

Lebed warns of bloodshed if OSCE proposal approved

YEREVAN (Noyan Tapan)- A number of media outlets recently published General Alexander Lebed's letter addressed to the OSCE Minsk Conference Co-Chairmen Valentin Lozinsky, Strobe Talbot and Jacques Blot.

Voicing fear that the willingness to settle the situation in Nagorno-Karabakh as soon as possible could prompt the simplest solution, that is a full support of the principle of maintaining Karabakh within Azeri borders and subordination of Armenians in Nagorno Karabakh to Azeri authorities, Lebed pointed out that this solution is almost unconscionable.

"There's going to be much blood, but no peace. The conflict between Armenians and Azeris has too deep roots to be resolved by openly giving preference to either of the sides," Lebed commented in his letter.

"In 1921 the Caucasian Bureau of the Russian Communist Party (Bolsheviks) sacrificed the fate of the Karabakh people in the interests of the world revolution. Yielding to a temptation to impose your will on the Armenian people in a similar way, you will achieve only one thing-the resumption of large-scale hostilities".

In Lebed's opinion, "in case the war resumes in Karabakh, there will be a real danger for the neighboring countries to get involved in

it, in the first place for Russia and Turkey. Instead of speeding up the process of developing the Caspian oil, which is the major reason for your decision, as far as I can see, you may obtain quite an opposite effect."

Lebed offered the co-chairmen "a more circumstantial, albeit not so quick way of seeking mutually acceptable decisions on the basis of international law that was admitted as a basis for the conflict settlement by all three parties to the Karabakh conflict, that is the way of accepting the generally recognized right to self-determination of nations."

The General referred to the example of Chechnya. "Confirm your loyalty to the UN Charter, do recommend the sides to submit their juridical dispute for an impartial judicial or arbitrate inquiry. There are decisions in the world practice which are known to have ensured the peaceful co-existence of conflicting nations. Thus, the status of a self-governed associated country or a more traditional status of a subject of federation...Don't hasten to put a nice full-stop by your own hand.

"Give that right to the parties concerned. Don't let yourselves be gone with the role of almighty judges. Do remain impartial negotiators," the letter concluded.

Armenian population grown 5 times since 1920

YEREVAN (Hayots Ashkhar) Representative of the Armenian Ministry of Health Care Karine Saribekian made a report, dedicated to the demographic situation in Armenia at the UNDP seminar dedicated to the World Population.

According to the report, 750 thousand individuals lived in Armenia in 1920 (low numbers resulted from the attempted annihilation of Armenians at the hands of Turks), today the figure has increased five times and reached 3,780,000.

Armenia is third in the population density list, among o-

ther republics of former Soviet Union. 120 people live per 1 square kilometer of its territory.

30 percent of the population are under 15 years old, 8 percent are over 65. 52 percent of the population are women, 48 percent are men.

Birth rate (was 40.1 per 1,000 of population) first increased after the earthquake, then significantly decreased, though the pace of the decrease slowed down during the past two to three years.

Average lifespan has been increasing since 1958, and reached 76.2 years in 1996.

Yerevan Pollution Reaches Extremely Unhealthy Levels

YEREVAN (Golos Armenii/Snark) Pollution has caused health experts concerns in Yerevan in recent months, said head of the Environment Monitoring Center, Ministry of Environment Protection Tamara Ohannesian.

Ohannesian said that monitoring revealed significant excess of such pollutants as nitrogen oxide, carbon monoxide, and benzene. One of the main sources of pollution are transportation vehicles. Passenger transportation is among the most profitable businesses in Armenia today, and competition is very high. At the same time, technical condition of vehicles receives little attention.

Concentration of dust in the Armenian capital too, exceeds twice the existing norms.

Azeri POW's express fear of returning home

YEREVAN (Noyan Tapan) The Azeri ANS-press, citing Ibrahim Huseynov, Chairman of the Azeri State Committee for Search of POWs and MIAs, reported that two military personnel, kept in Karabakh prison, were found and registered by the committee.

The same source accuses Stepanakert of delays in handing over the POWs. "The Armenian side grounds its action by the health state of the prisoner, who had a heavy wound," Ibragim Huseynov noted.

In an interview with Noyan Tapan Chairman of the Karabakh State Committee for POWs and MIAs Alexander Aghasarian said that Karabakh does not hinder releasing Azeri citizens, but they themselves refuse returning to Azerbaijan.

He also said that the Karabakh authorities passed those POWs to the International Committee of the Red Cross which informed Azeri authorities about them.

According to Aghasarian, one of the POWs, Agim Ahmedov, was a member of a group detained in Karabakh on April 10. Seven members of that group were killed during the detainment.

The wounded Ahmedov was taken prisoner and is now

undergoing medical treatment. The second Azeri citizen, AWOL Sadradin Mourshudov, was detained on July 2.

This is not the first case when Azeri POWs refuse to go home, because it is known that

many of POWs returning to Azerbaijan were tried and sentenced to long terms of imprisonment or even death.

Azeri POWs have often refused returning to their homes for fear of persecution.

Ter Petrossian sees OSCE plan as compromise base

YEREVAN (Noyan Tapan) Speaking at the ninth Armenian National Movement Congress, Ter Petrossian said that the OSCE Minsk Group co-chairmen made the parties to the Karabakh conflict some proposals which can serve as a base for a compromise.

