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Proclamation 4838 of April 22, 1981

## Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust

By the President of the United States of America

### A Proclamation

The Congress of the United States established the United States Holocaust Memorial Council to create a living memorial to the victims of the Nazi Holocaust. Its purpose: So mankind will never lose memory of that terrible moment in time when the awful spectre of death camps stained the history of our world.

When America and its allies liberated those haunting places of terror and sick destructiveness, the world came to a vivid and tragic understanding of the evil it faced in those years of the Second World War. Each of those names—Auschwitz, Buchenwald, Dachau, Treblinka and so many others—became synonymous with horror.

The millions of deaths, the gas chambers, the inhuman crematoria, and the thousands of people who somehow survived with lifetime scars are all now part of the conscience of history. Forever must we remember just how precious is civilization, how important is liberty, and how heroic is the human spirit.

Like the genocide of the Armenians before it, and the genocide of the Cambodians which followed it—and like too many other such persecutions of too many other peoples—the lessons of the Holocaust must never be forgotten.

As part of its mandate, the Holocaust Memorial Council has been directed to designate annual Days of Remembrance as a national, civic commemoration of the Holocaust, and to encourage and sponsor appropriate observances throughout the United States. This year, the national Days of Remembrance will be observed on April 26 through May 3.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby ask the people of the United States to observe this solemn anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camps, with appropriate study, prayers and commemoration, as a tribute to the spirit of freedom and justice which Americans fought so hard and well to preserve.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifth.

REAGAN

RONALD REAGAN

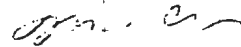
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 2, 1986

Dear Mr. Camli,

Please excuse our delay in responding to your July 31, 1986 letter. In brief, I do not believe specific documents were referenced before the President's Proclamation 4838 was written. As you know, many, many historical works - far too many to mention here - refer to the "genocide of Armenians." I understand that you disagree with this historical judgement, but it is one that is overwhelming accepted in our society.

Sincerely,



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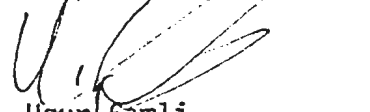
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Your Excellency,

Senator Carl Levin referred to your Proclamation 4838 on April 22, 1986, "Like the Genocide of the Armenians before it, and the genocide of the Cambodians which followed it- and like too many other such persecutions of too many other peoples- the lesson of the Holocaust must never be forgotten", in his speech on the Armenian Martyrs' Day, which is published in the Congressional Records (S 4028-30, April 22, 1986).

Since the Armenian genocide is a highly controversial issue, please inform me which documents you have referenced in order to officially proclaim it, which is now presented as the US reaffirmation of the event.

Respectfully,

  
Ugur Camli,  
Educational Committee  
Chairperson.

THE WHITE HOUSE

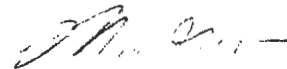
WASHINGTON

January 21, 1987

Dear Mr. Camli,

I did not respond to your second letter because I had nothing to add to my first. My point then and now is that it is generally accepted that there was an "Armenian genocide." Of course, if you dispute this you should, as is your right, take issue with those who assert it as a fact.

Sincerely,



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# UNITED TURKISH AMERICANS

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March 27, 1987

The Honorable Howard H. Baker  
Chief of Staff  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Baker:

A letter written by Mr. Max Green, Assoc. Dir. of Office of Public Relations of the White House, addressed to Mr. Ugur Camli of Maryland Turkish-American Assoc. recently came to our attention. A copy of this letter is enclosed along with Mr. Camli's letter to Mr. Green.

All members of our organization were appalled by the blunt, convinced, and subjective tone of Mr. Green's letter in an extremely complex and historically controversial and diplomatically sensitive issue of so called the "Armenian Claims of a Genocide charge against Turks" spearheaded by the Armenian Revolutionary Federation (ARF) of Boston and its political arm, the Armenian National Committee (ANC) of Washington, D.C.

The personal opinion of Mr. Green on the issue is quite unimportant to us as we all very well know, historically, how many good names in the U.S. Government and in the U.S. Congress have been hoodwinked by the A.R.F. zealots to gain support to their cause during their 96 years of effort to rewrite the history. However, when the personal opinion is typed on a piece of stationary bearing the title of the Office of the Public Relations of the White House it

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takes on an important bearing which we cannot condone as a slippage. Because, such a document may be construed by hostile circles as the official view of the President of the U.S.A.

It is commonly known that the Administration and the Congress are both under pressure by the Armenian Lobby to legitimize their falsified claims in the political arena. In this effort they are constantly seeking to place and cultivate people sympathetic to their cause. Such people do exist in the State Department, the Presidential Commissions, many on the Capitol Hill and also in the White House. Again, the recent events clearly prove that some staff in the White House can take matters into their own hands without the due knowledge or supervision of their superiors which can cause embarrassment and instabilities even in the highest circles. The Armenian issue carries such a potential with deep domestic and international political consequences.

On the other hand, we also believe that President Reagan and the U.S. Administration greatly value the good relations between our country and Turkey which is a staunch ally and strong supporter of the Western Solidarity against Communism, and the Free World ideals.

In the light of these considerations we have decided to bring this very grave misjudgement by Mr. Green to your attention.

Mr. Green claims that "Genocide of Armenians by Turks is a historical judgement, overwhelmingly accepted by the U.S. society due to many, many historical works, too many to mention in this letter". If Mr. Green is thinking of the many, many one-sided, distorted, anti-Turkish propaganda and

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hate material, he is quite right in his assessment of the profusion. Such publications have a history of 96 years or more. In fact in a reawakened anti-Turkish campaign the Armenians are mass producing some of them and disseminating to the pertinent offices and persons to further their cause. Among them, perhaps, Mr. Green also received his share of it. If, on the other hand, Mr. Green means well respected authorities of the Middle Eastern History in the prestigious universities here and abroad he would not find a single one. On the contrary, there are dozens of authorities of the Middle East and last century Political History who completely disagree and reject the Armenian claims. If you need to know, we will be more than happy to provide a list.

Recently, 69 leading Professors of Turkish and Middle Eastern studies in this country wrote an open letter to the members of the U.S. Congress declaring that the Armenian issue is a very controversial one and best left to the unemotional and disinterested research by historians in the academia (copy enclosed).

If Mr. Green's logic is correct and valid that the existence of "many, many historical works" justifies the truth of an issue, then we kindly submit to his attention of the mountain of anti-semitic literature both in the Western world and in the U.S.A. written by many low-grade historians and, also by no less famed people than Martin Luther, Voltaire, Houston Chamberlain and Arnold Toynbee, to mention a few, who we all agree, are among the founding giants of Western philosophy and morality. Then, by the same logic, would Mr. Green and through his office, the President accept such preponderance as sufficient grounds to pass judgement on the issue and justify issuing Presidential



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Proclamations? We certainly hope NOT! We all recognize that all the anti-semitic literature is due to racial and religious hatred and bigotry and therefore baseless and should be ignored and rejected. By this token did it also occur to Mr. Green that anti-Turkish defamation literature in abundance might have a historical trace of bigotry, racial hate, and therefore should not be taken at its face value?

We would also like to remind Mr. Green that Turkey and Turks were not only subjected to defamation and hatred campaign just because of their race and religion as the Jewish people had been, but additionally they were maligned by a vicious and sadistic propaganda campaign, such as the masterworks of Wellington House in England and in the Allied countries during World War I for just being on the wrong side of the war.

The volume of publicity or propaganda cannot be considered as proof of a genocide when such a crime was not committed. Similarly lack of publicity and interest should not be construed as sufficient proof that such a crime did not occur when it was actually committed. Such was the case of the Turkish Genocide by the Armenians during 1918 to 1921. Victims were the Ottoman and Caucasian Turks and all Moslems (Armenians call them Tartars in their epic books to camouflage the issue) and therefore, had no sympathizers in the West, nor did they have a lobby machine and friends in the U.S. media and the Congress. They constituted 45% of the population in the Independent Republic of Armenia of Eastern Turkey and the Caucasus. It lasted 2.5 years.



Washington, D.C. 20520

March 9, 1987  
Copy for Max Green

US policy on Armenia Resolutions

Dear Senator Thurmond:

I understand that the Committee on the Judiciary will consider SJ Resolution 43 designating April 24, 1987 as a "National Day of Remembrance for Victims of the Armenian Genocide". The purpose of this letter is to give you the Administration's views on this legislation, which we ~~strongly~~ oppose. Our opposition is based on three central and related concerns: first, the significance of Turkey as an ally; second, the very negative effect on this sensitive and vital relationship were Congress to pass a resolution which accuses the Turks of genocide against the Armenians; and third the risk that passage of this legislation could encourage terrorism directed at both Turkish and American citizens.

In the postwar era, the United States has attached great importance to its relationship with Turkey. Administrations have done so with the support of Congress because of a shared recognition of the need to maintain a strong and fruitful relationship between the United States and Turkey. A major nation with a promising future, Turkey is a bridge and buffer in a critical region. It sits astride the vital narrows between the Black Sea and the Mediterranean, controls land and air access to the Middle East and has extensive borders with Bulgaria, the Soviet Union, Iran, Iraq and Syria. We are fortunate that our desire for a strong partnership with Turkey has been realized in an alliance based on mutual respect and confidence.

*Consequent is*

Turkey contributes greatly to the success of the NATO Alliance in deterring aggression. While it is the poorest member of NATO, Turkey nonetheless spends a greater percentage of its GNP on defense than almost any other NATO ally. It has NATO's second largest Army, tying down major Soviet and Warsaw Pact forces.

The Honorable  
Strom Thurmond,  
United States Senate.

Moreover, as part of our alliance relationship with Turkey, we have access to military facilities there that play a major role in our defense. Composed of six major facilities and many smaller ones, they include air bases for deployment of U.S. forces, logistic depots and vital intelligence collection facilities. In this regard, we have just signed an agreement for our defense cooperation with Turkey, extending our present agreement until 1990 and committing us to strong efforts to provide necessary assistance to help Turkey modernize its military and strengthen its economy.

SJ Resolution 43 judges the Armenians who died in the Ottoman Empire (present-day Turkey) in 1915-1923 to be victims of genocide. A similar draft resolution in 1985 provoked near universal public outcry in Turkey, as well as a movement in the Turkish Parliament for review of diplomatic relations with the United States. Prime Minister Ozal was able to head off this latter effort. However, the Turkish Government also informed us that adoption of a resolution to this effect would seriously damage the vital relationship between Turkey and the United States. And that is still the prospect if the 100th Congress should pass a resolution that indicts the Turkish people for the events of 1915-1923.

Besides reflecting resentment at a judgment by the United States Congress that Turkey, and the Turks as a people, bear the guilt of perpetrating genocide, such strong Turkish reaction is also related to modern Armenian terrorism. Since 1975 over 50 Turkish citizens, mostly diplomats, have been killed by Armenian terrorists. In addition to demanding Turkish Government recognition of an Armenian genocide, the terrorists demand reparations and cession of a major portion of eastern Turkey to form an independent Armenian state. The Turks thus view the campaign to characterize the tragedy of the Armenians as a genocide as the first step toward their territorial dismemberment.

Armenian terrorism has affected Americans. Four assassinations have occurred on our soil. U.S. citizens have been the target of a number of attempted bombings or other harassment during this terrorist campaign, and one U.S. citizen died in an Armenian attack on a Turkish airport. ASALA, one of the two major Armenian terrorist groups engaged in these activities, also aids other terrorist groups which have Americans as their primary target. It has publicly declared its support of Islamic Jihad, the Iranian-supported terrorist organization responsible for so much of the violence in Lebanon. We believe that resolutions judging Turkey responsible for Armenian genocide, however well-intentioned and however worded, will inevitably be seen by the terrorists as encouragement of and justification for their acts.

We regret the suffering and tragedy experienced by Armenians. We do not seek to dismiss the devastation and the widespread massacres suffered by this group. Indeed, there is no doubt that much of the population in Eastern Turkey, Christian and Moslem, experienced death, deprivation and removal during these wartime years. When a House Resolution similar to SJ Res 43 was under consideration in 1985, sixty-nine American academicians who specialize in Turkish, Ottoman and Middle Eastern studies wrote the House membership that they had reservations about use of the word genocide to describe what took place in 1915-1923.

Politically, Turkey has continued to consolidate its democracy. Economically, the country is making progress in a program to release its huge potential. Passage of a resolution offensive to Turkey and to Turks would undermine the effectiveness of our support for these efforts when we have every reason to want Turkey to succeed as a prospering democracy. Passage could also set back our efforts to encourage Turkey to play a positive role on Cyprus--an issue which also arouses deep nationalist sentiments and on which the Turkish government is playing a positive role.

