OFFICIAL NOTICE
Annual Assembly of Members

The Thirty-Second Annual Assembly of Members of the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research, Inc., will be held on Saturday, November 1, 1986, at 12 noon at Bentley College, Graduate Center, Beaver and Forest Streets, Waltham, Mass., for the following purposes:

1. To receive and discuss reports from the Board of Directors,
2. To act on new business and resolutions presented for the consideration of the assembled members,
3. To elect seven Directors of the Association, and
4. To transact any other business which may properly come before the assembly.

All members in good standing "have the right to attend, be heard, and vote at the Assembly of Members" (Article IV, Section 1, Constitution).

Members may submit in writing on or before October 1 matters which they wish to have the Annual Assembly consider.

By order of Board of Directors,
Charles S. Sahagian
August 15, 1986
Secretary

30th Anniversary Program Highlights
NAASR Achievements and Goals

An outstanding group of Armenian-American performers combined their talents in a gala celebrating NAASR's 30th anniversary at a Banquet and Extravaganza on Sunday, June 15, at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

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The musical portion of the program, which took place at Sanders Theatre, was directed by John Baboian of the Berklee School of Music.

Earlier in the day, at a banquet in Memorial Hall, a proclamation issued by Massachusetts Governor Michael S. Dukakis was read, designating the week of June 15 to June 21, 1986, as "Armenian Studies Week" in honor of the 30th anniversary of NAASR. Also during the banquet, a number of awards were presented.

"More about the anniversary on pages 4 to 8.

Scholar from Israel to Speak Sept. 7

Prof. Israel W. Charny of Jerusalem, Israel, a psychiatrist and prominent scholar in the field of holocaust and genocide studies, will give a lecture sponsored by NAASR on Sunday, Sept. 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the St. James Armenian Church Hall in Watertown, Mass. His topic will be "The Armenian Genocide and the Holocaust: Uniqueness Versus Universality."

An associate professor of psychology at the School of Social Work, Tel Aviv University, Prof. Charny serves as executive director of the Institute of the International Conference on the Holocaust and Genocide. As chairman of the conference sponsored by the Institute in Israel in 1985, at the conference on the Armenian Genocide sponsored jointly by NAASR and Bentley College, when he delivered a paper on "The Psychology of Denial" and participated in a panel discussion on "Genocide and Governmental Responsibility."

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Prof. Charny is the author of the book How Can We Commit the Unthinkable? Genocide: The Human Cancer and the editor of two volumes of papers and material that grew out of the 1982 conference.

Dr. Charny will be in the Boston area in order to attend a meeting of the Advisory Board of NAASR's Institute for the Study of the Armenian Genocide. He was last here in 1985, at the conference on the Armenian Genocide sponsored jointly by NAASR and Bentley College, when he delivered a paper on "The Psychology of Denial" and participated in a panel discussion on "Genocide and Governmental Responsibility."

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writer/director Daniel Adamian of Waltham skillfully captured the achievements and highlights of NAASR's progress and activities to promote Armenian studies during three decades since 1955 through American institutions of higher education and through its programs in support of scholarship, research, and publications.

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New Spïtk Chairman Visits NAASR

Karen Dallakian of Yerevan, Armenia, the new chairman of the Committee for Cultural Relations with Armenians Abroad [HR], visited the National Association of Armenian Scholars (NAASR) on Tuesday, May 27.

In a brief meeting, Mr. Dallakian and NAASR Board Chairman Sam S. Young explored means for improving cooperation between the two organizations, particularly in the field of Armenian studies.

Mr. Young took the opportunity to express thanks to the Spïtk Committee for continuing to support the NAASR and for the recent publication of a new edition of Armenia in the States University Individual, using eyewitness accounts and testimonies from the Armenian American community in the United States. In the Spïtk winter issue, Mr. Dallakian and Young at NAASR.

