have kept the Armenian case dormant in the last 60 years, the killings of one or two or several members of the Turkish diplomatic corps will only erode the Armenian image, especially now that terrorism has been severely condemned by world bodies as well as by the civilized world community.

ARMENIAN QUESTION IN THE LIMELIGHT

In recent weeks a documentary film depicting the Turkish genocide of the Armenians, appropriately named the "Armenian Case," has been released and is being shown in large Armenian communities in North America.

This documentary is the result of a joint effort by two Armenian political organizations in America. It is rather reassuring to witness that Armenian policital organizations are involved in such endeavors. However, activities of this caliber fall short of justifying the existence of the political parties as well as the claim of Armenian political leaders that their guidance is irreplaceable.

The Armenian political organizations have a long way to go in order to provide adequate and efficient leadership for this community. The production and showing of the film might be a good start but not a sufficient one, indeed.

Participating in the political processes of the United States should be one of the main preoccupations of Armenian political leadership, thus enhancing the image of our community as an organized entity. Equally important is exercising political rights such as launching lobbying campaigns and communicating with legislative and administrative leaders. However, those who form the political elite of the Armenian community tend to conduct their self-appointed political functions in an outmoded and obsolete manner. The Armenian political parties, both in their aims and platforms, as well as in their administrative structure, belong to the old school of pre-World War II. Only a young and well-informed leadership with keen interest and knowledge of the American political structure can indeed push the Armenian case through Capitol Hill and the State Department.

Thus, the present leadership with its old-school values and lack of political experience in the United States will be unable to satisfy the diversified demands of a community which has undergone a substantial, if not a radical change in the last three decades.

Successors of Ancient Professions

By **Constantine Hagopian**

The necklace was made of silver, in a number of rows; the filigree pattern imparted a startling lightness to it. The pattern, minted on the plates of a female girdle, reminded one of a stone carving... That woman of the highlands, buried many centuries ago, near the lake Sevan, had surprisingly subtle taste.

Excavations were in progress... The archaeologists were assisted by students from the Yerevan Vocational-technical School No. 8, the future masters of rare professions, specializing in the ancient Armenian handicrafts.

The studies relating to one of the main subjects of the school, that of the history of arts, are often carried out along with archaeological expeditions. The study of articles produced by masters lost in obscurity, such as jewellers, potter-ceramists and chasers begins at the mountain camp. The students return to their school with valuable materials - drawings and photographs... Later, at their workshop they try to explore the technology: to investigate the means by which the masters' artistic expressiveness had been reached

TRAINING THE YOUNG

"We train workers for the jewelry, crystal and souvenir factories, for all enterprises of domestic crafts," says Alexander Manoucharian, the teacher of the history of arts, a scientific fellow of the Institute of Archaeology. "But each of our students is a painter by vocation, a person who has devoted himself to the task of bringing into life those types of handicrafts of the Armenian decorative- applied arts which had been forgotten as a result of historical circumstances. Indeed, it's not by chance that our schoolboys are fond of history and are very friendly with historians...

Articles made by ancient Armenian craftsmen of applied arts may be seen today at the History Museum of Armenia at the Moscow Kremlin Armory, at the Hermitage of Leningrad, at the museums of the town of Lvov, in the Ukraine to mention but a few.

SURVIVAL FROM TURKISH PERSECUTIONS

Many Armenians, fleeing to safety from the Turkish Persecutions, were compelled to leave their own homeland and find shelter in foreign countries. The talented Armenian masters of applied arts had to work in various countries of the world. All that they had produced passed through thousands and thousands of hands. But those which came back to their country of origin, as fate had willed it, are valueless items for the historians and art scholars. And here, within the walls of the Yerevan Vocational-Technical School No. 8, for eight years now, students comprehend the aesthetic principles of the creative works of the masters of the past.

The official opening day of the school for the admittance of future masters, the very first-year students, was marked by the arrival of Mardiros Sarian, the patriarch of Armenian painting. It was very difficult for him to make such a visit, as the old master was seriously ill. But it was he who conducted the first lesson in painting. After the lesson he left his memorial inscription: "I wish the collective body of the school strength and inspiration for the sake of the Armenian applied arts."

ENJOYING THEIR WORK. *Students work together on a project.*

THE OLD MASTER

The hand of the old master reminded me of a patterned leaf on a vine-broad , dark and the whole of it covered in veins. I got that impression in Moscow, at the pavilion of "Proftechobrazovaniye" (vocational technical education), at the Exhibition of the Economic Achievements of the U.S.S.R. That vine was made of brass. This was confirmed both by its invoice and the signature under it. It seemed that if one day more passed it would force its way through the glass of the shop window, it would stretch further. This way the vine pierces the town asphalt and winds around the lodges from floor to floor, too.

The visitor at the exhibition lingered here. The silence, proper to the old hall, was broken; the visitors found it difficult to believe that this was the result of the "collective work of the students of the Yerevan Vocational- Technical School No. 8". It was simply an ordinary lesson just as well-learned.

"Unfortunately Mardiros Sarian did not see that work," says George Ehramjian, the director of the school. Yes, but was it the only one? "The school has been awarded 8 gold medals 2 silver, 16 bronze, and more than 80 medals for the young participants in the Exhibition of the Economic Achievements of the U.S.S.R. Our exhibition in Moscow changes often, as the schoolboys compete with each other in their mastery. We are the permanent participants of the Exhibition beginning with 1966, the year of the foundation of the school. The works are of a great variety: minting, engraving, filigree, ceramics, tapestry, carpets... We train specialists, amateur -painters on china and glazed earthenware, diamondcutters for semi-valuable stones, engravers on wood and bones, potter-ceramists, needle-women, , carpet-makers..."

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THE RESULTS. *The students' efforts result in some admirable creations.*

TALKING THINGS OVER. *Linda Melkonian discusses work with House Majority Leader Tip O'Neill.*

Linda Melkonian: No Two Days the Same

By Anne Atanosian

The initial impression one gets of Linda Melkonian, Legislative Assistant to House Majority Leader, Tip O'Neill, Congressman from Boston, is "what a beautiful young woman," but that lasts only as long as it takes her to speak a sentence or two - then the impression changes to "what an intelligent, dynamic woman." Thus, one discovers happily, that beauty and brains can coincide. Linda Melkonian is a woman who loves politics - she never tires speaking of the legislative process, and that is a complicated process, indeed. If there is one facet of political reality that disturbs this energetic, versatile gal, it's that the wheels of political movements revolve slowly. Linda is impatient to get things done. Perhaps, the significance of that characteristic lies in her relationships with both Congressmen Ed Boland and Tip O'Neill, both of whom she cites as the strongest political influences on her life. Both men are liberal Democrats whose long careers on Capitol Hill indicate their concerns for change for progress.

"Ed Boland is my mentor; I left Springfield, Mass. to come work for him. He's been in Congress for 23 years. He taught me the legislative skills I now use in the work I do in the Majority Leader's office - and Tip O'Neill not only is the finest politician, and best liked man in the House, but a man whose abilities allow him to put together a winning coalition to get effective legislation in the national interest. He's a man who listens to the people. His district (which also takes in Cambridge and Watertown) is very ethnic in character, I think he is a very special man."

There's little need to recount Linda's life previous to coming to Washington, D.C. A graduate of Springfield Classical High, a degree from Mt. Holyoke - a math major turned politician. Her future ambitions lie in the political arena. She now attends law school, and hopes one day to run for elected office.

The complex life of a legislative assistant is challenging. "No two days are alike - there's no routine, no boredom; it's a very stimulating job. One of the most exciting times was the work on the O'Neill Anti-War Amendment in 1972. He was opposed to the war long before it became a popular stance. I was involved - helping draft, writing statements, coordinating various levels of legislation - the entire process became my master's thesis. I remember the biggest problem was gaining support from Congressmen Boggs and Albert, neither of whom had ever voted against the war. You know it takes only a short time on the Hill to allow understanding of the Byzantine quality of the rules of procedure. It's complicated and very structured."

We, as long time residents in this city, can recognize what Linda Melkonian is talking about. Top the 'Byzantine' quality of rules, with a liberal sprinkling of immense egos, of obsessive behavior, strong self-imposed image--making, potential for demagoguery, and one has a small idea of the Capitol merry-go-round. It's been observed that the Capitol Hill scene is changing - there is more charm and dispatch evident - more of an appeal to the intellectual elite of the country - more "overnight winners," rather than 'up from the ranks' politicians. It's revealing.

That Linda Melkonian's paternal grandparents are Armenian has shaped much of her personality. She speaks lovingly of them, citing that Melkonian's have lived on Dwight Road, Springfield, more than 80 years. "My grandfather built the houses we lived in - our house was built by my father and grandfather. My 93-year-old grandmother once told my mother, who is Irish, English, German, that she had wanted my father to marry an Armenian, but that she was happy now he had married my mother."

When the work day ends, playtime for Linda means sports, theatre, dancing - "When I read the paper I first turn to the sports page, next the editorial page - then the front page news. School takes a lot of time, but I enjoy life. It's full, exciting and rewarding."

A woman whose striking beauty is complicated by her extraordinary abilities (she's the first woman to work for the Whip, House leader and to have standing floor privileges), Linda Melkonian still is passionate about such out--of-fashion virtues as self-control, patience, and hard work.

Washington, D.C.

Tears for Elberon

By **Nubar Dorian**

The following article, dealing with a rather sensitive subject, is being published despite the Armenian Reporter's reluctance to risk inflaming a delicate situation, because it has been authored by a responsible and highly respected member of the Armenian community, Mr. Nubar Dorian. The views expressed by the author do not necessarily reflect those of the editors of this paper.

Such a pretty name - Elberon...the south Jersey shore town and the summer playground of a large number of Armenian-Americans living in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Elberon also counts among its year-round residents a group of decent, intelligent and mature Armenians who through the years managed to acquire a community center and form a Parish Council. In time they built a modest church, organized Armenian and Sunday schools, acquired the dedicated services of a full time priest and built an enviable reputation for promoting good fellowship and good works. One of the accomplishments they were justly proud of was their ability to have all Armenians of diverse backgrounds and political persuasions bury their differences, live harmoniously together in one community, and work within the framework of the one indivisible Armenian church.

All this is now gone! The little church has been closed, the church school padlocked and the priest sent home. Recrimination, hatred and rancor are rampant among the hearts and minds of the parishioners. Old sores and wounds have been laid bare and intolerance, bias, and fear have replaced love, understanding, and fellowship. All of these have combined to make the disunity of a once united community complete.

Unfortunately, a conspiracy of silence seems to have surrounded the convulsions of the community in Elberon. The demise of a church and community has occurred without headlines, without obituaries and without mourners, leaving this silence mysteriously unfair and unlike us. We herald the formation of a new parish with adequate zeal and fanfare. The building of a new church is greeted with proclamations, processions and pontifications. Even our most modest accomplishments recieve banner headlines and are made the object of untold banquets, speeches, and pronouncements, but we say nothing or do nothing when a church closes its doors.

Let us even things up by at least shedding some tears for Elberon!

Let us first weep for the church-loving people of Elberon who are being victimized. They are being denied the spiritual comforts of the church they built. These are the very same people who do not consider the Armenian church a battleground for warring factions but a hallowed shelter to keep away the mundane, the ugly and all those in pursuit of personal gain, power or fame. They are the very innocent souls who still believe that machinations, conspiracies and power play within the framework of the church are sinful and criminal.

Let us shed a few tears for the moral and spiritual decay of an elected church leadership who, unlike their predecessors, permitted petty jealousies, biased attitudes, unfounded fears and intolerant behavior to set the stage and create the atmosphere for people - living, working and praying together a few months ago - to say to others, "You are not wanted in this church," "No Tashnags and their children allowed in this church." "Only AGBU members can belong to this church." Totally unmindful of the havoc and destruction they instigated, these "leaders," still defended in some high quarters, parade all over creation and continue to stimulate factionalism, destruction and partisanship. They indeed deserve our pity more than our tears.

Let us shed tears of sorrow, apprehension and grief for the more than fifty children who have been exposed to this "church" environment. How inexcusable is the act of poisoning the hearts and minds of innocent, impressionable children! Instead of conveying heights of Armenian achievement, holiness and mystery, the words Etchmiadzin, Antelias, Vazken and Khoren bring to mind separation, division, hatred and scorn. Children who some time ago, with innocense and love, embraced each other every Sunday in church, now throw the epithets of "Tashnag," and "Ramgavar" at each other. Elders of Elberon, rejoice, while we weep for your children.

Let us not fail to shed tears for the priest of Elberon, and cry with him for the shattering of his dream of unifying his flock in one united church. Let us meditate with him on the raw futility of the hard work he put forth, the meaninglessness of the scores of sermons he prepared and delivered on tolerance, love, understanding and fellowship and the failure of the endless concern, prayer and caring he had for his people. Bitter must have been his disillusionment when he received unbelievable non-support from the Primate and Diocesan Council, even though the overwhelming majority of his people were with him all the way and entirely approved his wise stance and posture. Instead of receiving accolades for his efforts, he was rebuked, humiliated and put down by the decision-makers.

And let us not forget to shed real tears for the decision-makers and in particular for the pathetic and paranoid stand of the Diocesan Council regarding all issues surrounding Elberon. The majority of Armenians in Elberon agree that inept, unwise decisions of the Council were the cause of the community's convulsions. How unfortunate that, with few exceptions, members of our Diocesan Council are proving to be little men with hardly any convictions. They seem to have made ulterior motivations and personal gain and fame the only reason for having sought election to this high office. They indeed deserve our tears for they seem to vote according to the dictates of their prejudices and fears.

Let us also shed tears of concern for the indifference and apathy of our Diocesan Delegates - especially those from N.Y., N.J. and Pennsylvania. While a sister church in Elberon was collapsing, most of our delegates, who could have done something to help, did not even show interest, even though they knew a serious problem existed. Is their job, for which they fight bitterly every four years, to do nothing else but attend one meeting a year, listen to doctored and exaggerated reports, and abrogating all power, concern and work to the Diocesan Council, come home to play the big shot? Let us cry bitter tears, for our delegates betrayed Elberon.

And finally let us shed real hard tears and weep together as a community for through Elberon we permitted once again the voice of reason to be stilled and suspicion, hatred, fear and intolerance to hurt efforts at church unity in America. The events at Elberon gave credence and support to those who, in their resolve never to unite, continue to maintain that the American community is not ready for Church unity.

Elberon is not a pretty name any more.

Fort Lee, N.J.

ARMENIAN LITERATURE ANALYZED

YEREVAN, Armenia - The History of Armenian Literature from the 5th century to the present is analyzed in a monograph brought out by the Moscow Publishers, Higher School. The book, prepared by a group of Armenian scientists, is meant as a reference book for Soviet students of philology.

The systematic analysis of Armenian literature is published in Russian for the first time. Separate chapters are devoted to the epic, David of Sassoun, and to some of the greatest writers, Khorenatzi, Naregatzi, Kouchak, Sayat-Nova, Abovyan, Toumanian, and others. A third of the monograph is devoted to Soviet Armenian literature and its most prominent writers.

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Y. Karsh Honors Medicine with 'Healers of Our Age'

Impulsively, the photographer reached out and whisked away the offending cigar. He quickly snapped off two shots.

It was December, 1941, and Yousef Karsh, then a "society" photographer in Ottawa, Canada, had just angered Winston Churchill. The resulting photo of a glowering Churchill became a classic, the photo that catapulted the byline, Karsh, Ottawa, to international prominence.

Today, of course, Karsh, 67, is justly famed as one of the great portrait photographers of the age. Hundreds of historic figures have been captured by the genius of his craft.

BUT HE HAS NEVER lost the sense of gratitude he had some 50 years ago when, as a penniless orphan from Armenia, he first landed in Nova Scotia and trekked off to live with his Uncle Nakash in Sherbrooke, Quebec.

During an interview with *American Medical News*, Karsh looked back on those days and recalled that, "I expected all my relatives to be enormously wealthy. I hoped to fulfill my boyhood dream of becoming a doctor."

A doctor Karsh was never to be. A brother, Jamil, achieved the dream and is now an ob-gyn specialist in Waterbury, Conn.

But Karsh retained his boyhood reverence for medicine and over the years photographed the world's greatest physicians in their consultation rooms, operating theaters, and laboratories.

LATE LAST YEAR, KARSH unveiled at Boston's Francis A. Countway Library of Medicine a collection of 19 portfolio-sized portraits of physicians and scientists, entitled "Healers of Our Age."

Karsh told *AMN* the inspiration for the project came from his wife of 13 years, Estrellita, a medical writer and historian whom he met while photographing her boss, Dr. Walter Alvarez.

Estrellita is a long-time fan of the Countway, which houses in its Boston and Harvard medical libraries thousands of irreplaceable bibliographic materials, rare books, historical volumes, and invaluable prints and paintings. In 1973, she took Yousef on a tour of the library.

Struck by the beauty of medicine's heritage as preserved at the Countway, Karsh wanted to do something to help it—as a partial repayment for the "great favors bestowed on me during my life."

That something was to be the donation of the "healers" collection, an idea that suddenly came to his wife during a cab ride: "Yousef," she told him, "I have it. Healers of Our Age."

Subsequently selected by a Harvard committee from among the many names submitted by Karsh, the roster of Portfolio I is a litany of the giants of medicine:

WALTER CLEMENT ALVAREZ, Charles Herbert Best, Alfred Blalock, William Boyd, Thomas Stephen Cullen, Albert Einstein, Sir Alexander Fleming, Carl Gustav Jung, Helen Keller, Albert Schweitzer, George Hoyt Whipple, Paul Dudley White.

Portfolio II so far has added seven more:

Henry K. Beecher, John Enders, Helen Taussig, George Corner, Robert Debre, Rene Dubos, and Francis Moore.

Karsh stipulated that limited editions of the photographs be given to anyone who donates $500 or more to the library.

He told *AMN* that it is his hope that the massive 30- by 40-inch portrait photographs will augment and bring contemporary significance to the distinguished 18th and 19th century historical portraits already in the Countway collection.

HE VIEWS PORTFOLIO I as the first in an ongoing series for the benefit of the library. It is expected the portraits will be given wide distribution by the library. First scheduled trip is to Baltimore's Johns Hopkins U., which produced five of the first 19 persons selected.

Boston is a fitting place to house the collection, Karsh noted, because it was here in the 1920s that he was apprenticed to the great American photographer John H. Garo.

It was Garo, a boisterous, extroverted man, who introduced Karsh to his circle of friends: writers, photographers, artists, students. "It was," Karsh said, "a sort of Boston version of the Algonquin Round Table."

Karsh used to bring in the bathtub gin for the gatherings in simulated paint cans. He listened and learned and developed a life-long love for "people who make things happen." The Boston Museum of Fine Arts became his university.

GARO USED ONLY AVAILABLE lighting and believed a photographer should know everything about his craft. Karsh learned ("He still can tie the best boxes you've ever seen," Estrellita notes).

After Garo's death, Karsh moved to Ottawa, where he became a noted society photographer. "About 90% of my subjects were women," he said, "and every debutante had to have her picture taken by Karsh."

About this time, he was becoming involved with an amateur theatre group and began to master the intricacies of lighting. He also became friends with the son of Ontario's governor-general, Lord Bessborough. This led to a friendship with the province's prime minister, Mackenzie King, who, in turn, set up the eventful appointment with Churchill.

"That was the most diplomatic feat of my life," recalled Karsh, a charming and persuasive man.

"GETTING CHURCHILL TO WALK from one end of a Parliament room to the other—where I had mounted my camera—required the ultimate in tact. He allowed me four minutes for the photo-taking. No more. I took two shots. The first one is the one I used. Later, Churchill allowed, 'Even a roaring lion will stand still to be photographed.' "

Karsh's capturing of Churchill's **bulldog** determination became a symbol for the **indomitable** spirit of the Allies. In subsequent years, **Karsh** was to display a genius for capturing the **essence** of a person's spirit.

"A photo session with Karsh," Estrellita says, "is not unlike a medical consultation with a talented physician. He has an incredible sensitivity, an ability to inspire trust, to have people emotionally disrobe themselves."

Karsh adds, "It is with the mind's eye that great photographs are made because the heart and mind are the true lens of the camera."

Today, Karsh continues to spend much of his time repaying the kindnesses he feels have made it possible for him to be what he is.

FAMILY PORTRAIT. *Yousef Karsh poses with his wife Estrellita before one of his best-known photo-portraits - that of Winston Churchill.*

G. Philibosian Reports on Progress of Fund Raising Efforts

Following is a report by George Philibosian, who is the president of the Regional Committee for the Joint AGBU-Diocese Lebanon Relief.

Friends:

This is a report to you concerning the status of our Campaign to date.

As you know the United National Relief Campaign for the Lebanon Armenians has an objective of $600,000; our share for New York and New Jersey being $100,000.

Although $100,000 is not a small sum, related to the size of the Armenian Community in our two states, it amounts to practically a few dollars per person on the average.

As anywhere in the world, the Armenian Community in Lebanon comprised some wealthy people and many less affluent ones. It is perhaps a common argument that the wealthiest segment there has not always been very altruistically minded.

Whether that contention is a correct one or not, the greatest part of Lebanon Armenians need help desperately. Without being preoccupied with what the wealthy in Lebanon are or are not doing our concern is now with regard to the thousands and thousands of people who need our assistance to be able to help themselves on the road back to recovery.

We must offer them this assistance immediately in a Christian way, in an American way. Indeed, America never looked to how others comforted themselves when help was sought from her by the less fortunate.

It is perhaps this spirit of true Christian charity that keeps the U.S., even after Vietnam and other mistakes, still the most prosperous land on earth.

In giving, we may be given more; in helping others we may be blessed more abundantly. And no one needs reminding that Armenians in Lebanon are not "others;" they are our own people.

Our Campaign at this time has reached the 1/3 mark. We received approximately $30,000 in donations varying from a few dollars to $5,000. A splendid response so far which needs a fully successful completion of the task, through the pledging of the remaining people in New York and New Jersey of the balance of $70,000.

We are grateful to hundreds of those who have sent in their help already. We urge many, many others yet to equally respond, generously and immediately.

This Campaign must be finalized without delay. Your help is much worthier now, to avoid the need for more help later.

We speak so often of the dream of Armenian Unity. This is one time that every single Armenian and family is morally and nationally obligated to act in an united spirit.

Act now, brothers and sisters, act immediately. Please send your checks to either the AGBU or the Armenian Diocese, 628 or 630 Second Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016.

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Hamazkain A.C.A. Drama Group to Stage Comedy by M. Ishkhan

FLUSHING, N.Y. - The Hamazkain Armenian Cultural Association's New York Drama Group will present an Armenian comedy by noted writer Moushegh Ishkhan, "It's So Hard to Die." A comedy of death, the presentation is sponsored by the New York Armenian Relief Society and directed by Dr. Herand Markarian. It will be presented at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 14, at the Fashion Institute of Technology.

The drama group has been performing in the Greater New York area for the last nine years. The presentations of the group, all in western Armenian, have been diversified in subject matter and authors. Thus, since 1968 when the drama group came into existence, the group has presented Armenian classics, Russian dramas, comedies, and some *avant garde* pieces, just to name a few.

Dr. Herand Markarian, a young intellectual and a director-writer in his own rank, alluding to the selection of Moushegh Ishkhan's "It's So Hard to Die," stated that the choice was based on two considerations. First, this is the year many celebrations are taking place in observance of Mr. Ishkhan's contribution to Armenian literature; and secondly, because the subject matter is relevant to everyday life in the Armenian community, although the director pointed out that the core of Ishkhan's work is of universal human interest.

The cast is made up of ten amateur actors who have all appeared on stage before, although some have only limited experience. The group has also performed in the past for the Armenian communities of Boston, Washington, and Providence.

Already there is growing enthusiasm about the presentation, and, as an ACA supporter attending one of the late rehearsals remarked recently, people need something to laugh at these days; Armenians included.

TAKING A BREAK. *The cast of the upcoming Hamazkain Cultural Association's production of "It's So Hard to Die" relaxes during a rehearsal. The comedy by Moushegh Ishkhan will be presented on March 14 at the Fashion Institute of Technology.*

Northern N.J. AGBU Sets Date for Annual Fashion Show

PARAMUS, N. J. - The Northern New Jersey Chapter of the AGBU has planned a Luncheon and Fashion Show which will be held on Wednesday, May 12th, 1976 at the Tammy Brook Country Club in Cresskill, New Jersey.

Fashions will be provided by La Palozzo Boutique of Ridgewood and Franklin Lakes.

Mrs. Ann Ajemian, Chairlady of the affair, in cooperation with members of the committee, has put together a fashion show which is expected to be very exciting and delightful.

Reservations for the luncheon may be made by contacting Mrs. Alice Philibosian at (201) 224-4888.

Western Athletic Association to Hold Track Games in June

OAKLAND, Calif. - The Western Armenian Athletic Association has announced here that the 8th Annual Armenian Olympics will take place on June 25, 26, and 27, 1976, at beautiful Chabot College located in Hayward, California. This year, the Olympics will be dedicated to the 200th Anniversary of the birth of America. Plans are being made to hold a special Bicentennial ceremony to celebrate this occasion as a remembrance to a country that has been so generous to the Armenian people who have settled here, especially after the tragedies of the Turkish massacres.

The Olympics will include three popular athletic events, track and field, basketball, and soccer. Gregg Cherezian of Walnut Creek will serve as track and field director; John Dichian of Daly City will direct the basketball tournament; and Ed Tchakalian of Reseda, and Karekin Kardzair of San Francisco will co-direct the soccer tournament.

Oriental Rug Expert to Lecture at Upcoming Mtg. at St. Thomas

TENAFLY, N.J.- Mr. Malcolm Topalian will speak for the Women's Guild of St. Thomas Armenian Church here on Friday, March 12 at 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Topalian's subject will be "Oriental Rugs and Their Identification and Application." He will emphasize the role Armenians have played in the production and promotion of Oriental Rugs. A display of an antique Armenian rug will supplement the talk.

A third generation dealer in Oriental rugs, Mr. Topalian has lectured at the New York School of Interior Design since 1960.

A Question and Answer period will follow the lecture, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

AYF Hyortiks Mark Anniversary

FLUSHING, N.Y.- The New York Hyortiks chapter of the Armenian Youth Federation (AYF) will host a special celebration marking the anniversary of the establishment of the organization.

Set for this Sunday afternoon, March 7 at 3:00 p.m. at the Pashalian Hall of St. Illuminator's Armenian Cathedral, the celebration will feature a program consisting of talks by guest speakers, slide presentation, poetry reading and choral songs.

Pashalian hall is located at 221 East 27th Street and admission is open to all who wish to attend the anniversary celebration.

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Ladies Group Sponsors Benefit Concert in Mass.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. - The Arpie Otyag of Boston of the Daughters of Vartan is sponsoring a benefit dinner and concert for the Lebanon Relief.

The event will take place on March 17, 1976, at the Holy Trinity Armenian Church's Cultural Hall in Cambridge. The program will feature a selection of songs by the Yerevan Choral group and a presentation of dances by the AGBU Daron Dance Ensemble.

A roast beef dinner will be served at 6:30 and the donation is set at $5.00.

Persons who are interested in attending and supporting the fund raising drive to aid the destitute Armenians of Lebanon are invited to call for reservations, Mrs. Arshaloos Missakian at 924-4358 or Mrs. Mary Der Hagopian at 643-7383.

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UNDERWRITES COST OF PUBLICATION. *Mr. Oscar Isbirian looking over a copy of the first volume of Armenian History which was just published through his generous contribution. The copy, signed by Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate, was presented to Mr. Isbirian, who resides in Evanston, Ill. Looking on the presentation are Miss Sylva Der Stepanian and Mr. Nubar Kupelian, who jointly prepared the history book, that will be used as a textbook in Armenian language schools throughout the Churches under the jurisdiction of the Diocese.*

O. Isbirian Underwrites Publication of School Textbook

NEW YORK, N.Y. - Oscar Isbirian, a prominent and well respected member of the Evanston community, recently donated $4,000 to the Diocese for the publication of the first volume of Armenian History, an impressive school textbook prepared by Sylva Der Stepanian and Nubar Kupelian and illustrated by Paul Sagsoorian.

The gift was made in the course of a visit to the parish's Armenian school by Miss Der Stepanian who is director of the Diocese's Armenian Education and Language Lab.

Mr. Isbirian, whose daughter, Mrs. Miriam Tatosian, is chairman of the parish school committee, was present during Miss Der Stepanian's presentation. He made the gift in memory of his late wife, Lucintak, as an expression of his warm support for the outstanding work of the Diocesan Resource Center. The generous donation was forwarded to the Diocese through the church pastor, the Very Reverend Varoujan Kabaradjian.

On January 29 Mr. Isbirian had occasion to visit the Primate at Diocesan headquarters, in the course of which he spent some time in the Language Lab. He was given special copies of the book, one signed by the Archbishop, another by the authors.

In the introduction of the history textbook, Mr. Isbirian indicates the the purpose and spirit of the series: "History, our history. We live it through the days. We nourish ourselves with it. We get excited by its heroic events. Reading it, we often cry, are saddened by it. We refer to our history, drawn towards it by a power deeply rooted in us. And a vital impetus drives us to our source where water gushes endlessly. We stop there. We look in the source and recognize ourselves and then drink of its strengthening, stimulating, comforting and cheering water.

"Children, our children have a right to experience our history and be initiated into its mysteries in the same way we were. Inorder to make this initiation fascinating and attractive, our history must be accessible to the child, must stimulate his imagination and above all must be told to him in story form.

"These were the goals that we tried to reach in preparing this history book. We tried to present our history to our children in such a way that they would be attracted by it, and identify themselves with it."

St. Nersess Seminary is Recipient of Contributions

NEW YORK, N.Y. - For its current academic year expenses St. Nersess Armenian Theological School recently received several gifts from institutions, organizations and individuals, who have expressed their appreciation and support of the work done at the seminary.

Included in these gifts are $500 each from Dr. Jirayr Tezel of Scarsdale, Mr. Nersess Aynilian (through the Armenian Students Association), of Tenafly, N.J., the George Aprahamian Foundation of Providence, R.I., the National Association of Armenian Studies and Research, Cambridge, Mass. A $1,000 donation was made to the school the first of the year by the Satenig Otyag of the Daughters of Vartan of Westchester.

Major contributors donating close to one half of the annual budget are: Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Armenian General Benevolent Union, the Mary Byloz Fund, as well as Mrs. Satenig Ouzoonian, Mrs. Mary Bedrosian, Mr. Dadour Dadourian and Dr. Vartkes Migrdichian. In addition, several individual donors have also contributed to the school.

The average expenses of a seminarian amounts to over $5,000 per year. Six St. Nersess seminarians are registered for the current academic year.

The school continues looking for young men and women to be trained for full-time service in the church in various capacities. Service opportunities in the Armenian Church in the United States include, in addition to the priesthood, the field of Christian education, involving primarily teachers' training programs, curriculum development and adult education program.

Individuals with proper training will find open opportunities in the field of youth work. There is an ever present need for more Christian literature in making the centuries old faith of the church speak to the existential needs of modern man in a meaningful and challenging way.

A recent survey shows that in the Eastern Diocese alone presently sixteen additional clergymen are needed to serve in vacant parishes and in large ones where there is need for more than one priest to fulfill the spiritual, educational and communal needs of communicants.

Inquiries regarding training programs on these fields may be addressed to St. Nersess Seminary Theological School in care of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America, 630 Second Avenue, New York, New York 10016.

Westchester Church Organizes New Young People's Association

CRESTWOOD, N.Y. - Under the sponsorship and guidance of the Armenian Church of Westchester, a youth group has been organized for all young people from the ages of 13 - 18. This group, which identifies itself with the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America (A.C.Y.O.A.) recently held its first annual membership meeting for the purpose of electing an executive committee to insure proper and smooth functioning of the group. Officers elected were: chairman - Dian Dorian; vice chairman - Greg Dorian; treasurer - John Mirzayan; corresponding secretary - Jackie Mirzayan; recording secretary - Chris Derdiarian; and activities director - Jennifer Gurahian.

Upcoming activities for 1976 are planned to offer every member a wide variety of social, cultural, religious, educational, and athletic activities. The group meets regularly on the 2nd Friday (8:00 p.m.) of every month and also at different other times according to the nature of the activity planned. The regular meeting place is at the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 101 N. Central Ave., Hartsdale, N.Y. (near Four Corners in Hartsdale).