Sincerely,

J. Edward Fox  
Assistant Secretary  
Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

# Attention Members of the U.S. House of Representatives

The undersigned American academicians who specialize in Turkish, Ottoman and Middle Eastern studies are concerned that the current language embodied in House Joint Resolution 192 is misleading and/or inaccurate in several respects.

Specifically, while fully supporting the concept of a "National Day of Remembrance of Man's Inhumanity to Man," we respectfully take exception to that portion of the text which singles out for special recognition:

"... the one and one half million people of Armenian ancestry who were victims of genocide perpetrated in Turkey between 1915 and 1923..."

Our reservations focus on the use of the words "Turkey" and "genocide" and may be summarized as follows:

- From the fourteenth century until 1922, the area currently known as Turkey, or more correctly, the Republic of Turkey, was part of the territory encompassing the multi-national, multi-religious state known as the Ottoman Empire. It is wrong to equate the Ottoman Empire with the Republic of Turkey in the same way that it is wrong to equate the Hapsburg Empire with the Republic of Austria. The Ottoman Empire, which was brought to an end in 1922, by the successful conclusion of the Turkish Revolution which established the present day Republic of Turkey in 1923, incorporated lands and peoples which today account for more than twenty-five distinct countries in Southeastern Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East, only one of which is the Republic of Turkey. The Republic of Turkey bears no responsibility for any events which occurred in Ottoman times, yet by naming "Turkey" in the Resolution, its authors have implicitly labeled it as guilty of the "genocide" it charges transpired between 1915 and 1923;

- As for the charge of "genocide:" No signatory of this statement wishes to minimize the scope of Armenian suffering. We are likewise cognizant that it cannot be viewed as separate from the suffering experienced by the Muslim inhabitants of the region. The weight of evidence so far uncovered points in the direction of serious inter-communal warfare (perpetrated by Muslim and Christian irregular forces), complicated by disease, famine, suffering and massacres in Anatolia and adjoining areas during the First World War. Indeed, throughout the years in question, the region was the scene of more or less continuous warfare, not unlike the tragedy which has gone on in Lebanon for the past decade. The resulting death toll among both Muslim and Christian communities of the region was immense. But much more remains to be

discovered before historians will be able to sort out precisely responsibility between warring and innocent, and to identify the causes for the events which resulted in the death or removal of large numbers of the eastern Anatolian population, Christian and Muslim alike.

Statesmen and politicians make history, and scholars write it. For this process to work scholars must be given access to the written records of the statesmen and politicians of the past. To date, the relevant archives in the Soviet Union, Syria, Bulgaria and Turkey all remain, for the most part, closed to dispassionate historians. Until they become available the history of the Ottoman Empire in the period encompassed by H.J. Res. 192 (1915-1923) cannot be adequately known.

We believe that the proper position for the United States Congress to take on this and related issues, is to encourage full and open access to all historical archives, and not to make charges on historical events before they are fully understood. Such charges as those contained in H.J. Res. 192 would inevitably reflect unjustly upon the people of Turkey, and perhaps set back irreparably progress historians are just now beginning to achieve in understanding these tragic events.

As the above comments illustrate, the history of the Ottoman-Armenians is much debated among scholars, many of whom do not agree with the historical assumptions embodied in the wording of H.J. Res. 192. By passing the resolution Congress will be attempting to determine by legislation which side of a historical question is correct. Such a resolution, based on historically questionable assumptions, can only damage the cause of honest historical enquiry, and damage the credibility of the American legislative process.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

January 6, 1987

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., DIRECTOR OF  
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: MARI MASENG, DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE  
PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF  
PUBLIC LIAISON

REQUEST: Videotape for American Friends of Turkey  
Awards Banquet

PURPOSE: To express the President's appreciation of  
the importance of Turkey to the West. Such a  
message would be well received in the  
Turkish-American community.

BACKGROUND: The American Friends of Turkey raison d'etre  
is to educate the American people about the  
importance of Turkey to the West. It was  
organized by former U.S. military and State  
Department personnel who believe that  
Turkey's strategic role was undervalued. It  
now has as members key corporations and all  
the former living U.S. Ambassadors to Turkey.  
The organization's annual meetings draw a  
large and prestigious audience. Past  
speakers have been just as illustrious,  
including former Chairmen of the Joint Chiefs  
of Staff.

PREVIOUS  
PARTICIPATION: None; sent Presidential greetings in the  
past.

DATE: February 7, 1987 DURATION: 2 minutes

PARTICIPANTS: U.S. Ambassador to Turkey  
Turkish Ambassador to the U.S.  
1,000 guests

REMARKS REQUIRED: 2 minute message

RECOMMENDED BY: Mari Maseng

PROJECT OFFICER: Max Green, x6270



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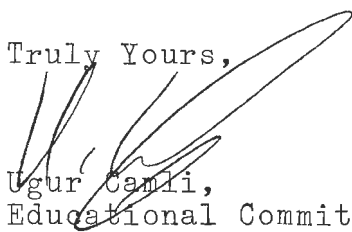
Dear Mr. Green,

I am extremely dismayed by your letter of January 21. I wonder how you have reached the conclusion that the Armenian genocide is widely accepted by the public.

I am concerned that your responses on this issue can be regarded as the official view of the White House. It is disappointing to observe that similar statements on this issue perpetuate, and after some time, they become an established evidence for this "genocide". In fact, President Reagan's proclamation has been used as a proof for the "genocide" by the congressmen.

I believe that a determined advocacy for one side on such a controvertial and sensitive issue does not contribute to the ethnic harmony of this country, and it certainly does not fit the White House policy.

Truly Yours,



Ugur Canli,  
Educational Committee  
Chairperson.





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The University of Michigan-Dearborn recently honored Edward and Helen Mardigian for donations totalling \$750,000.00 by hosting an elegant reception in their honor. The Mardigians have pledged \$500,000.00 to the UM-D Center for Armenian Research and Publication, which will go toward the \$1 million endowment the Center is raising. Pictured above (left to right) are: UM-D Chancellor William and Mrs. Alice Jenkins, and Edward and Helen Mardigian.

## Tekeyan Convention In Montreal To Mark 40th Anniversary

The 13th Annual Convention of the Tekeyan Cultural Association of the U.S. and Canada will be hosted this year by the Montreal Chapter, with a special emphasis on the 40th Anniversary of the Association.

The organizing Committee of the Convention, chaired by Levon Kordzian, plans to offer the out-of-town guests and delegates a memorable weekend in this vibrant Armenian community, where the TCA now boasts a new and modern center, built just over a year ago.

The Convention activities will be launched on the evening of Friday, May 15, by a "Meet the Delegates" reception at the TCA Center, where supper will be served in the "Aghtamar" diner. An

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## Gov. Dukakis: Genocide Was the Most Unjust Thing that Happened to Armenians

BOSTON — Hundreds of tourists, schoolchildren, state employees, and citizens of Massachusetts viewed the cultural exhibit "Armenia and Armenians" at the State House in Boston during the week of April 21 to 24.

Large poster-size photographs of Armenian cultural monuments and people in the homeland and the diaspora, as well as selected needlework and artifacts, filled large exhibit panels, and display cases arranged in Doric Hall, just inside the main entrance of the historic capital building in Boston.

Gov. Michael S. Dukakis was on hand to celebrate the opening of the exhibit on Tuesday afternoon, April 21. Speaker of the



Gov. Michael S. Dukakis of Massachusetts addressing the guests at exhibit

House of Representative, George Keverian, was the guest of honor for the occasion.

### Remembering the Armenians

In brief remarks Governor Dukakis, the son of Greek immigrants, stressed the importance of retaining ethnic traditions in this country and spoke of the "wonderful contributions" made by Armenian-Americans to Massachusetts and to America.

Referring to the Genocide of the Armenian people during World War I, Governor Dukakis stated: "I do not know of anything more unjust in the history of mankind than what happened to the Armenian people."

"One of the reasons this exhibit is so important, that re-

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## US Senator Pete Wilson Meets with Armenian Community Leaders at Reception in Beverly Hills

BEVERLY HILLS — "I am very proud that I rate well on your score card. I want to do that," said U.S. Senator Pete Wilson (R-San Diego), last Saturday, May 9, at a reception attended by a large group of Armenians who had come to honor him.

"You actually have a very small requirement," the senator went on to say: "Anyone who knows the fact of the horrible genocide conducted could not honestly vote any other way. It's been my privilege to be the co-sponsor of that resolution."

Wilson was referring to HJR 132 which will designate April 24, 1988, as a "National Day of Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide 1915-1923." The resolution cleared the first big hurdle on April 22 with the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee giving its overwhelming approval.

The plush catered reception was held at the Beverly Hills

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Senator Pete Wilson



GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS of Soviet Armenia, headed by President Hrant Voskanian and Prime Minister Fadei Sarkissian, and Communist Party leaders, headed by Secretary Karen Demirchian and secretaries Yuri Gochedkov, Ghambarian, Ghaloumian, Khojamirian and others, paid an official visit to the Armenian Martyrs Monument in Dzidzernagapert, Yerevan, and placed wreaths at the foot of the impressive monument expressing their homage to the Armenian martyrs of the genocide perpetrated by Ottoman Turkish government. His Holiness Vazken I and his entourage, and thousands of Armenians all day long paid their respect to the massacred Armenians. Innumerable floral arrangements were placed at the base of the martyrs complex. Appropriate music played all day long.

## Yerevan Mayor and Delegation to Arrive in Boston May 17

BOSTON — A delegation from Armenia, headed by Yerevan Mayor Edward Avakian will arrive in Boston on Sunday, May 17, coming from Baltimore.

The delegation will be returning a similar visit by Cambridge-Yerevan Sister City Association to the capital of Armenia last September, and discussions towards finalizing the Sister City relationship will be held on this occasion.

Among members of the Armenian delegation will be the noted pianist Svetlana Navasardian, violinist Roupen Aharonian, soprano Arax Davtian, and the Yerevan String Quartet.

The delegation will leave for New York on Saturday, May 23.

# How and Why Are Hallowed Family Ties Severed?

By REV. VARTAN DULGARIAN

Your children continue to grow and change. With unbelievable quickness they have reached early youth, and you can no longer see the innocence and the carefree behavior of their childhood.

Their conduct may present insoluble difficulties. They may be rebellious. They display nerve-wracking rampancy, and you observe abnormal changes in their rude behavior.

I ask you, dear parents, how shall you confront this sudden transformation, and what will your position be regarding it? How shall you carry on in this unstable environment so that your children will emerge with the least possible harm from this abnormal crisis, and serenely approach maturity?

The number is not negligible of those parents who go through this crisis with unbelievable indifference. There are some who affect shock, with anger and remonstrations. Others, confused, cry out in emotional anguish, "What ever happened to my child? Why did he turn out this way? What does he want, that he grumbles continually? Why is he annoyed with the slightest criticism, and refuses advice or counsel from anyone? He withdraws into himself, isolates himself, and spends hours buried deep in impassivity? In olden times we were free of such cares, and knew nothing about them."

Such complaints, no matter how reasonable, are unable to help in any way, and cannot resolve problems.

It is important, during this period of their growth, that you be sweet, and tender in your attitude. Your sole aim must be to disclose to their impressionable souls a world wherein the Creator reigns with his goodness and bounty.

Try, with your affectionate love, to raise them with an appreciation of responsibility, so that they may pass through chaotic life with heroic success, and use their personal freedom wisely and courageously for the good of mankind, and for the lifting of moral values.

If you succeed wisely in opening their hearts and minds to the great issues of the day as, in generations past, when your parents were strict in assuring your development to which you dutifully responded, then there is no reason to fear that your children will go astray, no matter how alluring life's diversionary attractions might be.

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However, it is essential that in the light of present-day styles we break away from our old, out-of-date thinking and prejudice, and adapt to modern circumstances and needs.

First of all, we must understand this eternal truth, that we are the spiritual offspring of the Universal Spirit, the benevolent and omnipotent God. An awareness of this truth must early be instilled in your children, so that godly virtues will develop along with the evolving times, so that the individual's character assumes a unique stamp, and a greatness that will never be overshadowed by ephemeral values.

Errors and failure will mark our efforts only when we ignore the important issues and we get involved in worthless details.

We must give each detail only that value that it deserves, and no more.

But on the other hand, essentials must be given absolute values, nothing less than they deserve. When we constantly rebuke our children, from

sunrise to sunset, for their unimportant wrongs, we in so doing forget what is important and we waste our breath and time in meaningless details.