Four Armenian scholars, three of whom are NAASR members, have been awarded Fulbright Scholarships to teach and conduct research in Armenia during the 1986-87 academic year. Dr. Levon Chorbajian, professor of sociology at the University of Lowell, Mass., Dr. Dickran Koyumjian, professor and coordinator of the Armenian Studies Program at UCLA, and Dr. Joseph H. Surpian, professor of History at Eastern Michigan University, were announced as recipients of the scholarship.

Mr. Dallakian was formerly a Secretary of the Communist Party in Lebanon and was formerly a Secretary of the Communist Party in Lebanon and was recently appointed to the Executive Committee of the Armenian National advertisers.
Many individuals who have been active members of NAASR during the past three decades participated, along with Mike Connors, in the narration of the Extravaganza program that followed the NAASR 30th Anniversary Banquet in Cambridge, Mass., on June 15.

Writer/director Daniel Adamian, along with musical director John Beboian, had created for the occasion a unique audiovisual presentation featuring music, slides, and narration to describe NAASR's past achievements and future projects.

As part of the program, several musical performers presented a variety of Armenian and non-Armenian selections, while others received standing ovations. They were pianist Leith Vogherian of Watertown, coloratura soprano Maro Parurian of New York City, mezzo-soprano Liva Medzorian of Winsted, pianist Miriam Gargarian of Boston, and popular singer Julia Zarzian of New York, who was accompanied on the piano by her husband, Sarkis.

Musical director John Beboian had assembled a six-piece ensemble and prepared original compositions and arrangements especially for the occasion.

The narrators included Prof. Emmanuel P. Vartanian of Tennessee; Dr. Arta Savakian of Fresno; Calif.; Prof. Richard N. Ford of New York; Prof. Avedis K. Sanjian of UCLA; Prof. Dennis R. Papazian of the University of Michigan, Dearborn; Barbara Haig Der Manuelian of Belmont, and Dr. Gregory H. Adamian of Harvard.

"NAASR is more than perpetuating our Armenian heritage, more than fostering our Armenian pride, and much more than simply courses, research, conferences, and publications." Dr. Gregory H. Adamian said at the end of the program as the closing narrator. "Our true purpose is to contribute to the understanding of world history and civilization; to educate all people on the history of our people—a people that have struggled yet triumphed, lost yet gained, but most of all endured to shape world art, architecture, literature, religion, culture, and civilization."

The Extravaganza came to a grand finale as Daniel Adamian and Lori Davidian sang Mr. Adamian's own lyrics to the song "We are the World."

Joined by all the artists, the program and programed with a shower of multi-colored balloons, they summed up the sentiments of the day as they sang: "We are the proud, we are Armenian. With tradition on our side, together we'll survive. It's true our future is deeply rooted in our past."

Of the 27 founders still living, ten were able to attend and were introduced at the beginning of the program. Later at various stages of the program the current and former Board members were presented. Of the 65 directors still living, forty were present. Some had come from as far away as Georgia, California, and Michigan.

A large committee of NAASR members served and planned for nearly a year with the following heading up the various subcommittees. Chairman, Daniel Adamian of Waterford, Banquet Arrangements; Joe Peterson of Brookline: Hospitality and Reception; Arshad Yeghiayan of Waltham; and Carol Yeghiyan of Lexington; Decorations, Marguerite Maserian of Arlington and Esther Agabian of Watertown; Publicity, Dr. Nishan Shooshanian of Winaport; and Tickets, Ervane Hagopian of Lexington and Nancy Kolligian of Winchester. Monos Young and Charles S. Sanjian of Needham served as chairman and secretary, respectively.

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Emmanuel Varanyan: From Lake Urmiya to Tennessee

Among the NAASR members who came to the U.S. to pursue higher degrees was Emmanuel P. Varanyan, author, lecturer, publisher, and Board member of NAASR. Best known for his two novels, *The Wall of the Great Stone Wall* and *Rising Sun*, Prof. Varanyan taught comparative literature for many years at Ohio State University. Ohio is the place where he lives in retirement in East Tonsomese, in a cottage on a lake in the Great Smoky Mountains. The cottage, which reminds him of Lake Urmiya in Armenia, where he spent his childhood.

