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# National Armenian American Republican Council

A Charter Member of the National Republican Groups (Nationalities) Council,  
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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 30, 1984

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*National Chairman of Finance*

SUZANNE DE PARIS KAZANJIAN

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

### A REPORT BY

Suzanne de Paris Kazanjian  
Chairperson, Committee on Finances  
National Armenian American Republican Council  
509 Madison Ave., Suite 610  
New York, NY 10022

Re: MY MISSION TO SOUTH AMERICA ON BEHALF OF  
THE NATIONAL ARMENIAN AMERICAN REPUBLICAN COUNCIL  
("NAARC")

### Purpose and Scope of Mission:

To rally all American Citizens of Armenian or Lebanese background, in Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay, to register and vote for the Republican Candidates in the upcoming national elections in the United States.

On the eve of my departure from the United States, Mr. Bob Basile of the United States based Lebanese-American League, Mr. Adib Kassis and Mr. Alfred Mady, both of the Lebanese governmental office in the United States, empowered and encouraged me to visit the Lebanese Ambassadors and Consuls in the Argentine, Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Uruguay to enlist their assistance in my mission for the success of Republican candidates.

At approximately the same time, the general international director, Missak Haigentz, of the Armenian General Benevolent Union ("AGBU") handed me letters of recommendation to the South American leaders of that organization. Ms. Helen Cameron, Director of Voters Registration from the Reagan-Bush campaign committee, gave that group's approval of my mission.

Uruguay:

I called upon the Lebanese Ambassador, the Honorable Riad Kantar, who cordially greeted me and listened attentively to what I had to say. He promised that he would compile a list of Lebanese and Armenian subjects holding United States citizenship so that they might obtain the necessary absentee papers in order to properly register and cast absentee ballots for the Republican candidates. Ambassador Kantar said that he would announce this effort on behalf of the NAARC in the newspapers. The General Consul of the Embassy, Mr. Khalil el-Habr, was of important assistance to me.

I also visited Mr. Carlos Yergatakrdzian, chairman of the Montivideo AGBU, who held a special reception for me to meet with the school principal, student body, and all AGBU personnel in Montevideo. At my suggestion, they agreed to rent a bus and gather together all United States citizens of Armenian and Lebanese persuasions in order to take them to the United States Embassy where they would register and later cast votes.

At the United States Embassy in Uruguay, I had the very real honor of meeting our ambassador, His Excellency, the Honorable Thomas Aranda, Jr., who was most enthusiastic about what I was doing. He said he would be personally responsible for welcoming all Armenians and Lebanese in the country who are citizens of the United States. I was honored to be seen with him in the enclosed photograph. Later I was interviewed by three local radio stations, read a message prepared for such an occasion by the NAARC, and stressed the importance for all Americans to fulfill their duties abroad.

Argentina:

Prior to my departure from New York, Mr. Basile, of the Lebanese-American League, had arranged for me to meet with the Lebanese Ambassador to the Argentine, His Excellency, the Honorable Edmond Khayat. Mr. Khayat felt my mission to be highly meritorious and said that he would



place articles in the local Lebanese press which is read by the entire Latin American Lebanese urging all American citizens to prepare properly in advance in order to be able to vote in the American elections. Enclosed please find picture with Ambassador Khayat. These notices would bear the sponsorship designation of the NAARC.

I met too with the Argentine's AGBU Chairman, and Messrs. Yussufian, school principal, Marashlian, and Hajian, of the Armenian Revolutionary Federation, all respected community leaders and well known in the Country. They all agreed to prepare articles for publication on behalf of the Republican Party and to work hand in hand with Armenians from Lebanon to achieve the victory of Ronald Reagan and the Republican Party in 1984.

I also met Mr. Raymond Bailey, General Consul of the American Embassy who commended my work and assured me the Embassy would support my endeavor and would welcome the inquiries of Armenian and Lebanese Americans in the Argentines. Enclosed please find a letter from the United States Embassy in Argentina.

Brazil:

In Sao Paulo, I met with the city's Mayor. This took place at a festive immigrants' festival. I told him that I had a special message from Ronald Reagan, and asked his assistance in urging all Armenian Americans, Lebanese Americans, and other nationalities, to fulfill their citizenship rights. His Honor was happy to learn of my mission and volunteered his services. I subsequently met with the Lebanese General Consul, Mr. Fuad el-Khoury, who promised to place a message in the local Lebanese press, as well as a special advertisement urging all United States citizens to both register and vote.

My visits with local Armenian Revolutionary Federation and AGBU leaders were likewise fruitful. Mr. Kegham Dadian of the ARF, and Mr. Zaven Der Haroutunian of the AGBU, joined other members of the local Armenian community in warmly welcoming me. I addressed them on the subject of Armenians and the Republican Party, and urged their assistance in the 1984 elections. They said they would transport, at organizational expense, all Armenian Americans from Lebanon to the local United States Consulate. In addition, they would write articles on the subject, place public notices and assist all



Armenian Americans in the NAARC effort to reelect our great President, Ronald Reagan, and that they would canvas all Armenian churches, clubs and facilities. The Vice Consul of the United States referred me to the representatives of Republicans abroad, Mrs. Anne Wise. Mrs. Wise gave me her blessings.

There are four million Lebanese, many of whom may be American citizens. This huge demographic entity includes a large number of Armenians.

A Final Word:

The reader must understand that the overseas effort to rally absentee American Armenians to the Reagan colors is not the sole purpose of the National Armenian American Republican Council. In the United States, the NAARC, Chaired by Dr. James H. Tashjian, of Boston, is executing programs to get as many Armenian American citizens as possible to cast votes for the Reagan ticket. I am happy to say that we are planning to campaign among the various Armenian American communities and that we will work with churches, organizations, etc. to direct votes to the Republican party.

I might add that in Washington, Mr. Basile, head of the Lebanese-American League of 3 million Lebanese living in the United States, promised to mount a door-to-door drive in the interests of a Republican victory in every state of the United States.

One of my goals, as reflected by my position as Finance Chairman of NAARC, is to raise enough funds nationwide for our 1984 Victory voting expenses. Also, hopefully, I will embark my achievements for the absentee ballots in European countries such as London, Paris, Greece, as well as in the Mid-East, Lebanon, and Saudi Arabia for the Armenian and Lebanese and for votes in the United States of America.

Our principal goal, in short, is to keep the Presidency, the White House and the Senate majority in Republican hands, and to this end no honorable means to victory must be left underutilized.

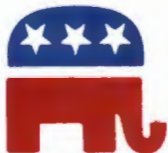
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Heritage National Council and has been selected to lead this effort among Armenians of this nation. From my background as former Chairman of the Womens National Republican Club, Henrietta Wells, Livermore Political Activities School of Politics, and as a prominent professional businesswoman and internationally known owner of Institut de Beaute Suzanne de Paris, I have accepted the appointment of Chairman of the Committee on Finance NAARC. I have been authorized to lead this important movement together with Dr. James H. Tashjian's able assistance. Also, with my background as a French Armenian born in Lebanon, I have the ability of speaking five languages; English, Armenian, French, Arabic and Turkish. With the help of these languages I will make sure to help overseas or in the United States towards our Victory .

*Suzanne De Paris, Kazanjian*  
Suzanne de Paris Kazanjian

Attachments





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Dear Friend,

Recently, the Republican National Committee directed its ethnic arm, the Republican National Heritage (Nationalities) Council, to ask all entities of the ethnic organization to prepare and execute a formal nationwide program of solicitation of the vast American nationalities community for funds to ensure the election of the Republican Party's candidates in 1984.