All prospective members have been invited to participate in this fast- growing group. Those interested in additional information concerning activities or membership may contact either Rev. Karekin Kasparian (Pastor), 25 Manhattan Ave., Crestwood, N.Y. 10707 (914-793-5718); or Deacon Arthur T. Gabounjian (Youth Director), 575 Scarsdale Road, Crestwood, N.Y. 10707, (914-337-9656).

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Seventh Annual Armenian Studies Program Set for June 16, 1976

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. - Plans have already been finalized for the 7th Armenian Studies Program to Armenia to be held from June 16 to July 16 of this year. For the seventh consecutive summer the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America has been sponsoring these trips with the cooperation of the Holy See at Etchmiadzin.

The purpose of the program is to create a deep awareness in the participants of the cultural and religious heritage of the Armenian Church and Armenia through organized language, history and dance classes, visits to religious and historical sites and shrines, museums, exhibitions and numerous places of interest, as well as attendance at theatrical, operatic and other performances. Ample time and opportunity is given to participants for personal contact and dialogue with local youth and people from various walks of life.

Participation is limited to members of all ACYOA chapters of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, who are at least high school graduates, have an average speaking knowledge of Armenian and have a desire, through a one month concentrated period of study and travel to enhance their knowledge of Armenian language and religio-cultural heritage. It is hoped that participants will, upon their return, transmit their newly acquired knowledge to others in parishes and bring their share to the spiritual and cultural enrichment of the community.

The cost of the program, to and from Armenia, as well as all expenses in Armenia is $925 for students and $1025 for others. Those who apply and are accepted prior to April 10 will receive a $100 scholarship subsidy. The program will be directed by the Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian along with The Very Rev. Fr. Houssig Baghdasian as associate director.

For further information and applications inquiries should be sent to the program Director Fr. Nersess Jebejian at 51 Summit Avenue, Longmeadow, Mass. 01106.

N.J. Church to Host Women's Saints Day Observance, March 10

TENAFLY, N.J. - The Womens' Guilds of the parishes in the New York-New Jersey area of the Diocese of the Armenian Church, will observe Womens' Saints Day on Wednesday, March 10, at St. Thomas Armenian Church, Tenafly, N.J. Church services will be at 11:00 a.m. followed by a luncheon and program.

A special service prepared for Womens' Saints Day will be in honor of St. Santoukht, a young princess, the daughter of the pagan king Sanadroug. St. Santoukht, even though she faced death, refused to give up her Christian faith and became the first woman martyr of the Armenian Church.

The Saints' Day Committee under the chairmanship of Yeretzgin Violet Kasparian, has planned a musical program following church services with Mrs. Dorothy Otchy as guest soloist.

A Lenten luncheon prepared by the Women's Guild of St. Thomas Church, will be served in the church auditorium for a donation of $1.50.

Following the luncheon, a special program has been planned with Mrs. Virginia Stowe of Church Women United, Tenafly, N.J., as guest speaker.

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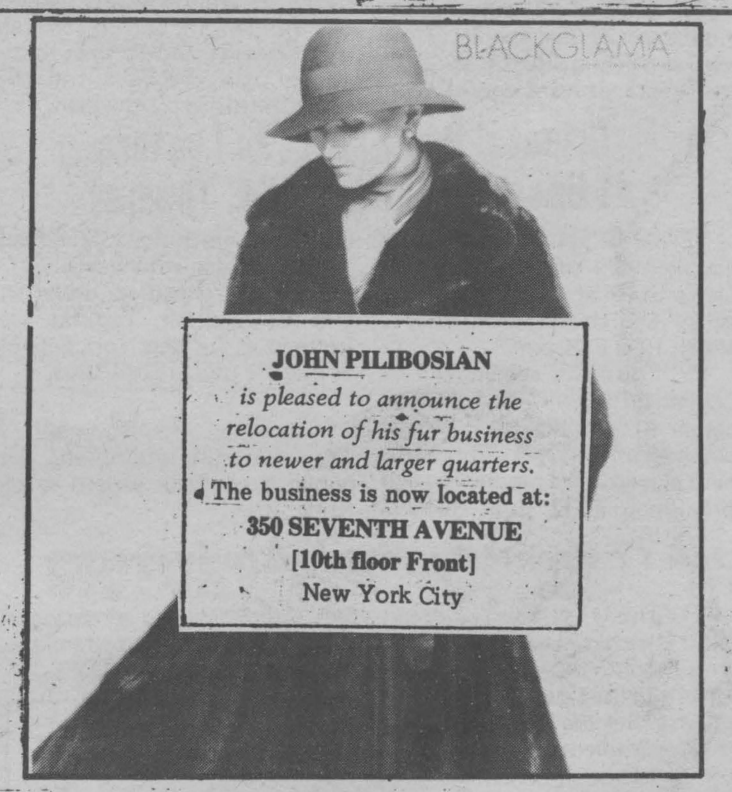

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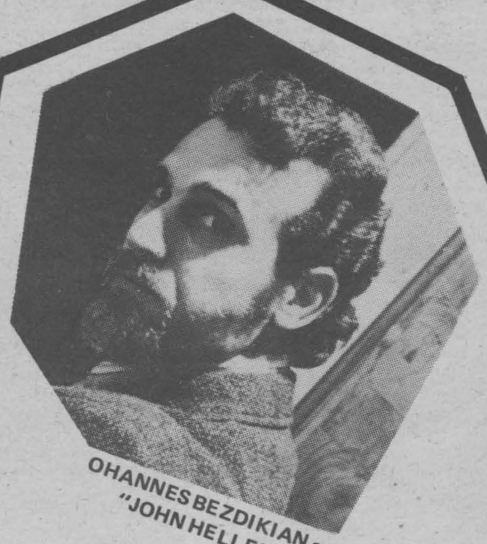

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New Documentary Highly Applauded in Premier Showing

LOS ANGELES, Calif.- Dr. J. Michael Hagopian, producer--director of the long-awaited documentary, 'The Armenian Case,' was cheered by two thousand united compatriots who came from all over the state to view the magnificent film that eloquently pleaded the cause of the Armenians.

The huge Pasadena Civic Auditorium was filled to the last row in the balcony with youngsters, their parents and grandparents Sunday afternoon, February 22, 1976 a day long to be remembered as many in the audience learned for the first time what the 'White Paper' of the Armenian Case, Hye Tad, actually represented.

'I wept tears of bitter frustration,' said Arax Philibosian, 15, who was amazed that such inhumanity could have been allowed by the civilized countries of the world. 'What wonderful people our Armenian forefathers were! To think that Mike Connors own grandparents were killed in Kharpert. What can we in America do to make amends, awaken the conscience of all mankind, join in the cause to restore our ancestral home, and see that justice is done!'

Dr. J. Michael Hagopian

Joyce Altoon, a school teacher, exclaimed: 'Why has it taken 60 years to document the shocking events? Where did those photographs of the brutal killings, rapes, and hangings come from? Everyone should see this film, certainly one of the most important in world history.'

Dr. Hagopian invites all those who were present at the premiere to send their comments to the United Armenian Commemorative Committee, 632 So. Oak Knoll Ave, Pasadena, Calif. 91106.

The dynamic master of ceremonies, Leo Garapedian, chairman of the journalism department at Los Angeles Valley College, and leader of the United Armenian Commemorative Committee, announced that a super 8mm sound, unabridge copy of the 43-minute film could be purchased by all those who would like to own a visual copy of Armenian history and the Armenian cause. The advance price is only $195. After March 1, it will be $225. The film will be delivered by April 15 in time for the annual commemoration of Martyrs Day.

Kartalian said he was deeply moved. His young son Raffi had applauded on cue and even recognized the young singers from the Mesrobian School. More than forty per-cent of the enthusiastic audience was under twenty-one years of age. They were deeply impressed and vowed that they would be true to the Cause until the ancestral land of the Armenians were restored. 'I had to see to believe,' John Barsum, 17, admitted.

Hagop Manjikian, Armenian Revolutionary Federation, and George Mandossian, Armenian Democratic League, spoke movingly as did Dr. Richard G. Hovannisian, Professor of Armenian and Near Eastern History, UCLA. Brilliant attorney Huston Carlyle, Jr., Professor Avedis Sanjian, Henry Morgenthau, President Woodrow Wilson, Lloyd George, the heroes of Sardarabad, Musa Dagh, Dr. German Wagner, German Red Cross Officer, the Turks in government responsible for the genocide, and the incredible sight of helpless Armenians being killed by the thousands are all vividly depicted.

"On April 24, 1976, this great historical documentary of the Armenian Case should be seen on T.V. by millions of Americans," Garabedian pointed out. "Please send donations to the United Commemorative Committee for this purpose."

Although Mike Connors, who had narrated the film and donated $25,000 toward its production, was out of the city, other members of the staff were present and received enthusiastic applause from the audience. Edward Hosharian was introduced as the music arranger; Barbara Gilmore, associate producer; Michael Adams, editor and sound; the Southern California Mormon Choir director; Holy Martyrs Church choir the Mesrobian Armenian School director; Bruce Thomas, cartography; Carol Keocheki, script editor; and production assistants, which included Salpi Haroutunian.

Leo Garapedian, Chairman, thanked The Armenian Reporter, The Armenian Mirror-Spectator, the Asbarez, and all the other papers for their support of the Committee. 'United, we will bring about a just resolution of the Armenian Case!' he concluded. 'It depends upon each and every one of us to be loyal and active until our goal is reached.'

The film was produced by Atlantis Productions, Inc., and is available for immediate showing as well as for individual presentation for the 1976 commemoration of the Martyrs Day, April 24. There will be subtitles in French, Armenian, and other languages for showing abroad.

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AGBU- Church New L.A. School Opens with Enrollment of 19

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. - The first Armenian Day School in the Western District was officially opened on Monday, February 2, 1976, as a result of the joint efforts by the Armenian General Benevolent Union, Western District and the St. Peter Armenian Apostolic Church of Van Nuys.

The St. Peter - AGBU Armenian School, with 19 students enrolled in kindergarten and first grade, is located on the Church grounds, 17231 Sherman Way, California. A day earlier, Sunday February 1, the formal dedication and ribbon cutting ceremonies were held following Church services, when the Rt. Rev. Bishop Vatche Hovsepian, Primate of the Western Diocese of the Armenian Church, delivered a stirring sermon pointing out the importance of Armenian Day Schools in the United States and commending the joint efforts of the Church and the AGBU.

Jack Simsarian, chairman of the School Board, made the opening remarks and conducted the dedication program, following the short religious service. Parish Council Chairman Albert Shahbazian's welcoming remarks were followed by Parish priest Rev. Shahe Semerdjian's comments, expressing his joy on the occasion. Bishop Hovsepian praised the St. Peter community for responding to the need of an Armenian Day School in the Western District.

Mr. Parsegh Kartalian, Executive Secretary of the AGBU Western District, in his remarks lauded the St. Peter-AGBU cooperation and promised the full support of the AGBU. He then read two congratulatory telegrams sent by AGBU Life President Mr. Alex Manoogian and Mr. Haigaz Mekhalian, Executive Director of the AGBU of America, on behalf of AGBU Central Committee President Mr. Edward Mardigian.

Remarks were also made by Paul Bozajian, Diocesan Council Chairman, and Hagie Kandarian, President of the AGBU Western District. Also present were the principals of the three Southern California Armenian Day Schools: Dr. Onnik Keshishian, Principal of Mesrobian Armenian School, Mr Hagop Hagopian, Principal of Alex Pilibos Armenian School and Mr. Gabriel Injejikian, Principal of Ferrahian Armenian High School.

After the ribbon cutting ceremonies, Mr. Kartalian announced the $1,000.00 donation to the school by Mr. Vahan Bedrossian, an honorory member of the AGBU. In memory of his sister Toutoush Odabashian. All the guests and the dignitaries visited the classrooms and met with the teachers and the staff, Sona Vartabedian, head teacher, Mrs. Noemi Minasian, who will teach Armenian classes, and Mrs. Rose Hovsepian, school secretary. Classes are held Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Children from all parts of the San Fernando Valley, extending from Woodland Hills to Burbank, would be brought to school by bus each day.

Other Armenian Day Schools operated by the AGBU are the Alex Manoogian School in Detroit with 235 students; the AGBU Armenian Elementary School of Watertown with 85 students and the AGBU School in Montreal with 170 students.

Fresno Radio Station Features W. Saroyan on Special Program

FRESNO, CALIF. - William Saroyan was featured in a recent radio broadcast on Fresno station KFCF-FM (88.1) on February 17 in a full day of programming dealing with the arts and political and social issues of Fresno. His autobiographical reminiscences of earlier years in Fresno were interspersed with recordings of Armenian music.

'Fresno Day' on the air (6:00a.m. to 10:00p.m.) is the brainchild of Vavoulis and a pair of staffers on the mother station, KPFA in Berkeley. They are Charles Amirkhanian and Victor Bedoian, former Fresnans.

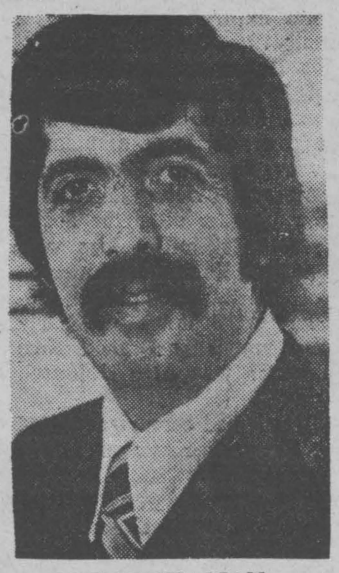
The Fresno station is financed by a loan from the Free College Foundation. Vavoulis hopes to repay that money and to raise operation capital through donations from listeners.

John Bakalian Announces Candidacy for the 16th Congressional District

MONTEREY, Calif. - John Bakalian of Capitola, Calif., a land use planner, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the 16th congressional District in the June 8 primary.

A Santa Cruz County resident the past eight years. Bakalian has led and participated in community efforts against subdivision developments, including one that was proposed for 30,000 residents on his county's north coast.

He is a founder and partner of Community Land Use Consultants, a Capitola firm that represent landowners in negotiations for public acquisition of environmentally sensitive properties.



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Bakalian, a native of New Jersey and a former restaurateur, has lived in California since 1947. He attended schools in Fresno, Fresno State University and the University of Hawaii.

AGBU to Hold Annual Convention in Fresno, March 19-20

LOS ANGELES, Calif. - The 60th Annual Convention of the Armenian General Benevolent Union, Western District, will be held March 19 and 20 (Friday and Saturday) in Fresno, at the AGBU Center, 1720 Fulton Street, Fresno.

A Fellowship Night is scheduled for Friday, March 19. Saturday, March 20, a two-session meeting will be held during the day with luncheon at noon. In the evening, the 60th Annual Convention Banquet will be held at the AGBU Center, at 7:00 p.m.

The highlight of the program will be the guest speaker from New York, Mr. M. Haigentz, the Executive Director of the AGBU International.

"Delegates representing 25 chapters on the West Coast, Washington, California and Arizona, will hear the reports of the Western District Committee and make plans for the coming year," said the Western District Executive Secretary Mr. Parsegh Kartalian.

The Achievement, Merit and Progress Awards will be given to the most deserving chapters within the Western District during the Saturday night banquet program.

Paul Kahian Heads Upstate N.Y. Republican Committee

WATERVLIET, N.Y. - The Watervliet Republican Committee last week elected Paul Kahian as its new chairman, replacing Fred Heidrich who resigned last week for personal reasons. Mr. Kahian, who is 23 years old, has been active in politics since 1971 when he graduated from Watervliet High School. He has also attended the Junior College of Albany and the Russell Sage College Evening Division.

Mr. Kahian has been a candidate for the Albany County Legislature and county coroner. He has also campaigned for Republican candidates locally and statewide. Presently he works as a para-legal in an Albany law firm.

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A PROCLAMATION. *On Thursday, February 26, Mayor Abraham D. Beame proclaimed the day as St. Vartan's Day. Among those present were, l. to r.: Theodore Karagheuzoff, Steven Kambourian, Executive Director of the Diocese of the Armenian Church, George Philibosian, Col. Carnig Kay, Grand Commander of the Knights of Vartan, Mayor Beame, Mrs. Alice Kavookjian and her husband, Mr. Haik Kavookjian, Mr. H. Mekhalian, Executive Director of the A.G.B.U. of America, Edward K. Boghosian, Editor of the Armenian Reporter, and Sam Azadian of the N.Y.C. Dept. of Highways. In photo left, some of the guests chat together. Seated is Mr. Haik Kavookjian.*

Photos by MADO HAIRABEDIAN

REMINISCENCES OF MANY YEARS. *Haik Kavookjian tells a Daily News correspondent about his years in America as Mrs. Kavookjian and Mr. H. Mekhalian, Executive Director of the A.G.B.U. of America look on.*

Haik Kavookjian Recalls Early Years

NEW YORK, N.Y. - The elderly, distinguished-looking gentleman leaning on a gold-tipped cane outside of Mayor Beame's office last Thursday was asked how old he was.

"Six months," he replied. The questioner looked perplexed.

"Well, I just finished one cycle, so now I'm starting all over again," the gentleman said with a grin.

The "cycle" that Haik Kavookjian referred to has been a full century. Born in 1875, Kavookjian came to New York from his native Constantinople (now Istanbul) in 1896.

On February 26, he represented the city's Armenian community in a special ceremony at City Hall, where he received a proclamation from Mayor Beame proclaiming that day as St. Vartan's Day in New York.

St. Vartan is the Armenian national hero who successfully fought off Persian forces in 451 A.D. in a battle in which his men were outnumbered 10 to 1. On Thursday, February 26, Armenian New Yorkers marked their annual feast day in his honor.

Kavookjian's third wife, Alice, 75, who married him in 1939, spoke of him proudly at the ceremony. "You don't see many centenarians," she said. "And yet he has such a clear mind and good sense of humor that he seems younger than many men half his age."

Kavookjian said his arrival in America had been an accident.

He chanced to meet a rug dealer whose wife had been Kavookjian's neighbor in Constantinople years back. The couple helped him find a job at the photoengraving studio.

After learning the trade, he started his own business and built one of the largest photoengraving, offset and lithography firms in the country.

"I met Mayor Lindsay once," Kavookjian recalled. "He said he heard I had built quite a business. 'Yes,' 'I told him, 'but I made a few mistakes now and then over the years. If I hadn't made those mistakes, the Rockefellers would be borrowing money from me now.' "

Kavookjian, who had five children, 15 grandchildren, and a dozen great-grandchildren and is expecting a great-great-grandchild in July, lives at 860 United Ntions Plaza and worships at St. Vartan's Cathedral, Second Ave. and 34th St., where services marking St. Vartan's Day were celebrated last Thursday evening.

Ecumenical Celebration Honors St. Vartan's Day on Feb. 26 at Diocese

By **Helen Baronian**

NEW YORK, N.Y. - The Diocese of the Armenian Church, together with the Armenian Catholic Community, the Armenian Evangelical Community, the Mid-Atlantic Lodges of the Knights of Vartan, and the Parishes of the Greater New York and New Jersey area, celebrated the Feast of St. Vartan on Thursday evening, February 26, 1976, in the St. Vartan Cathedral, which was filled to capacity.

Prior to the services in the Cathedral, a dinner was held in the Kavookjian Auditorium, following which the congregation, led by Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, and other bishops and clergymen, walked in a candlelight procession to the Plaza and into the Cathedral.

Haig G. Assatourian, Chairman of the Vartanantz Day Committee made the opening remarks after James Ohanian sang the National Anthem.

Deputy Commissioner Sam Azadian read the Proclamation of the Mayor of New York, Abraham D. Beame, proclaiming February 26 as St. Vartan's Day and commending the Armenian community for its services to the well being of this city.

Miss Maro Partamian, noted mezzo-soprano, sang several Armenian selections appropriate to the occasion, and Mr. Mgrdich Noorian, veteran of the Armenian stage, recited Vahan Tekeyan's "Khorhourt Vartanantz." Mr. Michael Kermoyan, star of radio, television and stage, who was called unexpectedly to California on a special assignment, narrated on tape the address of General Vartan Mamigonian to his troops before the Battle of Avarair. The Gomidas Choir, under the direction of Dr. Arthur Misyan, performed songs for this occasion, and the soloist was Mr. Onnig Dokmecian. Chris Kalfayan, a member of the Gomidas Choir, also accompanied the group on the piano, as did Roy Kelegian. Closing remarks were made by Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese.

The event was marked by dignity and grace, and was a fine tribute to those who had fallen in the first battle in history for freedom of conscience - freedom to worship as Armenians so many centuries before.

Bayside Church Celebrates St. Vartan's Day

BAYSIDE, N.Y. - The Armenian community of Queens and Nassau turned out in full force to help celebrate the 1,975th anniversary of the Battle of Avarair on Thursday, February 26, 1976.

The day commenced with Divine Liturgy services, at which time the Junior Choir of the Holy Martyrs Armenian Church Sunday School, under the direction of Mrs. Juliette Gregorio, sang the Badarak.

A light luncheon and program were presented after church services in the auditorium, under the auspices of the Armenian School of the Church.

Program Chairman for the day was Mrs. Aida Kabarajian, who presented a beautiful program for the occasion. The program commenced with Mrs. Sandy Shamlian reciting Vahan Tekeyan's *Khorhourt Vartanantz*, followed by recitations by the children of the Armenian School from the various classes, and by Mrs. Mary Sarkissian, who recited Nairi Zarian's *Tzayn Hayastan*. The program culminated with a beautiful tableau prepared by the children of various grades of scenes from the Battle of Vartanantz, with narration by Mrs. Zarouhi Bajakian, and the singing of "Lretz Ambere" by a young student with a lovely voice, Zepyure Haroutunian, accompanied by Mrs. Anna Mintanjian on the piano. Mrs. Varsen Sarkissian directed the Armenian School chorus.

The tableau was beautifully presented, with Ghevont Yeretz and General Vartan and his soldiers preparing to do battle, and then the following scene with General Vartan dying on the battlefield where his wife found him.

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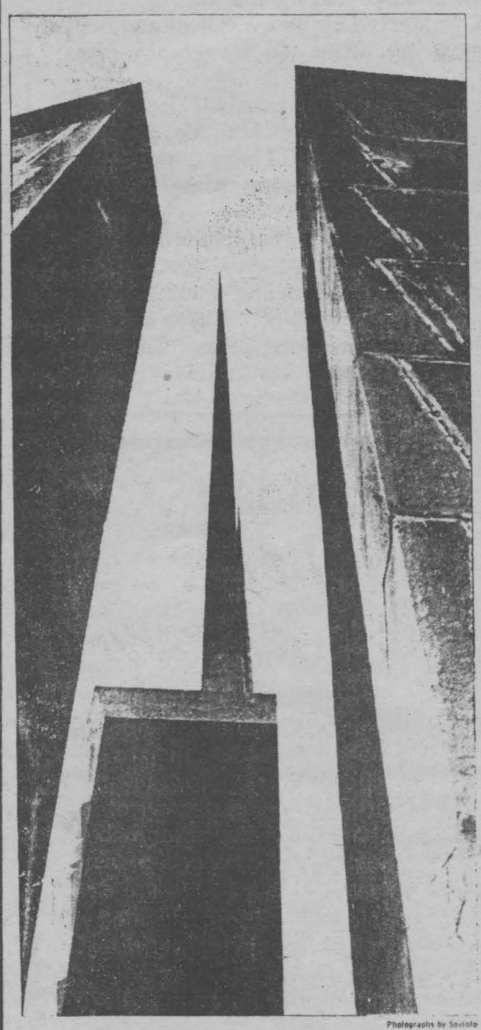
Despite Ages of Captivity, The Armenians Persevere

At Ghegard monastery, a heritage preserved.



In Erevan, the capital, a monument to a million Armenians slain in Turkey in 1915.

Photographs by Soviola

By HERBERT R. LOTTMAN

We are lunching, a Russian business acquaintance and I, at this touchingly down-at-heel Moscow hotel, strictly for locals (it's called the Minsk). I am slightly giggly from quaffing vodka on an empty stomach—and probably from being seated too close to a motley group of earnest musicians who are playing a 1950's medley for these husky, mini-skirted girls and their immaculately attired beaus prancing around the floor within inches of our table. We are sharing one of the few available tables with a short, dark-complexioned man in an open shirt who smiles at us from time to time.

"He's an Armenian," my Russian friend informs me. "They are a very sympathetic people."

In an instant the Armenian is telling us (in Russian, which my friend interprets for me) about his country, the smallest of all the Soviet republics—not much bigger than the state of Maryland and with considerably fewer inhabitants (about 2.5 million in 1970). In another instant he has gone off to his room, to return almost immediately carrying a paper bag containing a small bottle of Armenian cognac.

He pours hefty snorts for us, so we begin a succession of toasts. Meanwhile, our new friend is telling us, tears in his eyes, that he left his beloved country 10 days earlier so that he could visit his son the physicist, who works in Moscow. He is homesick, and glad that he will soon be returning to Armenia. Have some more of our cognac.

Later, my Russian friend—a square young man, properly cravated —adds to his characterization: "They're all crazy, the Armenians. A sympathetic people, but crazy. You'll see." For as it happens, we are leaving the very next day for Erevan, capital of Armenia.

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The journey from Moscow's Domodedovo Airport to Erevan takes three and a half hours aboard an IL-18 prop plane, which made this passenger yearn for the quiet smoothness of jet craft (a jet was available for the return flight). We were fed aboard the IL-18, greasy chunks of chicken handed out picnic style. Mine was rubbery and leaped into the seat rack all by itself—well, in any case, it got there. The toilet lacked paper, towels, and running water. It was, all told, a rigorous introduction to the great Russian heartland.

On the plane, though, and at the Erevan airport, I began to notice the striking contrast between the relaxed Armenians and the reserved, often gruff Russians who are their masters. "I feel as if I'm in a foreign country when I come here," my Russian friend remarked. And that, precisely, is the point.

The Armenians are entitled to pursue their day-to-day interests, to breed, even to prosper. On the surface, Armenian culture—music, dance, the plastic arts—thrives. But the Armenians are a captive people; they are expected to think and talk and vote by Moscow time. The only independent Armenian state in modern history was snuffed out by Lenin in 1920.

And yet, there are those who are grateful to the Russians. Several Armenians I met said as much: "It is the Russians who have protected us from the Turks." The Turkish pogroms of the 19th century, in Armenia, culminating in genocidal deportations and mass killings during World War I, are the Armenian version of the Jewish Holocaust. The history of those traumatic years is bound to come up in a conversation of any length; it's in everybody's books and paintings, and a monument to the Armenian holocaust dominates the capital, along with Mount Ararat.

I could see the famed mountain on clear mornings from the balcony of my hotel in Erevan. It is almost a required backdrop in paintings and prints, the inevitable trademark on local products (including the potent, velvety cognac produced from vineyards in the Ararat valley). Ararat is the Hebrew word for Urartu, an ancient kingdom inhabited by the predecessors of the Armenians, also a mountain warrior folk. The sacred mountain stands in the center of historical and traditional Armenia, but today it is in Turkish territory.

The Bible says that Noah's Ark ended its voyage there: "And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat" (Genesis viii: 4). Assured that the floodwaters had receded, Noah disembarked with his family and livestock and proceeded to repopulate the earth. Legend had it that bits and pieces of the ark could be seen on the top of the mountain right down to modern times. I myself saw a respectable chunk of Noah's

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HERBERT R. LOTTMAN, an American writer who lives in Europe, is the author of the forthcoming "How Cities Are Saved."

SPECIAL TRAVELOGUE. *Last Sunday's New York* **Times** *ran a feature story on Armenia by free-lance writer Herbert R. Lottman in the paper's travel section. Accompanying the story were two excellent photos of popular tourist attractions as shown above. The lower photo is a spectacular shot of the Martyrs Monument in Yerevan.*

Istanbul's Sourp Purgich Hospital Faces Uncertain Future

ISTANBUL, Turkey - The 50,000 Armenian community of Turkey is pondering the future of the Armenian National Hospital here, better known as the Sourp Purgich Hospital.

The alarming increase in the annual budget and operating expenditures of the Armenian medical institution has prompted many community leaders to voice the conviction that sooner or later it will be in the interest of the community either to close down the medical institution completely or limit its facilities and the services it presently offers.

In operation for close to 140 years, the Hospital, located in one of the suburbs of this city, presently can accommodate up to 600 patients in a number of departments, including a Home for the Aged as well as a Psychiatric Ward. The medical and administrative staff of the Hospital numbers 300, and for the present year of 1976, it is estimated that the operating budget will exceed the sum of 20 million Turkish liras, which is the equivalent of $1½ million in U.S. currency.

The annual budget of the institution has increased twenty-fold since 1956. In subsequent years this sum increased to 3½ million in 1966 and then up to 12 million in 1973 and gradually has reached the sum of 20 million Turkish pounds.

While the institution has numerous sources of income, mostly through real estate holdings, the total expenditures remain greater than its revenues. The concerted effort of the community is required to cover the budget deficit.

Sources close to the operational board of the hospital claim that this year the community somehow will be able to cover the budget deficit, but no one appears to be certain if this budget deficit can be offset if the present trend of the alarming increase in the budget prevails.

The pride of the Armenian community of this city, the Sourp Purgich Armenian Hospital is expected to accrue a substantial deficit by 1980. Many assert that the future is uncertain since the community is dwindling in size due to the emigration of a large number of Turkish-Armenians. The remaining community members have to be concerned with the welfare and maintenance of at least 34 churches, schools and a number of other Armenian institutions which are supported through contributions.

One option offered by a number of community leaders led by Archbishop Shnork Kaloustian, the Armenian Patriarch of Istanbul, is a plan to limit gradually the extent of the hospital's medical care department which, according to reliable sources, is operating at a deficit all the time.

The Board of Directors of the Hospital has formed a special committee for the purpose of investigating this possibility. It is expected that a report will be presented shortly, and eventually the community as a whole, and the Board of Directors of the Hospital, will be able to reach a decision regarding the future of this venerable institution. Some Armenians in this city have suggested that the Institution be closed down permanently and that the premises be rented out either as a hotel or for any other use, and that the income from the real estate holdings of the school may be directed to the needs of the community. However, few expect that the community will want to see this valuable institution close its doors because of financial strain.

'76-77 Scholarships Avalable from Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation

LISBON, Portugal - The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation is again offering a number of scholarships to prospective Armenian students for the scholastic year 1976-1977, in addition to the renewal of scholarships already granted, according to a statement issued here.

The recipients of the scholarship should be enrolled in a full-time university program and no grants will be made for night courses, part-time or non-academic studies.

The scholarships will be granted on a selective basis to students of Armenian origin who lack the means to pursue university studies either in their country of residence or abroad. In principle, the Foundation does not encourage studies to be pursued in universities outside the applicant's country of residence.

Candidates must have a high academic standing and hold indispensable qualifications for entrance in a university. Selections will be made among those candidates who are judged by the Foundation to be the most meritorious. Preference will be given to candidates from families whose members have not received scholarships from the Foundation previously.

Candidates interested in obtaining a scholarship are invited to send their hand-written applications by May 31, 1976, at the latest, to the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Department of Armenian Affairs, Avenida de Berna, Lisbon 1, Portugal.

The Foundation has indicated that it will also entertain for a very limited number of grants, applications from students already in possessionof a university degree and who wish to undertake postgraduate studies either in their country of residence or abroad. The procedure for applying will be the same as that outlined for undergraduate scholarships.

When all the applications have been processed, the applicants will be informed directly from Lisbon headquarters of the Foundation regarding the outcome of their application.

London Concert Features Armenian Church Music Conducted by L. Tjeknavorian

LONDON, ENGLAND - Armenian liturgical music dating from the Middle Ages and seldom heard in public, was performed for the first time by a professional British choir, the Ambrosian Singers, at the Purcell Room on London's South Bank on February 19 under the distinguished composer-conductor Loris Tjeknavorian.

For London concert-goers and scholars, as well as the thriving Armenian community here, it was a fascinating opportunity to hear some expressive, even florid chants (Sharakan) - sung in the original Old Armenian - which have been called by one famed British music authority (Grove's Dictionary) 'among the most beautiful of all the known oriental styles'.

Armenian music has survived an unparalleled history of persecution and 'corruption' through disarray of its traditional art forms. The precise notation of the original manuscripts has yet to be deciphered, but the chants to be performed at the Purcell Room have survived in their pure, original and unaduterated form, having been sung in the churches and monasteries since the 5th Century.