Prof. Varanyan is well remembered by NAASR members for his eloquent and inspiring lectures in support of Armenian studies programs in American universities, in which he stressed the importance of preserving the Armenian culture and heritage in this country. In the early days of the organization, he traveled tirelessly from city to city with Board Chairman Manoogian. Young is in order to promote the Harvard Armenian Chair. He is happy to see that NAASR is continuing its programs with missionary zeal and hopes that the community will continue to share the same generosity as during the Harvard Chair projects.

As he succeeded in his chosen profession in the United States, Prof. Varanyan always remained connected to his Armenian identity. This was not easy for him because he, already devoted to the Mid-west, away from centers of Armenian population. But he always continued to rest his Armenian roots. We were, in truth, the same in our conquered land, in which we were continuously subject to enemy attacks and lost 30,000 people before we were able to join up with the British in Hammond. Although most of the surviving Armenians were sent to Bahour, Emmanuel and his family moved

leaving the natives to the mercy of the encircling Turkish army. The local Armenians were joined by 30,000 Assyrian mountaineers and by one segment of the Armenian population who fled from Van— a force of 120,000 altogether. Although the British promised help, there was no way for them to get to the area, and the Armenians decided to rely on their own resources. Dr. Varanyan recalled, "Thousands of people followed us in a tremendous march, day and night. In which we were continually subject to enemy attacks and lost 30,000 people before we were able to join up with the British in Hammond."

Speaking at the NAASR anniversary program, Prof. Varanyan summed up his feelings about his people and his community: "Fellow Armenian Americans, your sustained devotion to the rebirth and development of the Armenian homeland is an extraordinary achievement, worthy of our admiration and gratitude of the Armenian people at home and abroad."

"Wherever we are, in any country, we are united in our desire to see the Armenian people rise to the truth, the same in our conquered land, in which we were continuously subject to enemy attacks and lost 30,000 people before we were able to join up with the British in Hammond."

Looking back, Prof. Varanyan says: "We are still alive! Thank God!"

## Lepsius Symposium Held in Germany

A symposium dedicated to the memory of Dr. Johann Lepsius, the German humanist who attempted to form the Armenian people during World War I, was held this past October in Berlin and East Germany, on February 18 and 19, 1986. The symposium marked the 60th anniversary of the death of Dr. Lepsius, and it was organized by Prof. Hermann Golz, chairman of the U.S. State Department at the university. Dr. Golz's primary interest lies in the history of Eastern Christians, especially the Armenian Church.

Twenty scholars presented papers on various aspects of the lives of Dr. Lepsius. The complete papers of Dr. Lepsius, compiled in three volumes—"One Nation Un- dependence National Historical Park, which will house the institute.

The institute is scheduled to begin operation in September, 1987."
Exposed, feelings of Armenians in the diaspora. T124p. on the basis of a selected use of documents, interpretation of modern Armenian history the land of his fathers and a treassian (Ashod New). Personal view by the author of his relationship to poet. Translated by Henrik Nordbrandt and notes by Theo. Introduction outlining the events of his life and the Armenian plateau in the region of Armenia. Annual (vol. 7, 1986). A collection of short stories by the prominent Armenian author, lawyer, and member of the Ottoman parliament, who was murdered by the government on the eve of the Armenian massacres. With an introduction by Michael Karmian. T117. $10.00 ($8.50).

Recent and Selected Titles of Note

A sampling of some recent and noteworthy additions to NAASR’s Armenian Book Clearing House list appears below. Figures in parentheses represent reduced prices for NAASR subscribers only. A list of other recent titles is available upon request. Postage is paid by NAASR on all prepaid orders.

Aghdamar, by Stepan Mnatsagian, photos by Rainer K. Lampinen [Editions Erebouni, Finland]. A new publication about the architecture and sculpture of the famed Church of the Holy Cross on the island of Aghdamar in Lake Van. Over 70 full-page photographs in color, some of them fold-out, with a detailed scholarly analysis of the church and its ornamentation. In Armenian. A160. $35.00 ($30.00).