In this regard, I am pleased to report that the National Armenian American Republican Council, a nationwide organization of Armenian American Republicans and a charter member of the RNH(N)C, has been selected to lead this effort among Armenians of this nation. From my background as former Chairman of the Women's National Republic Club Henrietta Wells Livermore Political Activities School of Politics, and as a prominent professional business woman and internationally known owner of Institut et Produits De Beaute Suzanne de Paris, I have accepted the appointment of Chairman of the Committee on Finance, NAARC. I have been authorized to lead in this important movement, together with Dr. James H. Tashjian's able assistance.

While you will certainly be kept informed of the heavy goals laid out, which will include major functions in New York, New Jersey and similar functions later in other sections of the country, we wish to take this particular occasion not only to apprise you of this effort but to urge you to give early so the Committee may get underway. Committee costs at the outset, of course, are being kept to a minimum. Once we are rolling, all monies received from our friends will go directly to the Party funds for the election of the Republican ticket in 1984.

We appeal to you to participate in this precedential and historic movement in which all segments of the Armenian American community are being called upon to take part. We must demonstrate to our nation that we are an important segment of the American voting public.

A formation meeting of the Heritage Group's Century Club was held on July 27 with approximately sixty enthusiastic and prominent members of the Armenian American community of Metropolitan New York and New Jersey attending. Thus far, our efforts have received the support of Senator Paul Laxalt, our Party's General Chairman, and Chairman Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr. of the Republican National Committee.

An early gift of \$100 or more will automatically enroll you in the Heritage Group's famed Century Club. The larger the contribution, of course, the more welcome it will be. Donations to this effort are eligible for a partial tax credit and receipts will be sent to all friends giving to this fund. For your convenience, we are enclosing a donation form and reply envelope. Inquiries may be directed to me at the same address, or by phoning (1-212) 838-4024.

Cordially,

*Suzanne De Paris, Kazanjian*  
Suzanne de Paris, Kazanjian

Chairperson, Committee on Finances, NAARC





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We are pleased to herewith enclose our check for \_\_\_\_\_  
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Contributors of \$5,000 or more become Honorable Advisory  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Make checks payable to: Committee on Finance, NAARC

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## Armenians Reactivate National Armenian-American Republican Council; To Raise Funds

NEW YORK, N.Y. - Over 60 prominent Armenians from the New York City area gathered last month at the Founders Room of the Women's National Republican Club and pledged to reactivate the National Armenian American Republican Council, established in 1952. They also formed a NAARC Century Club, which will actively seek fundraising for the Party.

The meeting was held at the initiative of Ms. Suzanne Kazanjian, who is professionally known as Suzanne De Paris. Ms. Kazanjian extended the invitation in her capacity as the newly appointed Chairperson of the Committee on Finances of the Council and the response was more than anticipated.

NAARC was originally created as a charter member of the Republican National Committee's Auxiliary ethnic arm, the National Republican Heritage Groups (Nationalities) Council. Up to now, the Council had limited its efforts to the solicitation of votes at the grassroots level. However, with this present effort at bringing new life to the group, the Council will seek to expand its activities in 1984 to the solicitation of contributions to assist the National Committee, the Heritage Council and push ahead the common task of ensuring the reelection of a Republican ticket next year.

At the meeting, which Ms. Kazanjian chaired, participants pledged their support to the Republican party and its ticket in the 1984 campaign and expressed overwhelming enthusiasm for President Ronald Reagan and his team.

Attending the meeting was Mr. James H. Tashjian, National Chairman of the National Armenian American Republican Council, and Mr. Michael Sotirhos, the National Chairman of the National Republican Heritage (Nationalities) Groups Council. Elected was an executive board, and issues, tactics and plans were discussed with the aim of initiating a successful campaign for fundraising among American Armenians. In the course of the meeting, participants were pleasantly surprised to receive a telephone call from Senator Paul Laxalt, General Chairman of the Republican Party. Senator Laxalt commended the American Armenians for their efforts on behalf of the Republican Party and wished them success in their endeavor.

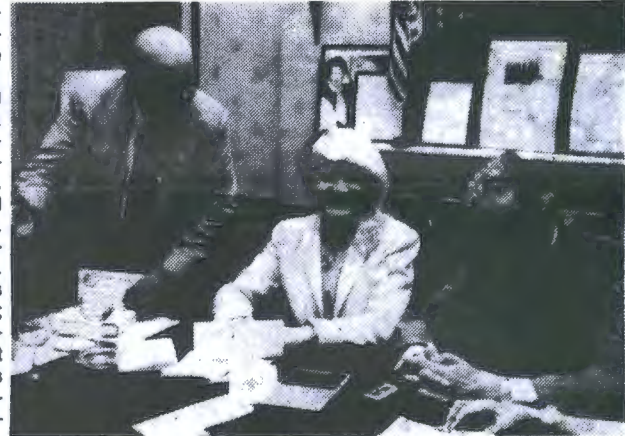
Serving on the newly created NAARC Finance Committee with Ms. Suzanne De Paris as its chairperson and treasurer, are Dr. Aram Cazazian, George Philibosian, Bedros Tashjian, Zaven Dadekian, Robert Demurjian, Armen K. Boyajian, Noubar Jesourian, Mark Ohanian, Ms. Sonia Bogosian, Henrik Boudakian, Miss Nina Hovnanian, Ms. Mary Byrne Messerian, Mrs. Ani P. Nalbandian, Edward Melikian, Hagop Oglian, and Richard, David and Michael Demurjian. Acting as general counsel is Joseph Basraian, Esq.

Also named were Regional Chairmen for the Northeast region of the country. They included Mardouni Vahradian, N.J. Assemblyman Garabed "Chuck" Haytaian, Dr. Roubik

Kachikian, attorney Alan Philibosian. Attorney Martin Nalbandian was named Executive Director.

Honorary chairmen named included Hon. Michael Satirhos, Chairman of National Republican Heritage Group (Nationalities) Council and Mr. James H. Tashjian, Chairman of National Armenian Republican Council. Serving on the Advisory Committee are Mrs. Josephine D. Dorland, President, Women's National Republican Club; Hirair Hovnanian, George Chakerian, Mrs. Robert Gunther, First Vice President, Women's National Republican Club; Sarkis Soultanian, Dr. George Dermeksian, Michael Haratounian, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bonelli, Sarkis Gabrielian and Frank DeBello, Morris County, N.J. Republican Chairman.

The Committee will actively seek members for its Century Club, which will require a contribution of \$100 per person.

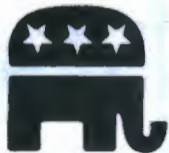


**REPUBLICANS AT WORK.** Mr. James H. Tashjian making a point during a recent meeting of the Committee of Finances of the National Armenian American Republican Council. With him are Ms. Suzanne De Paris Kazanjian, Chairperson, Finance Committee, and Mr. Michael Sotirhos, Chairman of National Republican Groups (Nationalities) Council.