He said he could not say anything about those proposals, because following a mutual agreement the conflicting sides and mediators reached the negotiations must be conducted in conditions of secrecy. "Secrecy does not necessarily mean a plot. Secrecy is always needed in conducting complex negotiations," he noted.

At the same time he added that "as soon as the parties to the conflict reach a consensus, and before an agreement is signed,

the details of that agreement will be made public in Armenia, Karabakh and Azerbaijan."

"The only thing I can tell is that Armenia will never sign any agreement that is not signed by Karabakh," Levon Ter Petrossian said.

The discussions on the settlement of the Karabakh conflict between the co-Chairmen of the OSCE Minsk group and the parties to the conflict will continue during the Co-Chairmen's forthcoming tour to the region scheduled for Wednesday.

Declining to comment on the program submitted by the co-Chairmen of the OSCE Minsk Group, he pointed out that the parties to the conflict and the co-Chairmen had agreed on holding confidential discussions at this stage of negotiations.

Karabakh ARF issues statement

The Armenian Revolutionary Federation Central Committee of Artsakh, firmly supports the statement signed by various public, political organizations as well as Armenian intellectuals during a conference in Stepanakert on July 6.

Furthermore, the ARF Central Committee of Artsakh views this statement as one representing the will of the entire Armenian nation, reaffirming our commitment to strengthening the independent statehood of Nagorno-Karabakh.

The ARF of Artsakh Central Committee calls on public, political and cultural organizations in Armenia, Karabakh and the Diaspora to unite and support the Stepanakert statement.

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Toronto Cypriots mark 23 anniversary of Turkish occupation

TORONTO- On the occasion of the 23rd sombre anniversary of the Turkish invasion and occupation in Cyprus, the Cypriot Community of Toronto and the Cypriot Federation of Canada held a Memorial service at Metamorphosis Church on July 20.

Armenian National Committee of Canada member Aris Babikian was present and addressed those attending. (see Remarks... on page E2)

A torch procession followed the Memorial service from the church to Alexander square where a commemorative ceremony took place.

Remarks by Aris Babikian of the Armenian National Committee on the occasion of the 23rd anniversary of Turkish occupation of Cyprus, Toronto, July 20, 1997.

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COAST TO COAST

5000 community members at Toronto Festival

TORONTO- Close to 5000 community members participated in the Toronto Festival organized by the Toronto Armenian Community Center Committee. From July 11 to 13, an unprecedented weekend festival took place in Toronto.

The organizing committee, consisting of the committee and close to 150 volunteers, even had to turn away newcomers during Saturday

evening's main dance.

Throughout the weekend, which was animated by singers Harout Zenian, Paul Baghdadian and Ronios, the 13,000 sq. foot tent set up by the committee proved to be insufficient to seat all the participants.

All proceeds from this event will be used for reconstructions needed in the Community Center and the Toronto ARS Day School.

Assadourian returns from successful visit to Syria

Sarkis Assadourian, M.P., (Lib.), Brampton Centre returned today from a successful two-week visit to Syria. Assadourian traveled with fellow classmates and family members, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Karen Jeppe School in Aleppo, Syria (first Armenian High School in Aleppo). Assadourian a Member of the House of Commons Standing Committee of Foreign Affairs and International Trade in the last Parliament, also used the visit to dialogue with Canadian and Syrian Officials, including the Vice President of the Syrian Arab Republic, Abdul Halim Ghaddam.

In Damascus, Assadourian met with Canadian Diplomats John McNeer and Conrad Shack to discuss the Middle-East situation, the peace process and what Canada can do to improve bi-lateral relations between Canada and Syria. Assadourian also met with the Syrian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Farouk Sherh. The meetings provided and opportunity to discuss issues of importance to the local Armenian Community and the Armenian and Syrian Communities in Canada.

Assadourian was also thrilled to have the opportunity to meet His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia. His Holiness hosted Assadourian for over an hour and a half at the Aleppo Prelacy for fruitful discussions on world-wide issues of importance to the Church.

Another highlight of the trip was the meeting with Syrian Vice President Ghaddam. Assadourian, accompanied by Conrad Shack of the Canadian Embassy, was pleased to discuss many topics including, the normalization of diplomatic relations between Canada and Syria and was delighted that Ghaddam expressed an interest in the opening of a Syrian Embassy in Ottawa, in the near future.

Assadourian was extremely pleased at the tremendous hospitality and the terrific co-operation shown by both the Syrian Officials and the local Armenian community during his entire visit. "I express my sincere thanks to all those who made my stay in Syria such a pleasure. I greatly appreciate the warmth and hospitality that we enjoyed throughout our visit," said Assadourian.

Aram I leaves for St. Thadeus pilgrimage

Respecting the invitation of the Catholicosate Locum Tenens and Executive Council of the Prelate of the Armenian Apostolic Church of Iranian Azerbaijan, His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Holy See of Cilicia, departed for Iran, Wednesday, July 16. He will lead the pilgrimage to St. Thadeus monastery.

