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NOTED SCHOLARS TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

ON ARMENIAN STUDIES AT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Heading the list of noted scholars participating in the Annual Assembly's conference on "Searchlight on Armenian Studies: Areas and Problems of Research" will be Dr. Sirarpie Der Nersessian, professor of Byzantine art and archeology; Prof. Carleton Coon, world-renowned anthropologist from the University of Pennsylvania; and Prof. Arthur Jeffery, Chairman of Columbia University's Department of Near and Middle East Languages.

Under the chairmanship of Harvard Professor Richard N. Frye, the conference, which will be in the form of a symposium, will be held in Paine Hall on the Harvard campus, Friday evening, June 8, at eight o'clock and will be open to the public.

Talks and papers by other eminent authorities in various fields of study and research will feature the Friday session. The areas of study they represent include history, religion, linguistics, numismatics, Caucasian and Near Eastern studies. The other participants will be Prof. William L. Langer, Prof. Joshua Whatmough and Dr. Firuz Kazemzadeh, all of Harvard; Dr. Paul Bedoukian of the American Numismatic Society; Prof. Robert Minshall of Brown University; and Dr. A. O. Sarkissian of the Library of Congress. A second, closed session of the scholars and other conferees is scheduled for Saturday at 3pm.

NOTICE: Every member in good standing has the right and privilege to attend, to participate in, and to vote at the Annual Assembly of Members. Those who joined before January 1, 1956, must renew their dues before they can so participate in the Assembly.

SECOND ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MEMBERS

TO BE ON HARVARD CAMPUS JUNE 8 - 10

A capacity crowd of NAASR members and friends from local and out-of-town areas are expected to attend the Second Annual Assembly of Members on June 8, 9, and 10 at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. Highlight of this year's assembly will be a conference on Armenian studies and a banquet at Boston's famed Harvard Club, 374 Commonwealth Avenue.

Business sessions will be held on the Harvard campus at Phillips Brooks House, with registration on Saturday morning, June 9 from 9 to 10. Registration fee for members and guests for all sessions is \$1.00. Saturday morning business sessions will be held from 10 to 1 p.m. with an hour recess for lunch. The afternoon session will be from 2 to 5.

Featured speakers at the evening banquet will include Prof. Sirarpie Der Nersessian of Harvard's Dumbarton Oaks Research Library, William Bentinck-Smith, assistant to Harvard President Nathan M. Pusey, NAASR Board Member Rev. A. A. Bedikian of New York, and Board Chairman Manoog S. Young. Entertainment will be provided by local artists. Reservations should be made at an early date through the NAASR office. The price of the banquet tickets is \$5.00.

On Sunday, the business sessions will begin at 2 p.m. and the assembly will officially close at 5. During the weekend an exhibit of rare Armenian manuscripts will be displayed, and a tour of the Harvard campus will be arranged for those interested. Other arrangements and hotel reservations for out-of-town members will be handled by a committee headed by Jack Guveyan and James Koundakjian.

REPORT ON RESPONSE TO NAASR AND HARVARD PROGRAMS

By Manoog S. Young, Chairman, Board of Directors

If anyone has any doubts at this late date as to whether or not NAASR's program for the advancement of Armenian studies in America would meet with equal acceptance in other parts of the country, the recent extended field trip which I was privileged to make on behalf of NAASR should conclusively dispel any such doubts. In fact, the enthusiasm was high in every community that I visited.

The field trip lasted nearly five weeks and covered 13 communities in Western New England, the East Coast, Middle West, and New York State. Public gatherings in the form of receptions, lectures, or meetings were organized by committees of local members, and attendance ranged from 30 to 150 people depending on the size of the community and the extent of planning and work undertaken. The interest was high in all communities as reflected by the attentiveness, the type of questions, and the desire to join and assist in the furtherance of the program.

The high point of the trip was by far in Detroit, where well-attended and enthusiastic gatherings were held on each of four evenings. Though no fund-raising was planned, nevertheless \$2300 was raised and many new members were signed up with assurances of greater efforts before the year is over. The over-all results show a membership increase of over 180, bringing the nation-wide total to nearly 800 members.