**COMMITTEE MEETING.** Participants of the recent meeting seen during the discussion.





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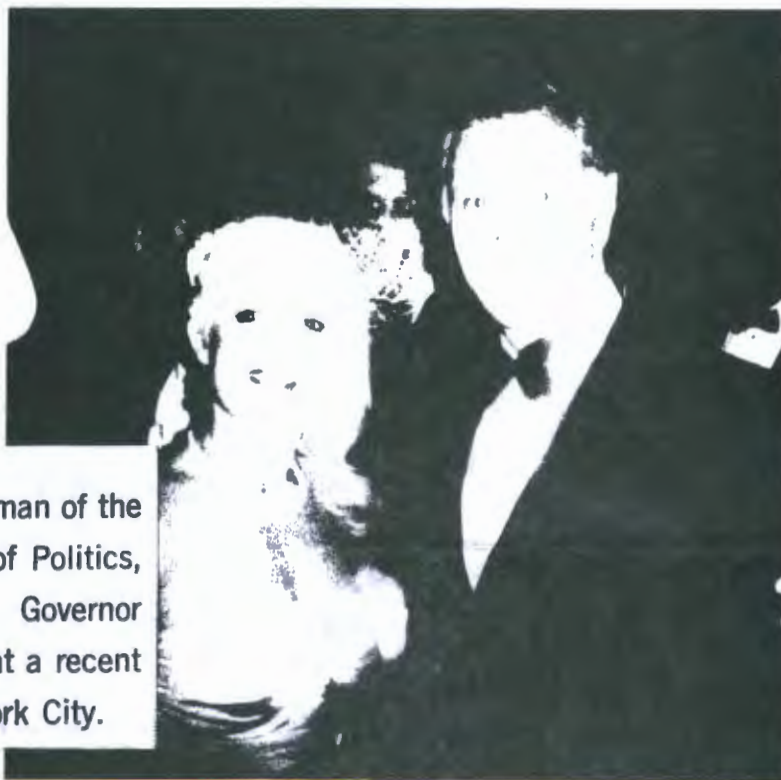
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WITH OUR EFFORTS IN 1984, LET'S KEEP THE WHITE HOUSE  
IN REPUBLICAN HANDS – VOTE REPUBLICAN



Suzanne de Paris, our former Chairman of the Henrietta Wells Livermore School of Politics, and Chairman of the N.A.A.R.C., Governor George Deukmejian of California, at a recent tribute for the Governor in New York City.



Salute to **SUZANNE DE PARIS**  
our young and enthusiastic former Chairman of  
Henrietta Wells Livermore School of Politics  
who has given her full support  
and Commitment to Our Republican Party

Supportive member of The Presidents Club  
Republican National Committee Washington, D.C.

Finance and Active Chairman of  
National Armenian American Republican Council  
Founder of Century Club NAARC

Supportive member of  
The National Republican Senatorial Committee  
Inner Circle Washington, D.C.

Supportive member of  
The National Federation of Republican Women  
Washington, D.C.

Recipient of The Medal of Merit  
in appreciation for her support as a member  
of the Republican Presidential Task Force  
Ronald Reagan, Founder

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## A Message to the American-Armenian Voter

President Reagan's leadership has given new life to our economy and helped to restore our national defenses. With the dedication of the Republican Senate majority he is beginning to guide our country toward a new era of growth and prosperity.

### JOB AND UNEMPLOYMENT

The Administration expects growth to create up to five million new jobs by the end of next year. A rise of more than 1.5 million in total employment in the first seven months of 1985 is a good start toward that goal.

### CIVIL RIGHTS

"The right to vote," says President Reagan, "is the most sacred right of free men and women."

## Vote Republican November 8, 1983

Send your contribution of \$100.00 payable to National Armenian American Republican Council for membership in the Century Club. Send checks to Suzanne De Paris, Chairperson, Harriet Livermore School of Politics and Member of the Women's National Republican Club, c/o Institut de Beauté, 509 Madison Avenue, Suite 610, New York, N.Y. 10022.



Suzanne De Paris Kazanjian with Gov. George Deulomejian at the recent tribute held for the Governor in New York City.



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## Suzanne De Paris Plays Large Role in Republican Party Affair

NEW YORK, N.Y. - When last month the Honorable Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr., chairman of the Republican National Committee, attended a banquet here hosted by the Women's National Club, at least 30 Armenians were among a select group of prominent Americans and party leaders.

Credit for the presence for the Armenians of course goes to Miss Suzanne De Paris, the noted cosmetologist and an active member of the Republican Club. And like all activities attended by a number of Armenians, the dinner soon turned into an Armenian affair, as noted even by the guest of honor.

Miss Suzanne De Paris, who was at the center of the head table, actually ran the program of speeches and messages, introducing the guests of honor and other prominent Republicans such as Ambassador Jean Gerard, U.S. representative

at UNESCO.

The Republican Committee Chairman discussed the role of women in the Reagan Administration and reviewed some of the measures planned to ensure a Republican Party victory in the 1984 elections.

Miss Suzanne De Paris, in her opening remarks, noted that she herself, as an American-Armenian, had benefitted so much from this country and now is returning the fruits of her success.

The gala dinner was held in the ballroom of the Women's Republican Club located on 51st Street off Fifth Avenue.

Ms. Kazanjian, who prefers to be known as Suzanne De Paris, is chairperson of the Henrietta Wells Livermore School of Politics Committee and also chairs the Finance Committee of the National Armenian-American Republican Council.



**POLITICS.** The Honorable Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr. is shown with Ms. Suzanne De Paris Kazanjian during a dinner hosted by the Women's National Republican Club, Inc., in New York City. Ms. Suzanne De Paris presided over the program. Story on page 15.

## Women's National Republican Club, Inc. Honorary Members

Mrs. Ronald Reagan  
Mrs. George Bush      Mrs. Richard M. Nixon  
Mrs. Gerald R. Ford      Mrs. Nelson Rockefeller

Mrs. Joseph Warner Dorland - President

and the  
Henrietta Wells Livermore School of Politics Committee  
Miss Suzanne De Paris Kazanjian, Chairman  
also chairman of the

Finance Committee of the  
National Armenian-American Republican Council

cordially invite you to meet

The Honorable Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr.  
Chairman, Republican National Committee  
and other Republican Party Leaders

Saturday, December 17, 1983

at a Black Tie Dinner  
in the Ballroom of the Clubhouse  
3 West 51st Street, NYC

Chairman Fahrenkopf will speak on  
"Women and the Reagan Administration  
and the 1984 Elections"

Cocktails: 7:30 p.m.

Dinner: 8:30 p.m.

\$20 per person for reception ONLY; \$40 for dinner  
Advanced reservations required

Tel. (212) 838-4024 - Suzanne De Paris; Tei: (212) JU 2-5454 - W.N.R.

Make checks payable to: Women's National Republican Club, Inc.  
3 West 51st St., New York, N.Y. 10019



The Hon. Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr., Chairman of Republican National Committee, is surrounded by some of the Armenians who attended a recent gala banquet held in New York City in his honor. L. to R.: George Chakerian; Suzanne De Paris Kazanjian; Mrs. Arlene Boghosian; the guest of honor; Krikor Zadourian; Ms. Anahit Egazarian; Ms. Sonia Bogosian; Dr. K. Khatchadurian; Dr. Edward Keonjian and Mrs. K. Zadourian.



Other guests included: L. to R.: Mrs. Arlene Boghosian; Ms. Anahit Egazarian; Ferdinand Kumakian; Ms. Sonia Bogosian and Ms. Maru Byrne.





Ronald Reagan  
Washington, D.C.

February 13, 1984

Ms. Suzanne De Paris  
509 Madison  
New York, NY 10022

Dear Ms. Paris:

I am delighted to be able to inform you that at the last membership meeting of the National Republican Senatorial Inner Circle, your name was placed in nomination by Senator Alfonse D'Amato and you were accepted for membership.

Last year, the Inner Circle had 2,700 members, including John Connally, Gene Autry, Moya Lear, Ted Turner and J. W. Marriott. I know that you will enjoy meeting your fellow members at Inner Circle functions in Washington or in other locations in our country as well as around the world.