Should it occur that under some circumstances children interrupt adults in conversation, with trivial talk, or if they burst out giggling, or in some other disorderly behavior perturb tranquility, we would be erring in our parental calling if we scolded them angrily.

We need to show respect for our children as we do for grown-ups. We should not be contemptuous of them.

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These are times when divorces are at their peak. When man and woman, both equally, are wound up in passionate hate, they allow perversity, selfishness, and an unforgiving spirit to prevail in their relationship with their children, instead of parental love.

How, in truth, can a growing child develop normally and grow spiritually when a father or a mother is missing from the home because of unhappy controversies.

According to God's plan, the father and the mother are obliged to work together in the sacred task of raising their children, the mother with her tenderness, and the father with his masculine firmness.

When one of this pair is absent because of a repugnant divorce, or because of an untimely death, how can the child be expected to develop morally and one day become a whole personality?

I have often heard the lamenting cry of a distraught mother. "How can I control my child without threatening and breaking him of his bad temper? He has reached a point where he no longer heeds my angry threats, or his father's. He has become an uncontrollable beast who wants and does everything in his own way."

It is quite true that neither can the mother fulfill her responsibility without the help of the father, nor can a father fashion the moral character of the child without the mother's help.

How many families would escape being broken up, and how many husbands and wives would avoid the tragedy of divorce if they would only replace their selfishness with love for their child, and think only of its salvation.

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Parents who have not tarnished the sanctity of their married life must say to themselves and to one another, "First let us consider our children and not ourselves, our differences, our wrongs."

The impossible must be made possible. The tender child's life and future must not be endangered by unwise divorce.

If we try to think in this way during times of deep family crisis, then certainly we would not only save ourselves; but we would not subject the sensitive hearts of our children to the trauma of divorce.

A member of the court, at an appropriate moment, asked Empress Catherine why she revered her spiritual father more than her natural father. The empress answered, "My natural father brought me from heaven to earth, but my spiritual father with his hallowed life and wise advice lifted me from earth to heaven."

Translated by  
Arra S. Avakian.

## Readers' Forum

### OPINIONS ON THE ECONOMY

Editor, The Armenian Observer

Trying to understand the conflicting and confusing opinions of the so-called experts on our economy leads to one conclusion: They know about as much as Will Rogers claimed he knew about the gold standard - nothing.

It reminds me of the "that's good, that's bad joke." First they say a strong dollar is good for us. Foreign capital comes in to buy our stocks, bonds and Treasury bills. That reduces our deficit. That's good. But a strong dollar means higher interest rates, which means more inflation. That's bad. And higher interest rates means higher mortgage rates, less housing starts and slowing down of the economy. That's also bad. But a strong dollar means we can buy foreign goods cheaper and have a better life and less inflation. That's good. But a strong dollar also means foreign consumers cannot buy our American-made products and that will cause our production to go down and produce unemployment. That's bad. And when we buy foreign-made goods our American manufacturers sell less and that, too, is bad.

So the dollar falls. Is that good or bad? Well, cheaper dollar means foreign consumers can buy our American-made products which means more jobs here and less recession. That's good. But a weak dollar also

means decreased stock and bond sales, less T-bill sales to foreigners which means the deficit rises. That's bad. A weak dollar also means the price of foreign goods goes up and that increases inflation and that's bad, too. And if the purchase of foreign goods now goes down due to increased prices, the foreign economies suffer, they have a recession and cannot buy our goods, real estate, stocks, bonds and Treasury bills. That's not good. With the subsequent higher budget deficit we get higher interest rates, decreased consumer spending, a stalled economy and recession. That's bad.

Which all means: you can't win for losing.

NORA SAHAGIAN  
Westlake Village

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POLITICAL QUESTION

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# Entrepreneurship to Plug Supply-Demand Gap in Armenia

By CAROL J. WILLIAMS  
Associated Press

YEREVAN — When an injury prevented Peti Mirzoyan from resuming construction work, he collected 22 friends and began producing plastic beach shoes from industrial scraps — and more than doubled the salary each had been receiving.

Arabyat Garnikyan and his extended family organized a cooperative in February to sew children's jackets from defective parachutes and other second-hand materials. Now the 15 workers of the Novinka shop are sewing all night to keep up with orders.

The cooperatives in Yerevan, capital of Soviet Armenia, are successful tributes to some tentative private enterprise the Soviet government sanctioned this year in an effort to close the huge gap between state supplies and consumer demand.

Reforms outlined in recent months by the Kremlin under Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev took another small step toward market economics on May Day when a new, "individual labor" law took effect.

The program encourages citizens with time on their hands to supply goods and services that state enterprises have been unable to fill.

Soviet officials are reluctant to characterize the cooperative and individual labor as "free enterprise" or "capitalism" and argue that the concepts are consistent with socialism and permitted by the constitution.

But allowing workers to start their own businesses in everything from baking bread to tending grave sites — and to set prices at whatever the market will bear — nudges the lumbering Soviet economy a little closer to Western models.

The private ventures are expected to retain only a small place in the national economy for the next few years. But the public has been enthusiastic about the smattering of private cafes and businesses begun as experiments.

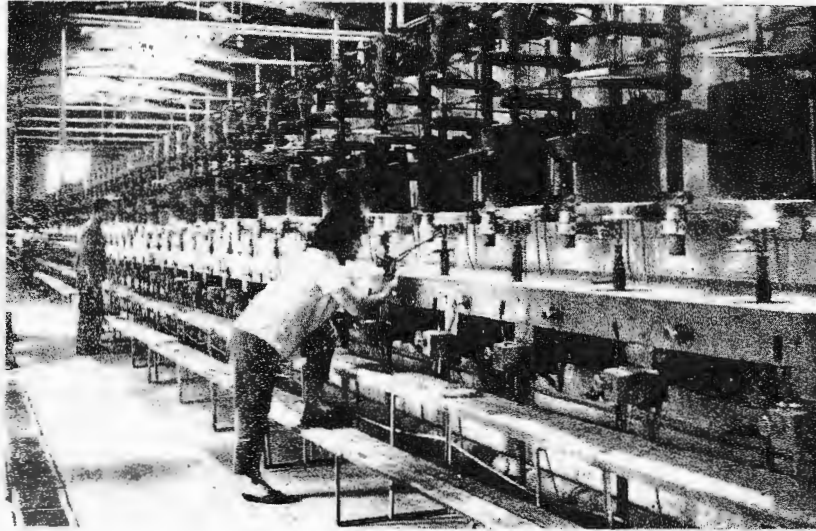
In Armenia, more than 2,500 applications for private businesses had been filed by Wednesday, according to Mikhail Kotanyan, economics chief of the republic's Communist Party.

Sabir Stepanyan, Armenia's procurement minister, said 10 cooperatives are already in business in the republic of 3.3 million. Four more are planned soon.

Cooperatives have fewer restrictions and lower taxes than the private initiatives, but co-op output is sold to the government under contract for fixed prices.

At Mirzoyan's plastics cooperative and Garnikyan's sewing enterprise, workers' earnings are determined by their output.

The average Soviet industrial worker earns about 190 rubles per month, or about \$300 at the



official exchange rate.

Mirzoyan told reporters who visited his small factory this week that each of the collective's members earns 250 rubles (\$400) per month plus about 200 rubles (\$320) from bonuses for extra production.

Lyudmila Varabyova, head seamstress at the Novinka shop, said the enterprise operates on flexible work hours, allowing housewives to sew at night after their husbands return home to watch the children.

The shop consists of a sewing room-office, a cutting room and a stifling 10-machine sewing center that whirs with the sound of stitching from dawn until late at night.

"One of our seamstresses can sew up to four jackets in an eight-hour shift," Varabyova said, adding that such productivity is unheard of in state factories.

Workers at both shops attribute part of their success to what they deem a stronger work ethic among Armenians than in the Russian Republic.

Similar free-enterprise projects also are showing good results in the Baltic republics of Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia.

Each republic is allowed to determine the goods and services needed locally and set license fees.

In the Russian Republic, a license to operate a private car as a taxi costs 560 rubles (about \$900 at the official rate) a year and construction workers must pay 470 rubles (\$700) to work privately. The same licenses in Armenia cost 640 rubles (\$1,025) and 320 rubles (\$510), respectively.

The fees and a graduated tax of as much as 65 percent on income over 6,000 rubles (\$9,600) a year are expected to produce

from 1 percent to 3 percent of national revenues, state labor committee chairman Ivan Gladky has predicted.

But officials contend the primary aim of the program is consumer service.

The new program's bureaucracy and tax structure are likely to discourage many entrepre-

neurs, especially those already operating "na levo" — on the left — in the flourishing black market.

"Why should I pay hundreds of rubles and high taxes to knit and sew for my friends?" a Moscow woman said when asked if she planned to make her underground tailoring business legal.

## Arshagouni to Conduct Choral Group in UCLA

LOS ANGELES — Michael Hrair Arshagouni will conduct music of Gomidas, Handel, and Schubert in a Masters of Fine Arts Coral Conducting Recital on Saturday, May 16, at 8:00 p.m., in UCLA's Schoenberg Hall Auditorium.

Mr. Arshagouni has studied conducting at UCLA under Donn Weiss and William Hatcher; at the Royal College of Music in London under Norman Del Mar and Christopher Adey. Arshagouni has taken a Master Class in Conducting under Christopher Hogwood. The public is welcome and admission is free.

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### AMERICAN ARMENIAN INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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#### THE UPHEAVALS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THEIR CONSEQUENCES FOR THE ARMENIANS

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Chairman, Armenian Studies Department, AAIC  
"The Middle East in Turmoil 1950's to 1980's"

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Columbia University  
"Sociological Dimensions of  
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Lecturer at American University of Beirut  
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"The Effects of the Civil War in Lebanon on  
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## "The Slaughterhouse Province..." to be Published in Booklet Form

NEW YORK — In commemoration of the 72nd anniversary of the Armenian Genocide on April 24, 1987, His Eminence Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian announced the publication of the booklet "The Slaughterhouse Province: A United States Consul's Report on Armenian Massacres". This 12-page booklet contains excerpts from the original lengthy Report Written by Consul Leslie Ammerton Davis during the 3-year period, 1914-1917, when he served as Consul in the towns of Harput/Mamuret-ul-Aziz in Ottoman Turkey.

The discovery of this Report, however, did not come until many years later, when Susan K. Blair of Alexandria, Virginia did extensive research in several renowned libraries. Ms. Blair's 6-year-long archival research on "American relief for the persecuted minorities in the Ottoman Empire during the period from 1915-1935" came to a halt upon her discovery of the Davis Report documented with photographs taken by him of scenes he vividly described in

his account. Ms. Blair, having now set aside her original project, decided to compile her archival findings into a book which will be published shortly by the publishing firm, Aristide Caratzas, who specialize in fine scholarly publications. (Details published in this newspaper, April 22 issue).

Mr. Leslie Ammerton Davis, prior to his foreign service in 1913, was an attorney in New York City. He was then assigned by the State Department to serve as Consul in Harput/Mamuret. It was there that Consul Davis became the first official eyewitness to the gruesome remains of the Armenian inhabitants in the twin towns, which came to be known as "The Slaughterhouse Province".

When Consul Davis informed the State Department of his findings, he was instructed to investigate in and to report on the conditions of the territory to which he was assigned. He carried out the edict of the State Department with fearless and thorough diligence.

After having seen partial burial and open gravesites of thousands of Armenians, Consul Davis decided to help surviving Armenians by giving them food, shelter and education in the Consulate.

Mr. Davis' heroic efforts to save a people are recognized not only by those he saved but also by the Nation he served — The United States of America. The United States Government commended him for his excellent Report — a Report given by a trusted public servant who described mass murder sites in an official capacity. His document, recorded in the archives of the U.S. Government, states that these events did in fact take place during World War I making "The Slaughterhouse Province: A U.S. Consul's Report on Armenian Massacres", "irrefutable evidence"

The Armenian Prelacy, in cooperation with the publishers, are making the 12 page booklet available to the public upon request. The book in its entirety will be released in the near future.

## Agathangelos "History of the Armenians" Now Available

"History of the Armenians" by Agathangelos, translated into English by Robert W. Thompson, is now available at the St. Vartan Bookstore at Diocesan headquarters in New York City. This 527-page scholarly edition is in Armenian juxtaposed with the English Translation.

Agathangelos' "History" is about the conversion of Armenia to Christianity in the early 4th century and its momentous impact on Armenia and the Near East. Agathangelos' work, circa 700, tells the story of the conversion of the Armenian King Trdat and the missionary activity in Armenia of St. Gregory the Illuminator.