Among those in the pontifical entourage are Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian, Prelate of the Armenian Apostolic Church of the Eastern US; Archbishop Souren Kataroyan, Prelate of the Armenian Apostolic Church of Peria; Bishop Sebouh Sarkissian, Catholicosate Locum Tenens of the Armenian Apostolic

Church of Damascus; Right Reverend Norayr Ashekian, Prelate Locum Tenens of the Armenian Apostolic Church of Jezire; Right Reverend Kevham Khacherian, Prelate of the Armenian Apostolic Church of Lebanon; Right Reverend Shahan Sarkissian, Seminary Principal; Celibate Priest Vaghinag Meloyan, Sceptor Bearer; Yervant Pamboukian, National Executive Council member; Dr. Garbis Harboyan, Chairperson of the Executive Council of the Lebanese Prelacy; and, Simon Libarian, Chairperson of Executive Council of the Perian Prelacy, and member of the Syrian Parliament.

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Dear Friends,

Once again we are gathered together to commemorate a sad and tragic chapter in your people's history. The invasion of Cyprus is the latest chapter in the Ottoman and Turkish government's history of genocide, slaughter, plunder and bloodshed.

Unfortunately, because of the international community's silence, Turkey is still enjoying, after 23 years, the fruits of its unlawful action. Furthermore, they have been changing the demographic composition of the occupied sector of Cyprus by transferring and relocating Turks, Azeris, Afghans and other Turkish speaking people, in violation of

the international law.

As a representative of a nation who has felt first hand the evils of the Turkish government, and on behalf of the one and a half million innocent Armenian victims of the Turkish genocide of 1915, I stand with you today and demand from all the nations of the world to punish Turkey and restore justice to the people who had the misfortune of being conquered by Turkey.

Turkey, who discarded the principles of civilization and humanity, must be held accountable for its crimes. Unless the civilized people of the world act right away to put an end to the brutality of the Turkish Government, other nations will suffer from the same atrocities that our two nations experienced.

US Ministry of Agriculture to promote import of Armenian wines

YEREVAN (Noyan Tapan) The US Ministry of Agriculture will promote the import of Armenian wines "Noravank", "Getap" and "Areni."

The "Areni" will be imported into Ohio starting September, reported the USDA advisor on marketing Willy Brown.

These wines were selected at a wine-tasting initiated by the US Ministry of Agriculture. Seven wines produced at the most well-known wineries of Armenia and two French wines were presented. Armenian wines "Noravank," "Getap," "Areni" and

"Arevshat" won the first four place prizes.

The tasters, representatives of embassies and foreigners working at international organizations, were surprised, because the well-known French wines "Cabernet" and "Bordeaux" earned only the 6th and 9th places respectively.

According to Brown, the US Ministry of Agriculture together with the "Armenian Farmer" association is implementing a project to export fruit from Armenia. Apricot exports to Dubai are already underway.

US Gold Venture shares in Armenia sold to Canada

YEREVAN (Azg) -Global Gold company of the US sold its share in the Global Gold Armenia joint venture to the Canadian First Dynasty Mines.

According to US Ambassador Peter Tomsen, this Canadian company will continue operations on implementation of corresponding activities in Armenia.

The American side was going to implement a new technology of gold processing from the wastes of the gold mines. Currently existing technologies would allow to extract up to 50 percent of gold contained in the wastes.

As a result, 70 percent clean gold is produced.

Hence, another plant will be built in Armenia, consuming four types of raw materials (mentioned 70 percent gold, wastes of the jewelry plant, wastes of the copper melting plants, and wastes of the electronic industry, to produce a high quality 99.99 carat gold.)

One third of the final production will belong to Armenia, two thirds-to the US side. It is expected to extract 7,000 ounces of gold by the end of 1997, 24 thousand ounces in 1998.

NATO impressed by Armenian scientists' research

YEREVAN (Noyan Tapan) Armenian scientists' research programs presented at NATO's scientific-technical forum "Science for Peace" in Portugal were generally praised for their innovative approaches, president of Armenia's National Academy of Sciences Fadey Sargsisian said.

Despite all the difficulties of the transition period, Armenia's scientists managed to introduce ten programs at the forum which attracted great interest on the part of NATO experts.

According to Sargsisian, these works are not of military and secret nature. They are mainly related to the sphere of applied research, for instance, the rationale use of water and electricity, seismic researches. As reported

by Sargsisian, NATO stimulates transformation of those research programs designed for military sphere.

Sargsisian noted that NATO Science-Technical Council still shows interest toward scientific research conducted in former USSR states. And it is not accidental that besides NATO experts, representatives of the US, Canada, Eastern Europe, the forum was attended by representatives of CIS and Baltics.

The main achievement of the forum, according to Sargsisian, was the discussion of joint scientific work not only within NATO, but also countries-participants of the forum, strengthening of already existing, as well as establishment of new ties.

Ecevit threatens to annex Northern Cyprus

ANKARA (Reuter)- Turkey's deputy prime minister said on Tuesday, July 15, that if the European Union went ahead with planned membership talks with Cyprus, Turkey would have no choice but to unite with the northern half of the island.

"If the EU doesn't change its attitude, Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus cannot avoid integration," Anatolian news agency quoted leftist Bulent Ecevit as saying.

The EU has promised to

begin Cyprus membership talks next year.