Your formal invitation will be mailed to you in a few days. I urge you to respond by March 12th.

The Spring meeting of the National Republican Senatorial Inner Circle will take place here in Washington on March 26th. Nancy and I will be hosting this meeting and I hope you will join in time to be with us.

Sincerely,

*Ronald Reagan*



Republican  Senatorial  
Inner Circle

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
*Majority Leader*

Richard G. Lugar  
*Chairman*

April 18, 1984

Ms. Suzanne Deparis  
509 Madison Ave., #610  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Suzanne:

Welcome to the Inner Circle!

Your commitment to the Inner Circle will help guarantee a Senate Republican Majority. By becoming an Inner Circle member, you will assure our candidates that they have the support necessary to win in 1984.

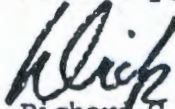
Suzanne, your help comes at a crucial time in this election year. As we work to increase our Senate Republican Majority, our efforts are buoyed by your confidence.

Members of the Inner Circle are taking an active role in defending our Senate Majority. You are joining many other citizens working to continue capable Republican Leadership. In addition, you are invited to join fellow members at the Fall Briefing in Washington, as well as at regional meetings in New York, Los Angeles, and Dallas. You will also receive an invitation to the Inner Circle Inaugural Event in Washington in January 1985.

Finally, as a member of the Inner Circle you will receive reduced rates on hotel rooms, automobile rentals and United Airline tickets in relation to Inner Circle events.

On behalf of my Senate colleagues, I would like to express my appreciation to you for joining the Inner Circle. I look forward to seeing you at future Inner Circle events.

Sincerely,



Richard G. Lugar  
Chairman

RGL/pbp




CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
São Paulo, Brazil

April 10, 1984

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On April 9, 1984, American citizen, Ms. Suzanne de Paris Kazanjian, came to this Consulate General to discuss her efforts to identify and attempt to organize an American Armenian Republican voting bloc among U.S. citizens in this area. While in my office Ms. Kazanjian spoke telephonically with Mrs. Anne Wise, co-chairman of the Brazil chapter of Republicans Abroad. Ms. Kazanjian said she would also meet with the Lebanese Consul General and the São Paulo chapter of the Armenian General Benevolent Union. In addition, she spoke of her efforts to raise the consciences of American citizens of Lebanese and Armenian extraction to help the Reagan -Bush campaign.

American diplomatic and consular posts assist U.S. citizens of all political persuasions who wish to register and vote abroad in U.S. local and national elections.



EARL MICHAEL IRVING  
AMERICAN CITIZEN'S SERVICES OFFICER







EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Buenos Aires, Argentina

April 10, 1984

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This will confirm that Suzanne de Paris Kazanjian, Chairman of the National Armenian American Republican Council, visited my office in the United States Embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on April 5, 1984.

Ms. Kazanjian informed me that she had travelled to Buenos Aires to make contact with Armenian and Lebanese groups and had urged United States citizens in their midst to register with their political parties and to vote in the forthcoming national elections.

I indicated that, as Chief of the Consular Section, I was responsible for the notarial function at the Embassy and for providing information about voting requirements in the United States.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Raymond M. Bailey".

Raymond M Bailey  
Consul General of the  
United States of America



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Տիկ. Սիւզան Տէ Բարիզ Գազանճեան:

Ընդհ. Ատենապետ, Ամերիկայի Տնտեսական ու Գաղաքական  
Հայկական Ազգային Ամերիկեան Հանրապետական Խորհուրդի:

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Ի տես Միութեանս Ընդհ. Տնօրէն Տոքթ. Մ.

Հայկենցի ուղղարկած յանձնարարականին, Բարեգործականի Սան Փաւլոյի  
մասնաճիւղիս՝ վարչական կազմը, ինչպէս նաեւ Տիկնանց ու երիտասարդաց  
Յանձնախումբերը, ըստաւուտութիւնը ունեցանք կարճ ժամանակամիջոցի մը  
համար ձեզ ծանօթանալու, տեղեկանալու ձեր անձին ու կատարած Ազգո-  
ղուտ գործունէութեան մասին, Միացեալ Նահանգներու Պետական շրջան-  
ներու մօտ:

Ամէն: Հայու համար, որ կը հետաքրքրուի  
իր Ազգին գերազանց հարցերով ու կզգայ անոնց կարեւորութիւնը,  
հիացումի արժանի ու մեծապէս զնահատելի է ձեր կատարած աշխատանքը,  
որքան ալ ան հատուածական ըլլայ ի վերջոյ կը ծառայէ Ամերիկեան ժողո-  
վուրդին ու որպէս այդ ծառայութեան բարոյական հատուցում, օգտակար  
կըլլայ մեր ժողովուրդին:

Ի սրտէ կը շնորհակտորենք ձեզի ու լիա-  
կատար յաջողութիւն կը մտղինք ձեր առաքելութեանը:

Բարեկամական անկեղծ յուշերով կը բարե-  
ւենք ձեզի ու ձեր անձնական խորհրդատուն, Պր. Դէորզ Զազրեանը:

Սպասելով ձեր յաջող լուրերուն, կը մնանք  
Ձերդ Յարգանօք

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Ատենադպիր

Զաւէն Տէր Յարութիւնեան  
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Ապրիլ 3, 1984ին, նուպարեան-Ալեք Մանուկեան Կրթական համալիրը այցելեց, Հիւսիսային Ամերիկայի նիւ Եօրք նահանգէն Օր. Սիւզա ն Տր Փարի Գառանձեան, որոք շրջապոռոյտի մը առիթով կը զանուէր Մօնթէվիտէօ:

Ան ունեցաւ սիրալիր տեսակցութիւն մը Դասնաճիւղի Ա.պետ Պր. Սարգիս Գարլոս Երկամագործեանի հետ, որուն կ'ոնկերակցէին Պրնն. Անդրէաս Հինտոյեան, Կարապետ Բէօրոզլեան, Գրիգոր Պէրպէրեան, վարժարանի Կրթական Մարմնոյ Ա.պետուհի Տօր. Վերգինէ Պ. Տէվիրեան եւ Տնօրէն Տօր. Պետրոս Սանթուրեան:

Այսօրք, Ուշեց աշակերտութեան հետ, անցնելով շատ համելի պահեր. Օր. Գառանձեան, այցելեց նաեւ նորակառոյց Ալեք Մանուկեան Մշակութային եւ Ընկերային նեղրոնր, որուն բացումը պիտի կատարուի մօտ օրէն, Միսաք Գուլյումեան զոց մարշարանը եւ նորակառոյց մանկական բացօդոյ մարշարօսաւայրք:

Օր. Սիւզան Տր Փարի Գառանձեան, շնորհաւորեց Հ.Բ.Ը.Մ.ի Մօնթէվիտէոյի մսճ.ի անդամներք, իրենց միութենայնապատ աշխատանքին համար:

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Հ.Բ.Ը.Մ.ի Մօնթէվիտէօ մսճ.ի վարչութեան կողմէ

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յ.ճ. Օր. Գառանձեան, իր վարժարան եւ մսճ.ի ծաւալուն համալիրի այցելութեան ընթացքին, միւր վրայ սրանչելի տպաւորութիւն ձգեց, իր ժրաջան եւ զործօն հանդիպումով մեզի հետ. վայելեցինք նաեւ իր հայիրէն տրտասանութիւնք:

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Re: MY MISSION TO SOUTH AMERICA ON BEHALF OF  
THE NATIONAL ARMENIAN AMERICAN REPUBLICAN COUNCIL  
("NAARC")

### Purpose and Scope of Mission:

To rally all American Citizens of Armenian or Lebanese background, in Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay, to register and vote for the Republican Candidates in the upcoming national elections in the United States.

