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## Cilicia See Elects Abp. Ardavast Terterian Locum Tenens

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BEIRUT, Lebanon- The Executive Committee of the National Ecclesiastical Assembly of the See of Cilicia Wednesday elected Archbishop Ardavast Terterian as Locum Tenens of the Sec, pending the election of a new Catholicos.

Archbishop Terterian is one of the senior members of the Cilicia See Brotherhood and has, in the past, served as Patriarchal Vicar during the pontificate of Karekin II.

In an interview with this writer, Archbishop Terterian stated that elections for a new Catholicos of the See of Cilicia are scheduled to take place on Wednesday, June 28,

1995 and the consecration of the newly elected Catholicos will take place on Sunday, July 2, 1995.

### UNFOUNDED RUMORS

Following the election of His Holiness Karekin II as Catholicos of All Armenians on April 4, rumors circulated in Armenia that mass demonstrations were held in Beirut to protest the election of the Catholicos of the See of Cilicia.

It is now confirmed that such demonstrations or protests did not take place at all in Beirut or elsewhere in Lebanon and that these rumors were totally unfounded.

## Armenia Denies Peace Offer to Azerbaijan

MOSCOW, April 18 (AFP) - Armenia denied Tuesday that it had made a peace offer to Azerbaijan involving a withdrawal of separatist fighters from the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabagh in exchange for an end to the Azeri blockade of Armenia.

The Armenian Embassy spokesman in Moscow said there had been no such offer.

"The Armenian president made no such declaration, the information came from Baku," the spokesman said.

Earlier Tuesday, the Azerbaijani foreign ministry in Baku issued a statement welcoming what it said was a recent proposal by Armenian President Levon

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## Record Numbers Expected to Attend Times Square Commemoration of Armenian Martyrs Day This Sunday

NEW YORK, NY - Record numbers of area American Armenians are expected to attend the Times Square Commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide this Sunday afternoon, according to organizers of the annual event. A host of elected government and state officials will address the rally.

The public rally will follow a solemn requiem service that will be held at St. Vartan Cathedral, and St. Illuminator Armenian Cathedral on East 27th St., from where participants will walk in procession to Times Square, frequently referred to as the "Crossroads of the World."

The annual event is organized by a Joint Commemorative Committee comprised of numerous area organizations and church groups. The Committee has been working under the auspices of Archbishop Khajag Barsamian and Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian, Primate and Prelate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church and the Prelacy of Armenian Apostolic Church respectively.

On Monday evening, the very day when Armenians mark the anniversary of those sorrowful events of 1915-1923, a Commemorative Concert will take place at St. Patrick Cathedral on Fifth Avenue and 51st Street.

This Sunday morning, "Religion on the Line," broadcast weekly on WABC radio 720 AM will feature a program on the Armenian Genocide. Participating in the program along with the host Joseph Polasnik will be California Supreme Court Justice Armand Arabian and Mr. Sam Azadian, a retired official of N.Y.C. government. The program will be aired from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. In New York area call (212) 563-WABC; in New Jersey, (201) 489-WABC.