Ankara says allowing Cyprus to join before a solution on the divided island would be a one-sided move that ignored the wishes of the Turkish north and reinforced the current divisions between Greek and Turkish Cypriots. The Turkish state in the north, proclaimed in 1983, is recognized only by Ankara.

The island has been divided since 1974 when Turkey invaded the northern section.

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His Eminence Archbishop Vatche Hovsepian, Primate of the Diocese, presenting the medal to Walter Karabian, Esq.

Karabian Receives St. Gregory Medal; Pledges \$100,000 to WDEF

LOS ANGELES - Sunday, July 29, 1997, will long be remembered in the history of the Western Diocese, as a day of pomp and circumstance, for on that day Walter Karabian, Esq., received the St. Gregory The Illuminator Medal of Honor from His Holiness Karekin I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholics of All Armenians, presented to him by His Eminence Archbishop Vatche Hovsepian, Primate of the Armenian Church-Western Diocese.

The presentation took place during the Divine Liturgy at the St. John Garabed Armenian Church in Hollywood. The extremely-well attended congregation witnessed, with much satisfaction and edification, the dignified ceremony of the granting of the Medal.

The entire Parish Council of St. John Garabed Church, led

the procession into the church, led by cross bearer, Benjamin Karabian, son of the honoree, followed by Messrs. Ryan Doheny and Migirdich Menzilian upholding the religious banner. The procession began from the main entrance of the church to the front of the altar, while the Choir sang "Ooragh Ler." With the swinging of the censers, the Deacons escorted Fr. Manoog Markarian, Pastor from the baptismal area to the altar; he was carrying the Encyclical from His Holiness Karekin I on a silver platter and handed it to His Eminence Archbishop Vatche Hovsepian, while the Choir enriched the ceremony with the singing of "Hrshapar."

His Eminence read the Encyclical from His Holiness in the Armenian text, while Mr.

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Senate Weakens Section 907

Mikulski-Leahy Colloquy Suggests Aid To Nagorno Karabagh

WASHINGTON - The Senate approved the FY '98 Foreign Operations Bill on July 17. As expected, the bill is almost identical to the legislation passed last week by the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Foreign Operations Subcommittee.

It effectively guts 907 sanctions against Azerbaijan but contains \$95 million in earmarked funding for Armenia.

"While we appreciate continued earmarking of funds to Armenia as a means to strengthen U.S.-Armenia relations, the weakening of Section 907 rewards Azerbaijan's illegal and inhumane policy of blockading Armenia and Nagorno Karabagh," said Arme-

nian Assembly of America's Board of Directors Chairman Annie Totah. "It reflects a pandering to oil interests at the expense of other U.S. interests - including regional economic integration, democratization and human rights."

The current law - Section 907 of the Freedom Support Act - restricts direct U.S. government assistance to the government of Azerbaijan until it takes "demonstrable steps to cease all blockades and offensive uses of force against Armenia and Nagorno Karabagh." With this new amendment, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, the Export-Import Bank and the Trade and Development Agency may operate in

Azerbaijan, despite that country's refusal to lift the blockades.

Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) initiated a colloquy with Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT) recommending that the Senate bill provide humanitarian assistance to Nagorno Karabagh. The House version of the Foreign Aid bill already includes aid to Nagorno Karabagh. In the colloquy, Senator Mikulski asserted: "In Nagorno Karabagh, there are thousands of land mines directly threatening lives and stifling agricultural production. There is a severe shortage of medicines and vaccines. The Azerbaijani and Turkish blockades have sub-

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Conference Action to Decide Fate of Aid

WASHINGTON - Work critical to Armenian-American interests begins in earnest shortly in Washington when the

Senate and House Conference Committee meets to reconcile differences in the FY 1998 Foreign Aid Bill. While both versions of the Bill contain provisions favorable to Armenia, there is no guarantee that those provisions will be included in the final Bill.

Conference Committee members will work together behind closed doors to hammer out the final version.

The Armenian Assembly of America supports the following

measures in the House and Senate versions of the Foreign Aid Bill: a \$95 million earmark for direct aid to Armenia in the Senate version and retention of Section 907 restrictions on U.S. economic assistance to Azerbaijan until that country's blockades of Armenia and Nagorno Karabagh are lifted in the House version. Unlike the Senate version, the House also includes provisions, strongly supported by the As-

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White House Announces Aliyev Visit Schedule

WASHINGTON - Following is the text of the White House announcement of Gaidar Aliyev's visit to the US:

White House
Office of the Press Secretary
Meeting with President Aliyev of Azerbaijan

President Clinton will meet with President Gaidar Aliyev of Azerbaijan at the White House on August 1. The two leaders will exchange views on US-Azerbaijani bilateral relations, issues of regional concern and development of Caspian energy resources.

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Dispute Ends: Varaz's \$1.6 Million Will Settled

FRESNO - The mystery surrounding the estate of the late Fresno artist Varaz Samuelian finally has been solved, but not everyone likes the ending.

A legal dispute surfaced last year over which of two wills was valid and expressed Samuelian's last wishes regarding hundreds of pieces of art and property, including the color-splashed Varaz Modern Art Museum next to Fresno Community Hospital.

A niece, Carol Gonella, contended that the authentic will was one her uncle signed Aug. 18, 1991 - a one-page document written in English.