In modern times, Gomidas Vartabed authenticated and harmonized several thousand Armenian folk and church songs. Parts of his unique setting of the Mass was sung at the concert, which was presented by the Order of Saint Gregory and Saint Sarkis.

Loris Tjeknavorian has incorporated Armenian church melodies in his acclaimed Requiem for the Massacred, which received its world Premiere last year at St. John's, Smith Square. The recently-issued (Unicorn) recording of this powerful work by the London Percussion Virtuosi under the composer was included in a Ten Best of 1975 list by critic Ates Orga in the Magazine Records and Recording. Tjeknavorian's ballet Simorgh, also recorded by Unicorn, is in the repertory of the New London Ballet Company who gave its European premiere, with Galina Samsova, last July at Sakler's Wells Theatre. Tjeknavorian, a prodigious conductor in his own right, made his Royal Festival Hall debut in December with the New Philharmonia Orchestra and has been invited to conduct the London Symphony and Royal Philharmonic Orchestras at the Royal Festival Hall and Royal Albert Hall during 1976.

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LUNCHEON WITH SENATOR. *Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, center, was a guest for lunch at the Garfield Bank located in Montebello, California during his recent visit to the Los Angeles area. Hosted by the Bank's Armenian President John Gabriel, the luncheon in honor of the senator was attended by a number of local prominent Armenians. l. ro r., Mike Harabedian; John Gabriel, chairman and President of Garfield Bank; Senator Humphrey; Los Angeles attorney and former California State legislator Walter Karabian; Art Agajanian, a Director of the Bank. Garfield bank has a heavy percentage of stockholders of Armenian origin.*

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS OF BOW INSTRUMENTS

YEREVAN, Armenia - Forgotten names of outstanding Armenian musicians of the 19th and 20th centuries are mentioned in the monograph, "The Art of Bow Instrument Playing," by Asst. Prof. of the Yerevan Conservatory, Anahid Tzitzikian, prominent Armenian violinist who has performed in many countries.

The monograph mentions instrumentalists whose destinies were closely linked with the development of European and American music, among them cellist Diran Alexanian of France and violinists Haig Kutenyan and Gisak Vruir of the United States.

Of interest are the pages devoted to the Chamber Ensemble formed by members of the Sinanian family. The ensemble played an important role on the music scene in countries of the Middle East during the last century.

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

NEW YORK CITY

MAR. 5 - A.G.B.U. LECTURE SERIES. "The Individual and His Importance" by Rev. Dr. G.H. Chopoorian, Guest Speaker. AGBU Library 628 Second Ave., New York, N.Y. 8:00 p.m. Voluntary donation $1.00 - Students Free.

MAR. 5, 6, 7 - N.Y. & N.J. ASA SINGING, SWINGING SKI WEEKEND at Mt. Snow, Vermont. For information call after 6:00 p.m. (516) 938-0460; (201) 646-0082.

MAR. 5 - LECTURE sponsored by Armenian Literary Society. Statler Hilton, 32nd St. & 7th Ave., NYC, 8:00 p.m. Guest speaker: Archbishop Karekin Sarkissian on "The General Assembly of the Council of Churches in Nairobi and the Position of the Armenian Church in World Christendom."

MARCH 5 - GAMES GAMES, GAMES NITE A.G.B.U. "YOUTH PLACE" sponsors game nite with Bingo, Ping-Pong, Backgammon, Group games, etc., Vartan Hall, 630 2nd Ave., NYC. 7:30 p.m.

MAR. 6 - ARAX A.F.A. TRADITIONAL SPRING BALL. Kavookjian Auditorium. Donation: $7.00

MAR. 6 - LAS VEGAS NITE St. Sarkis Church, 213 St. & 42nd Ave., Bayside, N.Y., 9:00 p.m.

MAR. 7 - A.Y.F. DAY CELEBRATION sponsored by N.Y. Hyortik Chapter, Pashalian Hall, 221 E. 27th St., NYC, 3:00 p.m.

MAR. 12 - DISCO, DISCO, DISCO NITE, A.G.B.U. "YOUTH PLACE" sponsors Disco Nite with latest disco music. Admission $2.00, Vartan Hall, 630 2nd Ave., NYC, 8:00 p.m.

MARCH 14 - "ITS SO HARD TO DIE," a comedy in death. Hamazkain A.C.A. - N.Y. theatrical presentation sponsored by N.Y. Armenian Relief Society. Fashion Institute of Technology 227 West 27th St. N.Y.C. Details to follow

MARCH 20 - KEFF NITE Sponsored by the Armenian Society of Greater New York. Kavookjian Auditorium, NYC. Details to follow.

MARCH 21 - APRIL 2 - ART EXHIBIT by Marcel Apkarian. Presented by the AGBU Art Committee. Opening reception: Sunday, March 21, 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Weekdays, 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.; Fridays till 7:00 p.m. AGBU Gallery, 628 Second Avenue, NYC.

MARCH 28 - LECTURE ON DANIEL VAROUJAN by Mrs. Kohar Tololyan from Boston. Sponsored by the ARS Washington Heights chapter. Pashalian Hall, 221 E. 27th Street, N.Y.C. 3:00 p.m. Refreshments. Admission free.

APR. 10 - DINNER DANCE sponsored by A.R.S. Erepouni Chapter, at Elks Lodge, Elmhurst, N.Y. Armenian-American music. Details to follow.

MAY 1 - ANNUAL DINNER-DANCE by the Armenian Welfare Association. Villa Bianca, Flushing, N.Y. Details to follow.

MAY 22 - N.Y. ASA ANNUAL ARTISTS' BALL, St. Moritz On-the-Park. Details to follow.

JUNE 5 - LUCINE AMARA 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. Kavookjian Auditorium. Lili Chookasian, Mistress of Ceremonies. Details to follow.

JUNE 5 - "ORIENTAL NIGHT II." Proceeds for Building Fund, St. Illuminator's Armenian Cathedral. Air conditioned Pashalian Hall, 221 E. 27th St. Onnig Dinkjian, John Berberian. Advance sale, $8.50; $10.00 at door. Mezza included. 9:30 p.m.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

MAR. 5 - LENTEN SUPPER by the Ladies Aid Society of the Armenian Presbyterian Church, 140 Forest Ave., Paramus, N.J. 6:30 p.m. Res.: Mrs. Kazanjian (201) 342-8546; Mrs. R.S. Movsesyan (201) 944-2288.

MARCH 27 - ORIENTAL KEFF NITE sponsored by N.Y.-N.J. AGAU Track Team. Music by Johnny Berberian Ensemble featuring Onnig Dinkjian. Social, Assyrian Church, 644 Paramus Road, Paramus, N.J. Donation: $7.50 including mezza. For reservations: [201]224-4441; [212]224-9813.

APRIL 4 - "HAMPOOYRE" theatrical presentation by Hamazkain Armenian Cultural Association of N.J. Sts. Vartanantz Church Auditorium, 461 Bergen Blvd. Ridgefield, N.J. 3:00 p.m. sharp.

APR. 17 - BENEFIT DANCE TO AID ARMENIANS IN LEBANON by Hamazkain Armenian Cultural Association of New Jersey. In American Legion Hall 444 Palisade Avenue, Cliffside Park, N.J. At 9:00 p.m. Music by Sevan Band.

MAY 8 - DINNER DANCE sponsored by Sts. Vartanantz Church of N.J., at the Westmont Country Club in West Paterson, N.J. American Band: Continentals Armenian Band: John Berberian Ensemble featuring Onnig Dinkjian. Details to follow.

MAY 8 - 19TH ANNUAL COTILLION BALL by St. Thomas Armenian Church, Tenafly, N.J., at Tammy Brook Country Club, Cresskill, N.J. Res. (201) 945-7147.

MAY 12 - LUNCHEON-FASHION SHOW, Northern N.J. AGBU. Tammy Brook Country Club, Cresskill, N.J. Reservations: Alice Philibosian, (201)224-4888.

OCT. 2 - BEEFSTEAK ARMENIAN--AMERICAN DINNER-DANCE. Entertainment Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church Hall, Ridgefield, N.J.

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Successors of Ancient Professions

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SOPHISTICATED TECHNIQUES

Not long ago, an entirely new specialty was set up here - the cold treatment of colored glass. Its initiator was Viyul Mouradian, Candidate of Sciences (Technology), Director of the Factory for the Treatment of Semi-precious Stones. He invited the collective body of the school to join forces with the factory in this very interesting branch of applied arts, which had never been dealt with before in Armenia. And now, here it is, the new work-shop operating at the factory where graduates of the school are already at work.

Mouradian is not the only person supporting close co-operation with the school. The Ministry of Local Industry of Armenia has appointed specific enterprises in Yerevan, and other towns of the public which have become the basic centres for the school. Special production enterprises for the development of domestic crafts have been set up in Sisvan. Vartenis, Girovagan and Stepanavan. Talented young boys and girls of those towns come to our capital to study. After getting their professional education, they go back to their enterprises and are provided with work in their new skill.

IN GREAT DEMAND

Masters of decorative-applied arts are in great demand. After all, in addition to the studies on ancient Armenian crafts, the graduates of the school work much in the field of industrial aesthetics. They are the coveted specialists at many enterprises of the republic. Not only are they popular skilled masters with a secondary education, but also holders of a singularly wonderful aesthetic training and strong knowledge of a number of subjects which form the pride of higher educational students, such as political economy, Soviet Law, special technology, the science of materials, mineralogy... Many of them subsequently become students of higher educational institutions, being most often admitted at the faculties of industrial aesthetics...

A museum of decorative-appied arts of the different nationalities of the Soviet Union is to be set up in Moscow. There is no reason to doubt that articles made by the Armenian masters of various generations, are to be represented in the museum with their traditional and contemporary directions. And there is no doubt, too, that the products of those ancient crafts, which were born anew at the Yerevan Vocational-technical School, will arouse a special interest.

Ankara Blames Armenians for Assassination of Turks

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and reluctance to discuss the Turkish massacres of 1.5 million Armenians in 1915) is the concern that the country's Foreign Ministry has admitted privately about the possible consequences of Gourken Yanikian's retrial. The Turkish Government has dispatched two officials to take appropriate measures to see that American, as well as world attention, is not focused on the trial. Those two officials have already hired lawyers and have commissioned a public relations firm for advice.

What is most intriguing though is Turkey's radical change in attitude regarding the killing of the Turkish diplomat in Lebanon, which is markedly different from what was exhibited in the aftermath of the killings of two ambassadors in Europe last fall. At that time, the Turks took great pains to reassure the world that the Armenians were not included on their list of suspects and that Turkish-Amrenian relations have always been cordial and conducted with mutual respect.

All that has changed now, and for the remaining Armenians in Turkey dark clouds have appeared on the horizon. Recent speculation by the ranks of Turkish officialdom more often indicates the belief that Armenians were involved in the most recent killings.

More significantly, the editor of Milliyet, a respected Turkish daily, Abdi Ipekji, conducted a lengthy interview with an Armenian journalist, discussing the more sensitive aspects of Turkish-Armenian relations.

In his opening remarks, the Turkish editor stated openly that the recent wave of political assassinations will create an "uneasy atmosphere" for Armenians in Turkey. Said Mr. Ipekji, "If Armenians in the Diaspora continue to maintain their anti-Turkish attitude against Turkey and the Turks, no one should doubt that the tranquillity of Armenians living in Turkey will not be disturbed. The agitation in the Diaspora will result in a chain reaction in this country." Then the journalist speculated that the hidden intention of those "agitators" is to attract world attention to their cause.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

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PENNA.

MAR. 20 - PHILA. ASA's 65TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER-DANCE, GSB Building, Belmont and City Aves., Phila., featuring the Steve Vosbikian Ensemble.

MAY 8 - SPRING BALL featuring Richard Hagopian, Hachig Kazarian, George Regalis, and Bob Sohigian, "Kef Time." Sponsored by Armenian Sisters Academy. Details to follow.

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MAR. 5,6,7 - BOSTON ASA 3RD ANNUAL GETAWAY WEEKEND. Friday nite "Disco" featuring Dale Dorman (WRKO): Saturday - Noon Kef; Saturday P.M. Dance, Sunday Breakfast, Sunday Noon Kef - featuring Harry Minassian Ensemble. Lodging Friday and Saturday Nites, Sheraton Regal Inn, Hyannis (Cape Cod), Mass.

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Special to The New York Times

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South westerly view of the new Sanctuary, First Armenian Prebyterian Church, Fresno.

Fresno Presbyterians To Dedicate New Church

FRESNO — The Session and Congregation have set Sunday, June 13, for the dedication service of the sanctuary of the First Armenian Presbyterian Church on First Street.

The service will start at 4 PM followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Vartkes Kassouni, pastor of the church, will preside at the dedication of the $600,000 structure.

The sanctuary, the second of a three-phase building project, includes a pastor's study, a bride's room and a nursery area with windows so persons inside can view the service. The main sanctuary will seat 250 persons.

The inspiring church doors and windows all depict scenes of Armenian and church history. The interior gives a feeling of oneness to those sitting in the sanctuary.

Edward Avedisian, A.I.A., is the architect, and Jessen Company is the contractor. The third phase of the project will include a social hall. The first, the Christian education center, was completed in 1969.

Slaying Perils Peace Effort

BEIRUT — The sister of Kamal Jumblatt, leader of the leftist-Moslem Alliance in the Lebanese civil war, was killed May 27 by an unidentified gunman in her apartment in the Christian-controlled sector of Beirut.

Although the murder of Linda Atrash, 55, was immediately denounced by the leaders of the Phlange, the conservative Christian militia that controls the area, it give rise to fears of growing violence here.

Ronald Reagan Raps Ford's Cyprus Policy

(Editor's Note: The following is a position paper issued by former Governor Ronald Reagan on Cyprus.)

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"The continuing tragedy in Cyprus is another example of the failure of the Kissinger-Ford foreign policy. Their policies regarding the confrontation of our two NATO allies, Greece and Turkey, over Cyprus did not generate enough initiative for compromise and understanding. Instead, there was conflict.

"There are old and deeply-rooted antagonisms between Greek and Turkish populations in many areas where they share borders. The independence of Cyprus in 1960 created conditions of very difficult balance between these two populations on an island that is only 40 miles from Turkey and more than 300 miles from Greece. (Some 80% of the Cypriots are Greek; 20% Turkish.)

"Skillful outside mediation was required to prevent a war between Greece and Turkey over Cyprus in 1967. Forceful action enbodied in the negotiation by US Presidential envoy Cyrus R. Vance at that time did serve to prevent armed conflict of the sort that did break out in 1974.

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John Toomasian Speaks At Fresno AGBU Evening School Hantes-Dinner

FRESNO — More than 200 parents, grandparents, cousins and friends crowded into the Fresno AGBU Center to watch and hear their children, grandchildren and cousins at the second annual AGBU Armenian School Hantes and Dinner.

John Toomasian, president of the Fresno Unified School Board and a candidate for Fresno County Supervisor in District Three, challenged the parents and the young to continue being active in their communities.

Toomasian, a history instructor at Fresno City College, talked of his youth, of the strictness of his parents, and of the values that they had passed on to him. And he stressed the need for a return to basic education, supporting an emphasis on the teaching of reading, writing and arithmetic.

After Toomasian's talk, Mrs. Berjouhi Ohanian introduced the classes and individual members of classes of the AGBU School. And what followed was approximately one-half hour of recitations by individuals and group, singing by individuals and groups, and dancing by the older girls.

The Very Rev. Father Mousheg Tashjian, pastor of the Hollywood Church, congratulated the youngsters and their parents and complimented Toomasian for his meaningful remarks. Father Tashjian then sang a new Armenian song, which was well received.

Allan Y. Jendian, treasurer of the school's board of education, was the emcee, and George Keledjian, principal of the evening school, spoke briefly — taking time though to introduce his staff and members of the board of education.

Teachers during the past year included Miss Zaroohi Der Mugrdechian, Ara Movsesian, Mrs. Mary Amerian, Mrs. Ohanian, Mrs. Vera Erysian, Jirair Jabagchourian, Mrs. Eunice Chamichian, and Miss Doris Kasparian, lecture class coordinator. Mrs. Pat Keledjian was coordinator of the cooking-class.

Members of the board of education include Hagie Kandarian, president; Gilbert Khachadourian, vice president; Jendian, treasurer; Mrs. Anoush Chamlian, secretary; and Richard Ashton, Dr. Morton (Hovanesian) Johnson and Keledjian. Mrs. Norma Der Mugrdechian is school secretary, and Mrs. Elaine Nahigian the refreshment coordinator.

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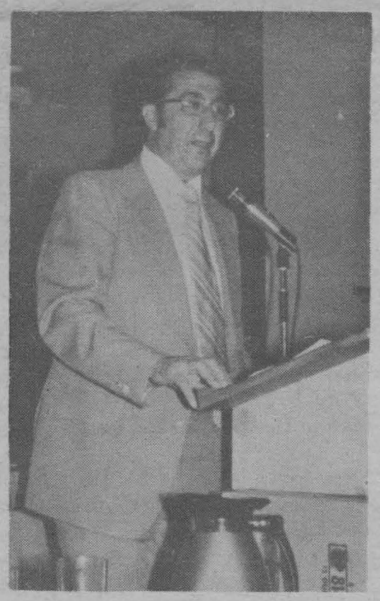


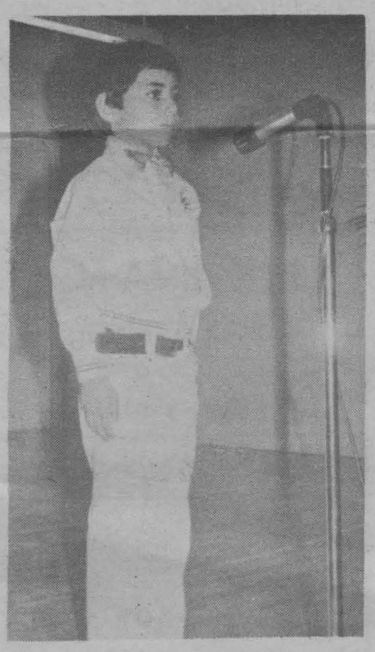
CANDIDATE JOHN
"self-discipline important"

LA Ararat Home Picnic Aug. 22

LOS ANGELES—The annual Ararat Home Picnic will be held Sunday, Aug. 22, on the Home grounds, 3730 W. 27th Street, in Los Angeles.

Robert Shamlian, chairman of the Ararat Home Board of Trustees, said the picnic menu will feature traditional shish kebab dinners as well as "other Armenian foods."

Besides entertainment and music, many prizes will also be offered during the day's festivities. Shamlian said the picnic is one of many acitivities held during the year in support of the Home and its residents.



ARI ZAMBAK
. . . a show stopper

PROGRAM OF SONGS — The Armenian III class, taught by Mrs. Berjouhi Ohanian, offered a number of Armenian songs. Left to right, Vartuhi Madanyan, Annabelle Sarkissian, Caroline Kuljian, Kathy Kuljian, Arlene Handjian, Sonya Kostan and Anne Zambak.

HYE REFLECTIONS

By Dr. Art Margosian

ELECTION 1976 — Tuesday is election day for Californians, and my advice is that every American citizen should take advantage of one of his or her greatest rights — that being the right to vote. Both Democrats and Republicans will have choices for the presidency and US Senator. Republicans will be able to choose between Gerald Ford and Ronald Reagan. Democrats will will have quite a field to select from. Your editor's preference for the presidency — Hubert Humphrey — will not be on the ballot. Study your candidates' records — not their personalities or smiles — then vote.

IN FRESNO COUNTY — As I mentioned last week, those of us in Fresno County will have a chance to help elect a well qualified Armenian-American, John Toomasian, to the Board of Supervisors. I will be encouraging my friends who live in District Three to vote for John Toomasian Tuesday.

In my own district, Armenian-Americans have a true friend in Sharon Levy, who will be running for her first full term on the Board of Supervisors in District Two. Sharon has earned the voters' support for re-election. She has given the job number one priority, and she has shown her strong individuality and her sensitivity on issues to those who live in her district during her some 14 months in office. And so I say vote for Sharon Levy in District Two and John Toomasian in District Three Tuesday. Above all, Vote Tuesday!!

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CONGRESSMAN HAYS BUSY — The new controversial Congressman Hays of Ohio was busy during the House of Representatives Future Foreign Policy Subcommittee of International Relations, which became the first serious group to hear testimony on how this country can help prevent future crimes of genocide.

Edward Boghosian, editor of "The Armenian Reporter," said in last week's paper that Hays walked out of the hearing "questioning the relevance of discussing the Turkish genocide of the Armenian people, arguing the validity of claims against present-day Turkey for the propriety of holding such hearings on such a subject in view of the 'present fragile international situation.' He questioned the usefulness of discussing events of the past." And Hays said more of the same before he walked out.

Some advice to the congressman: spend more of your time reading history of our own country and of other nations of the world you seem to be concerned about.

My congratulations to Dr. Dennis Papazian of The Armenian Assembly in Washington, D.C. for coordinating the presentations by Armenian-Americans and others before the House Subcommittee.

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WRITE DOWN JUNE 25-27 — Richard Demirjian and his Western Armenian Athletic Association will probably set new marks of excellence at the 8th annual Armenian Olympics June 25, 26 and 27 in Hayward. I'm hoping that you readers will help Richard and his associates establish a new attendance record.

Long hours of hard work are put in preparation and in the carrying out of the track, basketball and soccer competitions. The ingredient that has been missing the past few years is a packed grandstand. The young men and women — and even the oldsters like Dr. Hairabedian, Payton Jordan and Dr. Edward Manougian — offer first class competition. If you attend this year, you won't miss the 9th and 10th annual Olympics. Plan now to reserve that weekend. The drive or flight to the Bay Area will be worthwhile, and you will be helping to support our young generation of Armenian-Americans and the great WAAA.

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MORE GOOD NEWS — Our Uncle George Mardikian of San Francisco is feeling much better since his return from a busy schedule of visiting the White House; attending the tremendous Armenian-American Bicentennial in Philadelphia (where he was named one of 24 outstanding Armenian-Americans); and being honored at Fairleigh Dickinson University for his contributions to this country. He was hospitalized while in New Jersey — fatigue, I say. George gives his all no matter where he goes. He is a full-time American and Armenian.

His fellow Rotarians expressed it very well when they honored him earlier this year in San Francisco. "If you were to select an additional name for our honoree — it must be 'SERVICE' for here, fellow Rotarians, is an enthusiastic service; given freely and in limits that defy comparison. Indeed service is a way of life for this man."

The Rotarian said that Albert Schweitzer, unknowingly described "this fine Rotarian" when Schweitzer said, "The great secret of success is to go through life as a man who never gets used up (underlines mine)" George was introduced then as "steadfast in his service to God and man, honorable in all of his doings and a perfect example of America's free enterprise system."

We agree wholeheartedly with George's fellow Rotarians. I would suggest that George M. Mardikian would be a perfect model for all young and middle-aged Armenian-Americans.

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Ronald Reagan Critical Of US Cyprus Action

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government did not pursue a policy of preventive mediation. First, it looked the other way when the since-disposed Greek junta sought to interfere in Cyprus with a coup d'etat. The Turks responded by bringing in troops, initially to protect the island's Turkish minority. But then, in August the Turks, without provocation, moved their armed forces into ethnically Greek areas of Cyprus. As a result of these moves there was much blood shed and a large portion of the island's Greek citizens were displaced from their homes and land.

"A weak diplomatic response by the Ford administration, along with its failure to discourage the use by the Turks of American arms which had been provided for the purpose of common NATO defense aggravated the problem.

"I believe in the right of self-determination for the peoples of Cyprus. A reduction of Turkish military forces and their confinement to areas that are ethnically Turkish would be a major step toward resolving the problem. Cypriot refugees should also be allowed to return to their homes and land.

"The United States has a basic responsibility in the Mediterranean area to see that peace and stability are maintained by means of preventive mediation and negotiation between these two nations, both of which are our allies and friends. We should use our good offices to bring about peaceful solutions.

"Both Greece and Turkey are important to the security of the southern flank of NATO. In the future, the Secretary of State should maintain a permanent state of diplomatic and political exchange to secure tranquility and understanding between these NATO partners of ours. This was not done in the recent past."

Top Performer

PROVIDENCE, RI — Ed Ajootian of Providence turned in New England's finest performance in the weight throw this season for Harvard against West Point, capturing the 35-pound weight throw with a heave of 61' 11¾".

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS — Left to right are Krikor Krouzian, Mrs. George Christopher, Mr. Orbelian, former SF Mayor George Christopher, Bishop Sumbat Lapajian and Ralph Israleian. About $15,000 was raised at the SF Martyrs Day program.

$15,000 For Lebanon Relief Raised At Bay Martyrs Commemoration

SAN FRANCISCO — More than 500 people gathered in the Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco April 25 for a mass meeting to aid Armenians in Lebanon and commemorate Martyrs day.

Chairman of the event Krikor Krouzian said approximately $15,000 in cash was raised for "our brothers and sisters in Lebanon." The appeal for help was made by Attorney Ralph Israelian, member of the Executive Committee of the Western Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America.

A delightful program followed beginning with several selection by the Byzantine Chorale Group under the direction of Edward Godoshian.

Former Mayor George Christopher gave a stirring address setting forth the need of dedicating oneself to alleviate the great injustice done to the Armenian people by Turkey. Supervisor John Molinari, representing Mayor George Mosconi, read a very emotional procalamation from the Office of the Mayor.

John Madatian at the concert grand piano and Zaven Melikian, violinist and Assistant Concert Master of the San Francisco Symphony, inspired the audience. Araxie Talbert of the Armenian Radio Hour, offered a recitation.

One of the highlights of the event was a thought-provoking address by former Majority Floor Leader of the California Assembly, Walter Karabian. The former Assemblyman stressed the importance of political action as the primary means of accomplishing the various goals of the Armenian people.

Demonstrations and speeches are not enough, he declared. We must get involved in the political process if we are to make progress in the future.

The meeting was closed by Bishop Sumbat Lapajian, Prelate of the Western Prelacy

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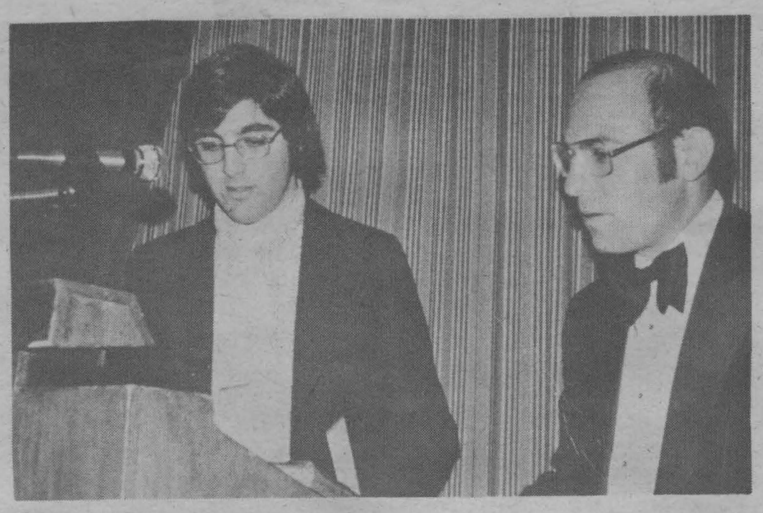

1975 RECIPIENT — Jack Boghosian, a graduate student in psychology at Fuller Seminary, is shown receiving $500 scholarship from scholarship chairman Richard Mushegain (right) at last year's presentation of APS awards at the Wilshire Country Club. Scholarships will be granted for the eighteenth time by the society.

APS Offers Scholarships To Graduate Students

By Seda Marootian

LOS ANGELES — Richard Mushegain, currently serving his second term as scholarship chairman of the Armenian Professional Society, announced that scholarship applications are now being accepted from Armenian graduate students residing in California.

For the past 18 years the society has awarded in excess of $30,000 in scholarships to deserving students.

Scholarship candidates must be of Armenian descent, have already earned a bachelor's degree or its equivalent, enrolled in a graduate school pursuing a course of study leading to an advanced degree, or a candidate for graduate studies for the semester beginning in the fall of 1976.

Prospective candidates may obtain applications by writing to chairman Mushegain, 404 Plumosa Drive, Pasadena, Ca. 91125. Deadline for applications is Aug. 15.

Last year's four scholarship recipients who received $500 each included Jack Boghosian of Pasadena, graduate student in psychology at Fuller Seminary; George Anterasian of Sepulveda, medical student at UCLA; Levon Marashlian, graduate student in Armenian History at UCLA; and Ann Nalbandian of Tarzana, candidfor a medical degree at USC.

Alert Teller Foils Bank Robbery Suspect's Effort

FRESNO — Quick thinking by Mary Andoian, a bank teller, led to the arrest of a bank robber who fled with almost $400 from the Security Pacific National Bank branch at 1264 N. Wishon Ave. May 28, police reported.

Edgar Wesley Hevle Jr., 22, was arrested about two hours later by police and FBI agents after the suspect was traced from information obtained when Ms. Andoian got the license number of the get-away car, police said.

Ms. Andoian told investigators the robber came to her window and handed her a note which said, "This is a robbery." He told her to keep her hands above the counter and not to get nervous.

Ms. andoian gave the suspect $398 and he ran out of the bank, according to police. The teller then ran to a window on the north side of the bank and took down the license number of the car in which the robber fled.

Investigators later learned the suspect would be at the 3500 block of East Shields Avenue shortly after 5 PM and when he showed up, Hevle was taken into custody, police said.

Investigators said they were told by Hevle he needed the money because he is in debt from his heroin habit. Police said Hevle also admitted to robbing the guarantee Savings and Loan Association branch at 3141 N. Cedar Ave. May 17.

GOURMET'S DELIGHT — Left to right, Mrs. Hranoosh Hussian, Mrs. Maritza Chakmakjian, president of the AGBU Ladies Auxiliary; and Mrs. Christina Avakian display one of the many Armenian delicacies that will be featured at Sunday's AGBU Summer Buffet.

'Summer Buffet' Will Benefit AGBU Center

FRESNO — A "Summer Festival," featuring an assortment of Armenian delicacies, will be sponsored by the Armenian General Benevolent Union Center Committee Sunday, June 6, at the AGBU Center, 1720 Fulton Street, in Fresno.

Armenian cuisine, featuring shish kebab sandwiches, pilaf, koofta, boerag, yalanchi, kheyma sandwiches, bourma, and pastries, will be served ala carte between 12:30 PM and 6 o'clock.

There will be a Country Store featuring handcrafted items, and a "take-out booth" for guests who prefer to dine at home or restock their freezers.

The activities will also include bingo games and entertainment.

Proceeds from the event will be used for Center improvements. The Center, the scene of many cultural, social and educational activities for local AGBU chapters, also houses the central office of the Western District of the AGBU. "The Center is instrumental in inspiring the younger generation to greater dedication of time and energies toward the benevolent works of the AGBU," a Center spokesman said.

Armenian-Americans Endorse Sharon Levy

FRESNO — A number of Armenian-Americans have announced their support for Sharon Levy in her campaign for re-election as Supervisor of District Two in Fresno in Tuesday's election.

Mrs. Levy, who was elected to complete the term of John Krebs when Krebs was elected to Congress in 1974, previously served as chairman of the Fresno County Planning Commission. She currently is chairman of the Fresno County Unit of the California Criminal Justice Commission.

"Mrs. Levy is an independent thinker and does not seek or need the assistance of special interest groups," a Levy supporter said. "She is a full-time supervisor who is close to the people in her district, and she listens attentively to their problems."

Among the Armenian-Americans supporting her in Tuesday's election are Mrs. Robert Koligian, Mrs. Vi Brown Melikian, Ara Koligian, Marian and Carl Simonian, Mr. and Mrs. Karney Hodge, Mr. and Mrs. Zeke Abaci, Mr. and Mrs. George Apregan, Joy Torigian, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shumavon, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Margosian, Gary and Debbie Garabedian, Morris and Doris Manoogian, George Kevorkian, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Mazmanian, John Agbashian, Henry and Margaret Boyajian, Russell and Nadine Devorian, Audrey Melikian, Seta Cholakian, Dr. and Mrs. Leo Shishmanian, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moradian, Zoe Margarian, Mary Googooian, Marie Avakian and Leo and Dottie Koligian.

