

September 12, 1984

Parish Council of  
St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church  
666 Richmond Road  
Cleveland, Oh 44143

Att: Mr. George Sakian,  
Chairman

Dear Mr. Sakian:

Thank you for your letter of August 7 regarding the 1984 dues, which you find excessive.

Your objection comes as a surprise to us, since your allocation, as well as all other parishes, are pro rated based on the data supplied by you each year.

The assessment is presented to and approved by the Diocesan Assembly each year, and therefore, we are not in a position to make changes at this point.

We are appreciative of your problems, and hopeful that you would be able to meet your obligation.

With best regards,

Michael M. Kerjian  
Director

cc: Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian, Pastor  
Mrs. Florence Karoghlanian, Treasurer

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ST. GREGORY OF NAREK  
ARMENIAN CHURCH

REV. FR. DIRAN PAPA ZIAN  
PASTOR

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666 Richmond Road  
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August 7, 1984

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America  
630 Second Ave.  
New York, New York 10016-14885

ATTN: Michael M. Kermian  
Director

Dear Mr. Kermian:

This Parish Council notes that our Parish dues to the Diocese have recently been increased by \$ 134.00, from \$479.00 to \$613.00 per month, retroactive to January 1, 1984. At the time of the notification, that left us a balance due of \$804.00 of which we have paid now \$402.00.

We lament the situation and conditions which make it impossible for this Parish to meet some of its local financial obligations, let alone satisfy an unplanned - for dues increase. Therefore, please accept this letter as notification that this Parish is unable to pay these new assessments, but will continue to pay the old dues amount of \$479.00, per month as long as we are able.

We invite your representative to visit us here in Cleveland for any discussion that you may wish to have on this subject.

Sincerely,

Parish Council of St. Gregory of Narek  
Armenian Apostolic Church of Cleveland

*Mr. George Sakian /esm*

*Mrs. Florence Karoghlanian /esm*

Mr. George Sakian  
Chairman

Mrs. Florence Karoghlanian  
Treasurer

March 11, 1986

Rev. Fr. Terenig Kondralian, Pastor  
St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church  
666 Richmond Rd.  
Richmond Heights, OH 44143

Dear Father Terenig:

We have been informed by the WCC in their letter of February 6, copy attached for your reference, that an ecumenical forum will be held on October 2, 3 and 4, 1986 at the Hollenden House Hotel in Cleveland.

We will appreciate if you will represent us at these meetings as we will be out of the country during that period.

May the Lord bless you and your loved ones with His love and wisdom.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

March 11, 1986

Ms. Joan Campbell  
Executive Director  
United States Office  
457 Riverside Drive, Room 1062  
New York, NY 10115

Dear Ms. Campbell:

Thank you for your letter of February 6, inviting us to attend an Ecumenical Forum on October 2, 3 and 4, 1986 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Much as we would have liked to attend this forum, we regret that we will not be able to do so as we will be out of the country during that period.

We have appointed the Rev. Fr. Terenig Kondralian, pastor of the St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church of Cleveland, to represent us at this forum.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

cc: Rev. Fr. Terenig Kondralian



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March 3, 1986

MEMO

TO: NCC representatives working on South Africa issues  
ICCR South Africa Steering Committee  
Churches Emergency Committee on Southern Africa  
Religious Committee on Labor Relations  
Campaign Against Investment in South Africa

FROM: Carol L. Somplatsky-Jarman, Director, International Justice

RE: New study commission on South Africa and IRD connections

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I write to alert you to the following matter: On Thursday, February 27, 1986, I received a call from Ms. Shelly Green concerning a study she will be working on called "South Africa Beyond Apartheid". It was my first contact with her. The South Africa study will be conducted during the next one and a half years and will be focused on the future of the country and "how we get there." Ms. Green explained that to carry out the study, interviews would be conducted with representatives of U.S. and S.A. groups including labor unions, corporations, churches, anti-apartheid groups and state and local officials. Ms. Green will be interviewing church and labor officials with David Hauck, Director of the South Africa Review Service of the Washington, D.C. based Investor Responsibility Research Center (IRRC).

The kinds of questions which will be asked include the perceptions representatives of various groups have on the future of South Africa, and, based on that, how they expect their activities to impact South Africa. Ms. Green mentioned that she and the other writers would be answering to a board of directors. I pressed her on this point, and she proceeded to read down a list of American and South Africans that were on this committee (see attached list). Among the names she listed were Peter Berger, who, according to Ms. Green, was fairly new to the subject of South Africa, but was on the panel because he was an "eminent sociologist"; and Richard John Neuhaus, who according to Ms. Green, brings to the panel a knowledge of U.S. and South African church groups and recently published a book on the subject. Mr. Neuhaus will be responsible for looking at the activities of church groups in the U.S. and South Africa.

As you will recall, Peter Berger and Richard John Neuhaus were founding members of the Institute for Religion and Democracy (IRD) and have been key players in that organization's attacks on the policies and mission activities of the mainstream Protestant churches. Neuhaus was one of two IRD spokespersons who attacked the churches in CBS's now-famous "60 Minutes" program which aired three years ago.

While it is not clear exactly what the role of this commission is and what are its official and unofficial ties to the corporate community and the U.S. and South African governments, we in the church community should be extremely cautious. On at least three occasions, U.S. church representatives have been asked about their positions on an "end to apartheid" that would not allow for a "one-person-one vote" political settlement. These occurred during meetings with Chevron Chair and CEO George M. Keller and Chemical Bank President Bob Callendar and in questions by Representative McCollum of Florida following Congressional testimony. These questions by top level officials have been repeated by many other lower level corporate officials. In sharing these encounters among ourselves, some ICCR church representatives believe there is an organized behind-the-scenes effort to formulate a political settlement which is aimed to win broad-based U.S. support, but which will not address the political rights and aspirations of South African blacks.

Furthermore, we perceive that some major U.S. corporations involved in South Africa are giving support to neo-conservative and right-wing "think-tank" type groups. A review of a recent Chase Manhattan company report listing corporate contributions indicates the bank has given substantial sums of money to both the Heritage Foundation and Ernest Lefever's Ethics and Public Policy Center.

Therefore, the "South Africa Beyond Apartheid" study commission has both the ability to play a role in formulating political alternatives in South Africa which do not take seriously the political aspirations of the black majority or the perspectives of our South African church counterparts, and likewise has the ability to serve as a springboard for attacks on U.S. church groups for their South Africa--related activities. I, therefore, urge you to exercise extreme caution.

It is possible that either Ms. Green or Mr. Hauck will be in touch with you soon to interview you concerning your church's/organization's activities on South Africa. If this occurs, please contact either Tim Smith or me. Ms. Green has asked to meet with Tim and me, and we have agreed to a meeting to be further briefed on the study and its origins, funding and goals. We will keep you informed of any updates on this situation.

SOUTH AFRICA BEYOND APARTHEID STUDY COMMISSION

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