Varaz Samuelian

Gonella was named as executor. But a long-time friend, Jack Kalfayan of San Mateo, produced a copy of another will that the artist signed. It was

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The Splendor of Art and the Armenian Nation

Jean-Michel Thierry, in his introduction on Armenian Art says: "We know about the civilization of the Armenians, and recent studies have allowed us to outline its essential characteristics.

"Perhaps the most important of these is its permanence and longevity, despite the historical and territorial vagaries of this people. From the 4th to the 18th century, Armenians resisted invasion and absorption, relaying through its art one of the most beautiful manifestations of its identity. This land, overwhelmed by disaster, halfway between East and

West, has produced remarkable and original architecture, paintings and carvings whose quality and importance are comparable to the most celebrated of Western styles."

In New York City, at the Metropolitan Museum of Art since March 11 and up to July 6, 1997, the "Glory of Byzantium", featuring more than 350 masterpieces in all media from the museums and church treasures of more than 20 countries is exhibited. Philippe de Montebello, Director of the Metropolitan Museum, has stated: "The Glory of Byzantium, will illuminate in dazzling intensity the

complex currents that characterized the Middle Byzantine centuries. The exhibition brings to the public an awareness of the culture of a now-lost empire and its influence for beyond its borders..."

Of the masterpieces incorporated from around the world, there are six of Armenian origin. Among them: "Book of Ordinations", "The Gospels of Adrianople", "The Trebizond Gospels", "Psalter leaf with Moses and the Law" and lastly two Bifolia from the Canon Tables of the Zey'tun Gospels, by the scribe T'oros Roslin.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

LOS ANGELES AREA

JULY 27 - Sunday, United Armenian Congregational Church 28th Annual Picnic, noon to 6 p.m. on the grounds of the Braille Institute, next door to the church located at 3480 Cahuenga Blvd., West, Los Angeles, located across the 101 Fwy. from Universal Studios. Plans are being made for a fun-packed day of food and activities... shish kebab, drinks, pastry, games for the children, swimming, and wonderful fellowship with old and new friends. For more info contact the church office at (213) 851-5265.

SEPT. 13 - Saturday, D.P. Reunion Celebration Dinner. All former D.P.s of the Camp in Stuttgart, Germany, their families and friends are invited to celebrate nearly 50 years in America. A film and photos from Camp will be shown. 7 p.m. cocktails, 8 p.m. dinner. Bagramian Hall, 900 Lincoln Ave., Montebello. Tickets \$35. For more info call Vart Minasian (213) 728-3253 or Olga Dilanian at (213) 726-1067

SEPT. 20 - Saturday, St. Peter Ladies Society 39th Annual Fashion Show Luncheon at Sheraton Universal Hotel, Universal City. Donation \$35. For reservations call (213) 874-1456.

NOV. 23 - Sunday, Tribute to Honor Dr. Mihran Agabian, President Emeritus, American University of Armenia, Biltmore Hotel, Crystal Ballroom, 506 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles. 5:00 p.m. reception; 6:30 p.m. dinner; evening attire: \$100 per person. Reservations: (818) 342-4600; (714) 773-9075; (310) 476-6011.

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JULY 20 - Sunday, OC Triple X Fraternity 22nd Annual Family Picnic. 12 noon-?? Plenty of parking. Games for kids. Live Armenian music for dancing by John Bilezikjian Ensemble. Mile Square Regional Park (Area 3), 16801 Euclid St., Fountain Valley. For more information call Ed Harver (714) 498-2370.

AUG. 3 - Sunday, OC AGBU Armenian Saturday School Annual Picnic. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Games/trophies for kids, music, dance and delicious food/kebab prepared by parents. At William Mason Regional Park, 18712 University Drive, Irvine (Picnic shelter No. 1). For info call Alenoosh (714) 857-9266, Pepig (714) 780-6567 and Arsen (714) 646-3400.

AUG. 17 - Sunday, Celebration of St. Mary Armenian Church's Name Day, Blessing of the Grapes and Madagh, at 148 E. 22nd St., Costa Mesa. Divine Liturgy and sermon in Armenian and English by Rev. Fr. Moushegh Tashjian, pastor. You are welcome to attend church services and be part of the worship service and tradition of partaking in the blessed grapes and madagh food which will be offered free Program in the Fejian Hall following the services. For more info please call Fr. Moushegh Tashjian at (714) 650-8367 or pager (714) 215-8500.

AUG. 28 - Thursday, 12 noon, St. Mary Armenian Church Ladies Society Monthly Luncheon and program in the church hall, 148 E. 22nd St., Costa Mesa. Call church office (714) 650-8367 or Yn. Sylva (818) 359-5161 for info.

SEPT. 13 - Saturday, Reserve for the OC AGBU Armenian Saturday School Annual Dinner Dance.

OCT. 26 - Sunday, Dedication of St. Mary Armenian church's new belltower, stained-glass windows and church doors, presided by His Eminence Archbishop Vatche Hovsepian, Primate. Details to follow.

NOV. 15 - Saturday, Orange County APS Annual Dinner Dance, Waterfront Hilton Hotel in Huntington Beach. Silent Auction and Music of Rafi and the Reflections. Watch for more information.