Birth Rate Rises

YEREVAN — The statistics say that 16,000 children are born in Yerevan. In the past 50 years, the city's population has multiplied 20 times. The child population now exceeds 300,000. The average density is 185 persons per square mile, with the highest concentration in the Ararat Valley.

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Invitation To The Annual General Assembly

The Central Board of Directors of the Armenian General Benevolent Union hereby gives notice to all of the members of the AGBU qualified to attend, that the 63rd General Assembly will convene on Saturday, October 16, 1976, at 10 AM at the Gullabi Gulbenkian Cultural Center, Haik Kavookjian Auditorium, 630 Second Avenue, New York, NY, USA.

This is the only notice which will be given for the 63rd General Assembly. We, therefore, request the qualified members of the AGBU to attend the Assembly in person at the above mentioned date, or, to deliver or submit, on or before September 21, 1976, their proxies to the Executive Director of the AGBU at the following address:

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AGENDA

1. Consideration and approval of the Report on the Activities of the Association for the year 1975.
2. Consideration and approval of the Association's 1975 Financial Report.
3. Election of Directors whose terms expire or to fill vacancies.
4. Election of a member of the Auditing Committee whose term expires.
5. Consideration of proposals for the good and welfare of the Association.
6. Consideration and approval of Resolutions.

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Upland High Honor Graduate Receives $1,250 Scholarship

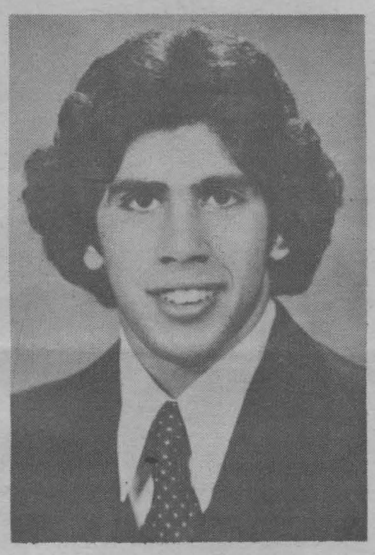
UPLAND — Clement Papazian, son of Dr. and Mrs. Clement E. Papazian and a graduating senior at Upland High School, was recently awarded the first prize scholarship of $1250 by the Chaffey Trust Fund.

Three seniors from each of the five high schools in the Chaffey Union High School District were selected for their high academic records, participation in student activities, potential for collegiate success, and personally written statements. Each student was interviewed in a private session before six judges selected by the officers of the Trust Fund.

Clem's other honors include being selected for the Outstanding Senior Award at his high school. The award, sponsored by the California Savings & Loan League, recognizes the outstanding seniors in 600 California high schools and consists of a $100 cash award and an engraved bronze medallion. Presentations to the Los Angeles County recipients were made at a recent banquet in the Los Angeles Biltmore Hotel.

The Upland senior was also one of three students representing his school who received the Award of Distinction from the San Antonio League for outstanding achievements in *scholarship, citizenship,* leadership, and athletics.

Clem has attained life membership in the California Scholarship Federation for his



CLEMENT PAPAZIAN

academic achievements, and has captained the varsity wrestling team in his junior and senior year. He was selected by his teammates for the Most Improved Award after his first varsity year, and the Most Inspirational Award in both his junior and senior years.

Wrestling in the 135-pound class, he participated in the CIF Southern California Sectionals for two years, won a second place in the California State AAU Greco-Roman wrestling finals in 1975, and recently was selected to the All-San Gabriel Valley team. Last year Clem served as a cultural exchange host for the visiting AAU Japanese wrestling team during its stay in the Upland area.

During his high school career he was freshman class president, student body business manager, and student body president. Clem was voted "Most Likely to Succeed" by his classmates, and plans to attend Boston University in September. He will major in psychology in preparation for a career in medicine.

Readers are invited to forward news items to the editor of The California Courier. The editor reserves the right to determine the news value of the items and use them on a timely and space available basis.

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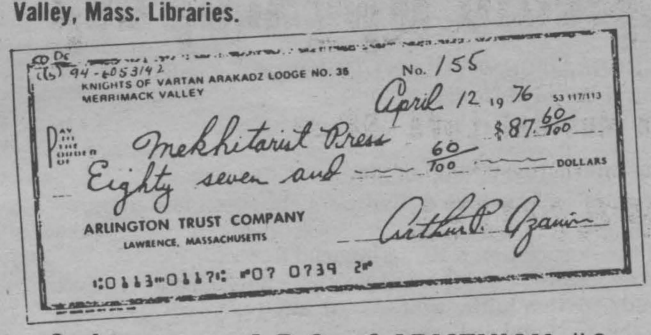

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FRESNO GRAPEVINE

VISALIA — Kathi Strickland Brophy will be here this month to visit her mother, Maryann Strickland and Rudy II of Visalia.

Kathi lives in Winston-Salem, NC and is a commercial interior designer. She heads her own firm, "Interdesigns."

While here she will visit with her uncles' families, George and Harry Buyuklians and grandparents, the Atom Markarians.

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FOWLER — Joan Avedisian Avedian won the first annual Raisin Tennis Tournament at the San Joaquin Athletic and Racket Club in Fresno. Twenty eight players participated in the May 7th event.

The tournament, first of an annual event, was sponsored by the raisin industry of California. Tournament chairman was Harry Avedisian. Other committee members included Ron Kazarian, Mel Kazarian and Marcus Marootian. Ron Kazarian was the tournament director.

Other winners included: Class A Consolation, Harry Avedisian, 1st; Class B, Ronald Karabian, 2nd; Class C, Jim Torosian, 2nd; Mark Avedian, consolation.

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FRESNO — Dick Thomas is still doing "wheelies" at the West Coast Relays.

Last Saturday afternoon, with the temperature in the mid 80's, Thomas strong-armed his wheelchair around Ratcliffe Stadium twice in the time of 3:27.13.

Thomas attends Fresno City College.

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FRESNO — Bryan Arax received the Harry Coffee award for his baseball proficiency during the annual Bullard High School Awards Evening.

Roxie Yeram Honored On 70th Birthday

SAN JOSE — A surprise 70th birthday luncheon honoring Mrs. Roxie Yeram was given on Saturday, May 8th, by her daughters and sons-in-law, Roy and Vi Terrell of San Jose and Harvey and Marian Stepanian of Laton.

Mrs. Yeram and her late husband were pioneer settlers of the Armenian community in the Santa Clara Valley, having moved to this area more than 40 years ago.

Mrs. Yeram has been an active member of the Armenian Apostolic Church of Santa Clara Valley since its formation 15 years ago. She has served on the executive board of the ladies Society many times.

It was with the excitement of a well-kept secret that 50 of Mrs. Yeram's friends gathered at the Velvet Turtle Restaurant in San Jose to extend their good wishes.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Los Angeles

JUNE 11 — Friday, 21st ANNUAL ARMENIAN OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT of LA TRIPLE X FRATERNITY. Brookside Golf Course, Pasadena. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. For information call or write Leo Avazian, 2175 No. Grandoaks, Altadena, Ca. 91001 or telephone 798-5146 or 794-0942. Check next issue for entry blank.

JULY 1-4 — Thurs. thru Sun. 63rd Annual National Convention of the AGBU of America. Marriott Hotel (Airport & Century Blvd., LA)

AUG. 22 — Sunday afternoon — Ararat Home Annual Picnic, 3730 West 27th Street, Los Angeles. Delicious food, prizes and entertainment.

OCT. 23 — Saturday night — Ararat Home 25th Gala Anniversary Banquet, Marriott Hotel, 5855 W. Century Boulevard at Airport Boulevard, Los Angeles.

San Fernando Valley

JUNE 5 — 8TH GRADUATION BANQUET-BALL of FERRAHIAN ARMENIAN HIGH SCHOOL in the Grand Ballroom, Sheraton-Universal Hotel, Universal City Plaza, North Hollywood.

JUNE 13 — COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES of FERRAHIAN ARMENIAN HIGH SCHOOL, 5 PM, School Grounds, 5300 White Oak Avenue, Encino.

JUNE 13 — Sunday, St. Peter Church Annual Picnic, on parish Grounds, 17231 Sherman Way, Van Nuys. Fron noon til ??? Armenian delicacies, games for the children, raffle and much more. Everyone welcome. Bring the family and friends for a fun-filled day!

Pasadena

JUNE 5 — Saturday. In observance of the BiCentennial, St. Gregory Ladies' Society presents "AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL, IN FASHION" featuring originals from the collections of Luis Estevez and DINNER-DANCE. Fabulous door prizes (TV set, Las Vegas weekend, fine jewelry, and more). Chances are included in the price of admission. Lynn Willis Trio and Nairi Band for dancing. Social hour with complimentary hors d'oeuvres beginning at 7 PM and dinner at 8 o'clock, taking place at 2215 E. Colorado Blvd. Donaation $20 per person. For reservatons, call Vicky Bedrosian, 793-9274.

Fresno

MAY 28 — Fri. Fresno City College Armenian Club's Independence Day Dance. Food — Drinks and both Armenian and American music. Dancing, 7 PM until ?? Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church Hall, M & Ventura. Donation: $2.50 per person. Tickets at the door.

JUNE 6 — Sunday. 1 PM, Fresno AGBU Center Buffet, 1720 Fulton Street, Fresno. Variety of Armenian foods, homemade pastries, etc. For further information, call AGBU Office, 233-5626.

JUNE 15 — Tuesday. PREMIERE FILM SHOWING and CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION BENEFIT, St. Paul Armenian Church Building Fund. Premiere Film "THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT, PART II" to be shown 7:30 PM at the FESTIVAL THEATRE, 5560 N. Blackstone, CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION following at STEPHENSON MUSIC CO., 5243 N. BLACKSTONE. DONATION: $12.50 per person. For tickets call Mrs. Harry Hallaian, 439-5727 or Mrs. Leo Chooljian, 252-2412 or the Church Office, 264-2854.

JUNE 20-26 — — ACYOC Cultural Retreat at Dinkey Creek.

Fowler

JUNE 19 — Saturday. Banquet in honor of the Rev. Fr. Tatoul Yeretzian in celebration of the 25th year of his ordination. Sponsored by the St. Gregory Armenian Church of Fowler. Sheraton Inn in Fresno beginning at 6 PM. Reservations only — Public invited.

Reedley

NOV. 7 — Sunday. ARMENIAN CULTURAL DAY PROGRAM. Reedley Community Center. Details will follow. Reserve this date.

San Francisco-Oakland

JUNE 4, 5, 6 — 55th ANNUAL A.D.L. CONVENTION. Banquet and Dance, June 5. 7 PM. Sheraton Palace Hotel.

ARMENIAN RADIO HOUR — Every Sunday morning from 9 AM to 10 AM. KBRG-105.3 FM. For ads or information, call Araxie Talbert at 761-1362.

New Jersey

JUNE 25, 26, 27 — ARMENIAN STUDENTS ASSN of Washington, D.C. will hold its ANNUAL CONVENTION at the Cherry Hill HAYATT HOUSE HOTEL.

Fresno Hye Briefs

By Zoe Karagozian

SEVENTY FRIENDS and relatives sang "Happy Birthday, Louise" to Louise Googooian at a surprise birthday dinner party given by her sister-in-law, Mary Googooian, in her West Browning Avenue home Sunday, May 23rd.

Co-hosts and hostesses were Mary's son Keith, daughter Paula Ganimian and husband, Sam, and Mary's sister Florence Tatosian.

Louise's sisters, Anne Halford and Martha Ensher and sister-in-law Rose Googooian were among the Fresno guests present.

Out-of-town relatives attending were Alex Googooian, wife Martha and daughter Mary Ann of Huntington Harbor, Dr. Charles Googooian's sons Bob and Bill of Arcadia, cousins Haig and Dora Soghomonian from San Francisco, and Mary's aunt, Margaret Saroyan from Santa Barbara.

A shish kebab dinner and a beautifully decorated birthday cake were served at tables set around the swimming pool. The Rev. Harry Missirlian gave the invocation. The remainder of the afternoon was spent visiting and watching Louise, who was taken by complete surprise, open her many gifts.

There were many words of praise, too, for Louise who has worked hard and willingly all her life whether it was on the farm, a church dinner or just for friends and family — "just like her mother used to do," as one of the guests commented.

You deserve to be honored, Louise — may you have many more happy birthdays!

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WHEN MRS. ALICE TUTUNJIAN was president of the Church Women United Organization of Fresno in 1970, she and Mrs. Barbara Cooper originated the idea for the Garden House Tea Room — a volunteer project to raise funds to "assist and support community projects."

An Armenian lunch is served on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month with Mrs. Tutunjian and recently Armena Russian doing the cooking. Lunch by reservation is served five days a week at 12 noon and 1 PM at $2 a plate with dessert extra.

Mrs. Tutunjian, who is also on the guild's board of directors, said the profits during first two years went to "Fact," a drug abuse organization.

Since then $1,000 a month has gone to the East Fresno Boys Club, whose kitchen was recently furnished in their new building on Chestnut and Butler, the old one having burned down.

Among the women who have been serving the popular Armenian luncheons are Nora Magarian, Isabel Donian, Florence Marashian and Lily Paboojian.

Martin's Florist provides fresh flowers for the tables every week. The tea room, now known as Heritage Square, is located at 245 N. Fulton Street. Reservations may be made by calling 485-1880.

Clouds Give $2,500 To Hymnal Fund

FRESNO — Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Cloud and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Cloud of Fresno have donated $2,500 to the Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church for the purchase of 500 new hymn books.

The books, published by the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America, will be available next month. Included in the text are 427 hymns: 122 English-Armenian, 10 Armenian only, 10 Sharagans specially prepared for the hymnals (Armenian with English transcription); and 163 English hymns, old favorites and some new ones.

Also included will be statements of faith, responsive readings, litanies for special services and seasons, calls to worship, offertories and benedictions.

St. Peter Ladies To Fete Fathers

VAN NUYS — Fathers will be honored at the June 9 luncheon meeting of the St. Peter Ladies Society.

Mrs. Sarah Hadley, chairman of the Ladies Society, said "a most outstanding program" will be presented by Program Chairman Mrs. Alice Bazarian. Mrs. Siroon Mangurian, noted Southern California ceramic artist, will exhibit and speak about her ceramic art works. Mrs. Hadley said Mrs. Mangurian is a dynamic artist who reflects the age-old culture of Armenia with her creativity and artistry. Mrs. Mangurian is also well-known for her mezzo-soprano roles on stage and in opera. Her ceramics were recently exhibited at the Brand Library in Glendale.

Barkev Sarkissian will be the guest soloist. "His beautiful voice," Mrs. Hadley said, "is heard each Sunday as he serves as a Deacon at St. Peter Church. He is always a most welcomed performing artist at Society programs." Sarkissian will be accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Evelyn Shahan.

Members of the executive board will serve as hostesses. Luncheon will be served at 11:30 AM in the church fellowship hall. Members and guests are cordially invited to attend, Mrs. Hadley said.

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HYE HOSTS — Enjoying the Armenian for Good Government party honoring Los Angeles District Attorney John Van de Kamp, left to right, are Municipal Judge and Mrs. Richard Amerian, Van de Kamp, Lilly Ring and Paul and Betty Geragos. Mrs. Ring and Mrs. Giragos hosted the event for District Attorney Van de Kamp, who is seeking a full, four-year term in the June 8 primary

Mrs. Fred Serimian Elected 1976-77 President Of Haigazian Auxiliary

FRESNO — Mrs. Fred Serimian was elected president of the Haigazian College Women's Auxiliary during the organization's annual luncheon and election meeting May 12.

Other members of the 1976-77 cabinet elected to serve with Mrs. Serimian are Mrs. Henry Sanoian, vice president; Mrs. Myron Magarian, treasurer; Mrs. Carl Rustigian, recording secretary; Mrs. John Penir, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Leon Peters, parliamentarian..

Members of the board are Mmes. Jake Kizirian, W. W. Halford, Joe Dishian, Harry Tutunjian, Mike Simonian, Aggie Agabashian, N. Manissadjian, John Surabian, George Gulian, Martin Garabedian, Lee Yeramian and Dennis Peters.

Mrs. Evieny Janbazian, the featured luncheon speaker, discussed the "Beirut Crisis." Mrs. Janbazian, a recent arrival from Lebanon, said the war there was "religious rather than economic," and that many Armenians have "lost everything and are in need of help from the outside." Mrs. Janbazian's husband, Rev. Hagop Janbazian, was principal of an Armenian high school for 4½ years. The luncheon chairman and co-chairman were Mrs. Frank Balekian and Mrs. Henry Pazeian, respectively.

In other news Mrs. Serimian said the date for the annual BBQ has been set for Sept. 11.

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David Of Sassoun – Part II

David Defies King Of Egypt

Ohan went into the hills to see his nephew. All of a sudden a gray rabbit scampered away. David jumped up and raced into the hills after it, brought it back, and placed it among his motley flock. Then he turned to his uncle and remarked how the gray goats were always running away and how he had had to chase them all over the hills the day before.

Ohan looked at David's iron boots and saw that the soles were worn thin. Then he looked at his nephew's iron staff and saw that it was worn down. It was obvious that David had run a great distance searching for the stray animals. The next morning Ohan brought his nephew another pair of iron boots and a heavier iron staff.

The bold young shepherd once again drove his herd into the mountains, singing. The force of his voice rebounded from rock to rock. All sorts of animals came forth, and David added them to his flock. At night he brought them all into the town square and stretched out with them and fell asleep. In the morning, the wise men again saw David and his strange assortment of animals and went to Ohan to complain.

David had become a problem. Ohan had to find something for him to do that would not create trouble. He thought and thought. Finally he made David a bow and arrows and sent him into the mountains to hunt. At twilight the youth took refuge in the hut of an ancient dame. One night when he returned from hunting, the old woman screamed at him to stop destroying her livelihood and to do his hunting elsewhere. She told him to go to his father's mountain hunting grounds at Seghansar. David was filled with wonder, for he had never heard of such a place. His Uncle Ohan, the old crone said, would tell him all about it.

Early the next morning, David appeared at his uncle's door, questioned him about the game preserve of Mher the Lion, and insisted upon being taken thither. Astounded Ohan cursed the one who had revealed its existence to the young David. He told his nephew that the mountain region where he Mher the Lion had roamed no longer belonged to the Sassountsis but was captured and pillaged by the Egyptian king after the death of Mher. Ohan urged David to go back to his work. David, however, had no fear of the king of Egypt and could not understand how he could have any claim to the lands of Mher.

He persuaded Ohan to take him to the site. When they got there, they saw that the fortress had been demolished and the forest had been cut down.

When night came upon them, Strong-Voiced Ohan laid his head upon his quiver and snored peacefully. But David's mind was troubled. Soon, through the darkness came a glow of a blazing fire. David moved toward it as if caught by a spell. In a moment he was uplifted by it and carried higher and higher until he was set down in front of a huge marble boulder from the center of which burst forth a pure undulating flame. David hastened back to his uncle and told him what he had seen. Ohan made the sign of the cross and sorrowfully told his nephew of its meaning. On the site of the great mountain Marouta once stood the sacred monastery of the Blessed Madonna of Charghopan. Whenever Mher the Lion went to war, he first prayed at that monastery. After Mher died, the king of Egypt destroyed it, but the sacred flame still glowed.

David was overcome with emotion. He announced to his uncle his decision to climb the heights of Marouta and remain there until the abbey was restored to its former glory. He requested Ohan to send him five hundred artisans and five hundred laborers who could help him rebuild the monastery. In a short time, Marouta's monastery was restored, more resplendent than ever. The priests returned and once more the sound of prayer and the chanting of the mass echoed through the halls. Now his father's abbey was again filled with people.

When Egypt's Misra Melik received word of what had happened, he became exceedingly wroth. For seven years he had neglected to collect the tribute that he had forced the Sassountsis to promise him. Thereupon he sent his men under the leadership of Kouzbatin to Sassoun to collect the seven years' back taxes. He also ordered them to bring back forty young maidens, forty short women to turn the millstones, and forty tall women to load the camel caravans. And the women of Egypt sang rapturously of Kouzbatin's expedition to humiliate David, destroy the lands of Armenia, and capture its women.

Into Sassoun stormed the arrogant Kouzbatin, demanding his booty. Ohan was no match for him and offered him his pick of Sassoun's maidens and womenfolk and stores of Sassoun gold. With great glee did Kouzbatin select from Sassoun's damsels. Forty did he choose, and forty short women to turn the millstones, and forty tall women to load the caravans. Then did he gather pile after pile of Sassoun's gold. Great was the despair of the Armenians of Sassoun. —To Be Continued

A GLIMPSE

Into Armenia's Past

Genghis Khan

Genghis Khan in 1206 united the Mongol tribes of Central Asia and began to move rapidly westward. With a swift cavalry and skill with the crossbow, they killed as they advanced, taking no prisoners. They entered Asia Minor and swept over Armenia proper in 1236. Hetum saw the Mongols as a great menace, a force against which no combination of powers could resist. Consequently, he was determined to establish friendly relations with them.

In 1243, Hetem sent his father to the Mongol general Patchu to conclude a treaty of friendship. The general agreed to the terms on condition that the Armenian king journey to the Mongol capital in Central Asia to meet with the Great Khan. In 1248, Hetum's brother Sumpad left for Central Asia to pave the way for his brother's visit. However, Hetum's journey was delayed because of the death of Zabel and because of several military confrontations between Armenia and neighboring states.

Hetum received a second invitation to visit the Mongols and left in 1254 for Karakorum in Central Asia. He greeted the Great Khan with gifts and tried to convert him to Christianity. The treaty Hetum signed with the Khan was most favorable to the Armenians.

It provided that the Armenians and the Mongols would aid each other if either were attacked by a third party. The Armenians would help the Mongols in their conquest of Mespotamia and Palestine, and the Mongols in turn would assist the Armenians against Iconia and Egypt.

The Mongol armies would not enter Armenian territory without consent of the Armenians. Land that once belonged to the Armenians but was lost to others and had fallen into the hands of the Mongols would be returned to the Armenians. The Mongols would not destroy Christian churches.

Finally, the Mongols would reduce the taxes on Armenians within their domain. These generous terms would provide the Armenians with an ally against the Moslem powers in the Middle East, at least for a time. It did prevent the Mongol hordes from invading Armenia, and it opened the vast Mongol territory to Armenian commerce. Hetum returned with considerable satisfaction in 1256 to his capital at Sis. By 1258, the Mongols destroyed Bagdad.

Had the Crusaders taken the advice of the Armenians and also allied themselves with the Mongols, it is quite possible that they might have been converted to Christianity. Already several Mongol leaders had adopted the Nestorian cult, for their pagan beliefs no longer served them sufficiently well, and they found Christianity attractive. However, the Crusaders refused to initiate such an alliance, and the Mongols for the most part became Moslems.

What Others Say About Us

"The Armenians constitute the sole civilization, the sole humanizing element in Anatolia; peaceful to the degree of self-sacrifice; law-abiding to their own undoing and industrious and hopeful under conditions which would appall the majority of mankind. At their best they are the stuff of which heroes and martyrs are moulded."

—Dr. Emile Dillion, British journalist (1854-1933) in "Armenia, an Appeal."

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The Family Counselor

By Gloria Mahdesian

RESPECT AND DISRESPECT ARE LEARNED

Showing disrespect for teachers, parents, family or friends is an aggressive and usually undesirable solution to a problem. Respect is learned behavior and disrespect, a form of rebellion against it, is also learned.

Because of a young child's physical size, he, of necessity depends upon adults who are larger and more powerful for the essentials of living. It is part of natural development to respect that which is more powerful. Eventually, this respect for power can expand, if taught to the child by example, to include respect for personal integrity, achievement, individuality, resourcefulness, creativity and similar qualities.

However, this transition does not always occur. A child who has been taught to only respect power tends to lose respect for people who are no longer powerful enough to control him.

Disrespect can take many forms. Sarcastic comments aimed directly at a person or carefully made within earshot, is an example. Deliberately ignoring someone and being purposely rude are others. Offensive manners, lack of manners, outright defiance and disobedience to rules or requests are all signs of disrespect.

In analyzing why a child shows disrespect, ask these questions:

Has the child been tricked into conforming to parental wishes? A child loses respect for the adult who uses methods of deceit and trickery to get his way. Parents who tease and put down their children to get them to obey fall into this category.

Has physical force been the main method of discipline used with the child? If so, even a superficial respect for force will be lost when the adult is no longer powerful enough to secure obedience to his wishes by force.

Has the child had insufficient limits set by adults to differentiate between acceptable and unacceptable behavior. In a cartoon some years ago, the father of one youngster said to the father of another, "I never have any trouble with my kid, I just do everything he says." Children do not respect adults who do not respect themselves. Individuals who do not know how to set limits for themselves cannot hope to gain the respect of children.

Has the child had inconsistent discipline, alternating between rigidity and leniency? Children do not respect adults who always make decisions on the basis of the emotions of the moment, rather than on general principles or rules.

Generally when children are disrespectful, rude, or impertinent, it is because they view the adult as not worthy of respect. Also, children may learn these mannerisms from those adults around him. When children are treated disrespectfully, they in turn treat others disrespectfully.

Remember that age alone is not sufficient to gain respect of children. To a child you become older just by living longer — a process requiring no particular effort or courage. On the other hand, if, while living longer you have acquired those skills and attitudes which a child values and trusts, you will be treated respectfully by that child.

Picked For Study In Management

LOS ANGELES — Larry Tashjian, 22, a student in the University of Southern California's Graduate School of Business Administration, has been chosen to participate in the Entrepreneur and Venture Management Program.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Tashjian of Fresno.

The program is designed to teach students the necessary skills to start their own businesses.

At USC, Tashjian is a member of Chi Phi, a social fraternity which he has served as social chairman, and the American Finance Association.

He is a member of Alpha Kappa Psi, a professional business fraternity which he also has served as social chairman, and the Alcohol Review Board. He also was named to the Dean's list two semesters.

Tashjian was graduated from Fresno High School in 1971 where he participated in varsity football, varsity tennis and received the Bank of America Business Student of the Year Award.

After receiving his MBA from USC in June, Tashjian plans to work for the bank of america as a regional administrator.

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OUR PRIDE — Youngsters in Miss Zaroohi Der Mugrdechian's Kindergarten class earned the applause and love of the audience at the AGBU School's Hantes May 23. Left to right, Talien Yorganjian, Michael Zahigian, Garo Jabagchourian, Armen Keledjian, Micah Jendian, Matthew Jendian (partially hidden by microphone), Ara Keledjian, and Rita Barsamian. —Courier Photos

STUDENTS WAIT — Students of the Fresno AGBU School listened to guest speaker John Toomasian. Front row, left to right. Lisa Zerounian, Lynette Zerounian, Lori Keledjian and Lynette Keledjian. Second row, Ann Zambak, Ari Zambak, Sonya Kostan, Caroline Kuljian, Arlene Handjian, Kathy Kuljian, Annabelle Sarkissian and Elizabeth Hekimian. Last row, standing, Mary Lyn Ouzounian; Scott Markarian, Allen Markarian, Vartuhi Madanyan, Peter Antraramian and Siran Antaramian.

ATTENTIVE CROWD — Members of the audience at the AGBU School Hantes-Dinner received John Toomasian's speech and the School program warmly.

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EDITORIAL

THIS & THAT

By George Mason

HISTORICAL EVENT

An historic event took place in Los Angeles last week when Dr. Mike Balzano, Director of the federal agency, ACTION met with representatives of the California Armenian press.

It was historic for two reasons. First, it was one of the first times an agency of the Federal government was interested enough in the Armenian-American minority to seek it out and attempt to learn of its problems.

But perhaps as important was the fact that all the Armenian newspapers were represented at one meeting and were able to present a comprehensible Armenian point of view that was not torn by internal Armenian political controversy and petty jealousies.

BROTHERS

The representatives of the Ramgavar publication, "Nor Or," Antranik Antreassian and George Mandossian sounded like they were brothers to Serge Samoniantz. English Language editor of Asbarez, the Tashnak publication.

In fact all three were in disagreement with me when I said I wished we could bring all Armenians over here from Lebanon. They make the good point that we Armenians need that important base to preserve the Armenian culture and to destroy it would be to leave us without any such repository for even a quasi-Armenian entity in the free world.

I feel that if we could somehow bring 250,000 Armenians here from Beirut, we would then have the same kind of Armenian cultural magnet here in the U.S. where it could flourish and propser without periodic pogroms and poltical restrictions.

Credit for the new awareness on the part of ACTION of the Armenian American community must go first to Vartkes Yeghiayan. A top Balzano aide, who has worked hard to acquaint his boss with the Armenian refugee problem and its other aspirations. Balzano, of Italian-American extraction, is convinced that the future of America rests with the ethnic groups which are needed to revitalize America and to keep alive the work ethic and common-sense values that have made our country the greatest nation in the world.

"I was impressed with the warmth and collective feeling of the Armenian community which seems to be united to serve a common cause," Balzano told me. "The Armenian community is extremely sensitive not only to the problem of the Armenian refugee, but to the place in this society which those immigrants can take to make a positive contribution towards rebuilding America."

MEET THE PRESIDENT

Balzano told us that he will use his position on the President's Domestic Affairs Council to attempt to bring about a meeting between the Armenian representatives and the President. He is hopeful that such a meeting can be arranged in the Capitol sometime this summer. Armenian Observer publisher Osheen Kesheshian expressed the view that such a meeting would be an important milestone for the Armenian-American community.

Balzano is something of curiosity in Washington because he was appointed to his post by President Richard M. Nixon but has managed to remain in office under his successor. Perhaps this is because he has a network of loyal and powerful supporters throughout the nation from business, labor and the minorities.

He is considered a maverick because of the zeal with which he attacks problems in his department, cutting costs, requiring that his subordinates produce, and decentralizing his department so that decision-making power resides in the vast areas his department covers. His budget exceeds 150 million dollars to administer such important agencies as the Peace Corp and Vista.

Vartkes Yeghiayan, who authored the Armenian National committee sponsored "Handbook on Turkey" deserves our thanks for having introduced his fellow Armenians to such a dynamic and concerned man of influence.

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Letter To The Editor

Don't Provoke Another Massacre

Dear Sir:

The article that appeared in the California Courier on March 11, 1976 by Dr. Karabet Arman, head of the Board of the administration of Yedikule Armenian Hospital in Istanbul, is a superbly written letter and one that is not so "Difficult to Accept" at all, as stated in your editorial comments. I salute Dr. Arman, as do a lot of my friends. It is about time that some of our fellow Armenians in Turkey and from Turkey or those who still have some love and consideration left for those of our fellow Armenians still living in Turkey — expressed their opinions regarding this "bloody movement" that has been created by some of our fellow Armenians in the States — which may very well mean danger to our fellow Armenians who are still in Turkey.

It is a very true fact, as stated by Dr. Arman, that some of the motivation of the "Armenian Genocide" were, in fact, provoked by some of the other European nations to set the Turkish people against the Armenians and Greeks living in Turkey at that time. Check your history, check with our fellow Armenians who actually experienced this tragedy and who were actually aware of the Government matters — and you will find out some truths that will surprise you. But, of course, you would never want to admit to any other supporting facts to this incident, would you?

I am not saying that what the Turkish people did 60 years ago can be justified, nor am I saying that I do not hate what happened 60 years ago to our beloved people — but what I am trying to say is that other nations were just as guilty of the tragic incidents as were the Turkish people! Tell me, where were they all when all this ugly incident was taking place? Why did they not try to lend a helping hand? Do you know that one of the close European nations actually supplied the Turkish people with guns and ammunition to help them with this Bloody project? You, however, have become so overpowered with hate and revenge that you would refuse to accept anything else beyond that. And I know, you will not be satisfied until your revenge is satisfied— that is to say — until a lot of innocent fellow Armenians have been harmed in some way or another . . . How can you blame the Turkish people of their ungodly act, when you yourselves, are knowingly and willingly putting the lives of our fellow Armenians still living in Turkey, in jeopardy!!

Just look around you, can't you see all the hatred and bitterness that some of you have already been able to bring upon our young fellow Armenians that have actually begun to kill for you? Does this make you happy, my fellow American-Armenian friends? What you do expect from all of the hatred and bitterness that some of you have been able to project? I ask you, do you really believe that this will be solved by peaceful talks? Never, already drastic actions have been taken by some of our young Armenians against the Turkish government officials. And you have the heart to sit in your comfortable office, laughing, lighting a lot of fires by your revengeful articles and commentaries which is causing hundreds of young Armenians taking drastic actions for your cause and, in addition, jeopardizing the lives of thousands of our fellow Armenians, may they be in Turkey or elsewhere.