On the eve of my departure from the United States, Mr. Bob Basile of the United States based Lebanese-American League, Mr. Adib Kassis and Mr. Alfred Mady, both of the Lebanese governmental office in the United States, empowered and encouraged me to visit the Lebanese Ambassadors and Consuls in the Argentine, Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Uruguay to enlist their assistance in my mission for the success of Republican candidates.



At approximately the same time, the general international director, Missak Haigentz, of the Armenian General Benevolent Union ("AGBU") handed me letters of recommendation to the South American leaders of that organization. Ms. Helen Cameron, Director of Voters Registration from the Reagan-Bush campaign committee, gave that group's approval of my mission.

Uruguay:

I called upon the Lebanese Ambassador, the Honorable Riad Kantar, who cordially greeted me and listened attentively to what I had to say. He promised that he would compile a list of Lebanese and Armenian subjects holding United States citizenship so that they might obtain the necessary absentee papers in order to properly register and cast absentee ballots for the Republican candidates. Ambassador Kantar said that he would announce this effort on behalf of the NAARC in the newspapers. The General Consul of the Embassy, Mr. Khalil el-Habr, was of important assistance to me.

I also visited Mr. Carlos Yergatakrdzian, chairman of the Montivideo AGBU, who held a special reception for me to meet with the school principal, student body, and all AGBU personnel in Montevideo. At my suggestion, they agreed to rent a bus and gather together all United States citizens of Armenian and Lebanese persuasions in order to take them to the United States Embassy where they would register and later cast votes.

At the United States Embassy in Uruguay, I had the very real honor of meeting our ambassador, His Excellency, the Honorable Thomas Aranda, Jr., who was most enthusiastic about what I was doing. He said he would be personally responsible for welcoming all Armenians and Lebanese in the country who are citizens of the United States. I was honored to be seen with him in the enclosed photograph. Later I was interviewed by three local radio stations, read a message prepared for such an occasion by the NAARC, and stressed the importance for all Americans to fulfill their duties abroad.

Argentine:

Prior to my departure from New York, Mr. Basile, of the Lebanese-American League, had arranged for me to meet with the Lebanese Ambassador to the Argentine, His Excellency, the Honorable Edmond Khayat. Mr. Khayat felt my mission to be highly meritorious and said that he would



place articles in the local Lebanese press which is read by the entire Latin American Lebanese urging all American citizens to prepare properly in advance in order to be able to vote in the American elections. Enclosed please find picture with Ambassador Khayat. These notices would bear the sponsorship designation of the NAARC.

I met too with the Argentine's AGBU Chairman, and Messrs. Yussufian, school principal, Marashlian, and Hajian, of the Armenian Revolutionary Federation, all respected community leaders and well known in the Country. They all agreed to prepare articles for publication on behalf of the Republican Party and to work hand in hand with Armenians from Lebanon to achieve the victory of Ronald Reagan and the Republican Party in 1984.

I also met Mr. Raymond Bailey, General Consul of the American Embassy who commended my work and assured me the Embassy would support my endeavor and would welcome the inquiries of Armenian and Lebanese Americans in the Argentines. Enclosed please find a letter from the United States Embassy in Argentina.

Brazil:

In Sao Paulo, I met with the city's Mayor. This took place at a festive immigrants' festival. I told him that I had a special message from Ronald Reagan, and asked his assistance in urging all Armenian Americans, Lebanese Americans, and other nationalities, to fulfill their citizenship rights. His Honor was happy to learn of my mission and volunteered his services. I subsequently met with the Lebanese General Consul, Mr. Fuad el-Khoury, who promised to place a message in the local Lebanese press, as well as a special advertisement urging all United States citizens to both register and vote.

My visits with local Armenian Revolutionary Federation and AGBU leaders were likewise fruitful. Mr. Kegham Dadian of the ARF, and Mr. Zaven Der Haroutunian of the AGBU, joined other members of the local Armenian community in warmly welcoming me. I addressed them on the subject of Armenians and the Republican Party, and urged their assistance in the 1984 elections. They said they would transport, at organizational expense, all Armenian Americans from Lebanon to the local United States Consulate. In addition, they would write articles on the subject, place public notices and assist all



Armenian Americans in the NAARC effort to reelect our great President, Ronald Reagan, and that they would canvas all Armenian churches, clubs and facilities. The Vice Consul of the United States referred me to the representatives of Republicans abroad, Mrs. Anne Wise. Mrs. Wise gave me her blessings.

There are four million Lebanese, many of whom may be American citizens. This huge demographic entity includes a large number of Armenians.

A Final Word:

The reader must understand that the overseas effort to rally absentee American Armenians to the Reagan colors is not the sole purpose of the National Armenian American Republican Council. In the United States, the NAARC, Chaired by Dr. James H. Tashjian, of Boston, is executing programs to get as many Armenian American citizens as possible to cast votes for the Reagan ticket. I am happy to say that we are planning to campaign among the various Armenian American communities and that we will work with churches, organizations, etc. to direct votes to the Republican party.

I might add that in Washington, Mr. Basile, head of the Lebanese-American League of 3 million Lebanese living in the United States, promised to mount a door-to-door drive in the interests of a Republican victory in every state of the United States.

One of my goals, as reflected by my position as Finance Chairman of NAARC, is to raise enough funds nationwide for our 1984 Victory voting expenses. Also, hopefully, I will embark my achievements for the absentee ballots in European countries such as London, Paris, Greece, as well as in the Mid-East, Lebanon, and Saudi Arabia for the Armenian and Lebanese and for votes in the United States of America.

Our principal goal, in short, is to keep the Presidency, the White House and the Senate majority in Republican hands, and to this end no honorable means to victory must be left underutilized.

In this regard I am pleased to report that the NAARC, a nationwide organization of Armenian American Republicans is a charter member of the Republican National

Heritage National Council and has been selected to lead this effort among Armenians of this nation. From my background as former Chairman of the Womens National Republican Club, Henrietta Wells, Livermore Political Activities School of Politics, and as a prominent professional businesswoman and internationally known owner of Institut de Beaute Suzanne de Paris, I have accepted the appointment of Chairman of the Committee on Finance NAARC. I have been authorized to lead this important movement together with Dr. James H. Tashjian's able assistance. Also, with my background as a French Armenian born in Lebanon, I have the ability of speaking five languages; English, Armenian, French, Arabic and Turkish. With the help of these languages I will make sure to help overseas or in the United States towards our Victory .

*Suzanne De Paris, Kazanjian*  
Suzanne de Paris Kazanjian

Attachments



# Fired Gray & Co. Officer Claims Bias

By Phil McCombs  
Washington Post Staff Writer

Public relations executive Barry Zorthian has filed charges with the D.C. Office of Human Rights alleging he was illegally fired from his \$65,000-a-year job as a senior vice president of Gray and Co. because officials of Turkey—a major Gray account—were “embarrassed” by a report on his Armenian background and activities.

On Feb. 21, Zorthian said in an interview, he was called before the public relations firm’s vice chairman, Alejandro Orfila, and executive vice president, Frank Mankiewicz, and told that Turkish Ambassador Sukru Elekdag had complained about a Turkish newspaper’s report that Zorthian was “dedicated to the Armenian cause” and made pro-Armenian statements.

“I have been discriminated against because of my national origin,” his complaint alleges.

A spokesman for the company yesterday denied that Zorthian was discriminated against, saying that he was fired “for a number of specific provocations . . . We were faced with an accumulation of episodes that evidenced bad judgment for a senior officer of the company.”

