

SCENES OF THE APRIL 8 DEMONSTRATION IN N.Y.

As reported, on April 8, 1967 a demonstration held before the United Nations facility in New York City under the auspices of the American Committee for the Independence of Armenia and "The Armenian National Committee of America" asked that the United Nations come to a speedy decision on the definition of "aggression" so that an international tribunal to try and punish those guilty of the crime of genocide might speedily be established. Below are two scenes of that demonstration.



The placard-bearing queue winds its course before the backdrop of the United Nations building. Young and old, professional and tradesman, student and technician—a cross section of the Armenian American community—took part in this model demonstration.



Members of the committee in charge of local arrangements for the demonstration stand under a placard which struck the theme of the effort. Aggression must be punished by restoration of the independence of those nations victimized by aggression—such as Armenia, the victim of joint Turkish—Soviet Aggression in 1920.

Rep's. Derwinski and Annunzio Speak Up on Genocide Before House

CONGRESSMAN EDWARD J. DERWINSKI

Following are the remarks of Rep. Edward J. Derwinski (R., 4th, Ill.) in the House of Representatives on April 25, 1967 on the occasion of the 52nd anniversary of Turkish Genocide of the Armenians

Mr. Speaker, Armenia is an historic State dating back to the Fourth Century with a language, culture and Church structure of its own. One of the tragedies of history is that the Armenian people do not enjoy their independence.

Today we commemorate the 52nd anniversary of the Turkish genocide of the Armenians, recalling not only the great self-sacrifice of this virile and ancient nation in the cause of good government and human rights, but also the important contributions made by the Armenian people to the Allied war effort of 1915-1918. The Armenians, although the smallest of the Allied nations to participate in World War I, contributed more to the Allied cause in terms of casualties than any other single Allied state, large or small. Such great sacrifices and devotion to the cause of freedom must not be forgotten.

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Report 14 South American Nations Approve Memorandum

BOSTON, Mass., May 3—The Hairenik Daily reported receipt today of a wire from the offices of the "Armenia" newspaper of Buenos Aires, Argentina, that the recently held "Parliamentary Congress of 14 Latin American Nations which met at Montevideo, Uruguay, April 21-29 approved the declaration (that is, the Memorandum of the Delegation of the Armenian Republic) which demands placing matter of the Armenian Question before the United Nations."

The Hairenik said that it expected further details on the matter.

Photos, Materials of Turk Genocide to be Displayed

BOSTON, Mass., May 1—The offices of the American Committee for the Independence of Armenia announced today a joint exhibition of photographs and materials pertaining to the 1915-1921 Turkish Genocide and a reception for Armenian American students studying at the universities and colleges of Greater Boston for May 21, Sunday evening, at Stanboro Hall, Hotel Statler Hilton, Park Square, Boston.

The ACIA said that the general public is being invited to attend this combined exhibition and student reception, which will open at 5 p.m. on May 21, and continue to 10:30 p.m.

The exhibit will consist of carefully selected photographs and other graphic material consonant with the period of the grim tragedy which took the Armenians in the terrible years of 1915-1921.

Light refreshments will be served for those attending at 8 P.M. The function is open free of charge to all.

The ACIA said the event, long-planned, is expected to draw a large crowd. The materials to be displayed have not been publicly shown to date.

DECLARATIONS:

Mr. Speaker, may I remind the Members that at a time when Communist aggression is increasing in Vietnam and it is clear that the major culprit is the Soviet Union, we must maintain our interest in the restoration of freedom to the people of Armenia and the other captives of Communism. Surely a Nation that has suffered so much is deserving of its freedom.

CONGRESSMAN FRANK ANNUNZIO

(D. 8th Ill.) Mr. Speaker, today Armenians all over the globe are observing the 52d anniversary of the ruthless Turkish massacres of the Armenian people.

In 1915, the Turks set out to exterminate the whole Armenian Christian population within the Ottoman borders, and brutally tortured and murdered 1,500,000 innocent men, women and children. Whole families were wiped out with a single blow, and a new word—genocide—was coined to describe the Turks' efforts to destroy an entire race.

The Genocide Convention, which declares the destruction of nations, racial, and religious groups to be an international crime, has been before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for 18 years. Although the United States took the lead in the United Nations to draft the Convention, we have not yet ratified it. Already, the Genocide Convention has been ratified by 69 nations, including the Soviet Union.

The time is long overdue for our country to make its position on genocide known to all nations. The United Nations General Assembly has designated next year as "International Human Rights Year," the most appropriate way for the United States to observe it is to act promptly and favorably, not only on the Conventions on Slavery, Forced Labor, and Women's Political Rights, but also on the Genocide Convention.

Today, as we solemnly observe the greatest martyrdom the world has known, the Armenian genocide, it is fitting that renewed efforts be made to ratify the Genocide Convention. By ratifying the convention, we will to some degree alleviate the memory of this unjustified crime against the Armenian people.