It is not, however, a history book about the conversion of Armenia, conversion referring to the whole cultural transformation of the country as opposed to the single act of one Armenian king. That would be impossible since there is no detailed study of the struggles of the church party during the fourth century. "History of the Armenians" has become the standard "received" version of what happened, and therefore it has played a major role in the outlook of later generations of Armenians down to the present. It is one of the only acknowledged historical records in existence.

This bi-lingual edition is available for \$59.00 plus \$2.50 for postage and handling at The St. Vartan Bookstore, Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, 630 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10016 (212) 686-0710.

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## Five Bids for World Chess Championship Match Site

LOS ANGELES — The World Chess Federation (FIDE) received five bids to host the next world championship match between champion Gary Kasparov and challenger Anatoly Karpov. One of the bids came from Seattle, which offered a prize fund of one million Swiss francs (about \$687,000). Seville, Spain submitted the highest bid of 2,850,000 Swiss francs (about \$1,968,000). Other bids were 2,250,000 Swiss francs (about \$1,546,000) from the United Arab Emirates, 2,000,000 Swiss francs (about \$1,374,000) from Madrid, and 1,000,000 Swiss francs from Sochi in the Soviet Union.

The match, the fourth between the two rivals, is actually the finish of the 1986 world championship. It's now sche-

duled for September-October 1987. FIDE has asked the players to state their preferences for the match site within two weeks. A few weeks ago, Karpov expressed his desire to play in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, the site of the 1986 Chess Olympiad. But last week Kasparov objected to Dubai, saying, "I would never play in this country even if they offer the highest money." He complained of the lack of a free press and added, "I want to play in a free country with normal conditions."

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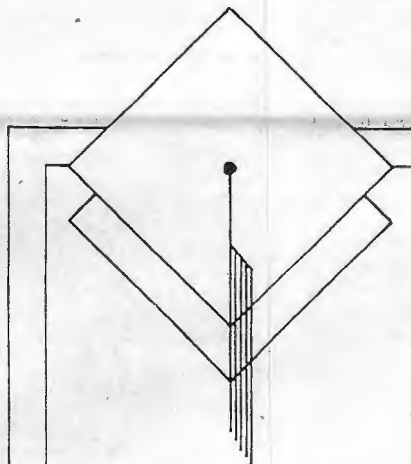
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## Jessica Nails Scratch Surface of Law

LOS ANGELES — Request for preliminary injunction against Jessica Vartoughian to perform pedicure on Paul Jasperson was turned down by the court, in Santa Monica. This is unusual case where confrontation between the right of the individual to health (that is free of illness) and civil rights of the individual is taking place.

Paul Jasperson filed suit against Jessica and her Nail Clinic for refusing to provide him with nail service.

Last July, Paul Jasperson, a hairdresser from West Hollywood, asked for an appointment at Jessica's nail care salon on the Sunset Blvd. He was given one for the next day. Jasperson claims that at the same time he was engaged in a conversation with employees of Jessica's establishment who were previous co-workers of his. He also talked to some clients. The bottom line of the conversations being that he had recently come out of hospital and was diagnosed as AIDS carrier.

Later on the receptionist at Jessica's nail care salon calls him up to cancel the appointment due to double booking. Jasperson claims that various phone calls were received at the establishment where he works making enquiries about the fact that he is an AIDS carrier. "Ultimately he went to West Hollywood Authorities who have a local ordinance which makes it a crime to refuse services to an AIDS carrier.

According to Paul Geragos, the defense lawyer of Jessica Vartoughian, "It is the only ordinance that we know of,

which makes it a criminal offense to refuse service to an AIDS carrier. Los Angeles has similar ordinance that gives civil penalties: fines and damages".

Geragos, a well known Armenian defense attorney, adds "The city of West Hollywood, ultimately, filed a complaint against Jessica and her corporation."

Last Friday, May 8, notice was received by Jessica's attorney to the affect that the criminal complaint has been extended to include the receptionist and the manicurist as well as the other corporations owned by Jessica.

Jessica Vartoughian, an Armenian from Roumania has established herself as one of the most popular manicurist and pedicurists in the nation and around the world. She has groomed the hands and feet of famous film stars as well as other personalities.

In 1981 Vartoughian flew from her stylish Los Angeles "Nail clinic", Jessica's, to Washington to give the First Lady an emergency manicure prior to Reagan's 70th birthday party. "It is an honor to do the First Nails," said Jessica.

Jessica Nail Care, Inc., produces a line of unique products that are distributed in over 10,000 salons and department stores in the United States as well as Canada, Japan and the Orient. Her empire includes her famous Beverly Hills clinic, seven franchise shops, 10 salons in Japan and the Orient, and a line of nail care products that are challenging the giants in the cosmetics industry.

She conducts numerous pro-

fessional training seminars, makes television appearances, public relations and so on.

Jasperson is represented by Lawyer Gloria Alread, a well known civil rights activist and at times controversial figure.

For Paul Geragos this case is no different in its moral and ethics from the cases of Jehova's Witnesses who refuse blood transfusion to their children on grounds on their religious beliefs but the State intervenes in the interest of the children's health. The crucial legal aspect of this case remains the challenge made against the Right of the State to maintain Public Welfare.

## Alex Manoogian Recuperating Following Kidney Surgery

Mr. Alex Manoogian, Life President of the AGBU has had a successful kidney surgery on Monday, April 27. Following a brief stay in hospital Mr. Manoogian has returned home where he has been recovering.

On the occasion of President A. Manoogian's surgery His Holiness Vasken I, Catholicos of all Armenians, has sent the following cable:

"Heartfelt and warm wishes to you for a speedy and full recovery. We also wish you moral fortitude and a positive outlook in life so that you may carry your sacred mission in the Armenian community for many years to come.

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Catholicos of All Armenians"

## Maro Donabedian to Go to China with CSUN Opera

NORTHRIDGE — Maro Donabedian, head musical coach and accompanist for California State University/Northridge Opera, will be performing that function with an opera cultural exchange group in the Peoples Republic of China. Maro will assist Dr. David Scott, director of the school's opera department, in coaching six of the department's most talented students in performances of Puccini's "La Boheme" in Shanghai and Beijing. The Chinese opera group were in residence with their CSUN hosts for two weeks

in April of this year during which time they performed "La Boheme" and concerts. The CSUN group will perform a preview concert for the public in the campus's Little Theatre on May 29 before departing on their two week sojourn in China on June 2.

Maro has been assisting Dr. Scott at CSUN in the production of operas and recitals for 23 years. In New York and Connecticut she was accompanist for Metropolitan Opera Auditions and the Opera Association, and she has performed in numerous

ing Armenian composers of that period.

Upon her return from China Maro will join the Opera Scenes Workshop as a staff accompanist on the campus of Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo for a 3-week session from July 5 to 26, 1987. These will be master classes conducted by international artists for advanced voice students.

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entertaining program full of pleasant surprises will follow. On Saturday, a city tour will be organized for non-delegates, while convention sessions will be held at the Center starting 10 am.

For the first time, a TCA Youth mini-convention will be held simultaneously on Saturday, May 16, with workshops dealing with the strengthening of ties between junior committees of TCA chapters.

On Saturday evening a banquet and cultural program dedicated to the Association's 40th Anniversary will be held at the adjacent AGBU Alex Manoogian School; under the auspices of the Primat of Canada, Bishop Vazken Keshishian. Dr. Vatché Ghazarian of Beirut, Lebanon is invited to be the keynote speaker of the evening. The cultural program will feature a series of Armenian folk dances performed by the TCA "Nayiri" Dance Group, songs by baritone Arto Muhendissian accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Jeanette Vartazarmian, and a violin and piano duet by the talented young Kizirian brothers. Later, a band will carry the night by Armenian and international dance music. A raffle of valuable gifts will also take place.

On Sunday, requiem services will be held at St. Gregory Church for the poet Vahan Tekeyan, members and benefactors of the TCA. A luncheon will follow at the TCA Center.

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# Horrible Events of Armenian Genocide Difficult for General Public to Accept, Says Rev. Hartunian

CAMBRIDGE — The facts of the Armenian Genocide are so horrible that the general public has difficulty in accepting them as true, Rev. Vartan Hartunian of Belmont, Mass., a genocide survivor, told an audience of Greater Boston Armenians recently.

Speaking at a reception on April 3 in his honor in Watertown, Mass., sponsored by the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research, Rev. Hartunian recounted the obstacles that had to be overcome in order to have his father's memoir about the Armenian Genocide, "Neither To Laugh Nor To Weep," published. NAASR has just released an expanded second edition of the memoir under the imprint of its Armenian Heritage Press.

The book describes Abraham Hartunian's survival through three massacres in Turkey (1894-96, 1915, and 1922) and his miraculous escape from death on seven different occasions. The memoir was translated into English by Rev. Vartan Hartunian in the late 1930s but remained unpublished for three decades.

The manuscript was rejected by several publishers before Beacon Press agreed to print it in 1968, Rev. Hartunian said. Some publishers implied that he had made the story up. Rev. Hartunian recalled; another advised that the account would never be believed and suggested that it be recast in the form of a novel.

### New Second Edition

Although it was reprinted in 1976 by the Armenian Missionary Association of America, the book has been out of print for several years. NAASR's new expanded second edition includes an introduction by Marjorie Housepian Dobkin, author and dean at Barnard College, Columbia University, who had come from New York for the reception. The new edition also includes as a preface an article written in 1918 by the late Henry Morgenthau, the U.S. Ambassador to Turkey during World War I, in which the Young Turks' plan to annihilate the Armenians is described.

Manoog S. Young of Belmont, Mass., NAASR Board Chairman, opened the program before a capacity audience at the St. James Armenian Church Hall in Watertown by describing briefly NAASR's publications program as one of many activities that have grown out of



AT NAASR RECEPTION (left to right): Chairman Manoog S. Young, Dean Marjorie Housepian Dobkin, Rev. Vartan Hartunian, Rev. Dajad Davidian, and Dr. Barbara Mergeruerian. Photo/R. Nahigian

NAASR's basic mission to foster Armenian studies in institutions of higher learning.

The NAASR Board Chairman then introduced Barbara J. Mergeruerian of Wellesley, Mass., NAASR Director of Information and Publications, who stressed the importance of published memoirs written by survivors of the Armenian Genocide. These accounts preserve historic truth in the face of persistent denials by the Turkish authorities and amnesia on the part of the U.S. Government; they also raise basic issues of prejudice, stereotyping, and hatred that continue to cause problems in contemporary societies.

Rev. Dajad Davidian, pastor of St. James Armenian Church (Apostolic), extended a warm welcome to Rev. Vartan Hartunian, pastor of the First Armenian Church of Belmont (Evangelical).

Marjorie Housepian Dobkin, author of "A Houseful of Love" and "Smyrna 1922", described her meeting with Rev. Hartunian 15 years ago as pure coincidence when she found herself seated next to him on an airplane. She was at the time putting the finishing touches on her Smyrna book and was able to use in her account some firsthand information which appeared in Abraham Hartunian's memoir.

"It is for me a most incredible honor to be bound between covers with Abraham Hartunian and Ambassador Morgenthau," she stated, in referring to the new edition of "Neither To Laugh Nor To Weep."

### Enthusiastic Response

Rev. Hartunian described the evening as traumatic for him because it brought back his experiences as a child survivor in Smyrna in 1922 and his feelings while translating his father's

memoir. Referring to original notebooks, letters, and books, the pastor documented the story of the publication: his father's original manuscript, the difficult process of translation, the long efforts to have the manuscript published, and then the slow growth in its distribution.

Rev. Hartunian also expressed repeatedly his thanks to NAASR for the publication of the new expanded and enhanced edition.

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# "Upheavals in the Middle East" is AAIC Annual Conference Topic

GLENDALE — A conference on "The Upheavals in the Middle East and their Consequences for the Armenians", sponsored by the American Armenian International College, will be held on Saturday, May 16, 1987, from 1 to 5 p.m., at the AAIC Sarayan Academic and Cultural Center in Glendale (827 E. Colorado Blvd.).

Papers relevant to the above mentioned topic will be presented by the following scholars: Dr. Rouben Adalian, Asst. Professor of History and Chairman of the Armenian Studies Dept. at AAIC/ULV, on "The Middle East in Turmoil — 1950's to 1980's"; Ms. Lucie Kassabian, Doctoral Candidate in Sociomedical Sciences, Columbia Uni-

versity, on "Sociomedical Dimensions of Uprootedness"; Dr. Shavarsh Toriguan, Lecturer at the American University of Beirut and Haigazian College and Visiting Professor at AAIC, on "The Effects of the Civil War in Lebanon on the Armenians"; and Mr. Artavaz Melikian, attorney and former member of the Armenian Church Council in Tehran, on "The Iranian Revolution and its Effects on the Iranian-Armenian Community".