The greatest interest was, of course, in the unique feature of NAASR's program to establish an endowed Chair of Armenian Studies at Harvard University. In my talks, it was pointed out emphatically that this was a program to serve the needs of the American-Armenian community as a whole. It will in due time produce the much needed authoritative books, histories, grammars, monographs, translations, articles, etc., in the English language. It will provide the Armenian English-speaking generation, as well as the non-Armenians, with a continuous flow of materials and information which will enable them to understand better the Armenian heritage through its history, culture, and language and to appreciate especially the contribution and role of the Armenians in world history and civilization in general and in

Middle Eastern history in particular.

The Harvard program, it was pointed out, offered the best opportunity for the realization of this long overdue need because it offers the basis for the creation of a veritable center of learning, research, and training in Armenian studies in America unparalleled in importance and influence in the Western World. Only through such a program can there be trained in a continuous manner the needed scholars, researchers, teachers, writers, and leaders who can serve the needs of the American-Armenian community and can make in time a significant and permanent contribution to learning, to mankind, and to our people.

In each community, therefore, local committees have been appointed to carry on the work of the Association for the realization of this program. The assistance and cooperation of all members will assure its early fulfillment.

A second, follow-up field trip will be made to certain areas in May, as shown by the itinerary below, in order to bring the NAASR and Harvard story first hand to even a greater number of people and communities. This second trip is also for the purpose of further increasing the membership in each area, advancing the Harvard Armenian Chair Campaign, promoting the Second Annual Assembly, and meeting with the local committees and membership in order to plan fall activities and banquets. A film, "Invitation to Harvard," will also be available for showing.

SECOND FIELD TRIP ITINERARY

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|---------------|----------------------|
| May 2 | Troy, N. Y. |
| May 3 | Syracuse, N. Y. |
| May 4 | Rochester, N. Y. |
| May 5-6 | Cleveland, Ohio |
| May 7-8 | Detroit, Mich. |
| May 9-10 & 13 | Chicago, Ill. |
| May 11 | Milwaukee, Wisc. |
| May 12 | Racine, Wisc. |
| May 14 | Niagara Falls, N. Y. |
| May 15 | Canada |
| May 16 | Binghamton, N. Y. |
| May 17 | Troy, N. Y. |
| May 18 | Springfield, Mass. |
| May 19-20 | Hartford, Conn. |

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| <u>District of Columbia</u> | |
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| George Thomas | 25.00 |
| <u>Total Fund to Date</u> | <u>\$ 36,653.15</u> |
| <u>Remitted to Harvard to Date</u> | <u>\$ 18,581.03</u> |

NOTE: Asterik (*) denotes an increased
total over previously reported amount.

BOOKS IN PRINT
Dealing with Armenia or Armenians
by Harvard Faculty Members

Armenia and the Byzantine Empire by
Sirarpie Der Nersessian. Harvard Univer-
sity Press, Cambridge, 1947. 148 pp. &
32 pp. of photos. \$3.00. A brief study
of Armenian art and civilization from the
IV to XIV centuries and of the historical
religious, and cultural relations between
Armenia and Byzantium.

Diplomacy of Imperialism by William L.
Langer. 2nd Edition, A. A. Knopf, New
York, 1950. 797 pp. \$8.50. Over 75 page
devoted to a thorough analysis and study
of the Armenian question of the late 19th
century from the point of view of inter-
national diplomacy.

The Formation of the Soviet Union by
Richard Pipes. Harvard University Press,
Cambridge, 1954. 355 pp. \$6.50. In a
study of the interplay of the forces of
communism and nationalism in the period
covering 1917-1923 many pages are devoted
to the Caucasus area and the Armenians.

History of the Nation of the Archers
(the Mongols), translated by Robert P.
Blake and Richard N. Frye. Harvard Uni-
versity Press, Cambridge, 1954. 180 pp.
\$3.50. This translation, which includes
the Armenian text as recorded by Grigor
of Akanc', is a chronicle of Mongol-Ar-
menian relations during the reign of King
Hetoum I of the Cilician Armenian kingdom.

The Struggle for Transcaucasia, 1917-
1921 by Firuz Kazemzadeh. Philosophical
Library, New York, 1950. 356 pp. \$5.75.
An objective study designed to bring order
out of a chaos of information and misin-
formation concerning the confusing and
tragic events that took place following
World War I in the Caucasus and that in-
extricably involved the Armenians.

All these volumes are in print and
can be obtained through the Association.

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