

Note: This special supplement of the NAASR Newsletter gives the latest up-to-date news about the 30th anniversary year plans. This information supercedes that which has appeared in the American-Armenian press and in the June, 1985, issue (Vol. II, No. 2) of the Newsletter whose mailing was delayed and which is now being sent under separate cover. There will be one other issue this year, a double issue (Vol. II, Nos. 3-4) to be released in early December.

NAASR ANNUAL ASSEMBLY WEEKEND TO FEATURE TALKS BY KEVORK KHERLOPIAN AND ARRA AVAKIAN

Prof. Kevork Kherlopian of Yerevan, Armenia, and Dr. Arra S. Avakian of Fresno, Calif., will be the featured speakers during the 31st Annual Assembly weekend of the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research on Nov. 1 and 2, according to the latest announcement of the NAASR Board of Directors released by Board Chairman Manooq S. Young of Belmont, Mass., who also revealed news of other future activities.

The Annual Assembly of Members, which comes during the thirtieth anniversary year of NAASR's founding, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 2, beginning at 12 noon at the Bentley College Graduate Center, Beaver and Forest Streets, Waltham, Mass.

Lecture on Critical Issues in Armenian Studies Today

Dr. Kherlopian, professor of history at the State University of Yerevan and a visiting professor this year at the American Armenian International College of the University of LaVerne, California, will open the weekend activities with a lecture on "Critical Issues in Armenian Studies Today" on Friday evening, Nov. 1, at 8 p.m. at the Harvard University Divinity School, Cambridge, Mass. Dr. Kherlopian who is fluent in several languages will speak in English. This activity is open free to the general public and will be followed by a reception.

Last year Dr. Kherlopian delivered a very popular lecture sponsored by NAASR on the Armenian Renaissance. "He is returning by popular demand," stated Board Chairman Young. For his lecture on Nov. 1, he plans to review several controversial issues engaging Armenian scholars today, including the origins of the Armenian people, liberation movements, relations of Armenians with other peoples, causes of the Genocide, and the nature of the Diaspora.

This lecture will be another in the series of NAASR memorial lectures honoring those for whom special memorial endowment funds have been established and through whose incomes Armenian studies and culture can be furthered in American institutions of higher education as well as through NAASR's multi-faceted program in support of scholarship, research, publication, and information activities. This lecture has been

designated the J. Mark Kolligian Lecture in honor of one of NAASR's early founding members and its first treasurer.

Assembly Luncheon to Hear Retrospective Talk

Dr. Avakian, former director of the Armenian Studies Program at California State University at Fresno and newly elected Grand Commander of the Knights of Vartan, will speak at the Assembly Luncheon on Saturday, Nov. 2, at noon at the Bentley College Graduate Center Commons.

One of the founding members of NAASR and a member of its Board of Directors during its formative years, Dr. Avakian will review the past accomplishments of the Association and look ahead to future prospects in his talk entitled "NAASR: A Thirty-Year Retrospective and Future Directions." As a world traveler to many centers of Armenian culture and a long-time active community leader on both the East and West Coasts, Dr. Avakian will share a perspective which is from near as well as afar.

At the Assembly Luncheon, 25-year members of the organization in good standing will be recognized. Honorary life memberships will be conferred on two of the original founders of NAASR: Dr. Avakian and Thomas T. Amirian of Brookline, Mass. Also at the luncheon, the Jack H. Kolligian Award for "meritorious achievement in Armenian studies and culture" will be announced.

Assembly Committees to Submit Reports for Action

Following the luncheon, the business session will begin at 2 p.m. The agenda includes reports by the Board of Directors on organizational, academic, and financial matters, special reports and reports of Assembly Committees, and the election of seven Directors.

Chairmen of the Assembly Committees are: Nominating, Aram S. Karakashian of Waltham; Constitution and Rules, Walter G. Vartanian of Belmont; New Business and Resolutions, Raffi P. Yeghiayan of Lexington; and Auditing, Edward Der Kazarian of Watertown.

All members of NAASR in good standing "have the right to attend, be heard, and vote at the

Assembly of Members." The Assembly is "the supreme governing authority" of the Association. The session is open to observers.

Anniversary Programs to Include Benefit Concert

As part of its ongoing thirtieth anniversary year programs, NAASR will sponsor a benefit memorial concert on Friday evening, Nov. 29, dedicated to the late Armenian composer Arno Babajanian on the second anniversary of his death.

Pianist Miriam Gargarian who has recently settled in Watertown and is formerly from Farmington, Mich., will be introduced to the Greater Boston community at a concert which will feature a premiere performance of major piano works by Babajanian. Dr. Gargarian just received her doctorate in September in piano performance from the Indiana University School of Music and has opened a studio in music theory and piano instruction in Boston. Her dissertation was on "The Piano Works of Arno Babajanian." The concert will be held at Paine Music Hall, Harvard University.

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"Tribute to NAASR" Program Rescheduled for June 15

The climax of the NAASR thirtieth anniversary year will take place on Sunday, June 15, 1986, with a "Tribute to NAASR" Banquet and Extravaganza at the Harvard University Memorial Hall and Sanders Theatre in Cambridge, Mass. Originally scheduled for Nov. 3, the celebration has been put ahead to next June to permit wider participation in the festive activities. A large Thirtieth Anniversary Celebration Committee has been meeting for the past three months to plan for this special event.

Announcements of other activities scheduled for the June weekend as well as the months preceding it will be made as plans are firmed up.

Further information on the NAASR Assembly and thirtieth anniversary programs is available by contacting the NAASR Headquarters at 175 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge, Mass. 02138; telephone, (617) 876-7630. There will be ample free parking facilities in adjacent as well as nearby parking areas at both Harvard University and Bentley College. Luncheon and concert reservations may also be made through the NAASR Headquarters. Reservations for the luncheon should be made no later than Monday, Oct. 28, in order to be assured of a place.



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