According to Zorthian, Orfila in the Feb. 21 meeting quoted the Turkish ambassador as saying, “I hired you guys to help me with my political problems, and instead you’re creating problems for me . . . You must do something drastic that I can report back to my government or else I’ll be forced to cancel the contract.”

As a result, according to Zorthian, the firm’s chairman, Robert K. Gray, cut short a vacation in Acapulco and returned to Washington on Feb. 24 to confront him.

When Zorthian refused to resign, Gray fired him, according to both Zorthian and a company spokesman.

Zorthian is secretary of the Armenian Assembly, a national organization that seeks to tell Americans about the deaths

of an estimated 1.5 million Armenians at the hands of the Ottoman Turks between 1915 and 1923—often called the “Armenian genocide.”

Turkey denies there was any systematic killing and has deplored the recent killings of Turkish diplomats in several countries by Armenian extremists. Both Zorthian and the Armenian Assembly also have deplored those killings and do not oppose U.S. aid to Turkey.

Turkey pays Gray and Co. a \$300,000 annual fee to lobby for U.S. military and economic aid and to assist the ambassador in “countering any campaign and activities detrimental to the interest and the image of Turkey,” according to the contract signed by Elekdag.

Gray in a prepared statement yesterday denied that Turkish unhappiness with statements by Zorthian had played a role in the firing. “I regret that he [Zorthian] is allowing himself and his reputation to be used in a propaganda effort,” he said, and added:

“We are very proud to represent one of America’s most critical allies in southern Europe, and we hope we are helping strengthen our strategic alliance.”

Gray executive vice president Charles S. Crawford III, speaking for the company, called Zorthian’s charges “absolutely ludicrous. He was terminated for numerous unsatisfactory business performance reasons and lack of professionalism. This was not a decision reached over any one episode but a pattern of behavior and poor judgment.”

According to Crawford, Gray did not return especially to deal with the Zorthian matter. “Bob did cut short his vacation, but for a different reason,” he said. “It was rainy and unpleasant in Acapulco.”

Crawford said he could not disclose details of the alleged “episodes” with Zorthian while the Office of Human Rights investigation is under way. Zorthian has petitioned to be reinstated with back pay.

Zorthian, 63, has been an executive at

the Voice of America and Time Inc. In 1968-69 he was the chief U.S. spokesman in Saigon. He went to work for Gray in October 1981.

The Gray firm is split into three divisions. Zorthian worked in public relations, which is headed by Mankiewicz. He said he did not work on the Turkey account, which was handled by the lobbying division. Orfila heads Gray and Co.’s international division and, as vice chairman, was in charge of the firm in Gray’s absence.

Mankiewicz and Orfila declined to comment yesterday.

Elekdag said through a spokesman yesterday, “This is totally the internal affair of Gray and Company.” He declined to comment further.

Zorthian said the problem began early this year when a reporter from an Armenian American newspaper, the California Courier, called for an interview. The resulting article, published Jan. 19, said that Zorthian had been elected secretary of the Armenian Assembly last December and in the same month accompanied California Gov. George Deukmejian and other Armenian Americans on a private visit with President Reagan.

The article quoted Zorthian as saying, “I intend to fully support anything the Armenian Assembly does, and be active in it. What I do as an individual, in my own time in private, does not concern the firm.”

Then in early February, Zorthian said, a Washington reporter for a leading Istanbul newspaper, Tercuman, called to confirm that the article in the California Courier had been accurate.

Soon after that, Tercuman reported that Gray and Co., which represents Turkey, had a vice president “dedicated to the Armenian cause” and quoted Zorthian’s remarks. Zorthian said he first knew he had a problem when Mankiewicz called and said, “Barry, what the hell’s going on? The Turkish ambassador just called about some stories in the Turkish paper.”

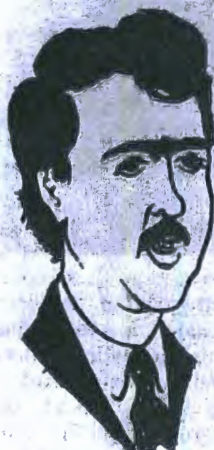


EDITORIAL

# We Need Support For Genocide Resolutions

By Harut Sassounian

The four resolutions currently pending in the U.S. Congress on the Armenian Genocide are gaining more support. However, all Armenians need to get immediately involved in this campaign if we want to establish the facts of the Genocide in this country by April 24. Several Armenian organizations are working very hard for the passage of these resolutions. The three most active



have been the Armenian National Committee, the Armenian Assembly, and the Armenian Rights Council of America. The Turks are also highly active. The Assembly of Turkish American Associations recently sent letters to all members of Congress urging them to vote against the resolutions on the Armenian Genocide.

There are two resolutions in the House and two in the Senate. In the Senate, Resolution 241, jointly introduced by Senator Carl Levin (Dem.-Michigan) and Pete Wilson (Rep.-California), expresses the sense of the Senate that the foreign policy of the United States should take account of the Genocide of

the Armenian people. Senate Joint Resolution 87, introduced by Senator Paul Tsongas (D-Massachusetts), designates April 24, 1984 as a day of remembrance for victims of Genocide.

The two resolutions in the House are the parallel versions of the Senate resolutions. House Resolution 171, parallel to S.R. 241, was jointly introduced by Congressman Chip Pashayan (Rep.-California) and Henry Waxman (Dem.-California). House Joint Resolution 247, parallel to S.J.R. 87, was introduced by Congressman Tony Coelho (Dem.-California).

As of April 1, we are at around the halfway mark with most of these resolutions. S.R. 241 has about 24, and S.J.R. 87 about 30 votes out of the needed 51 signatures necessary for passage. H.R. 171 has about 115 votes out of 218 necessary, and H.J.R. 247 has 165 votes out of the needed 218 signatures.

The resolution designating April 24 as a commemorative day have an early deadline, especially since the Congress will recess April 13. There is a lot to be done in very little time. The other two resolutions reaffirming the facts of the Genocide do not have the same early deadline, therefore, we have more time to work on them.

As the above vote totals indicate, a lot of work has already been done by very few dedicated individuals and organizations. We now need to expand the base of support. We need to get all our readers and friends involved in this effort. We urge you to pick up the phone and call the local office of your Congressman and Senators. The California Armenians have only one phone call to make, to their congressman, since the two California Senators have co-sponsored both Senate Resolutions. Armenians in other states have to make three phone calls: One call of their Congressman and two calls to their Senators. Tell your Congressman or his staff that you live in his district and that you would like to urge him to co-sponsor the two resolutions in the House. If you send a letter or a telegram, so much the better. However, it is always best to follow up with a phone call.

Since this is a non-partisan issue, both Democrats and Republicans are supporting these resolutions. Regardless of your U.S. party affiliations, you should contact your representatives. Similarly, since Armenian organizations on all sides are supporting these resolutions, the whole community should get involved regardless of Armenian political affiliations. The list below (prepared by the Armenian Assembly) indicates by the mark "X" if your California Congressman has endorsed these resolutions.