That is the true picture. Sleep well and comfortable in your cozy beds and go ahead, do jeopardize the lives of all the other innocent Armenian families! I am just as much disappointed and shhocked at some of our Armenian churches who have actually participated in this movement — and I really used to believe up to this time — that it was up to our churches and priests to encourage peace and enough love to forgive . . . Have I been wrong about our Christian beliefs? Has our church also become so overpowered with hatred that they have forgotten their true mission in life?

I say with all my heart, just as Dr. Arman states, "It is enough, leave the thousands of Armenians still living in turkey alone — who may suffer from this movement — to live in peace and quiet and find other lure to fish in muddy waters." And God's name, do not provoke any more hatred and bitterness between the Turkish and Armenians *still living* together in Turkey and having the possibility of repeating history all over again.

I should think that the lives of our remaining fellow Armenians in Turkey is much more important than seeking revenge for something that happened 60 years ago!

Mrs. Vartuhi Amirhanian

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(You can't put equal blame on acquiescent or even involved nations to that of the actual perpetrators of the genocide. You letter makes it clear that you feel the Turks could once again be provoked into massacring the few Armenians left in Turkey. This is the most damaging indictment of that country one can make. —Ed.

Dear Dickran

Dear Dickran:

Last weekend we go Los Angeles for see Mike Connors banquet. I can't believe they get so many Armenians one place. And it not cheap, they charge $25 plate. Everything was very good except one thing I have tell you.

They have head table and naturally Mike Connor sitting there. But next to him they put the wife. "Where is the mother?" I asked Aram. "She at table with grandchildren and Mike's brothers and sisters right by the front," he say.

Can you imagine. They put wife right at head table by Mannix. But the poor mother, she like a baby sitter, have sit with children at table like rest of peoples. I tell Nevart, "Why can't they put mother at head table, let wife sit by her children. She the one who had them, not the mother. And don't forget another thing. If it not for the mother, they not have no Mike Connors to give dinner for. But even there be wife or no wife, still they going have Mike Connors." Nevart naturally stick up for wife since she is in same boat.

Whole thing very unfair but what can we do. In this country mothers never get credit they deserve.

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Recipe from the Courier kitchen

6 slices bacon, diced
2 Tbl. chopped onion
2 Tbl. flour
4 cups cooked peas
1½ cups light cream
1 cup chopped mushrooms
1 Tbl. butter

Partially cook the bacon. Add the onion and continue to cook until onion is soft. Lower the heat and stir in 2 tablespoons flour, taking care not to let the mixture burn. Add the peas and light cream and cook until the sauce starts to thicken, stirring occasionally.

Saute the mushrooms in the 1 tablespoon butter in another pan, for about 5 minutes. Stir the mushroom mixture into the creamed peas and serve at once.

HISTORIC MEETING — Armenian editors meet with director of ACTION, Dr. Mike Balzano and his top aide, Vartkes Yeghiayan. (For story see Mason's This & That column). Fron left to right are Osheen Keshishian (Armenian Observer), Antranig Antreassian and George Mandossian (Nor Or), Dr. Balzano, Yeghiayan, Serge Samoniantz (Asbarez) and George Mason (California Courier).
—Photo courtesy Armenian Observer

Jerry Tarkanian Elected To Las Vegas Reservation Firm

LAS VEGAS — Jerry Tarkanian, popular University of Nevada, Las Vegas basketball coach, has signed a five-year contract as president of Royal Reservations Inc.

In his first act as president he has requested to be placed on the agenda of the Clark County Commission in June to seek approval to sell show tickets at McCarran International Airport.

"The county is in need of money, and I feel we have a plan that will certainly make the county some money," the coach said.

His position with the company will be advisory. His salary was not disclosed.

Tarkanian, 44, said coaching the UNLV Rebels still will be his top priority.

He said he will not actually be selling tickets to the Strip shows himself, but will advise persons where they can buy them.

He called the coaching profession a highly competitive business and said he is always looking to "strengthen his positon."

David Bliss, vice president of Royal, said he made the offer so UNLV will be "assured of having a championship team." Bliss said he had been president of the company until Tarkanian's appointment.

Bliss said his company is a one-year-old business and has offices in the Sardust, Fremont, Alladin and Royal Las Vegas Hotels and various reservation center.

He said it has a guaranteed number of seats at various hotels. For example, it has 1,000 seats every night at the Stardust Hotel.

Tarkanian said his new position will give him an opportunity to get more involved with the community. He said he is "always being besieged by people for show tickets."

It was widely-rumored in February that Tarkanian might become the new basketball coach at the University of Southern California, but Tarkanian discounted the story.

His affiliation with the ticket reservation firm provides an indication he plans to stay in Las Vegas for sometime.

In his eight years of coaching major college basketball teams, Tarkanian has the best win-loss record. His teams won 195 games and lost 33. Tarkanian coached basketball at Long Beach State University for five years before coming here three years ago.

In his three years at UNLV the Rebels set a 73-13 win-loss record.

The past year's team won 29 games and lost two and was ranked the third best major college basketball team in the country by an Associated Press poll.

The Rebels also set seven National Collegiate Athletic Association single-game and seasonal records this year.

—Las Vegas Review Journal

Ex-Californian Runs For Mayor In Maryland

ROCKVILLE, Md. — Sarkis M. Sarkissian, a resident of Hollywood until 1970, was a candidate for mayor of Rockville, Md., in elections there April 26.

Currently a director/producer for the Romanian broadcasting service of the Voice of America, the 37-year-old Romanian immigrant has lived in Rockville for more than five years.

Sarkissian was chief chemist for the Avecor Corporation of Van Nuys and a senior sales coordinator for the Los Angeles branch of Ferro Corporation. During his eight years in California, the chemist obtained a degree in international relations at Los Angeles City College, being graduated with honors.

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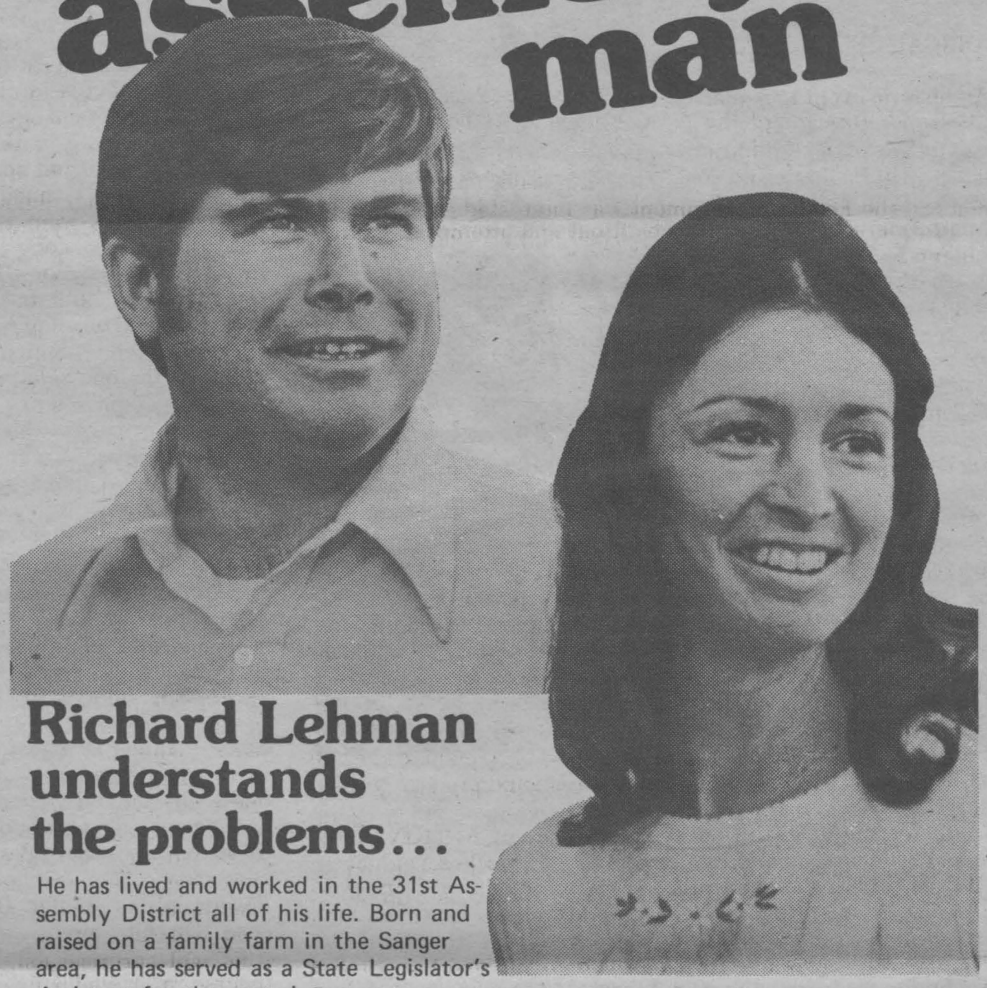

Richard Lehman understands the problems...

He has lived and worked in the 31st Assembly District all of his life. Born and raised on a family farm in the Sanger area, he has served as a State Legislator's Assistant for the past six years.

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Patty Lehman

Rick's wife Patty, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Steven Kandarian, is also a life-long resident of the 31st. Assembly District. Patty attended Roosevelt High School and Fresno State College.

She will soon begin her 7th year of teaching at the elementary level in the Sanger Unified District.

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SOMETHING FISHY — Eleven-year-old Mike Mehterian of San Marino recently landed a 9-foot marlon and 10-foot sailfish, both on the same sunny morning in Mazatlan, Mexico. The boy was fishing with proud father Mike who says "the problem is where are we going to hang two ten-foot trophies?" But that will be a problem for mother Bernice to cope with.

St. Vartan Wins ACYO Cage Tourney

FRESNO — The hot scoring combination of Eddie Morjig and Tony Collins sparked the defending champion St. Vartan Gold quintet of Oakland an overwhelming 84-46 win over St. Peter of San Fernando in the finals of the Armenian Church Youth Organization Senior Division Basketball Championship.

The tournament title game, staged in the California State University, Fresno gym May 2, was the finale of the three day Sports Weekend sponsored by the Central Council of the ACYO chapters from throughout the state competed in junior and senior division tournaments in basketball, volleyball and bowling.

Morjig, who popped in 22 points in the one-sided contest, was the top scorer among St. Vartan cagers hitting in double figures. Collins, who voted the outstanding player of the tournament, followed with 19 points. St. Peter was led by Wayne Pinomaki and Phil Kakligian who tallied 18 and 17 points, respectively.

In the battle for third place, St. Gregory of Fowler downed St. Mary of Yettem, 46-22.

Junior Division

An outstanding scoring display by Dane Seropian paced St. Vartan of Oakland to a 52-40 victory over defending champion St. Gregory of Fowler in the Junior Division championship game.

Seropian tanked 30 points, the top individual effort in the tournament. Kevin Thompson chipped in 10 points for the winners. Dean Arakelian and Mark Markarian scored 19 and 16 points, respectively to spark the St. Gregory offense.

St. Paul of Fresno took third place honors by defeating St. John of San Francisco, 45-37.

Volleyball

St. Peter of San Fernando defeated St. Mary of Yettem to win the ACYO Senior Division Grils Volleyball Championship for the third year in a row.

St. Vartan of Oakland downed St. Mary of Yettem to capture the girls junior division volleyball championship.

Bowling Tournament

St. Paul of Fresno won both the Senior and Junior Bowling Championships. Don Kazanjian of St. Gregory, Pasadena, rolled a 183 to win the high game trophy.

On the senior team for St. Paul were Jim Sarkisian, 180; Steve Adams, 168; and Alan Melkonian, 148. For the juniors, Mike Emerzian, 177; Jamie Najarian, 155; and Mike Garabedian, 154.

Tournament All-Stars

Tony Collins of St. Vartan, Oakland was voted the Most Valuable Player in the senior division boys basketball tournament. Other named to the all-star team were Keith Nalbandian, St. Gregory, Fowler; Eddie Morjig, St. Vartan, Oakland; and Wayne Pinomaki, St. Peter.

The Most Valuable Player Award in the Junior Basketball Tournament went to Rich Nazarian, St. Peter, San Fernando. Other all-stars selected were Dane Seropian, St. Vartan, Oakland; Dean Arakelian, St. Gregory, Fowler; Mike Emerzian, St. Paul, Fresno; and David Yahnian, St. Mary, Yettem.

In recognition of their outstanding conduct during competition, a special Sportsmanship Award was presented to the St. Mary, Yettem junior basketball team and the St. Peter, San Fernando senior volleyball team.

TROPHY WINNERS — Individual and team trophies were presented following the Senior Division basketball championship game. The April 30-May 2 annual Sports Weekend was sponsored by the Central Council of the Armenian Church Youth Organization.

AGBU Initiates Aid Program For Middle East Refugees

NEW YROK — Money from the estate of Dickran Shabazian has been allocated to help recent immigrants from the Middle East "adjust to the American life," according to an announcement by the Armenian General Benevolent Union Board of Directors.

An AGBU spokesman said an aid program for newcomers had been contemplated by the Central Committee for several months, but due to lack of funds the nationwide projected was never implemented. In April the Central Committee approved a program of English classes, job placement and referral services.

"In deciding to use funds from the estate of Dickran Shabazian in this way," the spokesman said, "the AGBU Board has underscored the importance it attaches to meeting the needs of recent immigrants."

Members of the AGBU National Youth Association have been given the responsibility of implementing the program. Offices are now open in Watertown, Mass. and New York City and classes are already in session.

"Those who can volunteer their services in New York, Boston, Detroit, Fresno or Los Angeles should contact their local AGBU offices," an official said. "Those who know of job openings are urged to contact the nearest AGBU office."

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'Great Armenians' Biographies To Be Compiled In Book Form

LOS ANGELES — Hundreds of Armenians from across the United States wrote to Anne Avakian-Bishop, columnist and feature writer for several Armenian papers, and asked her for copies of her "Bicentennial Sum-Up of Great Armenians."

Since no publisher could give a publication date before 1978, Mrs. Bishop had her scrapbook photographed, enclosed in a beautiful red hardcover, and ready for Fourth of July, 1976.

Dedicated to George Mardikian, who received the first copy — with others going to the Library of Congress, the British Museum, La Bibiliotheque Nationale, and the Yerevan Library — the book is priced at $12.50.

Rose Hedison wrote: "My husband and I feel that the 'Bicentennial Sum-Up of Great Armenians' gives us, the older generation, a sense of reward that our people have made and are making great strides in all fields in the United States and elsewhere. The articles give our younger generation the desire to attain greater heights in whatever career they have chosen.

"We wish to thank her for her article on our son, David, and we furthermore hope she will continue her Sum-Ups. We received many calls from friends and relatives, who enjoyed the article on David in the 'Armenian Observer.' Her Sum-Up on Paul Robert Ignatius was very much enjoyed by us because we knew his father very well."

Bernard M. Goldman, director of the Wayne State University Press, said "I am not aware of either an international or American "Who's Who" of Armenians. There is an obvious lacuna to fill."

In addition to the great Armenians honored recently at Philadelphia, Mrs. Bishop, who had written about them, has included other luminaries such as Michael Arlen, Grant Beglarian, Ben Haig Bagdikian, Berj Zamkochian, Arshag Dickranian, and others.

Connors' Tennis Tourney For Cancer Benefit

FRESNO — Veteran comedian Buddy Hackett is the latest big name to confirm an invitation to the American Cancer Society's first annual Mike Connors Celebrity Tennis tournament.

Harold Zinkin, co-chairperson of the mixed doubles tournament to be held at the San Joaquin Athletic and Racquet Club June 19-20, said Connors called him and confirmed the fact the funnyman would be here.

Connors said there will be 16 men and eight women motion picture and television luminaries competing in the celebrity play.

Hacket is not the most agile on the court but his sideline banter will keep everyone loose.

Sports fans will recognize the name of Bob Seagren, former world record holder in the pole vault, who twice shattered the world standards at Fresno's West Coast Relays.

Seagren participates in television's Super Star and also does some sports commentary work.

Others confirmed are Joseph Campanella, Fresno's own Dick Contino, Lyle Wagoner of the Carol Burnett Show and Cornell Wilde and his wife, Jean Wallace.

General admission tickets will be $5 a day and there will be a buffet luncheon with the stars for $15 per person.

All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society.

Boranian Runs For US Congress In 39th District

SANTA ANA — Dickran Boranian, professional educator and junior high school principal, announced his candidacy for Congress in the 39th District.

Boranian, a member of the Tustin Unified School District Board of Education, president of the Board of Directors, Coastline Regional Occupation Program, past president of the Garden Grove Boys Club Board of Directors, is also a member of the YMCA Board of Directors, and a member of the Triple X Fraternity.

Bay Area Briefs

SAN FRANCISCO — Cyril M. Saroyan returned home last weekend after spending three weeks in the St. Mary's Hospital and Medical Center in San Francisco where he successfully underwent open heart surgery.

The surgical team was headed by Dr. Elias Hanna of San Francisco. Dr. Hanna is Syrian, born in the old country, trained at Tulane Medical School in New Orleans and has worked with famed heart surgeons, Doctors de Bakey and Denton Cooley in Texas.

Because of a past history of rheumatic fever contacted while in the Air Force during World War II, the aortic valve in Saroyan's heart had become diseased and strictured over the years. It interfered with the normal blood flow from the heart to the various parts of the body.

The diseased heart valve has been replaced by one taken from a pig (unbelievable!).

Saroyan is recovering slowly. He will remain at home to recuperate for the next several weeks. He will then return to his legal practice with the State Public Utilities Commission in San Francisco.

Saroyan thanks his many, many friends and relatives from throughout the state who very thoughtfully sent him cards, notes, get well wishes and messages of encouragement.

Frequent, articulate and encouraging letters from his cousin, Aram Saroyan of Santa Barbara were nothing less than inspirational.

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HYE REFLECTIONS

By Dr. Art Margosian

(Continued from page 2)

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

++The Principal and staff of the Fresno AGBU Evening School on their recent Hantes-Dinner. The excellence of the performances by the youngsters reflected the excellence of the staff!

++Anne Avakian-Bishop upon the publication of her scrapbook of "Bicentennial Sum-Up of Great Armenians."

++The San Francisco community for its successful collection of $15,000 to help "our brothers and sisters in Lebanon."

++Clement Papazian of Upland, and his parents Dr. and Mrs. Clement E. Papazian, upon the younger Clem's earning the first prize scholarship of $1,250 from the Chaffey Trust Fund. Clem was an outstanding student academically, an outstanding wrestler and the student body president at Upland High School.

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GET WELLL — We are pleased to hear that our respected friend, Dr. Paul Avazian is feeling better. Dr. Avazian, pastor of the United Armenian Congregational Church in Hollywood, has continued to give his sermon weekly although fighting one of America's number one killers, cancer. We are pleased, and we are also proud of Paul and his wife.

Cyril M. Saroyan is recovering from open heart surgery at his home in Daly City. Cyril hopes to return to his legal practice with the State Public Utilities Commission after several weeks of rest.

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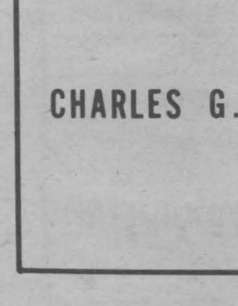
A BI-CENTENNIAL SOBERING THOUGHT — At the signing of the Declaration of Independence, John Hancock said, "We must be unanimous; there must be no pulling different ways; we must all hang together." To this, Benjamin Franklin said, "Yes, we must indeed all hang together, or most assuredly we shall all hang separately."



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Lehman Gets Hye Backing In 31st Assembly Race

FRESNO — A large number of Armenian-Americans have endorsed the candidacy of Richard Lehman for the 31st Assembly District in the Democratic Primary June 8. Lehman, who was born in the Lone Star district near Sanger, is a former administrative assistant to State Senator George Zenovich.

Lehman's wife, the former Patricia Kandarian, is also a life-long resident of the 31st district. She attended Roosevelt High School and California State University, Fresno. And for the past six years she taught elementary school in the Sanger Unified School District.

Among the Armenian-Americans supporting Lehman are Carl Chooljian, Ralph Shamshoian, Hagie Kandarian, Dr. John Kandarian, Jack Kezerian, Aram Kinosian, Dick Markarian, Haig Shapazian, Brent Simonian, Dr. Roger Simonian, Alan Yengoyan, Ray Zallian, Edward Danmanian, Y. Bulbulian, Seto Balakian, Jake Hagopian, Vaughn Poochigian, Mike Balakian, Haig Chooljian, Kathy Matoian, Mr. and Mrs. Haig Aslanian, Ruth Azadian, Mr. and Mrs. Aram Booroojian, Steven Chooljian, Virginia Chooljian, Stan Jizmejian, Mr. and Mrs. Aram Kandarian, Rick Kazanjian, Suzanne Yengoyan, Mrs. Mary Topoozian, Anne Rustigian, David Nikssarian, Ann Koobatian, Ardy Mesrobian, John Mesrobian and Gloria Garabedian.

Lehman is one of four children of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lehman. The Lehman family has farmed in the Sanger area for over 70 years.

"Agribusiness is the backbone of our economy," Lehman said. "When the farmer prospers, our district prospers. My experience in this area has taught me how important it is to keep the 'family farm' unit viable and functioning.

". . . The Agriculture Labor Relations Act provides a real opportunity to bring peace and stability to our fields. However, significant changes must be made before the act can be effective and deserve the confidence of all parties. The Board should be impartial in its judgment. Important terms such as 'bargaining unit,' 'economic strikers' and 'access' should not be defined arbitarily to aid either a particular union or management."

And Lehman stressed that violence, vandalism and disregard for trespass laws must not be tolerated.

Lehman attended Sanger elementry and high schools. He was student body president at Fresno City College and attended CSUF and the University of California at Santa Cruz, where he was a scholarship student in government.

In 1968 he was Fresno County Co-chairman of the Senator Robert Kennedy's campaign for president. He worked for six years as administrative assistant to Senator Zenovich.

Arslanian Vs. Arslanians

FORT COLLINS, Colo— It will be Arslanian vs. Arslanian this coming fall when the Colorado State University junior varsity travels to Ephraim, Utah to play the Smow Junior College varsity at the latter's homecoming.

The athletic office of State have announced that the game will have "unusual significance" since it will pit Varsity Head Coach Sarkis Arslanian junior varsity eleven against a team coached by Sarkis' son, Davis, who in turn is assisted by Sarkis' younger son.

"One thing I can tell you," Sarkis told members of the press, "the Arslanian's can't possibly lose that one."

Wins Award

FRESNO — Mrs. C. S. Pashayan of Fresno received one of 19 community service awards presented by the Council for Exceptional Children. The awards were presented to individuals, organizations and businesses in Fresno and the valley.

The Following Los Angeles Armenian Attorneys endorse CHARLES G. RUBIN for JUDGE OF LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL COURT, OFFICE #1.

Robert Kardashian, Richard Mahigian,
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CHARLES G. RUBIN, Attorney at Law, spent many years as a Deputy District Attorney Prosecuting Criminals.

CHARLES G. RUBIN has been a Municipal Court Judge, Pro Tem.

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Armenians Give Historic Tapestries To New York

By FRED FERRETTI

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Letter Sent to Beame

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Dr. Myron Kuropas,
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President for Ethnic Affairs
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Dear Myron:

Hratch Aprahamian, Edward Boghosian and I want to thank you for inviting us to attend your special White House Ethnic Community Briefing of March 9.

We found both sessions, the morning domestic discussions and the afternoon State Department briefings, to be interesting and enlightening. The topics were well chosen.

Please thank the President for including the Armenians on the invitation list. We appreciate his interest.

Cordially,

Dennis R. Papazian

Dennis R. Papazian
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cc: Robert A. Kaloosdian
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Enclosures

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL 5889

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October 22, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR MYRON KUROPAS

FROM: Jeanne W. Davis

SUBJECT: Message for Armenian-Americans

With reference to your memorandum of October 22 to Mr. Clift of this staff, from the standpoint of foreign policy we would recommend against a message by the President to Armenian-Americans. However, should the President wish to send a message to Armenian-Americans, we believe it should parallel messages sent earlier this year. The proposed message attached to your memorandum would be inappropriate. In the event a decision is taken to send a message, we would appreciate the opportunity to clear the text.

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October 22, 1976

FOR: Dennis Clift

FROM: Myron Kuropas MK

SUBJECT: Armenian Question

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The Armenians woud like to have a similar statement and have provided a modest sample of what they would like.

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AN ESTIMATED ONE AND HALF MILLION PERSONS WERE MURDERED DURING THE " FIRST GENOCIDE OF THE 20th. CENTUERY. "

EVENTHOUGH THE TRAGEDIES OF THE HISTORY HAS NOT BEEN CORRECTED, ARMENIANS CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THEIR CULTURE, AND STRONG DESIRE FOR FREEDOM.

TODAY A SMALL PORTION OF HISTORICAL ARMENIA HELD BY U S S R IS THE ARMENAIN SOCIALIST SOVIET REPUBLIC, WHILE ITS REMAINING TERRITORY IS PART OF THE TURKEY.

I FULLY SYMPATHIZE WITH THE PLIGHT OF THE ARMENIAN PEOPLE, AND UNDERSTAND THEIR DESIRE TO BE FREE ONCE MORE.

MOREOVER I VIGOROUSLY SUPPORT RATIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL GENOCIDE TREATY. THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE WORLD TO RECOGNIZE THE USE OF GENOCIDE AS A NATIONAL POLICY BY ANY NATION IS A CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY WHICH MUST BE CONDEMNED.

I ALSO RECOGNIZED THAT ARMENIANS HAVE MADE GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE INTELECTUAL CULTURAL LIFE OF THE UNITED STATES, AND INDEED, IT HAS A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE WORLD CULTURE, THROUGHOUT THE CENTURIES. THAT THEY, AND THEIR NATIONS HISTORY, DESERVES MORE ATTENTION FROM OUR GOVERNMENT AND FROM ALL OUR CITIZENS ACROSS THE NATION.

AS THE LEADER OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, THE PARTY OF WOODROW WILSON, A MAN WHO SHOWED COMPASSION FOR ARMENIAN PEOPLE AT THE TIMES WHEN THEY WERE SUBJECTED TO EXTREME INJUSTICE.

I WILL INSURE THAT THE VOICE OF THE ARMENIAN PEOPLE WILL BE HEARD AND THAT SUCH IMPORTANT ISSUES AS ASSISTANCE TO ARMENIANS IN LEBANAN ARE SYMPATHETICALLY CONSIDERED.

BUT TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVES I WILL NEED BOTH THEIR SUPPORT, AND GUIDENCE.

JIMMY CARTER

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PROPOSED STATEMENT - PRESIDENT FORD

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A Message to the Armenian People:

As a congressman from a state with a substantial Armenian-American population, I became familiar with these proud and industrious people and came to admire their contributions to the cultural, social, economic, and political life of my home state and of our nation.

It was, therefore, with understanding and a sense of close friendship with Americans of Armenian ancestry that in 1965 - on April 29 - I took the floor of the House to make the following statement on the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Genocide perpetrated against the Armenian people by the government of the Ottoman Turkish Empire:

> "In taking special notice of the shocking events in 1915, we observe this anniversary with sorrow in recalling the massacres of Armenians and with pride in saluting those brave patriots who survived the attacks to fight on the side of freedom during World War I.
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> "The stouthearted Armenian people who escaped the terror, murder, and carnage set an example for the free world by their devotion to the cause of freedom and by their tremendous personal sacrifices.
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> "I join my colleagues in pausing to extend our deep sympathy to thousands of Americans whose Armenian fore-fathers fought for freedom with our war Allies and who have given so much of themselves to make this a better country, and a strong one."

When I made this statement saluting the survival of the Armenian people and taking note of the Armenian contributions to America, I was, of course, aware that Turkey was an ally of the United States, just as I am aware that today, despite some problems, there are defense and security considerations linking Turkey to the United States.

However, I firmly believe that no ally of the United States would expect this government or any of its agencies to deny or misrepresent historic realities simply because of that government's sensibilities regarding those events, any more than I would expect anyone else to avoid mention of our own past history of slavery or other topics that may be unpleasant to Americans.

I assure the Armenian-American community that I will never knowingly allow any agency of the United States government to initiate, participate in, or support in any way efforts by any foreign government to influence U.S. domestic affairs or alter statements intended for domestic use, no matter how much we may value that government's friendship. To do otherwise, especially in the case of the genocide of the Armenians, would be to appear to condone those acts, something we can not ever do. Indeed, all people must recognize that the toleration of Genocide and its acceptance as a "solution" to any problem leads only to its repeated use, just as the world's indifference to the Armenian

Genocide and its aftermath led Hitler to cite it as a precedent and justification for his own crimes. The use of Genocide as an instrument of national policy - by any nation at any time - is a crime against all humanity.

Specifically, if I am elected, I will ensure that proper structural adjustments are made in the State Department and channels of communication created to allow a more adequate exchange of information and concerns between this government and the dispersed Armenian nation throughout the world, whose friendship we must seek and cherish as we do that of any established nation.

Our foreign policy planners must consider the fact that the Genocide of the Armenians by the Turks in 1915 has very real and immediate contemporary implications that have already involved the United States and require serious consideration in the short-range future. The "Armenian Question" is very much alive throughout the world, and many thousands of Armenian-Americans are lending their active support to the pursuit of Armenian political and territorial demands. For our State Department to continue to ignore that fact would be simply unrealistic and counterproductive.

I promise the Armenian people throughout the world and my fellow Americans of Armenian ancestry that, if our government has been at all neglectful or insensitive regarding Armenian concerns and needs in recent years, we are entering a new era of open and frank communication of benefit to all of us.

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TO: U. S. Department of State
FROM: Armenian National Committee
SUBJECT: Proposed Consumer Representation Plan of the Department of State
REFERENCE: Federal Register, Wednesday, November 26, 1975, 55205-55209

I. INTRODUCTION

As an organization representing the political, community, and social concerns of hundreds of thousands of Americans of Armenian heritage, we have the following comments to make on the above-cited Federal Register.

II. GENERAL COMMENTS

There are a number of parts of the plan in which specific mention of legitimate ethnic interests and organizations should be made. These include "Consumer Correspondence and Complaints" (A.3.), "Public Interest Groups" (A.4.) under Information Input, as well as certain sections under Information Output (1. General, 4. Miscellaneous, and 5. Individual Requests) and particularly Recommendations A.4 and A.5. That is, it is essential that the State Department recognize and acknowledge that the "public interest groups" with which the Department deals legitimately and appropriately include, not only the "Canoe Cruisers Association," but established ethnic organizations - Armenian, Greek, Jewish, Italian, or whatever.

This recognition is particularly important in view of what has been unfortunately (and hopefully inaccurately) portrayed as a hostility to such interests (or perhaps worse, a highly selective receptiveness). We do not believe that this image is intended. The Consumer Representation Plan is an opportunity to correct that image by making specific mention of ethnic organizations and of the ethnic press and media and specifically provide means of access for this segment of the public.

The following examples, from our own experience, provide some support for our argument that the Department needs to give special attention to this highly sensitive area, which has not always been adequately handled in the past.

III. THE STORY OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION # 148

The Congressional Quarterly, Page 760, April 12, 1975, reported the following:

> "The House April 8 passed a joint resolution (H J Res 148) to designate April 24, 1975, as 'National Day of Remembrance of Man's Inhumanity to Man,' commemorating the 60th anniversary of the 1915 massacre of Armenians by the Turks. The bill sponsored by Majority Leader Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., (D Mass.) and Henry Helstoski (D-N.J.), was passed by a 332-55 vote under suspension of the rules, a procedure that requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage. (Vote 70, p. 762)."

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> "H J Res 148 requested the President to issue a proclamation calling for observance of April 24 'as a day of remembrance for all victims of genocide, especially those of Armenian ancestry who succumbed to the genocide perpetrated in 1915 . . .' A reference to Turkey was deleted from the bill at the request of the State Department, which contended it might interfere with current negotiations with that country."