Hovhaness Atvazovsk (Sovietan Gropk Publishers, Yerevan). Compiled by I. L. Mirzoyan and Sh. Rkhachaturian. An album of color reproductions of paintings by this noted Russian Armenian maritime artist, with a brief introduction outlining the events of his life and the significance of his works. In Armenian, Russian, and English. A155. $31.50 ($26.95).


Annual of Armenian Linguistics (printed at Cleveland State University). The most recent issue of this scholarly journal (Vol. 7, 1986) contains, in addition to a major article on “Infinite and Participle in Armenian” by J.J. Weltenberg of the University of Leiden, articles and book notes in Armenian. A152p. $13.00 ($11.75).

Armenia, a poem by Henrik Nordbrandt (Curstone Press, Willimantic, CT). The translation from Danish into English of a lengthy poem that explores the meaning of the tragedy that struck Armenia in the 20th century and describes its impact on a sensitive present-day poet. Translated by Henrik Nordbrandt and Alexander Taylor. T123p. $7.50 ($6.50).

Armenia: Reflections in Verse, by Jack An­ tresonian (Ashod Press, New York). A deeply personal view by the author of his relationship to the land of his fathers and a reexamination of the popular symbols that have dominated the feelings of Armenians in the diaspora. T124p. $3.50 ($3.00).

The Armenian File: The Myth of Innocence Exposed, by Kamuran Gurun [St. Martín’s Press, New York]. A retired Turkish diplomat who now lectures at Ankara University provides a Turkish interpretation of modern Armenian history and, on the basis of a selected use of documents, con­ cludes that “the Armenian file” is closed and that “no one has the right to make any kind of demand from Turkey about the events occurring before the signing of the Lausanne Treaty.” H276. $29.95 ($24.95).

Daughters of Memory, by Peter Najarian [City­Miner Books, Berkeley, CA]. A novel set in America and narrated by an artist obsessed with the female form: his descriptions of sexual exploits are set against the backdrop of conversations between his Armenian mother and her friends about life in the old country and the events of the Genocide. With sketches by the author. T122. $8.95 ($7.95).

Escape, by Marie Abelian Egikhanoff with Ken Wilson [Pacific Press Publishing, Mountain View, Ontario]. In this sequel to Terror by Night and Day, the author recounts her underground existence as an Armenian refugee in Konia, Turkey, during World War I and her final escape to America with the surviving members of her family in 1923. X179p. $9.50 ($8.50).


Sometimes I Feel... Recollections, Romances, and Reveries, by Astrik Armanianian [Legation Press, Washington, DC]. The autobiography of an orphan girl from Istanbul who gradually and painfully adapts herself to a new life in the United States. X181p. $5.00 ($4.50).

Soviet Armenia, by K. S. Demrichian [Progress Publishers, Moscow]. The history and progress of the Armenian Soviet Socialist Republic as viewed by the first Secretary of the Communist Party of Armenia. With colored pictures of monuments, industrial activity, and the coun­tr­yes. H265. $5.95 ($4.95).

Tracking Marco Polo, by Tim Severin (Peter Bedrick Books, New York). The adventures of three young men who rode motorcycles from Europe to the Chinese border along the path of Marco Polo’s famous journeys, with a descrip­tion of the landscape and people of Lesser Armenia and Greater Armenia. H277. $15.95 ($13.50).

The Unwanted: European Refugees in the Twentieth Century, by Michael R. Marrus (Oxford University Press, New York and Oxford). The first comprehensive treatment of the homeless peoples of the 20th century, encompassing the Armenian refugees, the Jews, Spanish Civil War emigres, and many others, with extensive information on humanitarian ef­forts of Fridtjof Nansen to help displaced persons. H275. $24.95 ($21.50).

Voice of Conscience: The Stories of Krikor Zohrub, translated by Jack An­tresonian [St. Var­­tan Press, New York]. A collection of short stories by the prominent Armenian author, lawyer, and member of the Ottoman parliament, who was murdered by the government on the eve of the Armenian massacres. With an introduction by Michael Karmian. T117. $10.00 ($8.50).

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