Mr. Speaker, on this occasion, I would also like to insert into the Congressional Record an editorial which appeared in the April 20 issue of the Hairenik Weekly about Armenian memorial day. The editorial follows.

(Editorial text follows.)

PROCLAMATION OF MAYOR SAM YORTY

The text of Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty's Proclamation on Armenian Martyrs Day.

WHEREAS, The Armenian-American people of the City of Los Angeles and Southern California have determined to erect a monument honoring the memory of 1-2 million of their Armenian forebears who were martyrs to tyranny in 1915, and

WHEREAS, ground will be broken for this magnificent, sixty-six foot high Martyr's Monument in Bicknell Park, in our neighboring city of Montebello on Sunday, April 23, 1967, and

WHEREAS, this monument being erected by Americans of Armenian descent of Southern California is dedicated to free men of all na-

"The Genocide"

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plains. Here the bandit bands fell upon us and herded us away a distance of one to two hours. We spent the night there. There were so many people there that you could not count them even if you could count the stars in the sky. The entire population of the villages of Erzeroum and Derehan were there with us.

"Early in the morning the bandit bands, on the one hand, and the Kurds on the other, began to loot and kill us. The rest of us, they again drove us to Kemakh Boghazi. Here they gave us a terrible massacre and filled the Euphrates with the corpses. A number of butchers from the bandit bands, their sleeves rolled up, with swords and axes, hacked away at the heads of hundreds of children and dumped them into the waters. Thousands of children were martyred. O it was a terrible sight. They drove off the survivors of the massacre. For two months we trudged on mountains and valleys without bread or water."

The Turks ask the Armenians to forgive and forget.

We think it is a bit too much to ask this poor woman from the Village of Dsat to forgive and forget.

We wonder if the Turks could forgive and forget if this thing had happened to them.

Armenian Engineer Defects, Ask Asylum in the U.S.

(Chicago Sun-Times, April 25)

TOKYO — A Russian hydraulic engineer walked into the American Embassy Monday night, April 24, and requested political asylum in the United States. An embassy spokesman said Tuesday morning the request had been granted.

The Soviet defector was identified as Ashot Vaganovich Khachatryan, 26. He arrived in Japan Monday aboard the SS Vikola, Russian tourist ship.

NAHA, Okinawa—A 26-year-old Soviet engineer who has requested political asylum in the United States arrived here from Tokyo on a commercial airliner today, apparently for questioning by U.S. officials or to await transportation to another destination.

American authorities in Tokyo said they were considering the request of Ashot Vaganovich Khachatryan, who approached a Marine guard at the U.S. embassy last night. Japanese authorities determined that he was seeking asylum voluntarily. Japanese newspapers later reported that he had left Tokyo.

Khachatryan, in Japan as a tourist, said he had planned to defect for the past 10 years.

N. H. House Resolution

Honors Memory of Martyrs

CONCORD, N.H., April 13—The New Hampshire House of Representatives today adopted by unanimous voice a Resolution offered by the Hon. Sarkis Maloomian, Representative from Somersworth, which called for today's adjournment in symbolic memory of the Armenians who perished in 1915.

Rep. Maloomian's Resolution, which was placed in the record of today's proceedings, read:

"Whereas, April 25th is the 50th anniversary of the slaughter of one and a half million Armenian men, women and children in Turkish Armenia, and

Whereas, many descendants of this slaughter have fled to the sanctuary of the United States where they have found a life where they may live in peace, therefore be it

Resolved, that these descendants wish to offer a salute to the American way of life, and be it further

Resolved, that when the House adjourns today it adjourn in memory of those whose lives were lost in the massacre."

tions who have fallen victim to genocide and other crimes against humanity, and

WHEREAS, this memorial will stand in perpetuity as a solemn reminder to all the world that "this must never happen again," and

WHEREAS, the Armenian-American community of the City of Los Angeles and Southern California is to be commended for its public spirit in constructing this memorial, which is in the interest of good citizenship, and in the finest tradition of International Understanding

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Yorty, Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, do proclaim, Sunday, April 23, 1967, as ARMENIAN MARTYR DAY, and urge it be appropriately observed in memory of those 1-2 million Armenian martyrs, as well as all brave people who have stood against tyranny since the world began.

Washington Spring Festival

A Spring Festival was given by the Ladies Guild of the Soorp Khatch Armenian Apostolic Church on Saturday, May 6, 1967 at Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, 1 Chevy Chase Circle from 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Mrs. Edward Clark, wife of the Delegate to the Maryland State Legislature from the 6th District, opened the Festival formally to the public. There was something of interest for everyone—International booth, hand-made handicrafts,

Oriental and domestic rugs, parcel post and Christmas booth. In the baked goods and food booth were Armenian delicacies such as khourabia, kata, bourma, paklava, choreg, simit, bourek, haskanoush, mad-zoon cake, yalanchi dolma, kharpoot kefta, lahmejun and other delights.

In addition, Miss Gladys Kazigian was on hand painting portraits, Mrs. Takoush Palian read fortunes from coffee cups and Armenian dances were performed for your entertainment while you ate.