SAN DIEGO

AUG. 17 - Sunday, St. John Garabed Armenian church Annual Picnic and Blessing of the Grapes at South Cove, Mission Bay. Take I-5 to Sea World Drive, right on Ingraham, and left on Vacation Rd. Follow "Picnic" Signs to the next location. Picnic begins at 10 a.m. Church service at the picnic grounds at 12 noon. Great food, music, games, raffles. For more info call (619) 284-7179.

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Western Diocese Armenian Church Summer Camp in Dunlap California

July 26-Aug. 2 (8 to 13 years old); Aug. 2-9 (11 to 17 years old); Aug. 9-16 (entering ninth grade to 12th grade). For information Call (818) 583-9584.

JULY 26 - Saturday, Armenian Grape Festival featuring Adiss Harmandyan and his Harmony Band. On the beautiful grounds of the California Armenian Home. Gates will open at 6 p.m. and music will begin at 8 p.m. There will be food, drinks and midnight raffle. Sponsored by the Men's Society of the Holy Trinity Armenian Church. Tickets \$5.00 in advance, \$7.00 on the event day, and \$3.00 for children ages 5 to 12. For info call (209) 437-9500 or the church 486-1141.

SEPT. 6-7 - First Armenian Presbyterian Church Centennial Celebration. California's oldest Armenian Church marks its 100th anniversary of Ministry with a Gala Banquet on Saturday, Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. in Fresno Conference Center of the Centre Plaza Holiday Inn, 717 M Street at Ventura Avenue. Keynote address by Dr. Raymond Damadian, inventor of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). Music by vocalist Earl R. Meyers, Jr., pianist Alan Rea, and the Fresno Youth Symphony String Quartet. Reservations \$35 per person; tables of 10 available. Centennial Worship Service, Sunday, September 7, at 11 a.m. at the church campus, 430 South First St., at Huntington Blvd., followed by reception in the fellowship Hall. Contact Lou Bagdasarian (209) 255-6630 for reservation/information.

OCT. 11 - Saturday, Armenian Community School of Fresno 21st Annual Banquet and Dance at St. Paul Armenian Church, Berberian Hall, Richard Hagopian Band. Details to follow... Reserve this date!

Senate-House Conference Will Decide Critical Bill for Armenia, Karabagh

WASHINGTON, DC - Work critical to Armenian-American interests begins in earnest shortly in Washington when the Senate and House Conference Committee meets to reconcile differences in the FY 1998 Foreign Aid Bill, the Armenian Assembly of America reported last week. While both versions of the Bill contain provisions favorable to Armenia, there is no guarantee that those provisions will be included in the final Bill. Conference Committee members will work together behind closed doors to hammer out the final version.

The Armenian Assembly supports the following measures in the

House and Senate versions of the Foreign Aid Bill: a \$95 million earmark for direct aid to Armenia in the Senate version and retention of Section 907 restrictions on U.S. economic assistance to Azerbaijan until that country's blockades of Armenia and Nagorno Karabagh are lifted in the House version. Unlike the Senate version, the House also includes provisions, strongly supported by the Assembly, that allow for direct humanitarian aid via nongovernmental organizations to refugees, displaced persons, and other needy civilians in conflict zones through-

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Shedding Additional Light on Genocide

Zoryan Institute Buys Previously Unknown Cache of Documents

CAMBRIDGE, MA — The Zoryan Institute acquired a large collection of archives related to the Armenian Genocide that was unknown to the world for almost a century. The archival collection of Royal and Lizzie Cole, American missionaries in Turkish Armenia and Kurdistan in the years 1868-1908, documents events and developments in Turkish Armenia

spanning over four decades, presents accounts, and stories never heard before and provides additional details for the history of the Armenian massacres.

The Cole Collection consists of over 10,000 densely written journal pages, letters, lectures, reports, observations, hand-drawn charts and maps, with some 500 photographic prints and 400 negatives. The Cole Collection chronicles the massacres of Armenians starting in the 1890s and provides a rich portrait of Armenian life in the 19th century. The immensity of the resources provided by this Collection will impact the study of genocide for decades to come, Zoryan officials said.

Rev. Royal M. Cole and his wife Lizzie Cobleigh Cole served as Congregationalist missionaries for forty years in 19th century Turkish Armenia and Kurdistan, under the sponsorship of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. The Coles arrived at Erzeroum in August 1868, during the reign of Sultan Abdulaziz. Over the next sixteen years, Rev. and Mrs. Cole were engaged in medical and famine relief work, and the building and maintenance of educational institutions at Erzeroum. In 1884, Rev. Cole assumed the position of Director of the American Mission at Bitlis, organizing extensive relief assistance

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ANM Selects Siradeghyan As Chairman

GIUMRI - Yerevan Mayor Vano Siradeghyan was selected last week by the leadership of the Armenian National Movement to be its new party leader.

Following the conclusion of the ninth congress of the ANM on July 13, the ruling party's 40-person board elected Siradeghyan as its new chairman to succeed Ter-Husik Lazaryan, Noyan Tapan reported.

Siradeghyan, whose candidacy to head the ruling party was endorsed by President Levon Ter-Petrossian, was one of the members of the Karabagh Committee, who led the popular movement for independence from the Soviet Union.

