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NAASR LECTURE ON QUEST

FOR ARMENIAN NATIONAL HOME

"The Quest for an Armenian National Home" will be the subject of the third in a series of lectures on "The Armenian Question in the 20th Century" presented by the Greater Boston Chapter of the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research on Friday evening, March 23, 1973, at 8:30 p.m. at the First Armenian Church Auditorium, 380 Concord Ave., Belmont.

Prof. Martin H. Halabian of Massachusetts Bay Community College will deal with the efforts of Armenian diplomatists during the post-World War I period to establish an Armenian National Home in the former regions of the crumbling Ottoman Empire. The age-old Armenian aspirations for an autonomous territory came to a climax at this time. The short-lived Armenian Republic was an interlude in the efforts to create an Armenian National Home.

This idea was the brainchild of a prominent British Armenian, James A. Malcolm, who earlier had formulated the idea of a Jewish National Home in Palestine. This plan was especially appealing to the victorious Allies since they would no longer have to insist upon an independent Armenian state as envisaged by the Treaty of Sevres, in deference to surging Turkish nationalistic aspirations. Malcolm, who had important contacts in the chancelleries of Europe, was instrumental in winning support for the plan. Why the nationalistic aspirations of the Armenians were dissipated in the crucial years after World War I will be examined in detail.

Dr. Halabian of Watertown is a Professor of History and Social Sciences at Massachusetts Bay Community College. He has done graduate work and research at

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Harvard and Brandeis universities as well as abroad and has also taught at Boston and Northeastern universities.

The lecture is open to the general public. A donation of \$1.00 per person will be asked to help defray expenses. The lecture will be preceded at 8:00 p.m. by a brief mid-season membership meeting of the NAASR Chapter. Following a question-answer period after the lecture there will be a reception and refreshments. New books in English on Armenia as well as posters and maps will be on display and sale.

For further information and other inquiries, calls should be made to the NAASR Headquarters at 175 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge, Mass. 02138. The telephone is (617) 876-7630.

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