In the same vein, the Washington Post of April 12, 1975, printed the following analysis by Bill Brojarsky of the Los Angeles Times News Service (extracted here for brevity):

> "The resolution declared April 24 a 'Nation Day of Remembrance of Man's Inhumanity to Man.'
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> In these days of overwhelming inhumanity, the idea did not seem controversial.
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> But it took a State Department rewrite job and a long debate - consuming 7 1/2 pages in the Congressional Record - before the House passed the resolution, 332 to 55.
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> As first drafted, the resolution asked the President to declare the day of remembrance especially in memory of the hundreds of thousands of Armenians massacred by the Turks in 1915.
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> But when the State Department heard of the resolution, it asked O'Neill to strike out any reference to the Turks.
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> 'We found the whole resolution to be undesirable in connection with our relationship to Turkey,' explained a department official. He noted that the Turks are already angry at the United States because Congress stopped arms sales to Ankara in anger over Turkey's invasion of Cyprus and its subsequent defeat of the Greek Cypriots.

'No one down here doubts the depth of feeling of our citizens of Armenian descent,' the State Department official said. But he said bringing the 1915 incident up again might further damage relations with Turkey, which is already wondering whether to order the United States to abandon key Turkish bases.

O'Neill struck out the name 'Turkey.'

The resolution now called for observance of a day of remembrance 'for all the victims of genocide, especially those of Armenian ancestry who succumbed to the genocide perpetrated in 1915, and in whose memory this date is commemorated by all Armenians and their friends throughout the world.'

Rep. John Rousselot, a conservative California Republican, demanded an explanation when the resolution came up for a vote.

Turning to Rep. David Henderson (D-N.C.) who was managing the resolution for the absent O'Neill, he said, 'can the gentleman tell us why it was necessary to strike Turkey? I thought that is what this was all about. Who are we deceiving by striking Turkey?'

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Henderson replied the State Department contended 'it could possibly interfere with delicate negotiations going on at this time.'

'I assume the gentleman means our State Department and not the Turkish State Department,' said Rousselot."

As Chairman of the Sub-Committee which had considered the resolution, Mr. Henderson was reported in the Congressional Record (H 2510, April 8, 1975) as saying the following:

"With the consent of the Speaker and the majority leader, the joint resolution was put on for consideration today. We have amended the resolution by striking two words in the resolution, which are 'in Turkey.' <u>This amendment resulted from objections of the State Department set forth in a letter which was transmitted to us yesterday.</u> This has been acceptable to the sponsor of the resolution and those Members who are most interested in designating April 24 a commemorative day as explained."

Congressmen O'Neill and Helstoski had apparently anticipated such a problem, as evidenced by the following exerpt from a letter co-signed by the two (dated February 21, 1975) and circulated to all Members of Congress:

> "This resolution is particularly important in light of what transpired at the March 6, 1974, meeting of the United Nations Human Rights Commission. During the consideration of the historical survey to be contained in a Report on Genocide being prepared by the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities, the Commission acquiesced to a request by the Turkish Representative to delete from the study the brief reference (paragraph 30) to the 1915 Armenian genocide.
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> We must not allow the 1915 atrocities to be relegated to oblivion because there is no Armenia in the United Nations to represent the Armenian people. There is ample historical evidence of the deliberate attempt to exterminate the Armenian Nation which cannot and should not be ignored."

Yet, despite the overwhelming evidence to which the honorable congressmen referred, the State Department had indeed put itself in the indefensible and probably uncomfortably embarassing position of attempting to cover up or throw a cloud over a historic reality of significance to many Americans, simply in order to placate a foreign power.

IV. THE MC CLOSKEY AFFAIR

Although Secretary Kissinger, in a recent Detroit press conference, denied State Department pressure on this matter, the above quotes clearly indicate that such pressure existed. This pressure is typified by the letter to which Congressman Henderson referred. The text of that letter, dated April 7, 1975, and by Robert J. McCloskey, Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations, clearly stated State Department objection to a resolution memorializing over one and a half million victims of this century's first genocide and included the following particularly objectionable sentence:

> "The Government and people of Turkey are extraordinarily sensitive to any action from abroad which can be construed as interference in Turkey's affairs or as official or quasi-official censure of <u>acts which are alleged to have occurred in Turkey," even in the remote past</u>, and would interpret adoption of H J Resolution 148 as evidence of hostility to Turkey by the Congress."

Thus, Mr. McCloskey went beyond simply pointing out Turkey's sensitivity to the truth about its past and by using the phrase, "acts which are alleged to have occurred . . .", attempts to case doubt on a historic fact which is as real as the Genocide of the Jews two decades later, and, in fact, served as a precedent for that crime.

Gentlemen and Ladies, we are capable of understanding that certain actions such, as this resolution, may have international repercussions with which the State Department may be appropriately concerned. However, as American citizens and, therefore, as consumers (individually and as a so-called "special interest group"), we are concerned about where the line is drawn to insure that foreign interests do not interfere with AMERICAN rights, i.e., consumer rights. To point out a possible repercussion, in this case, may have been appropriate. To avoid the term genocide or even massacre (as State Department spokesmen always do) and, worse still, to engage in a cover-up (as Mr. McCloskey did) amounts to the sub-ordination of truth and, therefore, of our rights as consumers and taxpayers to some other perceived advantage. A consumer office must be constantly and vigilantly aware of these lines.

V. THE UNANSWERED CORRESPONDENCE

On May 5, 1975, the United Committee for the 60th Anniversary of the Genocide of the Armenians wrote to Secretary Kissinger objecting to Mr. McCloskey's letter. On May 27, 1975, Nelson C. Ledsky, Deputy Director of the Office of Southern European Affairs, wrote an entirely unsatisfactory response to the United Committee protest. The Ledsky letter, for instance fails to address at all the main objection, namely, McCloskey's reference to "acts alleged to have occurred." For this reason and because of the tone of the Ledsky letter, the United Committee later (September 17, 1975) wrote to Secretary Kissinger (following his visit to Auschwitz) and sought a more personal and satisfactory response, particularly to the issue of McCloskey's language and to certain other specific related questions. That letter remains not only unanswered, but unacknowledged, despite several reminders, including a telegram dated December 11, 1975, which has been confirmed (by Western Union) as being received at the State Department.

We are frankly at a loss to understand why correspondence from any American organization should be ignored in this manner. Clearly, the State Department is in need of much greater emphasis on the timely and sensitive processing of consumer complaints.

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On a recent visit of President Ford to San Francisco, both Mr. and Mrs. George Mardikian were invited to a reception as friends. Mr. Mardikian (second from right) asked President Ford to meet his "other President", Mr. Arch Monson, the National President of the Boy Scouts of America. This was a great meeting because all three gentlemen are Eagle Schouts, the highest rank in Scouting; and, all three are also wearers of the Silver Buffalo, Scouting's highest award. Mrs. Mardikian looks on, wearing her Nefertiti pin,

Detroit Community Raises $100,000 for Lebanese-Armenian Relief Fund

DETROIT – The AGBU and the Armenian Church of America have joined their efforts in the U.S.A. and Canada to provide relief assistance to the Lebanese Armenian community, which was a victim of the recent civil strife. Quotas for each city in the U.S.A. and Canada have been assigned, and Committees have been formed to meet those quotas.

Detroit is the first city to come forth with positive results. It was already in the news that Mr. Alex Manoogian, International President of the AGBU had donated $50,000 and Mr. Edward Mardigian, General Chairman of the ad hoc fund raising committee had contributed $10,000. The Detroit Committee was asked to match those contributions and meet a quota of $120,000.

Under the dynamic leadership of Mr. Martin Apkarian, the Committee Chairman and Father Paren Avedekian, Co-chairman, the Committee has already lined up a number of fund raising affairs, and the prospects seem very promising.

The first affair in that series was a cocktail party which took place at Mr. and Mrs. Mardigian's lovely home in Birmingham, Michigan, on Wednesday, February 11. Attending were about 50 people.

After a warm hospitality, Mr. Martin Apkarian thanked everyone present for their attendance and appreciated their coming to the affair, being well aware that each couple had to contribute $1,000 during that party. The prominent poet and educator, Mr. Vahé-Vahian, who was invited from Beirut to be the guest speaker at these functions, made a moving appeal for support to the destitute Lebanese Armenians.

Present at the party were also Dr. Dicran Varjabedian and his brother, Sissak Varjabedian, who also made some remarks.

The host, Mr. Edward Mardigian, stated that the American Armenians had a privileded position by being among the contributors rather than the destitute, and he appealed to the audience to share the benefits that they had been enjoying in this great country with their overseas brethren.

Mr. Alex Manoogian, who is always well informed of the organizational, financial, educational, and social situation of the overseas Armenians, gave some facts and figures regarding the enormous needs of the Lebanese Armenians in the aftermath of the recent tragedy.

The audience was very res-

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Vahe Vahian Reports on Lebanon

NOTE: Mr. Vahe Vahian, a prominent poet and educator, is currently visiting the United States and Canada upon the invitation of the AGBU Central Board of Directors. Mr. Vahian is touring the Armenian communities and is helping fund raising activities in those communities. He is an

Armenians, the human losses have been comparatively small - about 200 killed and 300 wounded. The material losses, however, are enormous. Approximately $200,000,000 were lost to robberies, fire, arson, and destruction of shops, factories, and houses.

How many relief organizations currently are at work among the Armenians? What is the

Dr. Dennis Papazian Visits with President Ford's Special Assistant

Detroit Quota

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ponsive and within a matter of a few minutes $30,000 were contributed, raising the total amount Detroit contributed to $90,000.

A second cocktail party, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Manoogian was held at the Michigan Inn on Sunday February 29.

The fund raising campaign will climax on Sunday, March 21, with a banquet held at the Cultural Center of St. John's Armenian Church where a program will be presented and the guest speaker will be Mr. Vahé-Vahian.

The Committee has been very optimistic about the outcome of the current fund raising in the Detroit area, and Mr. Martin Apkarian is quoted to say that the quota set for Detroit will be beaten with a comfortable margin.

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Dr. Dennis Papazian Visits with President Ford's Special Assistant

Washington, D.C. — Special Assistant to the President for Ethnic Affairs, Dr. Myron Kuropas, invited Dr. Dennis R. Papazian, who along with Robert A. Kaloosdian is Co-Chairman of the Armenian Assembly, to a meeting at his office in the Executive Office Building of the White House on Tuesday, 24 February 1976.

Dr. Kuropas, who is of Ukranian origin, explained that he was eager to learn more about the Armenians in America and their interests and aspiration. He told of the President's interest in ethnic Americans and expressed his own belief that people of various ethnic backgrounds were just coming to their own in making a contribution on a national scale to the American political system.

Dr. Papazian, who had written his doctoral dissertation on Nikolai Ivanovich Kostomarov, a famous Ukranian nationalistic hero, showed a keen interest in Ukranians in America. Kuropas explained his pleasure at the extensive knowledge which Dr. Papazian had about the Ukraine, and expressed his own deep interest in learning more about the Armenians, and said he would accept from the Armenian Assembly a set of books

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'Armenian Case' Will be Shown Again, March 21

LOS ANGELES - Due to an overwhelming response, "The Armenian Case" documentary film will be shown again Sunday, March 21, at 3 p.m. at Pasadena Civic Auditorium.

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Narrated by TV Star Mike Connors, the film provides a sweep of Armenian history with a rare glimpse into the life of the Armenian community on the eve of the genocide.

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Bryan, Thank you for the invitation. dp.

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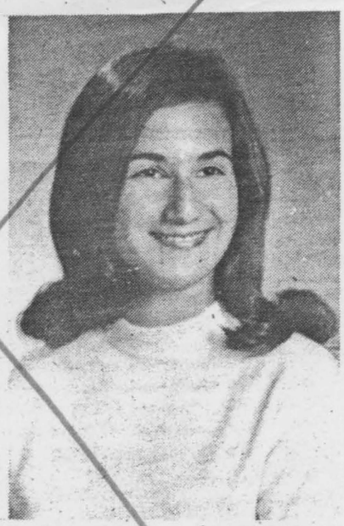
Dianne Kachadurian-Harold Antranikian Engagement Announced at Family Party

FRESNO - Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kachadurian announced the engagement of their daughter Dianne Joy to Harold Avedis Antranikian, on Thursday, February 12th, at a family dinner party at Gandoffs.



The Rev. Fr. Shahe Altounian, parish priest of St. Paul Armenian Church, assisted by Deacon Allan Y. Jendian, brother-in-law of the groom-to-be, blessed the engagement ring in the traditional Armenian ceremony.

The occasion coincided with Dianne's twenty-first birthday and was decorated in a Valentine's Day theme. Mrs. Mary Kalenian and Mrs. Zabelle Kachadurian are Dianne's maternal and paternal grandmothers, respectively.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bullard High School and Fresno City College and has attended the University of Hawaii. Currently she is enrolled at California State University of

Antranikian, employed by Longs Drug as a Buyer, is a graduate of Washington Union High School, Fresno City College and California State University of Fresno, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in business. The engaged pair are ACYO Alumni.

Harold and Dianne have

Papazian

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on Armenian history for his use in the White House library.

Dr. Kuropas also expressed an interest in receiving subscriptions to the major Armenian-American newspapers so that the White House would have access to the rich material contained in the Armenian-American press. Since Kuropas considered the one hour meeting insufficient for exploring the full range of Dr. Papazian's views on the interests of Armenians in America, he invited Papazian to return soon so that they might discuss the issues at greater length.

Dr. Papazian was presented with a photograph of himself being introduced to President Ford at the Kobelinsky inauguration. Dr. Kuropas said that this photograph was symbolic of the interests which the President had in the Armenians of America.

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A PROPOSAL TO HELP BRING STABILITY TO LEBANON BY GIVING AID TO THE ARMENIAN SCHOOL SYSTEM

The United States has a strong interest in maintaining stability in the Middle East. This statement is so true that it need not be elucidated further. The most immenent danger, however, to this stability at the present time is the communal and class warfare taking place in Lebanon. The danger inherent to the U.S. in this civil war, which has lasted nearly a year, is exacerbated by the ties which the various internal elements have with outside powers. This civil conflict, therefore, is fraught with the danger of growing into a larger conflict that might involve the United States and its allies.

It is in the best interest of the United States to restore peace and bring stability to Lebanon. This proposition is already well accepted by our government and much is already being done. The United States government, through various means and channels, is attempting to be a moderating and mediating force in the present civil struggle. The United States is also working with other governments in the area, seeking to bring the fighting to a speedy conclusion; and, it has plans for reconstruction, once the fighting has stopped and the political issues settled.

The pro-Western stance of Lebanon is vital to the best interest of the United States in the Middle East. The United States, accordingly, is not only interested in bringing peace to the area, but also in re-establishing the delicately balanced

infrastructure of Lebanese society which is essential if Lebanon is to return to the pro-American sphere.

The presence of the Armenian community in Lebanon is vital to the pro-Western orientation of that country.

First, the Armenian community represents a significant portion of the total Lebanese population. The total population of Lebanon is approximately 3,000,000, and the Armenians make up some 350,000 of that figure representing, therefore, some 11% of the total population. Since most of the Armenians are concentrated in the cities, they make up some 20% of the total population of Beirut.

Secondly, the Armenians make up a large portion of the pro-American commercial middle class. The Armenians are an important element in the Lebanese cities, even though many of them live in the villages and small towns of that country. The city dwellers are concentrated in the professions, commerce and manufacturing; and their well-being is closely tied to manufacturing, international commerce and tourism. These commercial functions, in order to be successful, depend on close relations with the West.

Thirdly, the Armenians have close personal and emotional ties to the United States. Almost every Armenian family in Lebanon has relatives in the U.S. Many of these ties reach back to common origins in the old homeland. But perhaps even more of them are related to recent immigration to the U.S. on the part of many young Lebanese-Armenians. Furthermore, most of the Armenians in

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Lebanon, for various reasons, speak English. They read American newspapers and magazines, deal with American companies, and communicate with relatives in America. They have, over the years, developed a strong pro-American orientation.

Fourthly, the Armenians are a strong element working for peace and harmony in Lebanon. Traditionally, since the independence of Lebanon, the Armenians as a whole, and particularly their members in Parliament, have been a balancing force between the Christians and Muslims. As is well-known, the Armenian community has maintained an armed neutrality during the recent fighting. Their religious sympathies have been with the Christian element, but they understand very well that some political reforms must be brought about in order to satisfy the just grievances of the reform-minded Muslims. The Armenians have been active in proposing peace formulae for the reorganization of the government and reform of the electoral system. The neutrality of the Armenians has generally been respected by all factions.

The Armenian community in Lebanon is eager to remain in that country and to see it restored as a multi-confessional secular state with a pro-American orientation. They continue to have faith that peace and prosperity can be restored. Their willingness to stick it out may change as time progresses and no relief is obtained. It would be a tragedy of the first magnitude to have the complex infrastructure of Lebanon shattered by having the Armenian element leave. The policy of the United States government, therefore, should be to try and maintain the peaceful, neutral and constructive Armenian element in war-torn Lebanon.

One of the ways the United States government can encourage the Armenians to remain in Lebanon is to give them some much needed humanitarian aid and relief.

The Armenian community has suffered great deprivation during the civil strife. Even though the Armenians have remained neutral, in order to protect themselves they have concentrated their urban population in the Bourj Hamoud and Nor Hadjin sections of Beirut. A large number of them were forced to abandon their homes, apartments, schools, properites, community centers, businesses and other forms of public and private wealth which are located in districts other than the ones which they control. The professional class, obviously, cannot work in the offices and buildings which are located in the midst of the fighting; and the working class in totally without any means of sustenance. The financial loss, as can well be imagined, is tremendous.

The Armenians do not want to be singled out as the recipients of general aid. For the most part, the Armenians in Lebanon are citizens of that country and believe that any direct general aid to them denied to other segments of the population might be misconstrued by the other communities and lead to antagonisms and conflict. There is one way, however, that the Armenian community can be helped and encouraged without their incurring the wrath of the other communities.

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The Armenians can be provided humanitarian relief through international charitable organizations and the aid can be directed toward specific activities such as education.

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The Armenian community in Lebanon is in direct and frequent contact with three international charitable organizations with headquarters in the United States, namely 1) the Armenian General Benevolent Union (See Exhibit A), 2) The Armenian Missionary Association of America (See Exhibit B), and 3) The Armenian Relief Society (See Exhibit C). These charitable organizations, with a long history of aid to people in Lebanon, and also throughout the world, can be depended upon to deliver the necessary funds to the proper recipients to be used for the purpose designated. In this case, we are recommending that funds be provided for the maintenance of the Armenian school system by providing salaries for the staffs, tuition for the students, and repairs for the buildings that still can be used.

The Armenian school system in Lebanon has 51 schools (See Exhibit D) with a total of over 15,000 students. The budget for these institutions is approximately $5,500,000 per year or approximately $366 per student. Since the economy of the country is entirely desrupted, the Armenian community in Lebanon cannot in any way meet this budget. It has made appeals, internationally, for aid. Since the Armenian-American community, which has over the years provided so much philanthropy for the Armenian community in Lebanon, is only able to raise some $1,000,000 per year, there is a shortfall of approximately $4.5 million or approximately $375,000 per month.

Accordingly, the three Armenian-American international charitable organizations, represented in this instance by the Armenian Assembly, would like to apply for aid over the next six months at a rate of $375,000 per month with a total of $2,250,000 for the

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six-month period. The Armenian Assembly, and the charitable organizations which it represents, is confident that a system can be set up which would satisfy all the concerns of the granting agencies in terms of technique of delivery and utilization of funds.

No program, especially one of this small magnitude, can guarantee the salvation of Lebanon; but it would seem that an investment of $2,250,000 would be a worthwhile venture for the United States government if this money can help bring peace to the area or at least to help maintain a viable infrastructure for Lebanon, preserving its pro-American orientation. Timely aid would probably spare the United States a much larger investment of money and lives in the future. Certainly, the advantages to be gained as compared to the small sum of money involved would warrant an attempt.

The exhibits which follow give a brief background resume of the three international charitable organizations which could be used for distributing funds to the Armenian schools in Lebanon. A further exhibit gives a list of the schools, their location, and their student enrollments. The latest intelligence informs us that the schools in the Armenian controlled areas are in use and the many other schools in other parts of the country are used sporadically as circumstances permit.

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A Picture Book of Armenian Miniatures

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PREFACE

The illumination of manuscripts was one of the arts in which Armenians excelled. No one who has ever seen Armenian miniatures could forget the richness and brilliance of their coloring or the wealth of their ornamental motifs. But in addition to their artistic appeal, these miniatures tell us much about life in the times they were painted. What more brilliant suggestion, therefore, than to offer a picture book to Armenian children, where they can indulge their fancy and imagination, and at the same time learn a little about their cultural heritage.

Fortunately, these days children do not have to pound their own colors. Nor are they likely to have access to some of the ingredients used in older times — gum-arabic. vitriol, borax, alum and arsenic! But the prospective artist may be curious to hear how medieval painters set about their task. So here are some instructions taken from a painter's manual written several centuries ago.

"To paint parts of the body, take ochre, black and a little gypsum; knead together with egg-yolk and paint the face, hands and feet. Outline in purple the eyes, hands and feet. Mixing purple and white, highlight the shadows on the face. Paint delicately in black the eyes and eyebrows. Put in the white of the eyes, but use very little white; similarly the black of the pupil. Put in touches of red with a fine brush to the neck and face, around the eyes, and to the lips, neck, ears, hands and feet. Delicately add some green to the face, the two sides of the forehead and the mouth. Glaze the picture two or three times when it is finished."

The old ways have passed, but this coloring book will help recreate for children in a most enjoyable way some facets of medieval Armenian life. The drawings have been well selected to give a wide range of subjects, some difficult, some easy. But all will provide many hours of pleasurable activity, combining fun with profit.

Robert W. Thomson
Harvard University

INTRODUCTION

Illumination was a means of both enhancing the value and artistic appeal of a manuscript, and of illustrating the text. Such paintings in manuscripts are known as miniatures. The Armenian miniatures form a beautiful link between miniature painting of the East and West.

The earliest Armenian miniatures belong to the sixth century, though manuscript illumination did not become an important art in Armenia until the tenth century. These drawings usually depict scenes and personalities in the Gospels, the most popular books of the day, and were executed by monks trained in scriptoria such as existed at Gladsor, Mush, Tat'ev, Van, and Aght'amar. Painting was done on one or both sides of a sheet of parchment until the thirteenth century, when specially treated paper was employed.

Armenian miniature painting has its origins in traditions common to its neighbors. Artists had two distinct traditions, beside an Armenian tradition, to draw upon. The first of these was influenced by Persian and Mesopotamian animal designs and by Islamic geometrical patterns and floral motifs. Figures are drawn simply, in a limited range of color, with stylization of detail. The majority of pictures included in this book belong to this genre. In the second tradition, influenced by Byzantine models, an attempt to achieve greater naturalism is made. Attention is given to details and to architectural and landscape backgrounds, often omitted in the less sophisticated style. Beyond this, variation in the quality of execution can be ascribed to the individual artist's training, talents, materials, extent of patronage, as well as to the tastes of his patron.

Miniature activity was by no means confined to Greater Armenia, for a school to train artists and scribes was established in every major city with an Armenian population during the eleventh through fourteenth centuries. Fleeing before the Seljuq invasions of 1065-1080, a large part of the population of Greater Armenia left the homeland and settled in Cilicia, which in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries flourished as the center of most creative activity. Miniaturists were trained in the monasteries of Drazark and Skevra, at Mlidj, Romkla, and Sis.

While artistic life did not cease entirely in Greater Armenia, little time or funds were available for it. Nevertheless, in the brief period between the expulsion of the Seljuqs in 1210 and the invasion of the Mongols around 1243, a reawakening occurred, to last at least one century more. The distinction between the Eastern and Byzantine traditions mentioned above became less clear in the fourteenth century as miniaturists in Cilicia and Armenia incorporate elements from each other's works.

But for one final revival in the seventeenth century, the volume and quality of Armenian manuscript illumination declined. The last few examples of this art date from the beginning of the nineteenth century.

Of some 6500 illuminated codices preserved, the result of thirteen centuries of artistic effort, the largest collections are located at the Matenadaran in Yerevan, Armenia; the Library of the Armenian Patriarchate in Jerusalem; the Mekhitarist Library of San Lazzaro, Venice; the Mekhitarist Library in Vienna; the Vatican Library, and in private collections in Europe and America.

Robert Der Bedrosian

Symbolic battle between good and evil

Canon table
(cross reference page for the Gospels)

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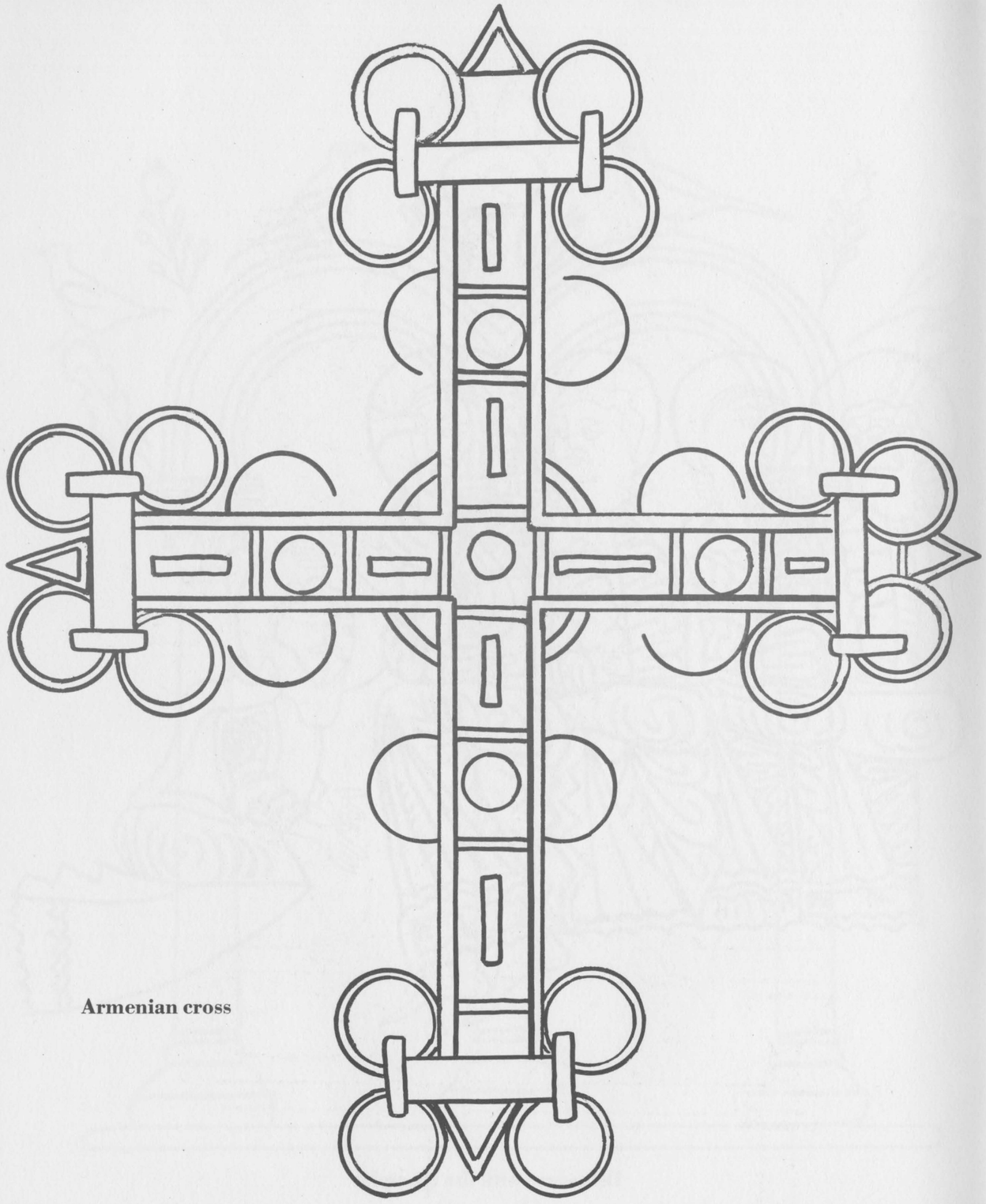