Admission to the conference is free of charge. The American Armenian community is invited to attend.

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# Armenian Reception for Senator Pete Wilson

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home of Arshag and Eleanor Dickranian, and hosted by Dickranian, Huston Cariyle, Semon Kasparoff, Levon Kirakossian, Ken Norian, Haig Papaian, and Karl Samuelian.

The invitation was extended to a group of leaders representing a cross-section of the Armenian community — judges, lawyers, physicians, educators, businessmen, etc.

The senator spoke about his close ties with Gov. George Deukmejian since 1962 and stated that "it had been a very rewarding experience professionally."

"He has been a very good supporter of mine. I take pride in fact that he came to me when I was just elected mayor of San Diego in 1970 and asked me if I would be his Southern California co-chairman when he ran for attorney general. I said to him that if he could not find someone with more clout, I

would do it. He said: "I want you to do it."

The senator spoke highly of the new generation, and stated that he has witnessed the emergence of a young Armenian generation involved in political life and American civic activities. He mentioned that he was very much satisfied with the Armenian interns of his office.

Touching on American politics, Wilson said that the Iran-Contra affair will not hurt Reagan, and commented that following Gary Hart's decision not to run for the Presidency, Massachusetts governor Michael Dukakis looks a very possible candidate and a likely one.

Several questions were asked by the guests about Armenian affairs and American foreign policy, and the senator gave satisfactory answers.

Hosts Archie Dickranian and Ken Norian spoke and Norian conducted the short program.



From left, Mr. Arshag Dickranian, Osheen Keshishian, publisher-editor of The Armenian Observer, Senator Wilson, and Mrs. Dickranian, in the back. BOTTOM: Some guests, from left, Judge Maral Kirakossian, Dr. Vartkes Najarian, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Avazian, and Ani Keshishian. (Armenian Observer photos)

AT THE RECEPTION: Top, from left, Mr. Arshag Dickranian, Senator and Mrs. Pete Wilson, Mrs. Eleanor Dickranian, and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Norian. CENTER: Senator Wilson flanked by Krikor Shenian, Zoroug Gugasian, left, and Levon Gugasian, and Mrs. Wilson. BOTTOM: Some guests at the reception, from left, Jack Bouchakian, James Dorian, president and chief executive officer of the American International Bank, and Mrs. Dorian, Dr. Missak Abdulian, and H. Hrants Agbabian.



## San Diego Breeze ...

By QUEENIE KAZANGIAN MURPHY

Father Levon and Yerezgin Grace's 21 day pilgrimage to Holy Etchmiadzin and Armenia will be limited to 20 people. Call 562-9399. The trip will include Yerevan, Tiflis, Georgia, Moscow, Leningrad and Vienna.

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On Friday April 24 the flags in City Hall were at half mast. The ANC SD Chapter presented the commemoration of the 72nd Genocide with a guest speaker from ANC Los Angeles. The SD "Roupinia" Chapter, the SD "Sevan" Chapter and influential local city officials and representatives all participated.

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Tawfiq Khoury, chairman and chief executive officer of Pacific Scene, Inc. has been appointed to the Federal Savings and Loan Advisory Council. The council advises the Federal Home Loan Bank Board in Washington, D.C. on matters affecting the lending industry.

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My favorite actress Catherine Deneuve is truly as beautiful in person as she is in photos. The French film actress was at Nordstrom's Fashion Valley recently posing for pictures and graciously signing autographs. She was here promoting "Deneuve" perfume. The fragrance is as stunning as she is, I'm still sneezing.

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The Kayso Folk Dancers are in action at the Casa del Prado in Balboa Park. Kayso Soghomonian who founded the Kayso Dancers in 1977 has 124 signed up, with two classes a week and special performing groups. He's also an artist, selling his paintings at Spanish Village, plays bridge and participates in lawn bowling. Born in Turkish Armenia, he started dancing as a boy. An electronics engineer, he's worked in Germany, the Soviet Union and Brazil, where he met his wife of Armenian background. They have a ball, stay healthy and meet all manner of interesting people from all over the world.

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The Crawford High grads are being rounded up for a 20 year reunion. Two 1967 grads can't make it to the July 18 party at the Sheraton-Harbor Island hotel. One is Eric Schulze, son of politico Evonne Schulze (Hye). He's in his 4th year of medical school at UC San Francisco and has just been awarded the Chancellor's Graduate Fellowship for excellence in research (genetic). Proud Mama has always been deeply involved with SD politics, and highly regarded.

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Our loss is Julian Velovan, the unfailingly gracious maitre d'hotel at the Westgate's Fontainebleau Room. He left for the Ritz-Carlton at Laguna Niguel where he'll be Maitre d' in charge of banquets. It's been a long climb for Velovan, who defected 10 years ago from Romania (while on assignment with the travel ministry in Istanbul) and made his way to the U.S. Farewell, my good neighbor. I never practiced piano in the daytime while you were sleeping so I've been a good neighbor too, as your Mother so often told me.

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Norm Nouskajian, J. David Dominelli's one-time attorney and a key figure in the deep-pockets suit against the law firm Rogers and Wells, reportedly plans to announce his new private law practice (building and real estate).

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Tom Blair's SD Union column says: Gov. Deukmejian stopped three times to choke back tears as he bid farewell recently to his longtime press secretary, Larry Thomas. But the mood was lighter among the 50 or so friends and colleagues who gathered in Sacramento to wish Thomas well in his new post with Vice President George Bush. On California politician who couldn't be there was Carmel Mayor Clint Eastwood. But he did send a movie poster, with a personal note: "Best wishes in Washington, D.C. - To Dirty Larry from Dirty Harry." The poster from Eastwood was authentic. The telegram from the White House was suspect: "Hang up on me and you're dog meat." - Nancy Reagan.

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Any Chilingirian was among those gymnasts of West Coast's Competition Team to perform at a Fashion Show and Gymnastic Exhibition recently. Perhaps someday we'll see her in the Olympic's.

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For City Clerk Chuck Abdelnour, the Perle Mesta of City Hall, it's any excuse to party. His offices have moved from the 12th floor to the 2nd, and so he threw a "Grand Opening" party. (As an after thought he had his 49th birthday party also at Athens Market).

## Dr. John Amoores to Speak at Bay Area APS Meeting

SAN FRANCISCO—Dr. John Amoores is a consultant in Environmental Chemistry who received his Ph.D. and Bachelors in Biochemistry from Oxford University. He has pursued Post-Doctoral Fellowships at the University of Edinburgh and UC Berkeley. He was the author of "Molecular Basis of Odor" published in 1970. He has also published numerous research papers in several scientific journals since 1952.

His work has focused on the human sense of smell and the odorous properties of volatile chemicals. For fifteen years, he was a research scientist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in Berkeley developing a method, based on the study of people exhibiting selective "odor-blindness", for identifying the distinctive but elusive "primary odors" that make up the sense of smell.

Since leaving the USDA in 1978, he has founded Olfacto-Labs, a firm producing ready-to-use test kits for medical doctors

to measure the patient's olfactory sensitivity as an aid to diagnosis. He has also conducted numerous analyses for various State agencies and private industries dealing with odor sensitivity to industrial chemicals. His consulting work has included the evaluation of the effects of hazardous wastes from industrial processes and disposal sites.

More recently, Dr. Amoores has been involved in setting up a mobile service for rapid on-site chemical evaluation of odor emission and hazardous waste

discharge problems. He currently serves as an appointee of Governor Deukmejian on the Scientific Advisory Committee on Acid Deposition ("acid rain") to the California Air Resources Board.

The dinner lecture will be held on May 23, 1987 at 7:30 p.m. at the Orient Express Restaurant, 50 Steuart St., San Francisco. For further information and reservation please contact Shavarsh Hazarabedian at (415) 284-2845.

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## Gov. Dukakis Attends Boston Armenian Exhibit

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membering the Genocide is so important," the Massachusetts chief executive asserted, "is-so that we never again permit the kind of indifference, the neglect, and the failure to respond that took place at that time."

In concluding his remarks, in an indirect reference to his candidacy for president on the Democratic ticket which was announced officially one week later, Governor Dukakis remarked with a grin:

"I'd love to be able to say that one day in Washington we will have an exhibit like this, but I can't say so now." He then added, to the enthusiastic applause of all present, "If it happens, we'll have an Armenian exhibit in Washington."

### Turkey Should Allow Repairs

House Speaker George Keverian expressed his "deep sense of personal pride" to see an exhibit of Armenian culture on display at the State House.

The Speaker then cited the need to restore the great creations of Armenian architecture, especially the churches, located in present-day Turkey.

"It is impossible to tour this exhibit without experiencing a strong sense of tragedy that the Armenian architectural monuments in Turkey are being allowed to fall into disrepair and disintegration," Speaker Keverian said.

Noting that the present Turkish Government will neither repair these monuments itself nor allow international organizations to repair them, Speaker Keverian continued: "We are still hopeful that the Turkish Government will see the light of reason and will cooperate in efforts to prevent any further decay in this proud legacy from the past."

### Presentations

In recognition of his achievement as an Armenian-American, Speaker Keverian was presented with a framed collage of Keverian family photographs, including pictures of his parents, his grandparents, and his own picture as a child. The presentation was made by Ruth Thomasian, director of Project SAVE, a photographic archive documenting the history of the Armenian people during the past century.

Earlier in the program, the Speaker presented Barbara Merguerian, chairman of the ad hoc exhibit organizing committee, with a framed citation issued that day by the Massachusetts House of Representatives in recognition of "her outstanding contribution to the Armenian community."

Ms. Merguerian thanked the Speaker for his support and encouragement of the exhibit and recognized the contributions of the three Armenian cultural preservation organizations that had been invited to participate: Dr. Vasken L. Parsegian, Chairman of the Armenian Architectural



Dr. Vasken L. Parsegian, Chairman of the Armenian Archives Project at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, in front a panel depicting Armenian architecture in the "Armenia and Armenians" exhibit at the Massachusetts State House in Boston. The Armenian Archives Project was one of the exhibitors at the week-long display. (Photo: Harvey W. Spigel)

Archives Project at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Joyce Gregorian Hampshire, President of the Armenian Library and Museum of America, and Ruth Thomasian, Director of Project SAVE.

Ms. Merguerian also thanked Maureen Casey (Assistant Director of Public Relations in of Speaker Keverian's office) for her support and assistance, the members of the ad hoc exhibit organizing committee (Gigi Bilemjian, Sylvia Parsons, Ruth Thomasian), and the many individuals who had contributed funds and services to make the exhibit a success.

A feature article about the exhibit in the April 21 Boston Globe, entitled "Preserving Lost

Armenia," by Carol Stocker, brought many people to the State House to view the exhibit during the week, along with hundreds of tourists, students, officials, and employees who pass through Doric Hall daily. In addition, large numbers of Armenians came to see the exhibit, particularly during the opening reception and also on Friday, April 24, when the annual Martyrs Day remembrance services were held in the House of Representative Chamber and in front of the Armenian plaque at the State House.

All of these activities combined to make "Armenian Week" at the Massachusetts State House this year a truly memorable event.

## Ca. Investor Bids for Acquisition of Ramada Hotel Chain ; Gets No Response

LOS ANGELES, CA - The investor Paul A. Bilzerian said this week that he was interested in acquiring the hotel and restaurant properties of Ramada Inc. and had requested a meeting with the company's management. Mr. Bilzerian also indicated that if he were unable to negotiate a friendly deal he would consider a hostile bid for Ramada.

The investor holds about 1.6 million, or 4 percent, of Ramada's shares outstanding through his company, the Bicoastal Financial Corporation of Tampa, Fla. Ramada, a lodging and gaming company based in Phoenix, has 39.8 million shares outstanding. Its stock rose \$1.25 a share earlier in the week and was the third-most-active stock on the New York Stock Exchange.

Mr. Bilzerian said he had requested a meeting with Richard Snell, Ramada's chairman. However, the management of the firm pointed out that it did

not wish to meet the investor, who is noted for his attempts of taking over major firms.

Ramada owns, operates, licenses or franchises more than 98,000 rooms domestically and overseas, and also operates the Tropicana Hotel and Country Club in Las Vegas, Nev., and the Tropicana Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City. The company reported earnings of \$10.3 million, or 27 cents a share, on sales of \$687 million for the fiscal year 1986.

Mr. Bilzerian, who teamed up last year with Edward J. DeBartolo Sr. in an unsuccessful \$3.6 billion bid for the Allied Stores Corporation, has also offered to acquire Pay 'N Pak Stores Inc. for \$19 a share, or about \$171 million. Mr. Bilzerian was quoted as saying that he had reached a standstill agreement with Pay 'N Pak's management, which has agreed to provide him access to internal documents if the investor does not make a tender offer before June 6.

