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# A.C.Y.U.A. SPORTS



The Lawrence Basketball Team which has just recently started practice is eager to hear from any other chapter interested in playing us. If so please contact Brian Bogosian. Recently, Lawrence scrimmaged Haverhill.

Also the girls from Lawrence have just organized a basketball team. Any girl interested in playing contact Shari Aznoian; or even better start a team of your own. At this time I would like to say that this forthcoming Jr. Sports Weekend in Watertown should be an exciting one, with chapters competing in several sports including Basketball. We would like to see everyone there. Watch for further details

- Brian A. Bogosian -

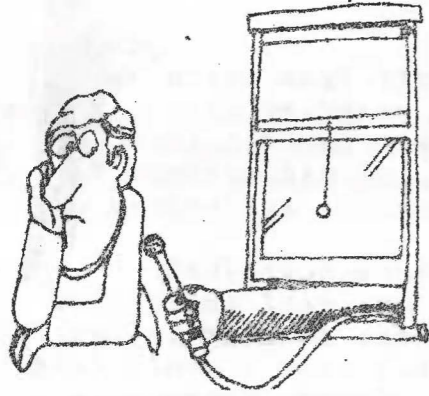
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## SOVIETS JAIL ELEVEN DISSIDENT ARMENIANS

MOSCOW - Eleven young Soviet Armenians have been jailed for terms ranging from two to seven years for organizing a non-Communist National United Party of Armenia, dissident physicist Andrei Sakharov said today. Sakharov, quoting what he described as "completely reliable information" from Yerevan, capital of the transcaucasian republic, said one other trial was currently in progress and nine more people had been arrested last month in connection with the case. The physicist said his informants had reported that the aim of the party had been the separation of the Armenians from the rest of the Soviet Union and its re-unification with former Armenian areas in eastern Turkey and Soviet Azerbaidzhan. The eleven were sentenced in at least three separate trials over the past six months, Sakharov added. No word of the reported trials has reached Moscow through official sources and there has been no hint of them in the Armenian Communist party daily, Kommunist.

# OBSERVATIONS

## WHO'S EXAMPLE SHOULD WE FOLLOW ?



We are told that we should attend church services regularly, that we should forgive our enemies - as well as our friends, that we should not gossip about anyone, that we should help out in our community, and that we should give to our church as much as we can. But where do we find living examples of these virtues ? Where do we go to find out the right from the wrong - the truth from the false, and

the better from the good ?? I ask these questions because I have visited many churches in the N.E. area, and have talked at length with concerned, and not so concerned, individuals as to the points raised above. I have attended church services in various parishes and have noticed one re-occurring factor - that the youth is hardly around the church (sunday mornings or any other time for that matter). Traditionally, the Church was the center of the community - both socially and religiously. Granted the American "society" has changed much of the traditions that our forefathers brought with them, but has everything been lost? Our parents have a drawer full of excuses why they can't go to church -- but we, the youth, should go. The Armenian Church speaks of receiving Holy Communion at least five times a year - when was the last time you saw your parents receive ? If we are expected to respond to teachings from our elders - be they religious, cultural, or otherwise - isn't it a necessity to instruct us through examples. Armenian Communities are full of 'clicks' that seem to be doing more harm than good - isn't it time we had some type of leadership that might help in the strengthening of our parishes. Our churches are virtually empty - doesn't anyone care ?? If Armenians call themselves so, why are they affraid to live it? Does the Church ask for so much ? I would say that the American everyday life asks for alot more. If we don't live as Armenians now, what will our future generations be like ? (the staff encourages response from our readers) The Editor

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**We guarantee tomorrow today.**

New England District  
A.C.Y.O.A.

## N.E. DISTRICT COMMITTEE NEWS:

The District Committee wishes to thank the Providence ACYOA chapter for hosting the Assembly weekend on November 8,9,&10th. Much was discussed at the meetings and a bright, activity-filled picture was drawn for the up-coming year in the New England District A.C.Y.O.A.