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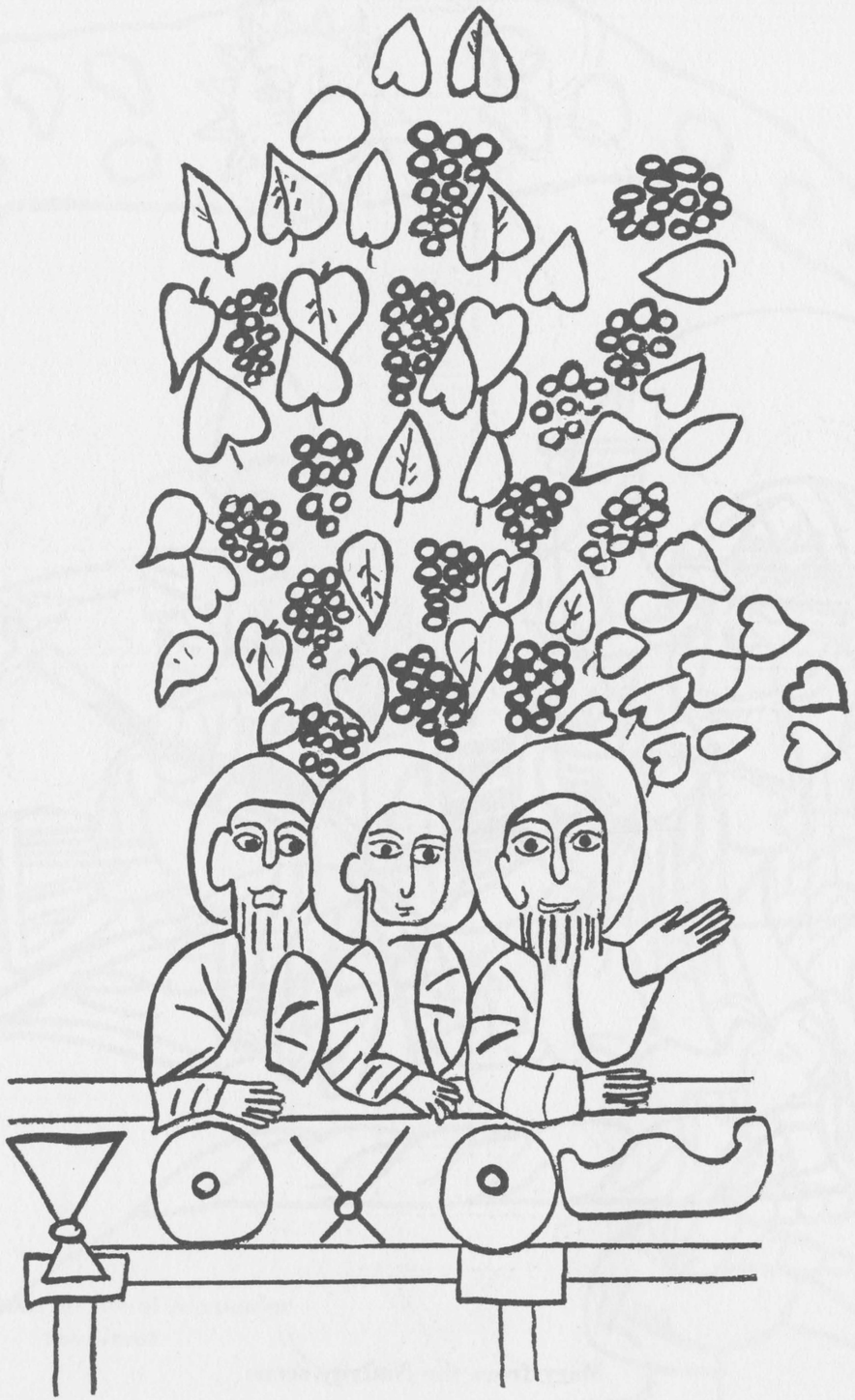
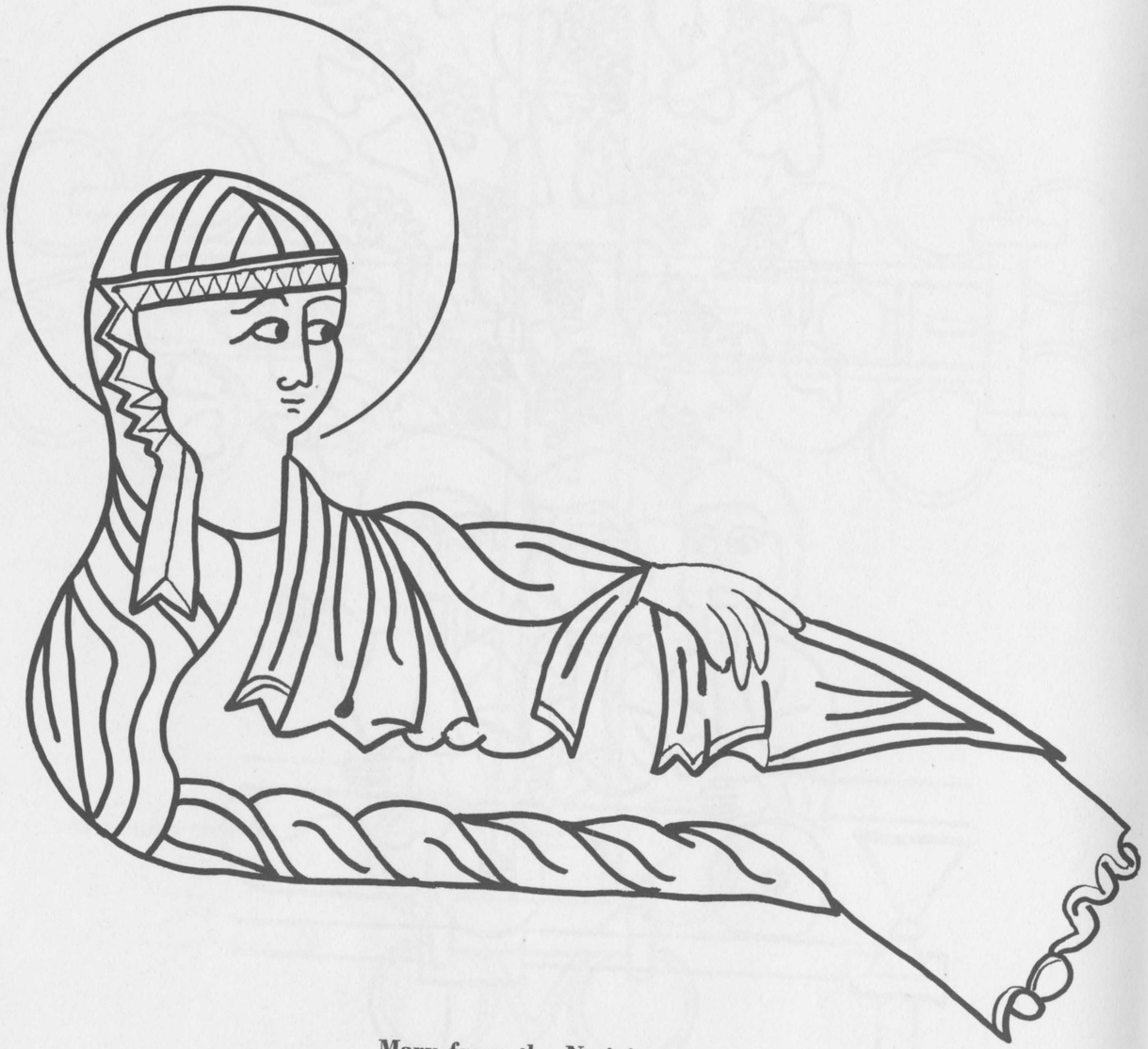
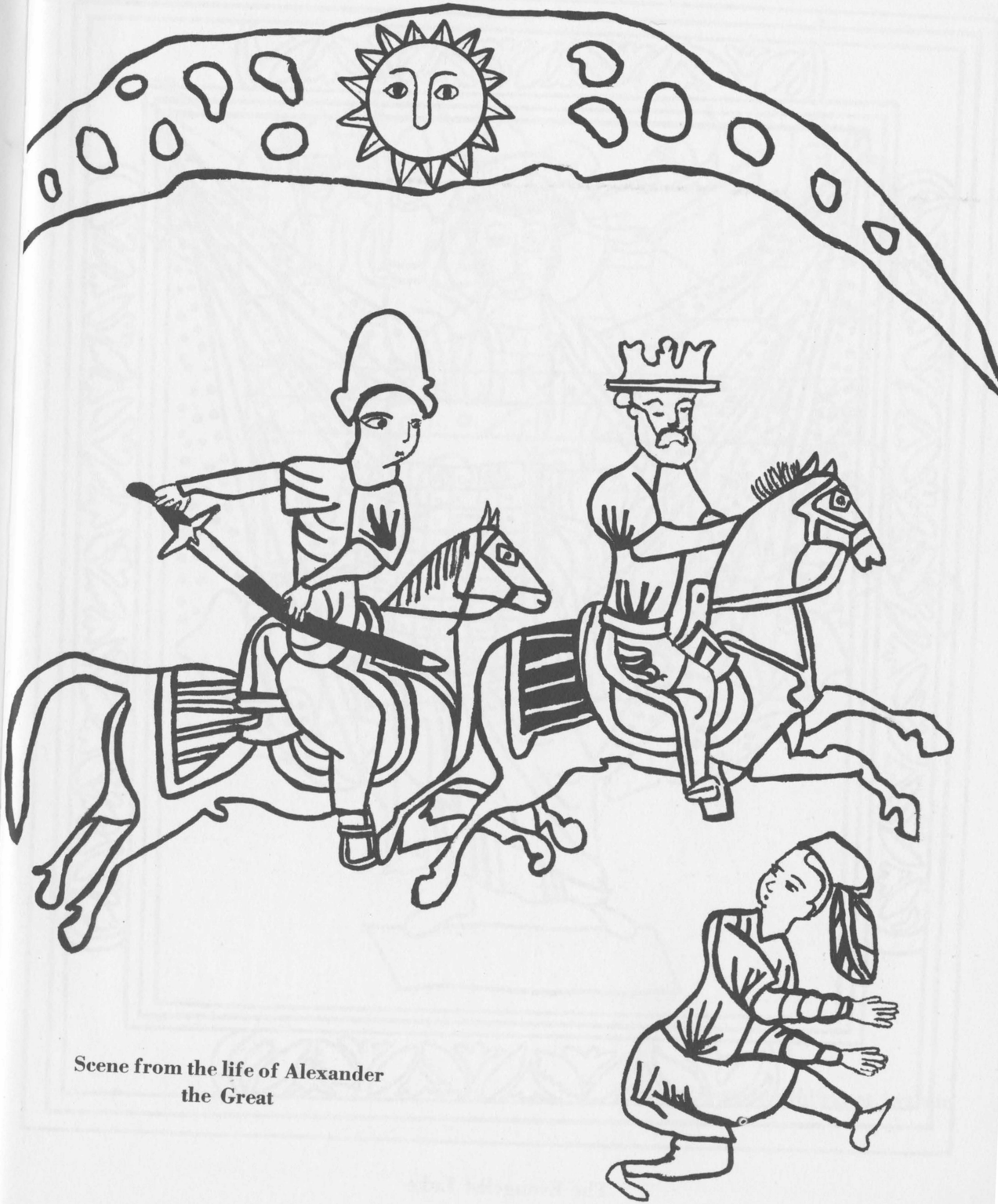


Angels entertained by Abraham (not shown)



Mary from the Nativity scene



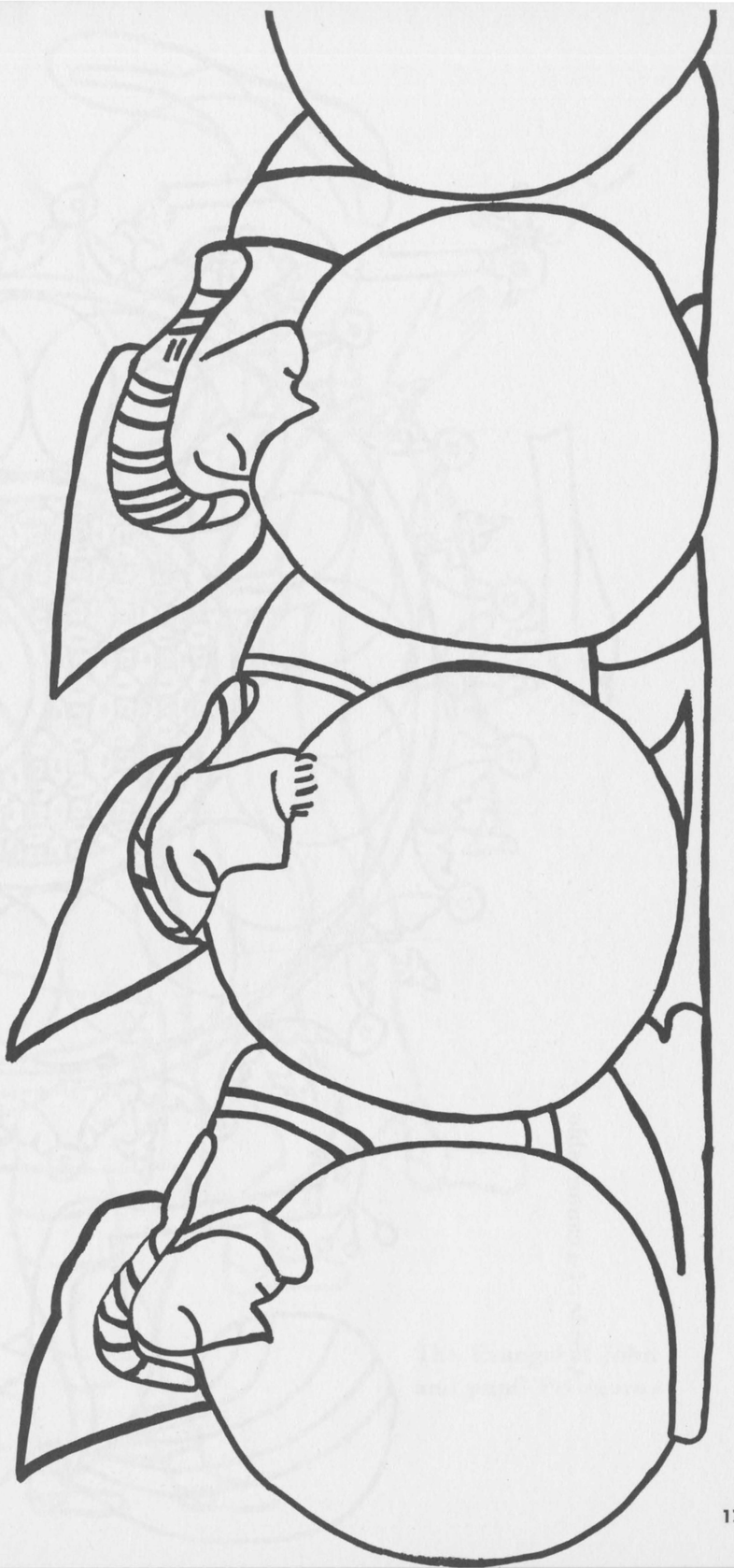
Scene from the life of Alexander
the Great

The Evangelist Luke

Enemy Persian soldiers at Avarair

Jesus giving Communion

Sleeping soldiers at the Sepulcher



Arcade of a canon table

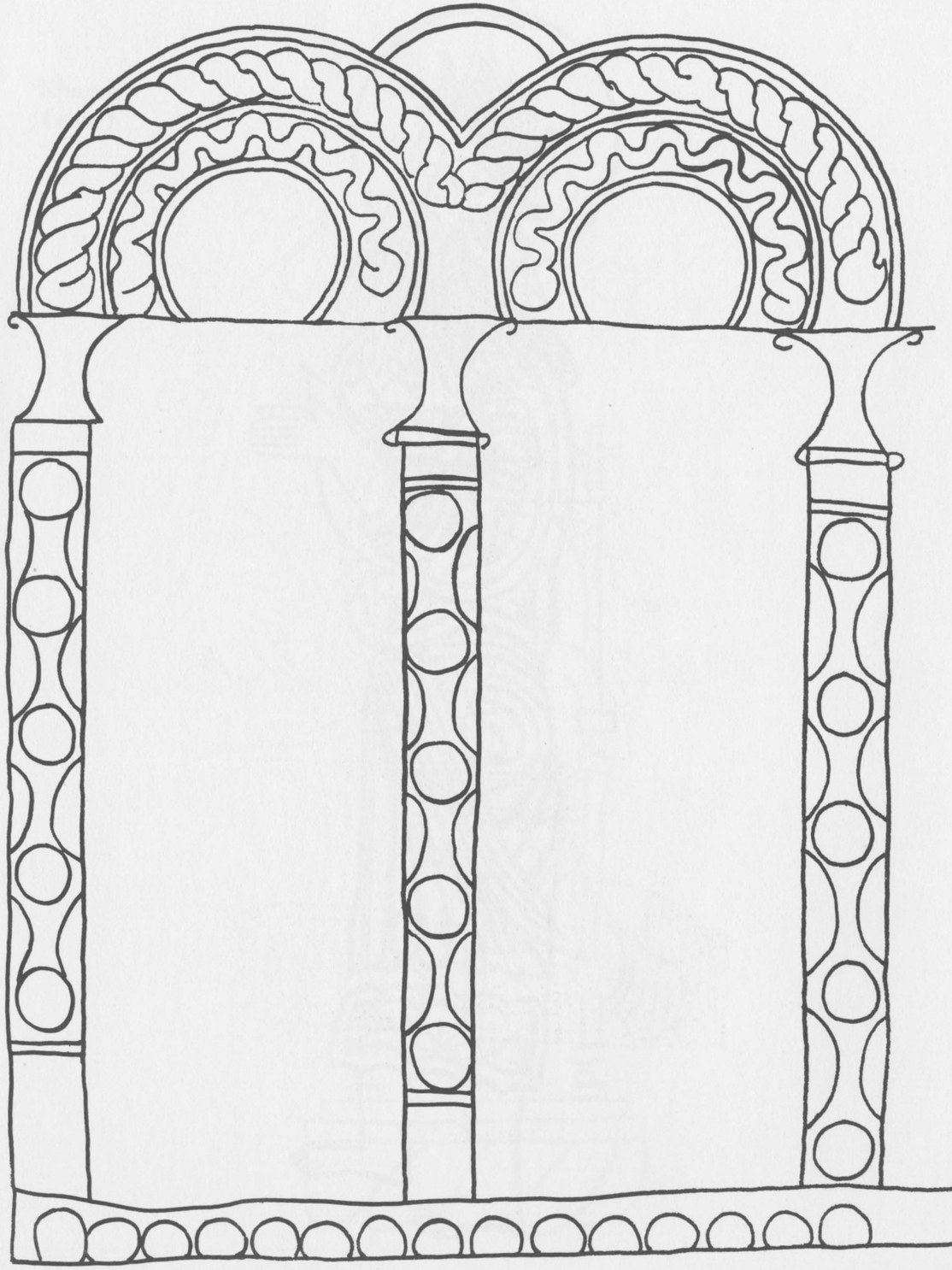
The Evangelist John
and pupil Prochoros

Ornamental cross

Angel at the Sepulcher

Playing the saz

Two canon tables joined



Prophet

Khoran
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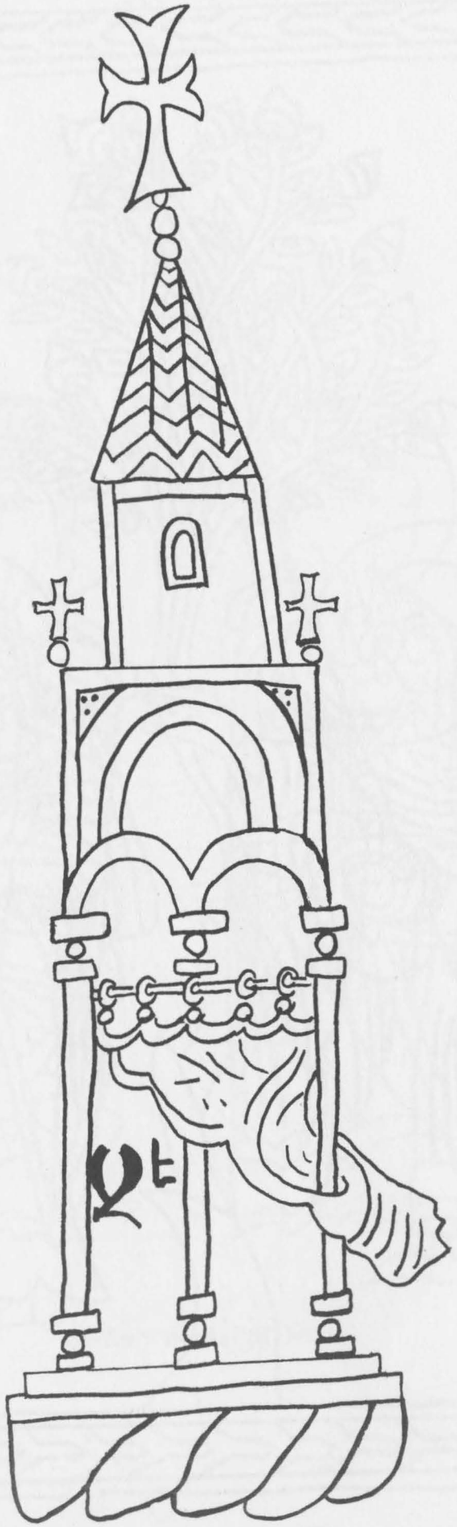

The Annunciation

Peter's denial of Jesus

Fantastic creature

Lazarus restored to life by Jesus

A Warrior Saint

Ornamental capital letter from
the Gospel of Saint Matthew

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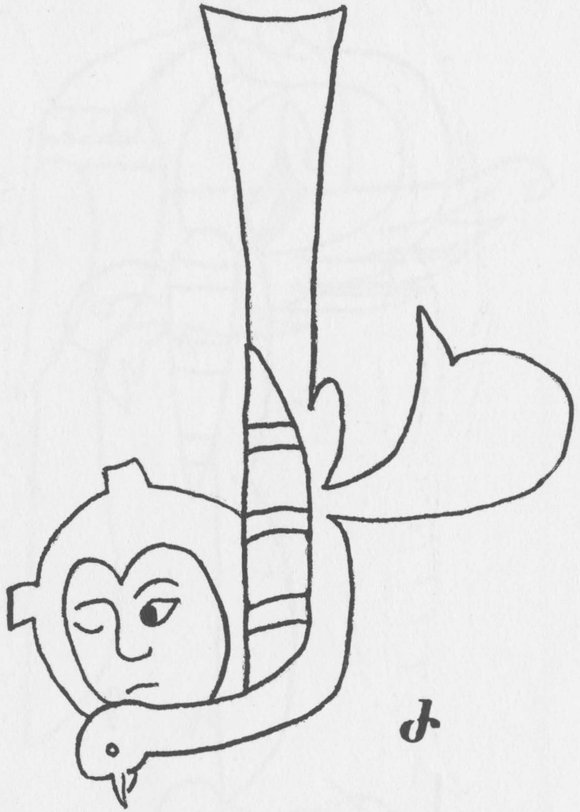

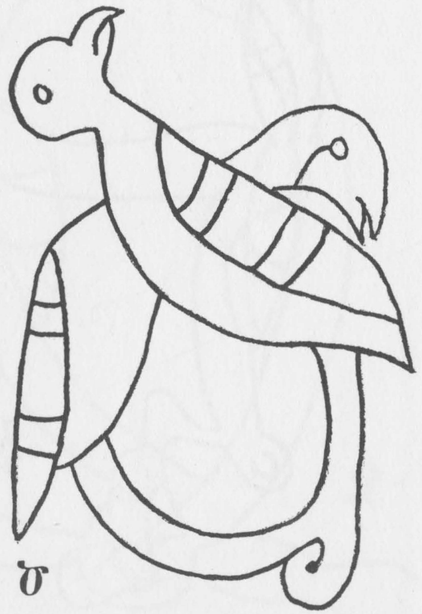

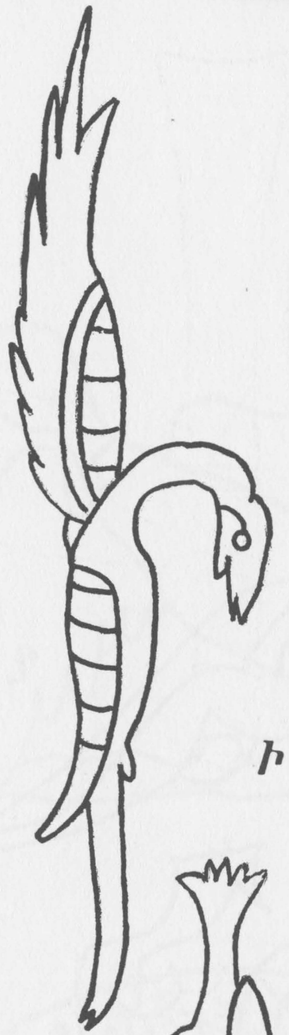

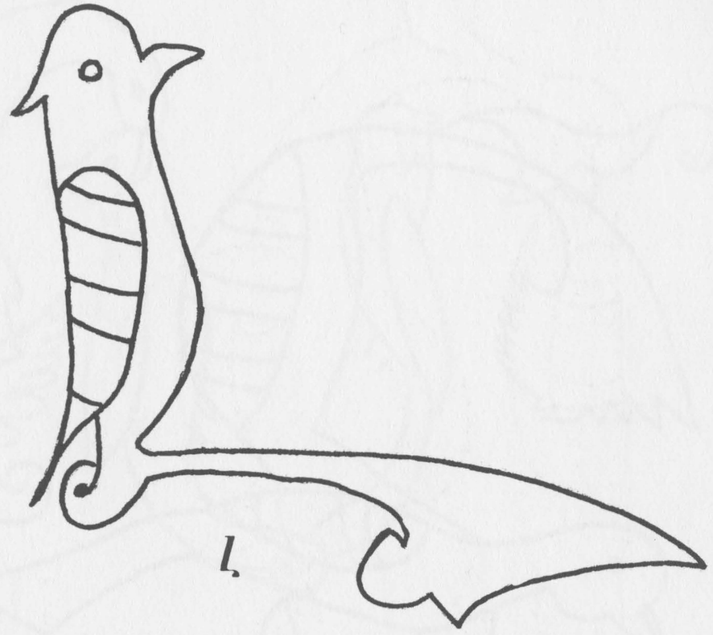

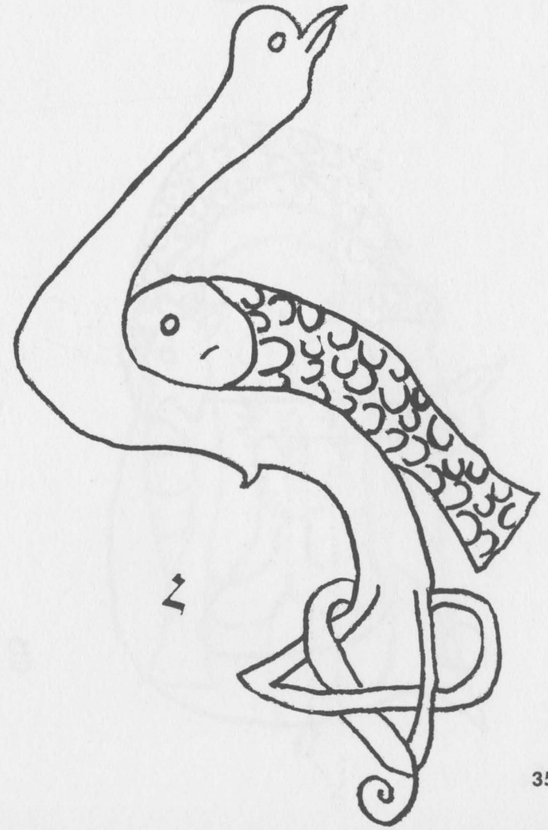

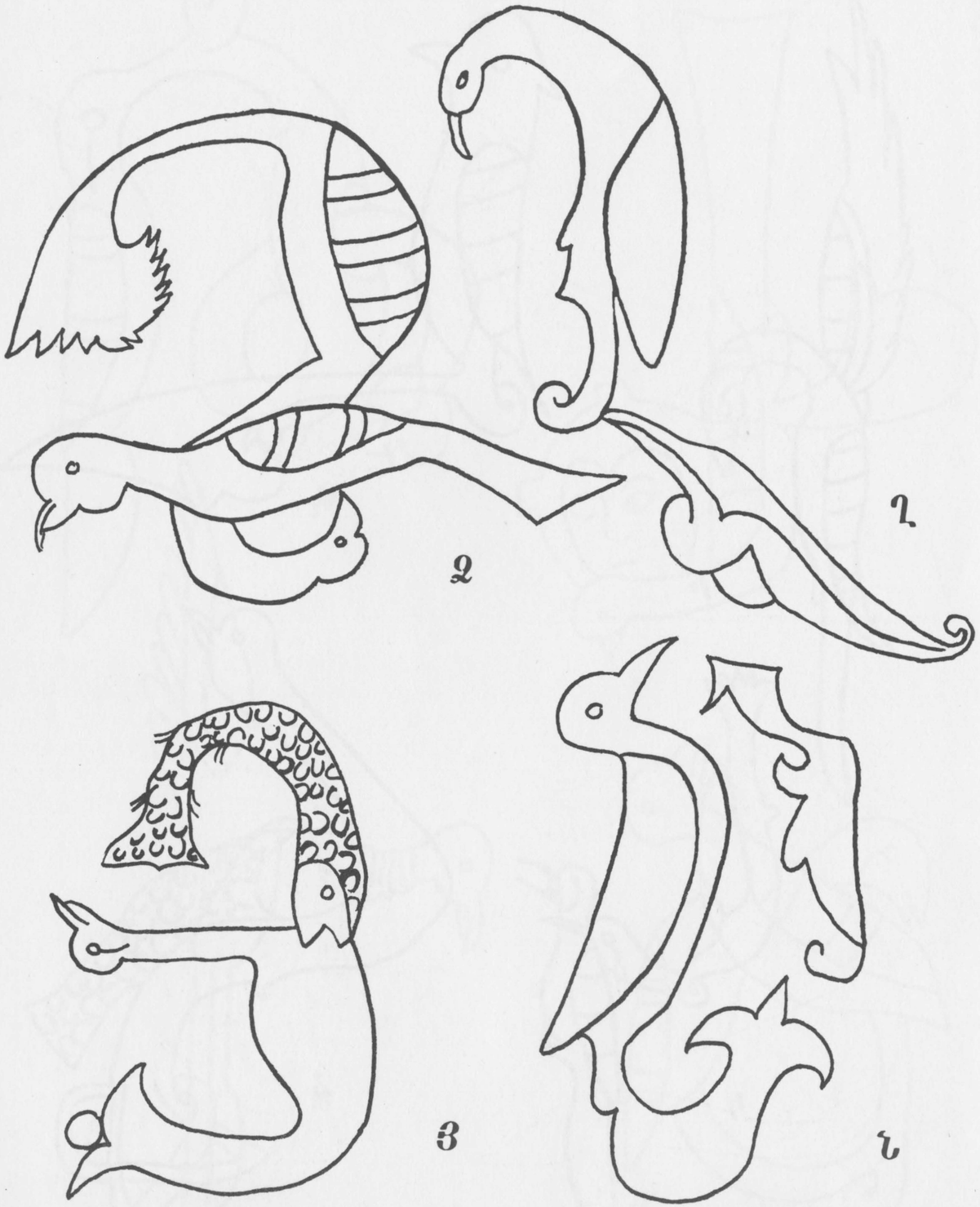

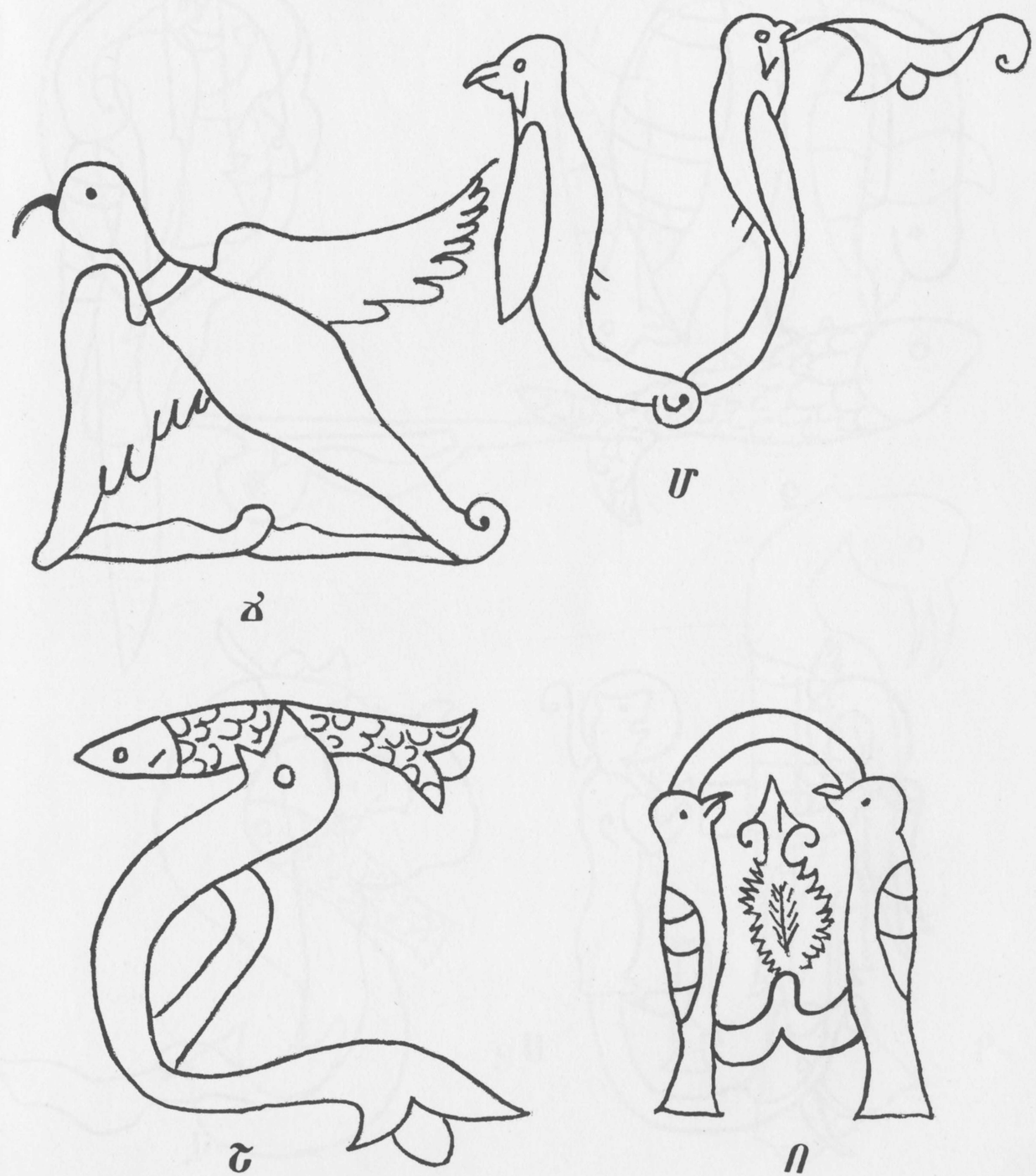

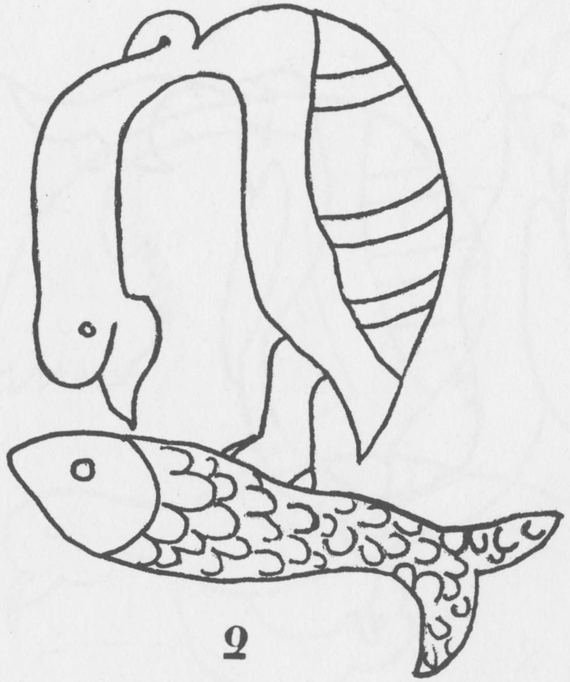

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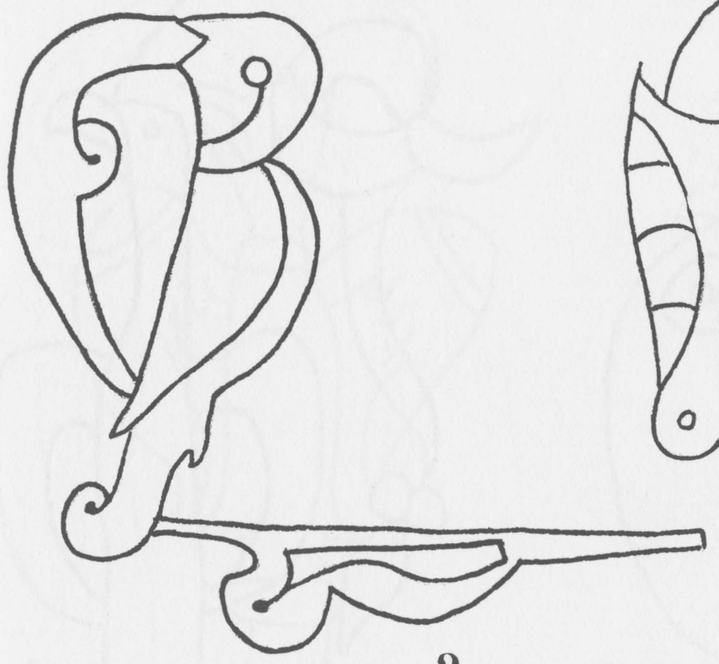