## Immanuel Church Picnic on May 25

DOWNEY - The Immanuel Armenian Congregational Church of Downey will hold its annual "Memorial Day Picnic" at the church located at 9516 Downey Avenue in Downey on Monday, May 25, 12 noon to dusk.

Church members, friends and the general public are invited to attend and enjoy a full day of good food, fun and fellowship with family and friends. A complete shish kabob dinner consisting of shish kabob, pilaf, salad, cheese, toorshi, bread and coffee will be served at \$9.00 per per-

son. Homemade Armenian pastries will also be available.

Numerous activities of special interest to all age groups are planned including games for the children, volleyball, tavliou tournament, gin rummy, and drawings for prizes. There will also be Armenian dancing.

Chairman Steve Kradjian is looking forward to a grand day for the large turnout expected at Immanuel's annual traditional Armenian picnic on the church grounds on May 25.

## Ferrahian Alumni Walkathon

ENCINO - Holy Martyrs Ferrahian Armenian High School's Alumni Association's 1st annual walk-a-thon will take place Sunday, May 17. The money collected from the walk-a-thon will be used to set up a scholarship fund to help needy students pay high school expenses.

The walk-a-thon will begin

and end at Ferrahian High School. All walkers will receive a free T-shirt and will be served free pizza and soft drinks for their efforts.

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## Michael "Berj" Gourdikian Joins Minasian & Associates Firm

PASADENA — Michael Berj Gourdikian has joined the Commercial Real Estate firm of Minasian and Associates. His appointment, as Investment Property Associate, was announced by the firm's owner Lawrence J. Minasian. Mr. Gourdikian is a licensed Real Estate Broker and specializes in the sale of investment properties, with a particular emphasis on apartment sales.



Mr. Gourdikian has a business background and founded M.G. Consultants, specializing in small business consulting including financial and marketing analysis. The federal government's Small Business Administration selected Gourdikian to provide consultation with specializations in marketing and finance. "Gourdikian's business background and service orientation were key factors in his appointment to the firm," according to Mr. Minasian. Minasian and Associates, Commercial Real Estate, is a member of the Pasadena Board of Realtors, the Multi Regional Commercial Multiple Listing Service and the Apartment Association of Southern California. The firm services include investment property sales, office and retail leasing, and property management.

He lives in Pasadena and his clientele are located in the greater San Gabriel Valley and Glendale area.

A graduate of California State University, at Northridge, Mr. Gourdikian received a B.S. Degree in Business Administra-

tion with specializations in marketing and finance. "Gourdikian's business background and service orientation were key factors in his appointment to the firm," according to Mr. Minasian.

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## Santa Barbara Armenians Observe Martyrs Day

SANTA BARBARA — The Armenian Cultural Society of Santa Barbara held its 12th annual Memorial Dinner on the 26th of April at All Saints by the sea Episcopal Church in Montecito. An all-Armenian meal was served to a hundred or more guests and members of the Armenian Cultural Society. The food was prepared by the members of the Ladies Hye Society.

A one-act play was presented, entitled "Kikor," which was written by Nancy Andon based on the book "Many Hills Yet to Climb" by John Minassian.

In addition, the first Armenian language class at the University of California, Santa Barbara recited a short story entitled "Eenchoo?" It was very endearing to hear the Armenian language spoken by these young students, and their accents were beautiful in spite of the fact that they had been studying for less than three months.

Julia Koobatian, committee

member, made the closing remarks: "There are some Armenians who say — "Why don't we forget the past? Why don't we forget 1915? Why can't we just turn the other cheek and forgive and forget?"

As you know and feel, or you wouldn't be here tonight, that by forgetting, History will repeat itself.

As Hitler said, "Who remembers the Armenians?"

To allow a genocide to be forgotten is to allow history to repeat itself, again, and again minorities all over the world.

The Armenians do not have to resort to violence to bring the genocide to the attention of the world; we have discovered that it can be done peacefully and with dignity!

Our governor, George Deukmejian, has proclaimed April 24 as Armenian Remembrance Day and the flags are to be flown at half mast throughout the state.

## Searching Relatives

Haroutiun Martoyan (also known as Martirosian), the son of Avedis and Yaghout, from Devnig village of Terjan (in the region of Erzanga), is searching his brother Mourad, about 76 years old, who migrated from Leninakan Orphanage to the United States in 1921.

Mourad's cousin is named Hunchak, who should be about

the same age, and who also migrated to the United States at the same time, and might be in the East Coast.

Anyone having any information about Mourad, please write to Haroutioun Martoyan, c/o Ardavazt Keshishian, 1645 N. Winona, Apt. 205, Los Angeles, CA 90027. Tel. (213) 665-2768.

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## St. Andrew Church Food Fair Bazaar, May 30

CUPERTINO — The Ladies Society of St. Andrew Armenian Church of Santa Clara Valley will present its annual Food Fair Bazaar at the Church, located at 11370 S. Stelling Road near Rainbow Drive in Cupertino on Saturday, May 30 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Featured will be all the popular Armenian dishes as Mom use to make them, including lulu kebab dinners, sarma, lahmajoon, cheese bouregs, monti, Harpoot kufita, choregs and sweet delicacies.

Those wishing to fill their freezer are encouraged to pre-order by calling the Church office at (408) 257-6743 or the Chairlady of the event, Mable Kapjian, (408) 248-4366 evenings.

Commencing at 5 p.m., live Armenian music by well-known Bay Area musicians, Andrew Nalbandian and Michael Solakian, will entertain the diners. The Armenian School students will present a program at 5:30 p.m. There is no charge for admission.

## NAASR Event

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of "Neither To Laugh Nor To Weep" and his pleasure with the enthusiastic response the book received by the assembled guests. Over the years the memoir has been gradually but steadily gaining acceptance, Rev. Hartunian pointed out. A Spanish edition has appeared, a translation into Japanese has been made, and authorization for a translation into French has just been given.

In concluding the program, Mr. Young announced that copies of "Neither To Laugh Nor To Weep" had been sent to every member of Congress so that they might be aware of the fate of the Armenian people during World War I.

Mr. Young then made a special presentation of Number 1 of the hardcover copy of "Neither To Laugh Nor To Weep" to Rev. Hartunian. Number 2 was presented to Marjorie Housepian Dobkin.

During the reception that followed, Rev. Hartunian and Dean Dobkin autographed copies of the book for the assembled guests.

Copies of "Neither To Laugh Nor To Weep" are available from the NAASR Headquarters for \$9.95 (paperback) and \$35 (limited edition hard cover, numbered and autographed). The paperback edition is available at \$8.50 for NAASR members in good standing. (Massachusetts residents need to add 5 percent for sales tax.) The NAASR address is 175 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge, Mass. 02138; telephone, (617) 876-7630.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## LOS ANGELES AREA

MAY 16 — Saturday, AAIC Annual Conference on "The Upheavals in the Middle East and Their Consequences for the Armenians", Speakers: Dr. Rouben Adalian, Lucie Kassabian, Artavazt Melikian, and Dr. Shavarsh Toriguiyan. AAIC Saroyan Academic and Cultural Center, 827 E. Colorado Blvd., Glendale; above "Nor Guyank" offices. 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free!

MAY 16 — Ararat Home "Ground Breaking" Dinner-Dance. Advertising in this paper for details.

MAY 16 — Saturday, "HO-YE-CHEH", AYA's 56th Anniversary celebration dinner-dance, organized by AGBU Glendale Chapter, Agajanian Hall. Entertain/Pacific Band. Tkts \$35.00. For reservations call (213) 467-2428; Stepan (818) 507-7179.

MAY 16 — Saturday, St. James AYMS Superspring Dance, at St. James Gogian Hall, 4950 W. Slauson Ave., LA. 8 p.m. Armenian and American music, live entertainment by DJ, food and raffle. \$15.00. For info call Linda Vanesian (818) 705-3701.

MAY 22 — Friday, Glendale Community College Armenian Students Association presents Annual Dance Disco Night at the Holiday Inn (Glendale), 450 W. Pioneer (near Pacific). From 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Donation \$10.00. Music by Neptune Production. For info call Hratch (818) 243-8874.

MAY 22 — Friday, Armenian Professional Society's 29th Annual Scholarship Banquet. Jonathan Club, Downtown L.A. Awarding of \$1,000 scholarships to ten post graduate students. Recept. 7 p.m. Dinner 8 p.m. For reservations (\$32.00 per) mail checks before May 18 to APS, 215 Mariners View, La Canada 91011.

MAY 22 — Friday, 11th Commencement Exercises of AAIC, at Glendale Church of the Brethren, 626 N. Pacific Ave., (adjacent to the Holiday Inn), Glendale. Keynote Speaker, Hon. Set Momjian, member of the U.S. Holocaust Council and former U.S. Representative to the United Nations, 7:30 p.m.

MAY 22 — Friday, Armenian Alumni Association presents Prof. Ronald Suny in a lecture on "Armenia in the 20th Century" at the AGBU Center, 581 N. Larchmont Blvd., LA. at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

MAY 25 — Monday, Immanuel Armenian Congregational Church of Downey's Annual Memorial Day Picnic at the church grounds, 9516 Downey Ave., Downey. 12 noon to dusk. Complete shish kebab dinner \$9.00 (includes shish kebab, pilaf, salad, cheese, toorshi, bread and coffee). Armenian pastries, games for children, volleyball, tavloo tournament, drawings for prizes, Armenian dancing, and much more. Enjoy good food, fun and fellowship with family and friends.

MAY 29-30-31 — 3 DAY CARNIVAL Mesrobian School Carnival at Holy Cross Church, 900 W. Lincoln, Montebello. Rides, fun games, music, free admission. — Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

MAY 30 — Saturday, St. Peter Arm. Apostolic Church presents 21st Annual Consecration Dinner-Dance, at St. Peter's Karageuzian Hall, 17231 Sherman Way, Van Nuys.

MAY 31 — Sunday, Picnic (May 28 Independence Day — in Long Beach El Dorado Park. Adjacent to 605 South and North Freeway. Sponsored by Long Beach Armenian Relief Society, Zovinar Chapter. Convenient Parking, Lake view. Food available. Donation \$5.00.

JUNE 3 — Wednesday, Piano Recital by Rita Bardakjian, at Wilshire Ebell Theatre, 4401 W. 8th St., Los Angeles. 8 p.m. sharp. Tickets \$15.00; \$10.00; and \$7.00. Call (213) 939-1128 or (818) 705-4395.

JUNE 7 — Sunday, Armenian Allied Arts Association 47th Annual Art Exhibit and Awards Banquet, professional entertainment. Ambassador Hotel, Embassy Room, 3400 Wilshire Blvd., LA. Art Exhibit opens at 3 p.m. (free); social hour 5 to 6 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. Donation \$30.00 per person. For reservations or information call Pasadena (818) 793-9274 V. Bedrosian; Montebello (213) 721-6411 H. Sandaldjian; LA (213) 938-6015 Z. Vartian; Hollywood (213) 668-0374 V. Mardirossian; Van Nuys (818) 785-9835 A. Haigazian.

JUNE 7 — Sunday, Vatche Mankerian pianist in Concert at Wilshire Ebell Theater. 8 p.m. For info call (818) 798-3850 or (818) 795-4326. More details to follow.

JUNE 26 — Friday, LA Triple X Fraternity's 32nd Annual Armenian Open Golf Tournament at Brookside Country Club, 11033 Rosemont, Pasadena. Shot gun starts at 11:30 a.m. Prizes, trophies. Dinner Dance with Guy Chookoorian Band, 6 p.m. cocktails and dinner 7:30 p.m. Green fees +dinner \$75.00; golf only \$60.00; Dinner only \$25.00. Call Robert Kalfayan for more info and registration (818) 789-4536.

JULY 12 — Sunday, ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH 46TH ANNUAL ALL-DAY PICNIC, Parish grounds, 4950 W. Slauson Ave., LA. No admission charge, traditional Armenian foods, music by John Bilezikjian and his Ensemble, great prizes, games for all ages — DON'T MISS IT!

AUG. 30 — Sunday, "Armenian Churches Joint Picnic", Churches of the Western Diocese. (St. Peter, St. James, St. Gregory, St. Sarkis and St. John). Griffith Park, Crystal Springs Area. Ample parking. Starting at 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Armenian food, pastry, beverages, game booth, raffle, music by John Bilezikjian Band, and dancing (Games for adults and children).

SEPT 1987 — 40th Anniversary of AGBU HOVAGIMIAN-MANOOGIAN SCHOOL.

