

March 4, 1974.

Hip Eminence,
Archbishop Toros Manogian,
Primate of the Armenian Church of America,
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Your Eminence:

The attached copies of correspondence is self-explanatory.

The Parish Council held its meeting with the AGBU Executive Committee on February 27, 1974. This meeting was preceded by Mr. G. Kavoukian, chairman of the AGBU, raising the issue of the Church-AGBU centre both at the Annual Parish Assembly and the AGBU Annual meeting. Especially during the latter meeting, he chose to shed a bad light on the Parish Council by insinuations, innuendoes and half-truths. Neither I nor any of the other Parish Councillors present replied to his insinuations lest we create a crisis in the community to the benefit of a third party.

However, with an informal exchange of views with a few members of the AGBU Executive, we decided to ignore the whole episode and go ahead with the scheduled meeting of the two Executive Committees.

Although they have been spreading rumors for weeks that they were giving the total land to the Church for \$ 1.00 and that we were not gracious enough to accept it, you will note from Mr. Kavoukian's letter of February 1st that this was not the complete truth.

Even at the joint meeting they kept the same charade. The meeting ended amicably and you will see from the so-called Minutes or summary of our discussions that a certain ambiguity has still resulted in spite of the fact that our stand was quite clear- that the AGBU should give half the land to the Church without any strings attached while the other half although it can be the Church's in name, the AGBU can have its use forever.

To make the above point quite clear and avoid any underhanded act, we decided to write a letter to Mr. Kavoukian with copies to Messrs. A. Hanoogian and E. Mardigian.

If you are agreeable to our stand clearly stated in our letter to Mr. Kavoukian of March 3rd and partly reflected by the Minutes, then, we will proceed to have a detail legal agreement drawn up which will still be subject to your scrutiny and approval.

I think a special Parish Assembly has to be called to inform the parishioners that an agreement has been worked out with the AGBU and the kind of agreement. With all that went on during the last two months, I feel it is essential and lesser of the two evils to have such a meeting if we want to avoid a crisis.

Yours sincerely,

Barkev Khojajian,
Chairman - PARISH COUNCIL