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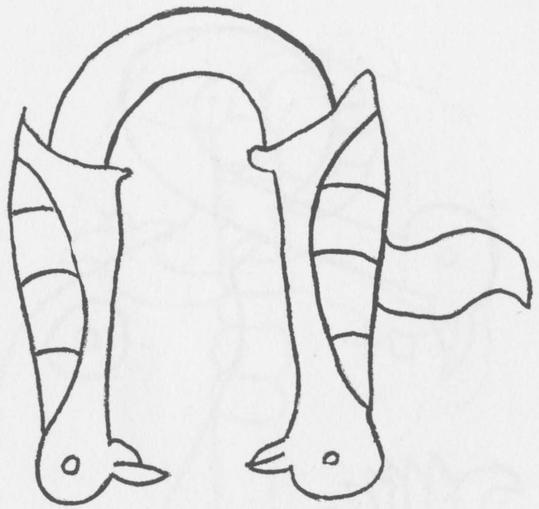

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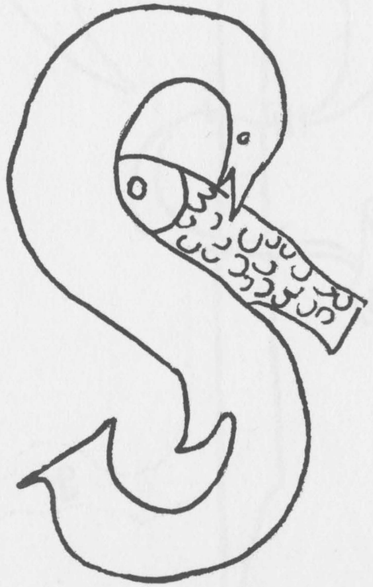

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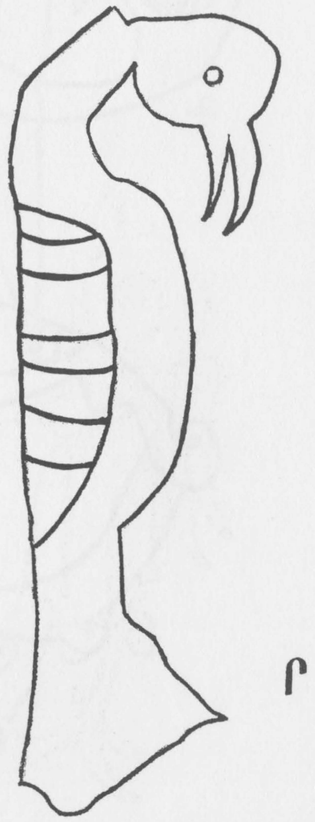

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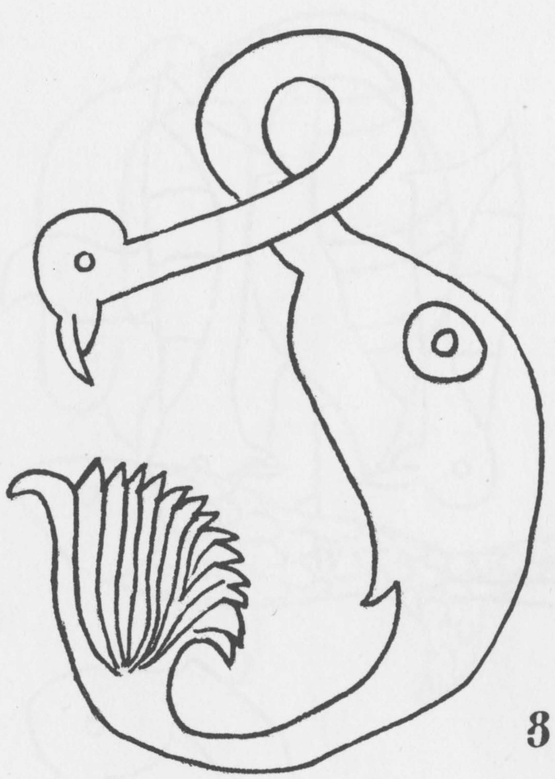

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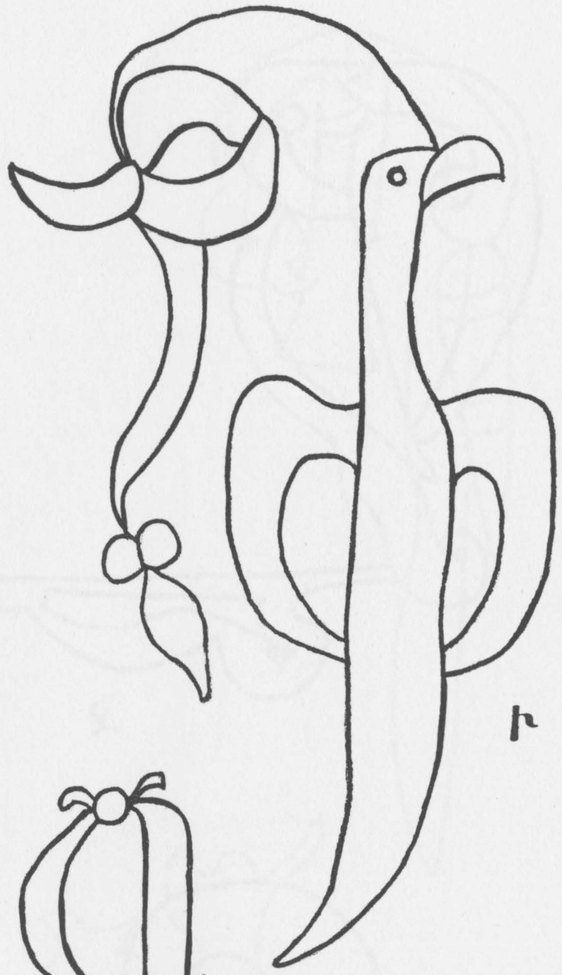

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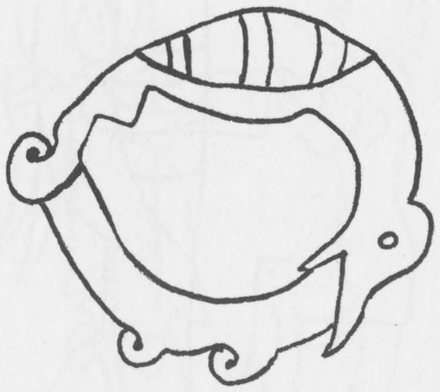

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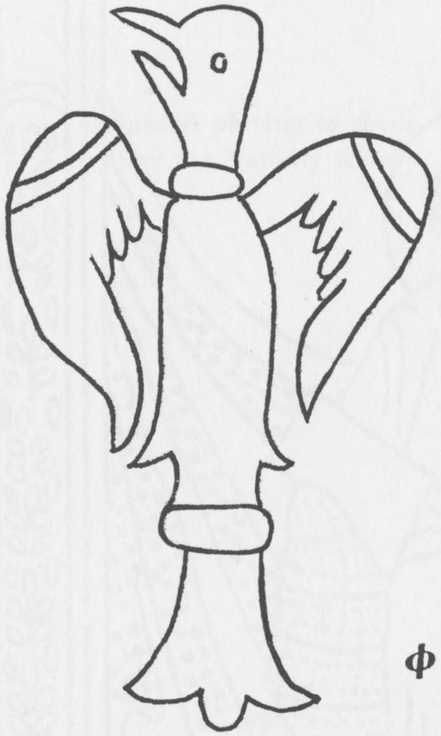

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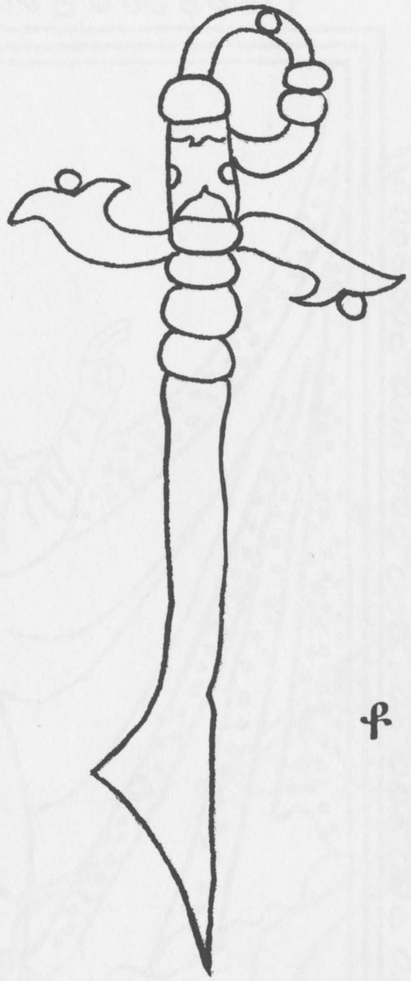

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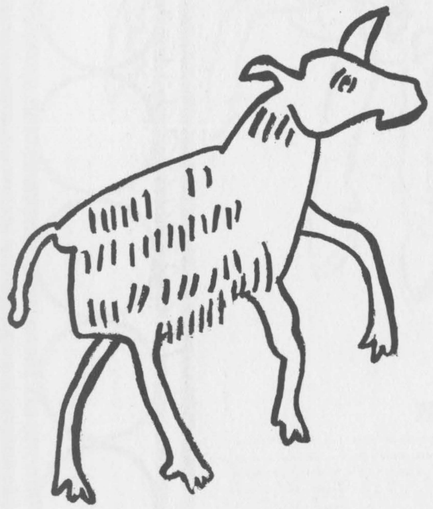
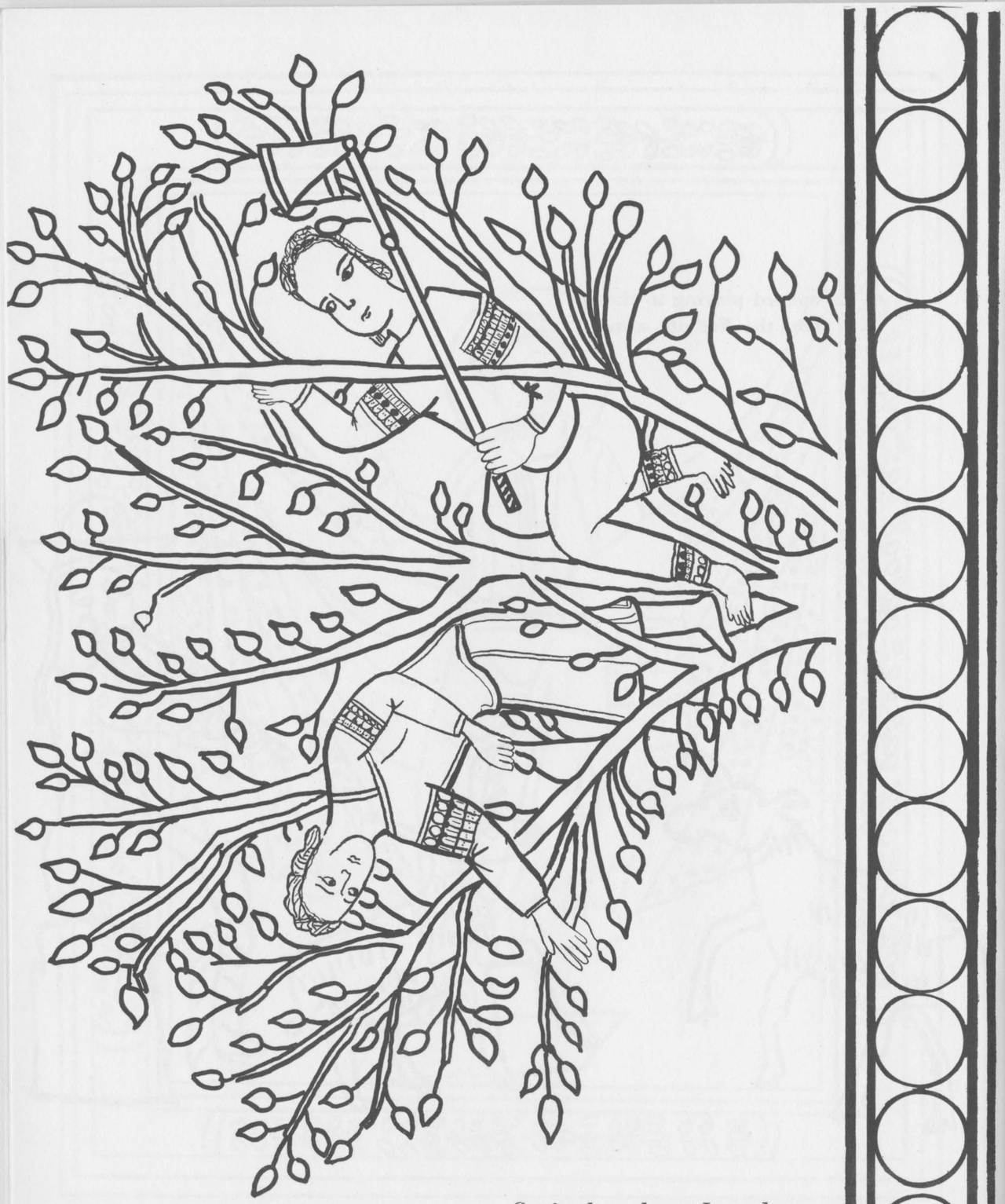
The Evangelist John

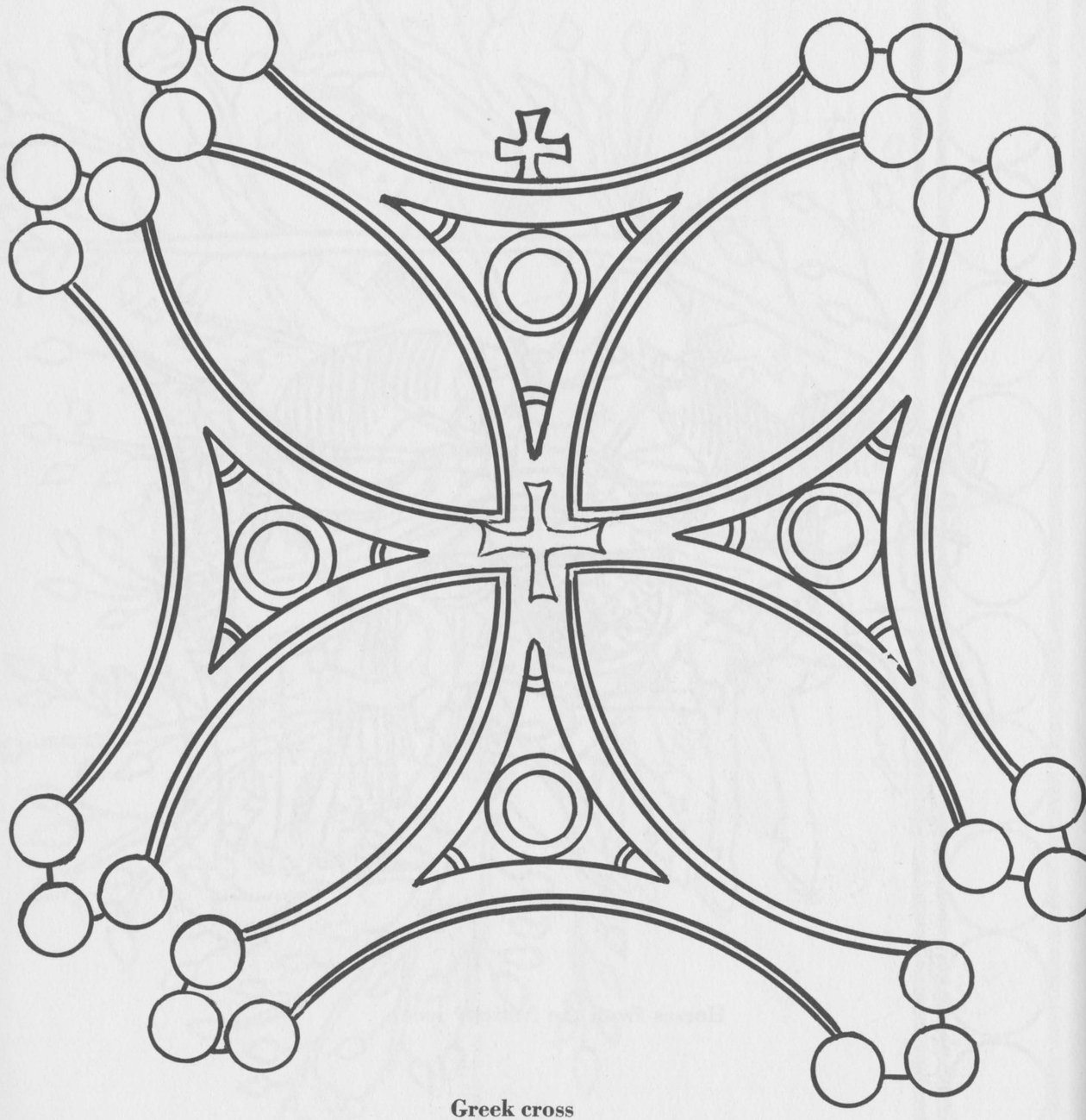
**Shepherd playing to sheep
from the Nativity scene**





Cutting branches at Jerusalem

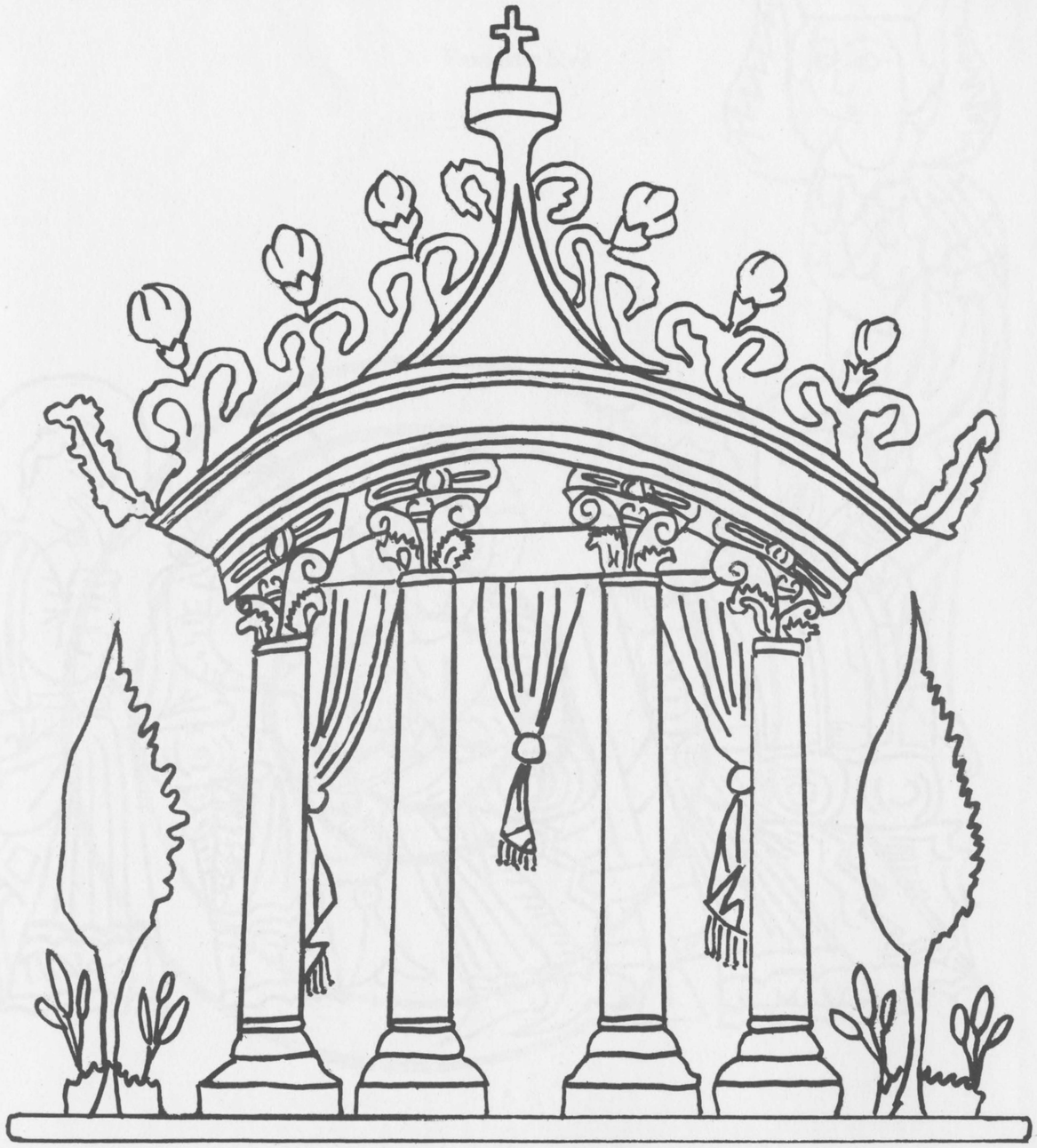
Horses from the Nativity scene



Greek cross

Fantastic birds

Angel of the Annunciation



Tempietto
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Washing of the Disciples' feet

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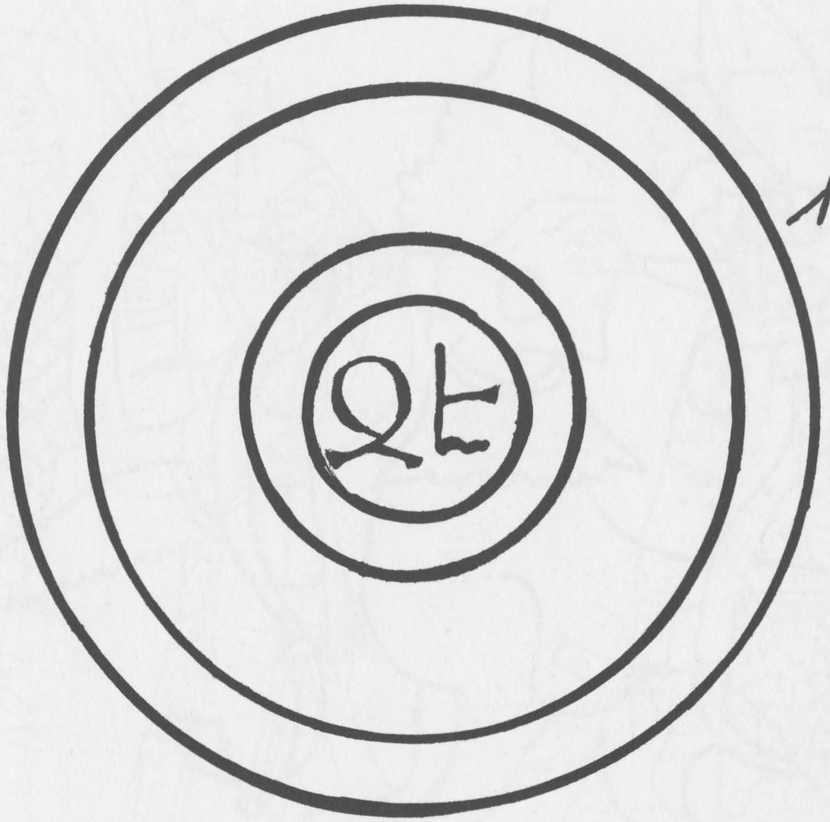

Sun and moon

Fantastic creature

Man with fish

Carrying a jug

Fantastic creature

Peter cutting off the ear of Malchus
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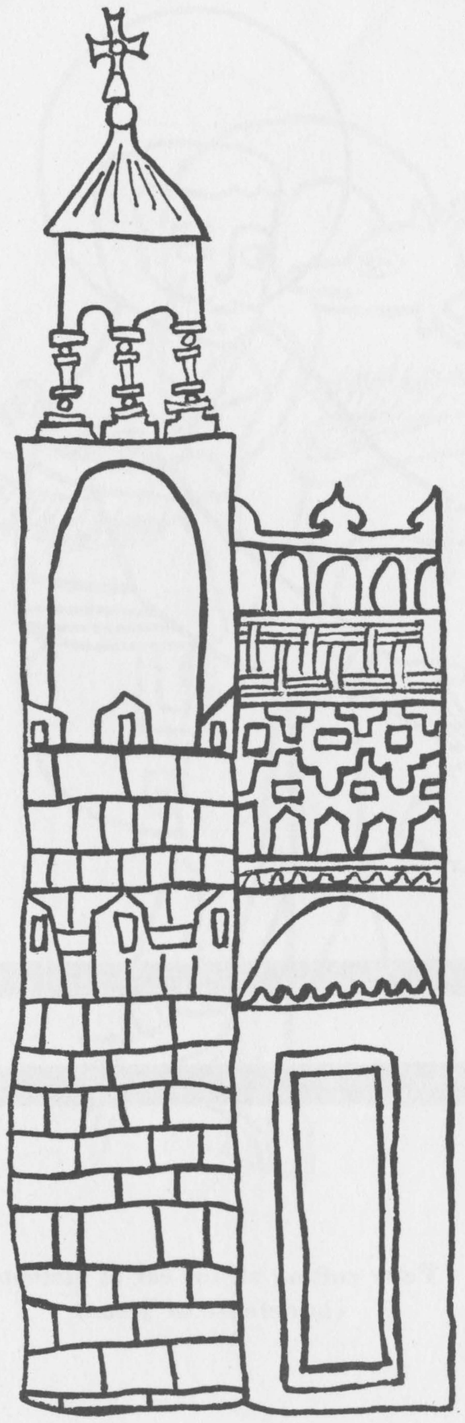
Building representing Jerusalem



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Teacher

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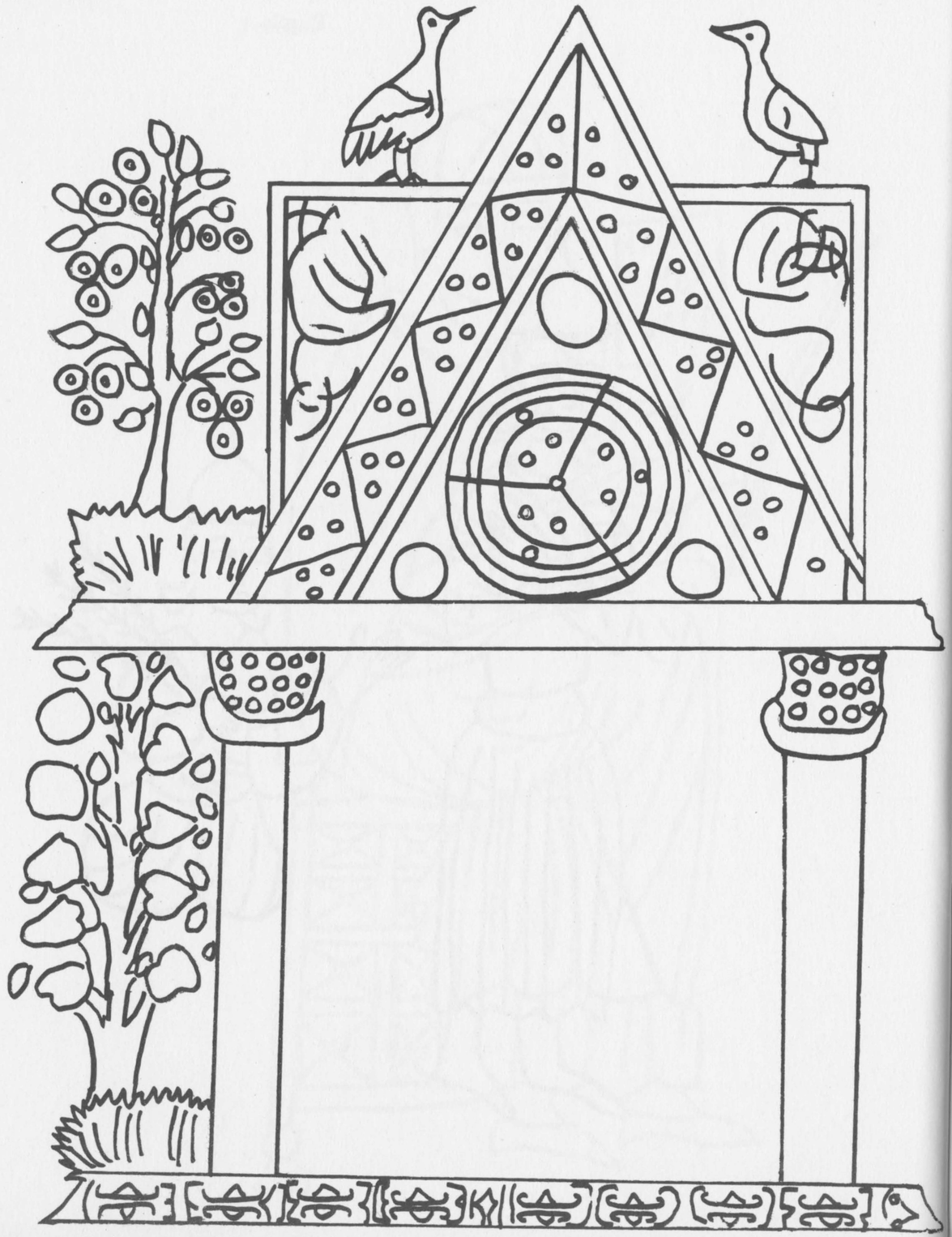

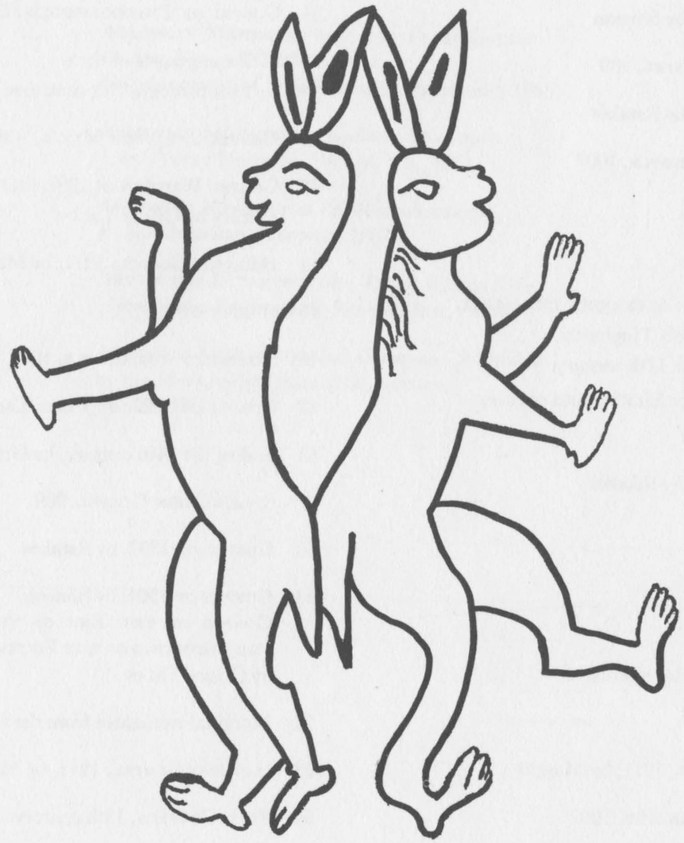

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