Prior to his appointment last year as Mayor of Yerevan by Pres. Ter-Petrossian, Siradeghyan headed Armenia's Interior Ministry.

Split Forms In Armenia's Ruling Party

YEREVAN - Indicating a split in Armenia's ruling party, Eduard Yegoryan, a former leader of the Armenian Pan-National Movement, told journalists in Yerevan last week that he intends to form a new parliamentary faction, reported the Yerevan Bureau of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty. He is the chairman of the parliamentary commission on state and legal affairs.

Yegoryan said he has resigned from the ruling board of the Armenian Pan-National Movement, to which he was elected on July 13, and that he no longer considers himself a member of the movement. He said he is ready to cooperate with any opposition party, and will do everything in his power to prevent the movement from winning the next parliamentary and presidential elections.

Yegoryan said that more than one-third of the APNM's members support him, Noyan Tapan reported

Armenian Gets Post in Turkish Political Party

ISTANBUL — Marking a historical first in modern Turkey's political life, an Armenian was admitted as a member of Bulent Ecevit's Democratic-Socialist Party's Istanbul Committee last month.

Armenians in Turkey are rarely allowed to take part in political affairs. Moreover, since the 1915 genocide of Armenians, which included the murders of close to 15 Armenian members of the then-Ottoman Parliament, no Armenian has sought election to high political office in Turkey.

The inclusion of Varoujan Sayadjian as a member of Ecevit's Istanbul Committee is a novelty in Turkey.

Sayadjian was born in 1943 in Istanbul and attended the Bezjian Armenian School and later the Getronagan school.

Ecevit, who was recently named the Deputy Prime Minister in Mesut Yilmaz's new government, was the Prime Minister who ordered the invasion of Cyprus in 1974.



Archbishop Vatche Hovsepian pins the Medal of St. Gregory on community activist and benefactor Walter Karabian, Karabian's wife, Lauren, is at right.

Karabian Awarded Etchmiadzin's St. Gregory's Medal on June 29

LOS ANGELES - Longtime community benefactor and activist, former Majority Leader of the California Assembly Walter Karabian received one of the highest honors of the Armenian Church, the St. Gregory the Illuminator Medal, as promulgated by Catholicos Karekin I of Etchmiadzin, and presented on June 29 by Archbishop Vatche Hovsepian during the Divine Liturgy at the St. John Garabed Armenian Church in Hollywood.

The son of the honoree, cross-bearer Benjamin Karabian, headed

the procession of the Parish Council into the Church, followed by Ryan Doheny and Migirdich Menzilcian.

Primate, Archbishop Hovsepian read the Catholicos' Encyclical in Armenian, while Benjamin Karabian read it in English, followed by the bestowing of the Medal on the honoree. A small replica was also presented to Walter Karabian's wife, Lauren. The Archbishop congratulated the couple and embraced them both.

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ANCA, Armenian Assembly Join Forces to Protest Aliyev's US Visit

WASHINGTON, DC - The Armenian Assembly of America and the Armenian National Committee of America have joined forces to protest the scheduled visit of Azeri President Heidar Aliyev, to the White House next month. The visit is scheduled for August 1.

In a rare show of support and unity, the two Armenian-American organizations, which often go their own separate ways in efforts to foster understanding of Armenian-American issues, have come together in his effort.

The Armenian Assembly addressed a sharply worded letter to President Clinton, calling upon the President to rescind the invitation because of Aliyev's vicious anti-Armenian record and human rights abuses.

The Assembly's ARAMAC grassroots network organized a

nationwide letter-writing campaign to President Clinton to protest the visit.

The Armenian National Committee has printed thousands of postcards ready to be signed and mailed to the White House. The cards feature a photo of Aliyev under the heading "Former KGB General" and "Brutal Dictator." The Assembly and the ANC have been distributing these postcards widely to their members.

Both organizations are urging Armenian Americans to write to the president, urging him to rescind the Aliyev invitation and to support a just settlement of the Karabagh conflict - one which respects human rights in the region, including the rights of Armenians in Karabagh to self-determination.

Letters can be addressed to President Bill Clinton, The White House, Washington, DC 20500.

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throughout the province (particularly following the widespread massacre of Armenians in many locations across this vilayet in August 1894), and directing a number of schools and orphanages there. In May 1908, ten months before the deposal of Abdulhamid II, the Coles retired to the United States.

Mark Malicoat, a great-grandson of Rev. Royal Cole and a scholar who has studied the Collection, pointed out: "The Collection also affirms the motives of the Ottoman government's anti-Armenian operations and shows the scope of these actions, which are significantly larger than has hitherto been established"

The Cole Collection was purchased for \$100,000. The initial steps to acquire the archives were led by Kourken Sarkissian, Presi-

dent of Zoryan Institute Canada, who, together with Prof. Vahagn Dadrian, went to Portland, Oregon, in May, to see and evaluate the collection. Prof. Saul Negoghosian of University of Toronto was instrumental in introducing the holder of the archives to the Institute. In early June, Zoryan's new Director Hratch Tchilingirian joined the negotiation process. On June 28, the acquisition of the Collection was finalized and the archives were brought to the Zoryan Institute.

An introduction and background to the Cole Collection has been prepared and will be published by Zoryan Institute shortly.