SEPT. 12 — Saturday, Valley Guild of Ararat Home Luncheon Boutique at Dr. & Mrs. Bahuth's house/Encino. Chairlady Arpi Petyoyan, Co-Chairlady Alice Yaldezian. More details to follow.

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## NEWPORT BEACH

MAY 17 — Sunday, the Armenian Apostolic Church of Newport Beach, Holy Badarak at 2 p.m. at St. Michael and All Angels Church, 3233 Pacific View Drive, Corona Del Mar.

MAY 28 — Thursday, Ladies Society of the Armenian Apostolic Church of Newport Beach, monthly meeting at 11 a.m. to be followed by luncheon at 12 noon, at St. Michael Church Hall. For tickets call Alice Bilezikjian at (714) 581-8548.

MAY 31 — Sunday, the Armenian Young, Married and Singles (AYMS) group of the Armenian Apostolic Church of Newport Beach, all day picnic at the William Mason Park in Irvine. \$10.00 donation, includes BBQ. For info call Sosi (213) 378-0048.

JUNE 6 — Saturday, The Armenian Apostolic Church of Newport Beach will hold its second Annual Gala Anniversary Banquet at the Inn On the Park Hotel Anaheim. Beginning at 7:00 p.m. Music will be furnished by John Bilezikjian and his orchestra. Donation \$50.— Tickets may be purchased by calling (714) 581-8548; (213) 420-2022; (714) 644-9188.

## SAN DIEGO

JUNE 6 — Saturday, San Diego Triple X Fraternity, 7th Annual Wine and Cheese Festival, at Lomas Santa Fe Country Club, Solano Beach. from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

## FRESNO

MAY 22 — Friday, An Evening of Kef featuring the exciting music of the Chookasian-Dorian Ensemble. Belly dancer. Admission \$6.00. Mezza available. For info call John (209) 276-1777. Specialty in Food Banquet Facility, 2777 N. Maroa (3 blocks north of Clinton). Come! Enjoy!

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JUNE 19-21 — Friday-Sunday, The WAAA 19th annual ARMENIAN OLYMPICS at Fresno State University. Events include men's basketball, men and women's volleyball, track and field, men's softball, soccer and men and women's open tennis. Hotel accommodations avail at Ramada Inn (209) 224-4040. For entry forms and more information call Charlie Mugrdchian at (209) 432-9400 daytime or 435-7434 evenings.

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## FRESNO

**JUNE 21** - Sunday, the Annual Picnic of St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church of Fowler at California Home for the Aged, Kings Canyon Road, Fresno. Music provided by Richard Hagopian's Band beginning at 12 noon, immediately following church services, which will start at 11:30 a.m. Delicious Armenian food will be served all day. Public is cordially invited.

## SAN FRANCISCO/OAKLAND AREA

**MAY 15** - Friday, presentation of Jack Aslanian's "Fixed Movements" book, at St. John Church Hall. 8 p.m. Speakers: Margo Kupelian (in Armenian), and Osheen Keshishian (in English). Admission is free. Sponsored by Tekeyan Cultural Association, San Francisco chapter.

**MAY 17** - Sunday - Calvary Armenian Congl. Church's 61st anniversary banquet, 6 P.M., at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel. Mr. John Robinson, Coach of L.A. Rams, is guest speaker. Donation \$50. For reservations call Church office (415) 586-2000.

**JUNE 25-28** - AGBU 73rd Annual National Convention, Cathedral Hill Hotel.

**JULY 10-12** - Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Las Vegas Kef Weekend. Hold the date and watch for details.

## REEDLEY

**JUNE 7** - Sunday, Sts. Sahag-Mesrob Armenian Church Annual Picnic. 11 a.m. Dinuba Memorial Building Picnic grounds at 249 South Alta Ave., Dinuba. Armenian music by George Bedrossian and his Band from San Francisco. Plenty of food and games for all. Raffle. Everyone is invited. Come and have fun.

## SANTA CLARA VALLEY

**MAY 30** - Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Food Bazaar at St. Andrew Armenian Apostolic Church, 11370 S. Stelling Road at Rainbow Drive, Cupertino. All the popular and traditional Armenian foods will be served. For take-out, pre-order by calling Church office (408) 257-6743 or Mable Kapjian (408) 248-4366.

## LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

**JULY 10-12** - Fifth Annual KEF WEEKEND, Gold Coast Hotel. John Bilezikjian Ensemble. Friday, hors d'oeuvres (all you can eat); Saturday, Prime Rib Banquet. \$99 person, double occupancy; \$129 person single, includes everything. Call (702) 876-5058 or 732-4994. Reservations limited. Call now!

## TORONTO, CANADA

**JULY 1-6, 1987** - 6th AGBU Athletic Games & Youth Festival: sports competitions, Star Search '87 Talent Competition and Miss AGBU Contest as well as social functions. Hotel accommodations at Sheraton Centre and sports facilities at University of Toronto. For further information, contact National Games Co-ordinator, Mona Karoghlanian, AGBU, 585 Saddle River Road, Saddle Brook, NJ 07662 or phone (201) 797-7600.

# AGBU Chapters Building Teams for 6th Athletic Games in Toronto

TORONTO - AGBU Chapters across the country are busy organizing new sports teams or strengthening existing ones to compete in the 6th AGBU Athletic Games and Youth Festival in Toronto from July 1 to July 6, 1987. Teams from AGBU Chapters in Marseilles, Amsterdam and London are also considering participating.

Team sports still include basketball and volleyball for men and women, with both junior and senior teams, and soccer and floor hockey for men only.

Sports competition will also be available for individual participation. Open to men and women, these sports are tennis, badminton, ping-pong, racquetball, swimming, and track and field.

For team competition, chapters must contact Mona Karoghlanian, National Coordinator at AGBU headquarters as soon as possible. For individual competition, those interested may contact either the local chapter or Mona Karoghlanian. All participants must be AGBU dues paying members.

Sports activities will be held at the University of Toronto. Hotel accommodations are at the Sheraton Centre in downtown Toronto.

A full schedule of social activities is planned for the five-day festival, including the finals of the "Miss AGBU '87" contest and the "Star Search" competition. The local AGBU chapters are already in the preliminary stages of holding these two competitions, to send their winners to Toronto.

Special rates for participation in the 6th AGBU Athletic Games and Youth Festival are available for those registered by May 31, 1987.

Participation fees are \$100 for athletes (15-25 years), Miss AGBU Contestants (17-25 years), and Star Search '87 Contestants (15-25 years). The fee for non-

athletes (15-25 years) is \$125. These fees include registration, hotel accommodation for five nights and admission to all social activities.

For more information, please contact the local chapter or Mona Karoghlanian at AGBU, 585 Saddle River Road, Saddle Brook, NJ 07662, (201) 797-7600.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 1, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR MARI MASENG

FROM: MAX GREEN *MG*  
SUBJECT: Weekly Wrap-up

Monday I had breakfast with Rabbi Arnold Resnicoff, a Navy chaplain who delivered the benediction at the Holocaust Memorial Ceremony in the Rotunda on Tuesday. I also hosted a briefing for the Freedom Federation. I closed the day by attending a reception put on by the Young Leadership Cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal.

Tuesday I attended the Rotunda ceremony. I left early to go to York, Pennsylvania. In the evening I attended a National Jewish Coalition reception.

Wednesday I had breakfast with David Matnai of the Israeli Embassy. I had lunch with the National Jewish Coalition (they had all the Republican hopefuls speak to them that day). That evening I gave a West Wing tour and had a discussion afterwards with a very distinguished group of South Africans.

Friday I hosted and spoke to a group of ADL human rights activists from Latin America.

In addition to the above, I have worked on my constituency report, the Novak et. al. meeting, the Asian Pacific American event that is scheduled for Monday, arranging a meeting for Jewish leaders with Ken Duberstein and Howard Baker, etc.

One thing you should know about ~~is that~~ a Turkish-American group wrote a letter to Howard Baker protesting a letter I sent to another group. All the relevant documents are enclosed. All I can say is that I was simply defending what the President had already said. In retrospect I think I should have asked NSC or State to respond to the first letter we received.

*What is the original incoming and your original outgoing? What was the reason for your outgoing?*  
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# UNITED TURKISH AMERICANS

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March 27, 1987

The Honorable Howard H. Baker  
Chief of Staff  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Baker:

A letter written by Mr. Max Green, Assoc. Dir. of Office of Public Relations of the White House, addressed to Mr. Ugur Camli of Maryland Turkish-American Assoc. recently came to our attention. A copy of this letter is enclosed along with Mr. Camli's letter to Mr. Green.

All members of our organization were appalled by the blunt, convinced, and subjective tone of Mr. Green's letter in an extremely complex and historically controversial and diplomatically sensitive issue of so called the "Armenian Claims of a Genocide charge against Turks" spearheaded by the Armenian Revolutionary Federation (ARF) of Boston and its political arm, the Armenian National Committee (ANC) of Washington, D.C.

The personal opinion of Mr. Green on the issue is quite unimportant to us as we all very well know, historically, how many good names in the U.S. Government and in the U.S. Congress have been hoodwinked by the A.R.F. zealots to gain support to their cause during their 96 years of effort to rewrite the history. However, when the personal opinion is typed on a piece of stationary bearing the title of the Office of the Public Relations of the White House it

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takes on an important bearing which we cannot condone as a slippage. Because, such a document may be construed by hostile circles as the official view of the President of the U.S.A.

It is commonly known that the Administration and the Congress are both under pressure by the Armenian Lobby to legitimize their falsified claims in the political arena. In this effort they are constantly seeking to place and cultivate people sympathetic to their cause. Such people do exist in the State Department, the Presidential Commissions, many on the Capitol Hill and also in the White House. Again, the recent events clearly prove that some staff in the White House can take matters into their own hands without the due knowledge or supervision of their superiors which can cause embarrassment and instabilities even in the highest circles. The Armenian issue carries such a potential with deep domestic and international political consequences.

On the other hand, we also believe that President Reagan and the U.S. Administration greatly value the good relations between our country and Turkey which is a staunch ally and strong supporter of the Western Solidarity against Communism, and the Free World ideals.

In the light of these considerations we have decided to bring this very grave misjudgement by Mr. Green to your attention.

Mr. Green claims that "Genocide of Armenians by Turks is a historical judgement, overwhelmingly accepted by the U.S. society due to many, many historical works, too many to mention in this letter". If Mr. Green is thinking of the many, many one-sided, distorted, anti-Turkish propaganda and



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hate material, he is quite right in his assessment of the profusion. Such publications have a history of 96 years or more. In fact in a reawakened anti-Turkish campaign the Armenians are mass producing some of them and disseminating to the pertinent offices and persons to further their cause. Among them, perhaps, Mr. Green also received his share of it. If, on the other hand, Mr. Green means well respected authorities of the Middle Eastern History in the prestigious universities here and abroad he would not find a single one. On the contrary, there are dozens of authorities of the Middle East and last century Political History who completely disagree and reject the Armenian claims. If you need to know, we will be more than happy to provide a list.

Recently, 69 leading Professors of Turkish and Middle Eastern studies in this country wrote an open letter to the members of the U.S. Congress declaring that the Armenian issue is a very controversial one and best left to the unemotional and disinterested research by historians in the academia (copy enclosed).

If Mr. Green's logic is correct and valid that the existence of "many, many historical works" justifies the truth of an issue, then we kindly submit to his attention of the mountain of anti-semitic literature both in the Western world and in the U.S.A. written by many low-grade historians and, also by no less famed people than Martin Luther, Voltaire, Houston Chamberlain and Arnold Toynbee, to mention a few, who we all agree, are among the founding giants of Western philosophy and morality. Then, by the same logic, would Mr. Green and through his office, the President accept such preponderance as sufficient grounds to pass judgement on the issue and justify issuing Presidential

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Proclamations? We certainly hope NOT! We all recognize that all the anti-semitic literature is due to racial and religious hatred and bigotry and therefore baseless and should be ignored and rejected. By this token did it also occur to Mr. Green that anti-Turkish defamation literature in abundance might have a historical trace of bigotry, racial hate, and therefore should not be taken at its face value?

We would also like to remind Mr. Green that Turkey and Turks were not only subjected to defamation and hatred campaign just because of their race and religion as the Jewish people had been, but additionally they were maligned by a vicious and sadistic propaganda campaign, such as the masterworks of Wellington House in England and in the Allied countries during World War I for just being on the wrong side of the war.