A Christmas Turkey Drawing being sponsored by the Dist. Comm. has been initiated with the hopes of obtaining some revenue to maintain operations until the new fiscal year. We hope that chapter membership will do their best in supporting this event.

SPORT TOURNAMENT WEEKEND to be held in Watertown and hosted that chapter, details will be forthcoming to chapters concerning the activities and specifications concerning the sporting events, make your tear up now and begin practices!!!

ELECTIONS....Chapters should begin plans for annual elections during the month of December. Official Executive Body listings should be sent to the Dist. Comm. as soon as elections are final.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT.....(Are you an Armenian ? THINK about it !!!)

ARMENIANS! Fight with all your flesh.  
if your flesh has fallen piece by piece, fight with your muscles, your and your veins.  
And if these have been consumed in the battle, fight with your bones.  
If your bones have been shattered, then fight with the marrow of the bone.  
And when no marrow remains, fight with your ashes. If they also have been crushed, dispersed and lost....then fight, Armenians.....  
Fight with nothing but your HEROISM! (Shahan Shanoor, author)

LAWRENCE:

The Lawrence ACYOA has really been living it up with one dance after another. The New England District weekend in Prov. really topped it off. Five of our members attended the weekend.

Our ACYOA invites one and all to our Armenian Christmas Party, January 10, at which everyone will eat, drink, and be merry.

LOWELL:

The Lowell ACYOA is on the move. Our ACYOA is beginning to really get up and go. This is due to the great turnouts for our meetings. As it is now, things are really shaping up for the Lowell chapter. On November 8, 9, 10, a group from our chapter attended the 10th New England District Assembly Weekend in Providence, R.I. Our group consisted of Danny Donabedian, John Arguoyan, Jim Magarian, Brian Kazanjian, David Ajamian, Gary Shamshoyan, Nancy Onanian, Dave Onanian, and Lena Nalbandian. We were second for the most attending. Haverhill had the distinction of having 11 and being first. Our calendar of events for 74-75 consists of our chapter attending the AGBU dance Spectacular at the Music Hall and other which will be forthcoming, namely a Christmas party, skating and bowling parties.

THANKSGIVING

The original Thanksgiving took place in 1623 when, in the midst of a drought, the settlers in the New World were blessed with rain while praying. They feasted for three days after their harvest. Gradually this custom to give thanks annually for such harvests was later adopted by Congress during the Revolution.

Even though the day hasn't changed for a long time the spirit has. Now it is merely a day away from school and a time to stuff your face with turkey and Mom's apple pie along with such delicacies as pilaf sandwich on sarian, yalanchi, bourma, baklava, and leb-lebloo.

*NO spiritual program?*  
*NO cultural program?*

**The ACYOA Bulletin Board**

**COMING EVENTS**

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

LAWRENCE:

January 10 - Lawrence ACYOA Armenian Christmas Party at the Church Hall. Come eat, drink, and be merry. 8p.m. - 12p.m.

LOWELL:

November 28 - SS. Vartanatz Thanksgiving Day Dance featuring Artie Barsamian, Armenian-American Music. Indian Ridge Country Club, West Andover. Rte. 93 to Rte. 133. 8p.m. - ???

PROVIDENCE:

December 7 - 2nd Annual Christmas Dance at Egavian Auditorium, featuring Jack Baghdarian. Reservations only, for tickets call; Suzanne Mooradian - 353-2374  
Linda Minassian - 942-0491

WATERTOWN:

November 23 - Dance at St. James Cultural Center, Sponsored by the Men's Club. Featuring Johnny Berberian.  
December 25 - 5th Annual Christmas Dance at St. James Cultural Center Sponsored by the ACYOA Seniors of Watertown. Featuring Roger Krikorian, Greg and Richard Takvorian, Kenny Kalajian, Greg Papazian, Leon Manoogian, Gary Aprahamian, & Joe Zeytoonian

CORRECTION:

WATERTOWN JR. SPORTS WEEKEND WILL NOW BE HELD AFTER EASTER, IT'S NOT FAR AWAY SO GET YOUR SPORTS TEAMS READY. DETAILS UP-COMING

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