	HR 171	HJR 247		HR 171	HJR 247
Douglas Bosco-D			Richard Lehman-D	x	x
Eugene Cappie-R		x	Robert Lagomarsino-R		
Robert Matsui-D			William Thomas-R		
Vic Fazio-D	x	x	Bobbi Fiedler-R	x	
Sala Burton-D		x	Carlos Moorhead-R	x	x
Barbara Boxer-D	x	x	Anthony Beilenson-D	x	x
George Miller-D		x	Henry Waxman-D	x	x
Ronald Dellums-D			Edward Roybal-D	x	x
Fortney Stark-D			Howard Berman-D	x	x
Don Edwards-D		x	Meldon Levine-D	x	x
Tom Lantos-D		x	Julian Dixon-D	x	x
Edwin Zschau-R			Augustus Hawkins-D		x
Norman Mineta-D	x	x	Matthew Martinez-D	x	x
Norman Shumway-R			Mervyn Dymally-D	x	x
Tony Coelho-D	x	x	Glenn Anderson-D	x	x
Leon Panetta-D		x	David Dreier	x	
Charles Pashayan-R	x	x			

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	HR 171	HJR 247		HR 171	HJR 247
Edward Torres-D	x	x	Robert Badham-R		
Jerry Lewis-R			William Lowery-R	x	
George Brown-D		x	Daniel Lungren-R	x	
Alfred McCandless-R			Ronald Packard-R	x	x
Jerry Patterson-D	x	x	Jim Bates-D	x	x
William Dannemeyer-R			Duncan Hunter-R	x	x

Check your Congressman's name in the above list. If he has co-sponsored only one or neither of the resolutions, call him and solicit his support.

When you get a commitment from your Congressman to support the resolution, please notify an organization of your choice so that they may keep a record of the progress of the resolutions.

Each of the organizations identified on this checklist has been active on the issue and is committed to passage of the resolutions affirming United States policy with regard to the facts of the Armenian Genocide and designating April 24, 1984, as a national day of remembrance of man's inhumanity to man.

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## State Department Blocks House Genocide Resolution

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Congressional Resolution to designate April 24, 1984 as "National Day of Remembrance of Man's Inhumanity to Man," failed in the House on April 11, after the U.S. Department of State objected to its passage.

House Joint Resolution 247, introduced by Congressman Tony Coelho (Dem.-Calif.), called for the observance of April 24 "as a day of remembrance for all the victims of the genocide, especially the one and one-half million people of Armenian ancestry who were victims of the genocide perpetrated in Turkey between 1915 and 1923, and in whose memory this date is commemorated by all Armenians and

their friends throughout the world." This resolution had a parallel version in the Senate, Resolution 87, introduced by Senator Paul Tsongas (Dem.-Mass.).

The Armenian-American community had embarked, since last year, on a nationwide campaign to ensure the success of these resolutions. Through the efforts of several organizations and individuals, Resolution 247 garnered the endorsement of more than 230 Congressmen, 12 more than needed, to secure the majority of the 435 Congressmen.

However, the Department of State contacted Congressman Coelho on April 11, and asked him to withdraw his proposed resolution. Congressman Coelho's office told The California Courier that Lewis Murray, responsible for the European Affairs Desk at the State Department, expressed to him the Department's dissatisfaction with the resolution. Murray told Coelho that the resolution was "irresponsible; will muck up relations with the Turkish government; will encourage more Armenian terrorism," and that "the Genocide has never been documented."

Congressman Coelho refused to withdraw the resolution and had it presented to the full

House on April 11, requesting unanimous consent as it is customary with commemorative resolutions. When Republican Congressman Mark Siljander of Michigan objects, probably on behest of the Department of State, the proposed resolution was rejected. Commemorative resolutions are passed by consensus and not by majority votes. A similar resolution on the Armenian Genocide passed through the House in 1975 during the Ford Administration.

The Senate Resolution 87 is held up in Committee and most probably will not reach the Senate floor after the failure of its House counterpart. A spokesman for Coelho said that the Congressman will try again in 1985.

The House has yet to take up Resolution 171, jointly introduced by Congressman Chip Pashayan (Rep.-Calif.), and Henry Waxman (Dem.-Calif.) expressing the sense of Congress that the foreign policy of the United States should take account of the Genocide of the Armenian people. This resolution needs around 90 more signatures before it can be brought to the House floor with 218 votes. In contrast to Res. 247, a simple majority and not a consensus is required for passage of Res. 171. This Resolution's Senate equivalent, S.R. 241, introduced by Senators Pete Wilson (Rep.-Calif.) and Carl Levin (Dem.-Mich.), is pending in the Senate.



## EDITORIAL

# Reagan Administration Denies Genocide, Again!

By Harut Sassounian

The Turks have their day of infamy — April 24. Now the U.S. Department of State has its own day of shame — April 11. The U.S. government in collaboration with Turkey finally managed to kill a very innocent resolution designating April 24, 1984 as "National Day of Remembrance of Man's Inhumanity to Man."

It is ironic that this resolution was introduced to counter attempts by the Turkish and U.S. governments to distort the facts of the Armenian Genocide on the heels of a statement in the State Department's August, 1982 "Bulletin" claiming that the facts relating to the Armenian Genocide were "ambiguous."



As the Department of State took various evasive positions on the "Bulletin" statement, several Congressmen, Senators and Armenian organizations decided to introduce resolutions in the House and Senate to make absolutely sure that this or any other future administration does not engage in historical revisionism.

A massive nationwide effort was initiated by all Armenian groups to obtain the endorsement of as many of the 435 Congressmen and 100 Senators as possible on the two resolutions.

Meanwhile, the Turks and the State Department embarked on a calculated game of politics. As it is customary, both Houses requested comments by the Department of State on the pending resolutions as far back as six to nine months ago. The department refused to take a public position on the matter.

Since this is an election year, the Reagan Administration wanted to eliminate these "anti-Turkish" resolutions without risking the loss of generous contributions by wealthy Armenians. It figured that the Armenian community would never be able to get 218 Congressmen to endorse these resolutions, therefore, without it taking an "anti-Armenian" position, the resolutions would die a natural death. This way the Turks would be happy and the Armenians could not blame the administration.

Surprisingly, a handful of Armenian organizations and individuals carried out an unprecedented nationwide campaign and succeeded in convincing more than 230 Congressmen to endorse one of these resolutions. At that point, at the request of the Turks, the administration stepped in and convinced a conservative Republican Congressman from Michigan, Mark Siljander, who has a 100% voting record on all Reagan positions, to object to the unanimous consent and kill the resolution.

## THE FALL-OUT

This is indeed a sad day in the history of the United States. We tell our youth to work through the system, get politically active, and seek peaceful measures to resolve the Armenian issue.

Yet, the Reagan Administration has just proven the opposite to our youngsters. That peaceful ways don't get you anywhere unless you carry a big stick. That even a simple commemoration of Martyrs' Day is viewed as "encouragement of terrorism" in the words of the State Department. This was not a resolution seeking to dismantle NATO or Turkey, or damage U.S. interests. It was simply to pay our respects to the victims of Genocide. Even this was denied to us by our own government.

The Reagan Administration made two grave errors. It stated once again that "the Genocide has never been documented." All along they wanted us to believe that the scandal created by the "Bulletin" was a simple bureaucratic error. Even the most naive among us should now be convinced that this administration will even play politics with the deaths of millions of people just to appease the Turks. All Armenians, regardless of their party affiliation, should rise in one voice and unequivocally condemn the disgraceful attitude of this administration. We fail to see how in the November's Presidential election any Armenian can in good conscience vote for Reagan or contribute a single penny for his re-election after his scandalous behavior.

The administration's other point, that a commemorative day resolution would "encourage more Armenian terrorism," is totally absurd. Just the opposite is true. If a simple recognition of the Genocide is denied to us by those in power, then how can we convince our youth to work through the system and not to resort to violence.

Those of us, who naively continue to believe in peaceful solutions, will do everything in our power to vote this particular administration out of office in November.