The volume of publicity or propaganda cannot be considered as proof of a genocide when such a crime was not committed. Similarly lack of publicity and interest should not be construed as sufficient proof that such a crime did not occur when it was actually committed. Such was the case of the Turkish Genocide by the Armenians during 1918 to 1921. Victims were the Ottoman and Caucasian Turks and all Moslems (Armenians call them Tartars in their epic books to camouflage the issue) and therefore, had no sympathizers in the West, nor did they have a lobby machine and friends in the U.S. media and the Congress. They constituted 45% of the population in the Independent Republic of Armenia of Eastern Turkey and the Caucasus. It lasted 2.5 years.

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Witnesses who wrote books<sup>1</sup> about it in the West were two American officials, one was the intelligence officer of Admiral Lambert Bristol (who was the U.S. High Commissioner and later became Ambassador to Turkey); the other was a Near Eastern Relief program officer; still another, A political Diary by Avetis Aharonian, and Armenian Statesman who admitted years later. Other reports included the British official investigations and foreign office dispatches and the diaries of the residual Russian Army Officer in the post war zone. But, since this unique genocide did not create any interest and publicity in the West, we are sure that Mr. Green never heard of it and therefore, according to his logic, it cannot exist.

We believe that publicity or no publicity, sympathy or no sympathy, in the West, in the annals of Turkish history this affair remains to be a Genocide because of the historical facts and documents, however, modest in quantity compared to the Armenian case built on falsifications, hate campaigns, lobby pressures and muscle, there is a difference!

Armenian propagandists and their Congressional insiders can call their case a Genocide. It is regrettable, but, this is a price we pay for our fundamental right for free expression of opinion. However, in our judgement, if a White House official uses it carelessly and irresponsibly, it takes on a different

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perspective and we have to react. Such an act transcends the deliberate defamation campaign by one ethnic group on another and draws in its vortex the Government and its highest office. We cannot accept this. Mr. Max Green used bad judgement and, therefore, we are compelled to bring the matter to your attention.

It is not just that the issue here is a sensitive one to 150,000 Turkish-Americans in this country, but, also it has all the makings of irreparable damage to the Turkish-American relations and consequently the global interests of U.S.A.

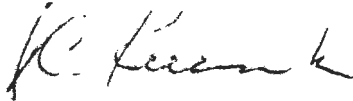
Your kind response to our concerns will be greatly appreciated by all of us.

Sincerely yours,



Tuncer M. Kuzay, Ph.D.

President



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cc: The Honorable George Bush, Vice-President  
The Honorable George Shultz, Secretary of State  
The Honorable Caspar Weinberger, Secretary of Defense  
His Excellency Sukru Elekdog, Ambassador of Turkey to U.S.A.  
His Excellency Robert Strauss-Hupe, Ambassador of U.S.A. to Turkey  
Mr. Tarhan Danisman, President of Assembly of Turkish American Assocs.  
Col. Ralph Ropp (Retired), President of American Friends of Turkey  
Dr. Ata Erim, President of Federation of Turkish American Societies  
Mr. Max Green, The White House  
Mr. Ugur Camli, Maryland Turkish-American Association

Proclamation 4838 of April 22, 1981

## Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust

By the President of the United States of America

### A Proclamation

The Congress of the United States established the United States Holocaust Memorial Council to create a living memorial to the victims of the Nazi Holocaust. Its purpose: So mankind will never lose memory of that terrible moment in time when the awful spectre of death camps stained the history of our world.

When America and its allies liberated those haunting places of terror and sick destructiveness, the world came to a vivid and tragic understanding of the evil it faced in those years of the Second World War. Each of those names—Auschwitz, Buchenwald, Dachau, Treblinka and so many others—became synonymous with horror.

The millions of deaths, the gas chambers, the inhuman crematoria, and the thousands of people who somehow survived with lifetime scars are all now part of the conscience of history. Forever must we remember just how precious is civilization, how important is liberty, and how heroic is the human spirit.

Like the genocide of the Armenians before it, and the genocide of the Cambodians which followed it—and like too many other such persecutions of too many other peoples—the lessons of the Holocaust must never be forgotten.

As part of its mandate, the Holocaust Memorial Council has been directed to designate annual Days of Remembrance as a national, civic commemoration of the Holocaust, and to encourage and sponsor appropriate observances throughout the United States. This year, the national Days of Remembrance will be observed on April 26 through May 3.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby ask the people of the United States to observe this solemn anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camps, with appropriate study, prayers and commemoration, as a tribute to the spirit of freedom and justice which Americans fought so hard and well to preserve.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifth.

RONALD REAGAN

# Maryland American Turkish Assoc., Inc.

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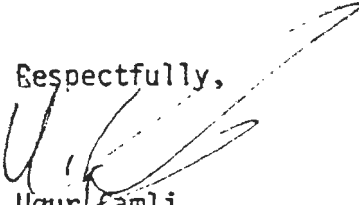
Your Excellency,

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PAST PRESIDENT  
DR. VICTOR KENT

Senator Carl Levin referred to your Proclamation 4838 on April 22, 1986, "Like the Genocide of the Armenians before it, and the genocide of the Cambodians which followed it- and like too many other such persecutions of too many other peoples- the lesson of the Holocaust must never be forgotten", in his speech on the Armenian Martyrs' Day, which is published in the Congressional Records (S 4028-30, April 22, 1986).

Since the Armenian genocide is a highly controvertial issue, please inform me which documents you have referenced in order to officially proclaim it, which is now presented as the US reaffirmation of the event.

Respectfully,

  
Ugur Camli,  
Educational Committee  
Chairperson.

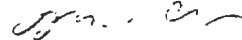
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 2, 1986

Dear Mr. Camli,

Please excuse our delay in responding to your July 31, 1986 letter. In brief, I do not believe specific documents were referenced before the President's Proclamation 4838 was written. As you know, many, many historical works - far too many to mention here - refer to the "genocide of Armenians." I understand that you disagree with this historical judgement, but it is one that is overwhelmingly accepted in our society.

Sincerely,



Max Green  
Associate Director  
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Mr. Ugur Camli  
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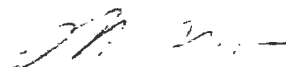
WASHINGTON

January 21, 1987

Dear Mr. Camli,

I did not respond to your second letter because I had nothing to add to my first. My point then and now is that it is generally accepted that there was an "Armenian genocide." Of course, if you dispute this you should, as is your right, take issue with those who assert it as a fact.

Sincerely,



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*Copy for Max Green*

*US Policy on Armenia Resolution*

Dear Senator Thurmond:

I understand that the Committee on the Judiciary will consider SJ Resolution 43 designating April 24, 1987 as a "National Day of Remembrance for Victims of the Armenian Genocide". The purpose of this letter is to give you the ~~Administration's~~ <sup>strongly</sup> views on this legislation, which we oppose. Our opposition is based on three central and related concerns: first, the significance of Turkey as an ally; second, the very negative effect on this sensitive and vital relationship were Congress to pass a resolution which accuses the Turks of genocide against the Armenians; and third the risk that passage of this legislation could encourage terrorism directed at both Turkish and American citizens.

In the postwar era, the United States has attached great <sup>consequent</sup> importance to its relationship with Turkey. Administrations have done so with the support of Congress because of a shared recognition of the need to maintain a strong and fruitful relationship between the United States and Turkey. A major nation with a promising future, Turkey is a bridge and buffer in a critical region. It sits astride the vital narrows between the Black Sea and the Mediterranean, controls land and air access to the Middle East and has extensive borders with Bulgaria, the Soviet Union, Iran, Iraq and Syria. We are fortunate that our desire for a strong partnership with Turkey has been realized in an alliance based on mutual respect and confidence.

Turkey contributes greatly to the success of the NATO Alliance in deterring aggression. While it is the poorest member of NATO, Turkey nonetheless spends a greater percentage of its GNP on defense than almost any other NATO ally. It has NATO's second largest Army, tying down major Soviet and Warsaw Pact forces.

The Honorable  
Strom Thurmond,  
United States Senate.

Moreover, as part of our alliance relationship with Turkey, we have access to military facilities there that play a major role in our defense. Composed of six major facilities and many smaller ones, they include air bases for deployment of U.S. forces, logistic depots and vital intelligence collection facilities. In this regard, we have just signed an agreement for our defense cooperation with Turkey, extending our present agreement until 1990 and committing us to strong efforts to provide necessary assistance to help Turkey modernize its military and strengthen its economy.

SJ Resolution 43 judges the Armenians who died in the Ottoman Empire (present-day Turkey) in 1915-1923 to be victims of genocide. A similar draft resolution in 1985 provoked near universal public outcry in Turkey, as well as a movement in the Turkish Parliament for review of diplomatic relations with the United States. Prime Minister Ozal was able to head off this latter effort. However, the Turkish Government also informed us that adoption of a resolution to this effect would seriously damage the vital relationship between Turkey and the United States. And that is still the prospect if the 100th Congress should pass a resolution that indicts the Turkish people for the events of 1915-1923.

Besides reflecting resentment at a judgment by the United States Congress that Turkey, and the Turks as a people, bear the guilt of perpetrating genocide, such strong Turkish reaction is also related to modern Armenian terrorism. Since 1975 over 50 Turkish citizens, mostly diplomats, have been killed by Armenian terrorists. In addition to demanding Turkish Government recognition of an Armenian genocide, the terrorists demand reparations and cession of a major portion of eastern Turkey to form an independent Armenian state. The Turks thus view the campaign to characterize the tragedy of the Armenians as a genocide as the first step toward their territorial dismemberment.

Armenian terrorism has affected Americans. Four assassinations have occurred on our soil. U.S. citizens have been the target of a number of attempted bombings or other harassment during this terrorist campaign, and one U.S. citizen died in an Armenian attack on a Turkish airport. ASALA, one of the two major Armenian terrorist groups engaged in these activities, also aids other terrorist groups which have Americans as their primary target. It has publicly declared its support of Islamic Jihad, the Iranian-supported terrorist organization responsible for so much of the violence in Lebanon. We believe that resolutions judging Turkey responsible for Armenian genocide, however well-intentioned and however worded, will inevitably be seen by the terrorists as encouragement of and justification for their acts.

We regret the suffering and tragedy experienced by Armenians. We do not seek to dismiss the devastation and the widespread massacres suffered by this group. Indeed, there is no doubt that much of the population in Eastern Turkey, Christian and Moslem, experienced death, deprivation and removal during these wartime years. When a House Resolution similar to SJ Res 43 was under consideration in 1985, sixty-nine American academicians who specialize in Turkish, Ottoman and Middle Eastern studies wrote the House membership that they had reservations about use of the word genocide to describe what took place in 1915-1923.

Politically, Turkey has continued to consolidate its democracy. Economically, the country is making progress in a program to release its huge potential. Passage of a resolution offensive to Turkey and to Turks would undermine the effectiveness of our support for these efforts when we have every reason to want Turkey to succeed as a prospering democracy. Passage could also set back our efforts to encourage Turkey to play a positive role on Cyprus--an issue which also arouses deep nationalist sentiments and on which the Turkish government is playing a positive role.

Sincerely,

J. Edward Fox  
Assistant Secretary  
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TO HONORABLE RONALD W. REAGAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA

THE NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE EASTERN PRELACY OF THE  
ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA AS IT CONVENES IN  
PROVIDENCE, RI, MAY 13-15, 1987 CONVEYS ITS WARMEST GREETINGS AND  
WISHES FOR YOUR CONTINUED GOOD HEALTH AND SUCCESS IN THIS YEAR OF THE  
200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION.

THE ARMENIAN PEOPLE, VICTIMS OF THE FIRST GENOCIDE OF THE 20TH

CENTURY. LAUD YOUR EFFORTS TO WORLD PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS, WITH THE  
HOPE THAT THROUGH YOUR LEADERSHIP, SUCH ATROCITIES WILL NOT BEFALL  
ANY NATION AGAIN.

MAY GOD GRANT YOU WISDOM AND THE STRENGTH TO EXECUTE YOUR DUTIES  
DURING THIS TURBULENT TIME.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

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Dear Mr. President,

April 30, 1987

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I am a student of genocide and an official witness to the Holocaust. I often lecture about these mass destructions of the innocent to all kinds of audiences, including substantial numbers of graduate, college and high school students.

I am surprised and mortified by your reported opposition to the congressional resolutions (S.J. Res. 43 and H.J. Res. 132) designating April 24 as a National Day of Remembrance for victims of the Armenian Genocide. Such a stand would offend a growing number of citizens who are learning about the Holocaust and at the same time are realizing the significance of the Armenian tragedy in relation to the large scale violence of our century.

Our country, so devoted to human rights, should be an example to the rest of the world in making this first step towards remedying a long festering injustice and your leadership in this matter would enhance your historical status in the annals of our republic.

Thank you

John S. Schmotzer, S.J.

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