The Institute is a publicly supported non-profit organization, dedicated to research, analysis and presentation of vital events and issues concerning Armenia, the Diaspora and history of the Armenian Genocide.

Karabagh Peace Plan

Pres. Ter-Petrosian Says OSCE's New Plan to Remain Secret Until Approval

YEREVAN — Armenian President Levon Ter-Petrosian said last week that chairmen of the OSCE Minsk group have offered a compromise plan for the settlement of the Nagorno-Karabagh conflict. Ter-Petrosian did not give any details of the plan, saying they are to remain confidential for the time being.

Addressing the ninth congress of the Armenian ruling party, the Armenian National Movement (ANM) during its July 13 closing session, he said the purpose of secrecy of the Minsk group plan is to protect it from propaganda assaults from forces opposed to the peace deal.

The Armenian president said that the plan will be made public after agreement is reached between the conflicting parties. He added that before signing any treaty, the peoples of Armenia, Karabakh and Azerbaijan will have a chance to express their opinion on the peace plan.

Ter-Petrosian said that Armenia will never sign the document without having Nagorno-Karabagh's signature on it.

Claiming that unidentified foreign forces are supporting the political opposition in Armenia, Pres. Ter-Petrosian also used the occasion to criticize the opposition for trying to de-stabilize the country.

Karabagh Mediation

Baku Proposes Additions

MOSCOW - Azerbaijan has proposed additions to the latest peace plan submitted by the co-chairmen of the Organization for Cooperation and Security in Europe's Minsk Group to the leaderships of Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Nagorno-Karabagh in May, Russian agencies reported.

The co-chairmen met in Baku on July 18 with Azerbaijani President Heidar Aliyev. Azerbaijani presidential adviser Vafa Guluzade said Azerbaijan will never give up the towns of Lachin (located outside Karabagh but currently under Armenian control) and Shushi, but that it will agree to the continued use of the Lachin transit corridor, which is the sole overland link between Nagorno-Karabagh and Armenia.

ANCA Testifies in State Senate In Support of Public Safety Bill

SACRAMENTO- Vicken Somentz-Papazian, the Executive Director of the Armenian National Committee of America, Western Region (ANCA-WR), testified before the California State Senate Committee on Public Safety on July 15. He spoke in support of AB 1457, the Multilingual Outreach Program which would allocate funds for the Glendale Police Department to extend its outreach into the local Armenian American community.

Author of the legislation, California State Assemblyman Scott Wildman who represents the Glendale, Los Angeles and Burbank area, introduced the bill at the request of local law enforcement agencies. They had reported an increase of organized criminal activity targeting Armenian immigrants and Armenian owned-bus

AB 1457 enables the Glendale Police Department to develop and direct a program which, in addition to establishing a toll free "hotline" staffed full time by both Armenian- and English-speaking operators, includes an educational component to increase public awareness of services provided by local law enforcement and to encourage victims of extortion and other crimes to seek assistance, coordination of organized crime fighting efforts with the police departments of Fresno and Los Angeles, and enhanced witness protection measures.

The Senate Public Safety Committee, whose members include several staunch supporters of Armenian issues, including Senators Adam Schiff and Richard Polanco, also heard testimony in support of AB 1457 from Chahe Keuroghlian, Public Information Officer from the Glendale Police Department.

The legislation, co-sponsored by a host of legislators, including

Assemblyman Howard Kaloogian of Carlsbad, will be heard in the State Senate Appropriations Committee later this summer before it is considered for final approval.

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ghout the Caucasus, including Nagorno Karabagh.

Provisions to be reconciled which are unfavorable to Armenia include the Senate's partial repeal of Section 907 of the Freedom Support Act ending several economic sanctions against Azerbaijan, including restrictions limiting involvement by OPIC, the Export-Import Bank, and the Trade Development Agency. The Senate bill also does not include any form of assistance to the people of Nagorno Karabagh.

"This is a critical period for Armenian-Americans. Formidable political forces are in opposition to

these essential measures - the Clinton Administration, U.S. oil companies, and the Turkish and Azerbaijani lobbies. They are increasing their efforts to influence Members of Congress," said the Assembly's Executive Director Ross Vartian. "If Armenian-Americans want Congress to retain these measures, it is up to each and everyone of us to call, write and fax our Congressmen to ensure that they do what is just and not cave under oil pressure. Since there is a strong possibility that the House-Senate Conference will take place prior to August 1, immediate action is needed. Washington must hear our voices now," he stated.

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Abp. Hovsepian gave a brief history of the Armenian Church and the life of St. Gregory the Illuminator. The archbishop also expressed his personal pleasure at having known and associated with Karabian for many years.

At the conclusion of his remarks, the Primate informed the congregation that Walter and Lauren Karabian pledged \$100,000 to the Western Diocese Endowment Fund, in addition to an earlier contribution of \$100,000 to the construction of the Cathedral's main altar.

During his own remarks, Karabian acknowledged his late father-in-law, Arshag Dickranian, and his mother-in-law, Eleanor, for their exemplary commitment to the Armenian Cause. He also thanked his wife, Laurel, for being an "active and cooperative participant in all I have done."

After the church ceremonies, Archbishop Hovsepian hosted a luncheon in honor of the Karabians in the church's Kazanjian Hall to over 200 guests.

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