What we now fear is that uncontrollable elements may react, not by writing editorials or casting ballots but through the barrels of their guns. Next time a Turkish diplomat is assassinated, this administration, with its irrational behavior, may have made it easier for the assassin to pull that trigger.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 8, 1984

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TO: ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY *FRW*

SUBJECT: Armenian-American Press Criticism of the  
Administration

I am very much aware of our reluctance to make any statement that might be viewed as an encouragement of Armenian terrorism, and I wholeheartedly support our approach. I thought, however, that you should see an editorial about our policy that appeared in the "California Courier," one of the two largest Armenian-American newspapers as well as the note about the criticism by Linas Kojelis, our ethnic affairs liaison.

Attachment:

Memorandum from Linas Kojelis dated April 30, 1984

Editorial from "The California Courier" dated April 19, 1984

cc: Linas Kojelis

# Coelho Rebukes Administration

WASHINGTON — Congressman Tony Coelho criticized the Reagan Administration for the defeat of his resolution which would designate April 24, 1984 as the "National Day of Remembrance of Man's Inhumanity to Man." The resolution was offered in honor of the memory of the 1.5 million victims of the Armenian Genocide.

In remarks made on the House floor, Coelho said the blame for the failure of the bill rests with the U.S. State Department, which orchestrated the House opposition in order to pacify the Turkish government, which Coelho labeled "barbarian."

Coelho brought up his resolution under rules that allow a bill to pass without a vote if there are no objections. After one member objected, whom Coelho believed to be acting on the advice of the State Department, the bill

went down to defeat.

Coelho also said he was told that President Reagan would be writing a letter expressing his concern about such legislation.

"Mr. Lewis Murray of the European Affairs Desk at the State Department phoned my office to express the State Department's dissatisfaction with the resolution," Coelho told his colleagues. "He alleged that, if passed, this resolution would encourage terrorism and 'muck up relations with the Turkish government.' But perhaps his greatest effort to dissuade me was adding that the Armenian Genocide has never been documented."

Coelho said that it was the Reagan Administration's ambiguous regard of the existence of the Armenian Genocide which had prompted him to introduce the resolution — similar to one approved by the Congress in 1975. "We gave the administration an opportunity to acknowledge and condemn the massacre of the Armenian people. However, the administration did not take advantage of the opportunity. Once again, they have blown it," Coelho remarked.

The U.S. was permitting

"a barbarian government to blackmail us because of our bases or whatever we might have" there, Coelho said.

Coelho hopes to be able to bring up the resolution at a later date, and will continue to pursue options under which the legislation may be considered by the House.

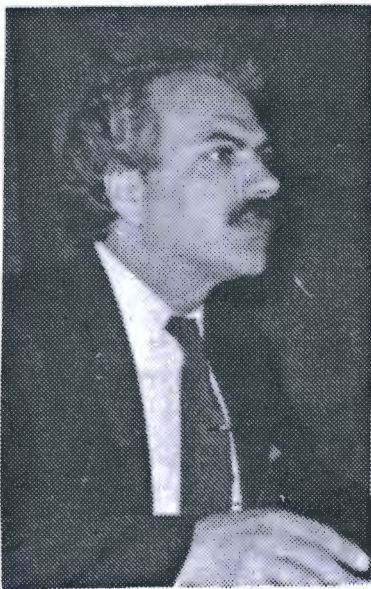


# ANC Calls On Reagan To Reaffirm Genocide

GLENDALE — The Armenian National Committee of America called on President Ronald Reagan "to urgently rectify a grave situation brought about the State Department's attempt to block a congressional resolution for the national remembrance of the victims of genocide," during a press conference, April 19, in Glendale.

"It is incumbent on the President of the United States to reaffirm the U.S. position on the Armenian Genocide by declaring April 24 as a day for paying tribute to the 1.5 million Armenian men, women and children who could not survive this inhumanity," said ANC Chairman Levon Kirakosian.

The ANC also criticized "the use of the NATO alliance by the Turkish embassy to blackmail the U.S. government into rewriting U.S. his-



LEVON KIRAKOSIAN

history.

"The State Department's line closely follows the posi-

tion articulated by Ambassador Sukru Elekdag in his letters to U.S. Congressmen. Through paid lobbyists retained by the Turkish government, considerable pressure has been applied on both the administration and congress with a clear threat that NATO relations are at risk. No effort has been spared to carry out a campaign of intimidation directed at public and corporate officials as well as private citizens.

"Attempts by the State Department at linking this remembrance with acts of terrorism are viewed by Americans of Armenian extraction as an affront to the tragic loss of their kin."

Responding to a charge of Lewis Murray of the State Department that "the Genocide has never been documented," a spokesman for the ANC said, "This marks the second time that the State Department has bowed to foreign pressure and ignored its own extensive files on the Armenian Genocide." In August 1982, the State Department, in a note to an article in its official "Bulletin," had questioned the historical record of the Armenian genocide.

"Mr. Murray and his fellow officials can be certain that these most recent developments will not go unanswered," added the spokesman.

"Considering President Reagan's previous statements on the Armenian Genocide, both as governor of California and as President, we hope that he would be consistent with his previous stance and issue such a proclamation," said the spokesman. President Reagan cited the Armenian Genocide as a precursor to the Jewish Holocaust in a proclamation of April 1981. As recently as October 1983, at a press conference for ethnic media, Reagan called for a dialogue between Armenians and Turkish officials in order to resolve the issues raised by the Armenian Genocide.

President Reagan has the power to issue a proclamation naming April 24 a day of remembrance.

May 3, 1984

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## MEMORANDUM

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

April 18, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR LEE VERSTANDIG

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE *JCM*

SUBJECT: Request for Presidential Proclamation on Alleged  
Armenian Genocide

Thank you for the opportunity to draft the reply to Governor Deukmejian. While we in no way wish to condone genocide, it does not serve our foreign policy interests, particularly as they relate to international terrorism and to Turkey, to make an annual issue of the tragic events of 1915.

I fully recognize that the reply we have drafted for your signature will not please Governor Deukmejian, but we believe it explains to him, in polite terms, our concerns and policy objectives.

Attachment

cc: Dick Darman  
Faith Whittlesey

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Governor Deukmejian:

The President asked me to respond to your letter requesting that he issue a proclamation on April 24 recognizing the tragic historical event of 1915.

We recognize and appreciate your prominent role in the Armenian-American community and have taken a close look at your request, in conjunction with the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. As a result of this review, I must inform you that the President will not be issuing a proclamation. We know you will be disappointed by our decision, but hope you will understand.

International terrorism has taken on an increasingly ugly role in world affairs and is a major concern of the Administration's. Against this background, we are deeply concerned that a Presidential proclamation or Congressional resolution could unintentionally encourage extremist groups to carry out a terrorist campaign against the Turkish government and its people.

I have been asked to reemphasize that we appreciate your interest and delicate position. Again thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Lee Verstandig

The Honorable George Deukmejian  
Governor of California  
Sacramento, California 95814

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1984. April. 13.

- Overridden.
- Have annually introduced resolutions in Sen. - House April 24
- Armenian - Genocide.
- Resolution / proclamation.
- Run into active opposition at State. Cong. relations office
- State Dept. department
- Have to look at political sides.
- Extremely perturbed.
- Established thing, historical "given".
- Pg. 11 of "Wash. Post" lobbying in favor of Turks.
- Gov. Denk in Calif.
- Democrats get much credit.
- In Reps. are getting lost.
- Few key areas.
- Unrealistic to see support on it, but don't want opposition.
- Ed Deminski.
- Went to get credit for Republicans.