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OUTSTANDING PANEL TO TAKE PART IN
NAASR FORUM ON ARMENIAN TERRITORIES

Outstanding authorities representing different viewpoints will participate in a forum on the subject of "The Recovery of Armenian Territories - An Impossible Dream or Realistic Possibility?" on Friday evening, April 13, 1973, at 8:00 p.m. at the First Armenian Church Auditorium, 380 Concord Ave., Belmont, Mass.

Fourth in Armenian Question Series

This will be the fourth in the series of public lectures on the Armenian Question organized and sponsored by the Greater Boston Chapter of the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research during its 1972-73 season of activity. The previous lectures have dealt with the origins of the Armenian Question in the 20th century, the genocide of the Armenians as compared with the Jewish holocaust, and the quest for an Armenian National Home.

The panel group will consist of able representatives of the two major Armenian organizations concerned with the question of Armenian territories in Turkey and two outstanding historians and authorities on Armenia and its relations with the major powers.

Armenian and Academic Viewpoints

Representing the viewpoint of the Armenian Rights Committee will be Yervant Azadian of Detroit, Mich., and speaking on behalf of the Armenian National Committee of America will be Leo Sarkisian of Waltham, Mass.

Professors James B. Gidney of Kent State University, Ohio, and Firuz Kazemzadeh of Yale University, Conn., both eminent historians, outstanding speakers, and authors of definitive works dealing with aspects of the Armenian Question, will bring the academic point of view to the question of the Turkish-occupied Armenian territories and their recovery.

Serving as moderator will be Manoog S. Young of Belmont, Mass., NAASR Board Chairman and formerly lecturer in international relations at Northeastern University.

Age-old Aspiration of Armenians

The recovery of Armenian territories in Turkey has been an age-old aspiration since the fall of the Armenian kingdoms. Up until 1920 Armenians populated the

area and attempted to gain sovereignty and independence through the force of arms and assistance from foreign powers but with relatively little success.

Even though the six vilayets of "Wilson Armenia" and other Armenian areas of Eastern Turkey have been almost completely depopulated of Armenians because of the massacres and deportations, the demands for the restoration of Armenian rights and lands grow more vocal as each year passes and as each new Armenian generation comes of age.

The question which therefore will be examined is whether or not their recovery in the foreseeable future, in view of international power rivalries and their overriding national interests, is an impossible dream or a realistic possibility.

Books on Display and Sale

Current and recently published books in English on Armenia, the Armenians, and aspects of the Armenian Question - as well as maps and posters - will be on display and sale during the reception hour following the forum.

The forum is open to the general public. Refreshments will be served. A donation of \$1.00 per person will be asked in order to defray expenses.

Officers in Charge

The officers of the Greater Boston NAASR Chapter are Aram Johnson, Lexington, chairman; Aram Karakashian, Dracut, first vice-chairman; Edward Der Kazarian, Watertown, second vice-chairman; Edna Hovagimian, Milton, corresponding secretary; Lucy Bedirian, Watertown, recording secretary; Ardashes Shelemian, Belmont, treasurer.

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