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'MODERN TECHNOLOGY AND THE FUTURE OF ARMENIA' IS LECTURE TOPIC OF NOTED ASTROPHYSICIST TO SPEAK AT DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

Dr. Grigor Gurzadyan, Chairman of the Department of Astronomy at Byurakan Observatory in Armenia, is visiting the United States for the first time and will be a guest lecturer at the Haik and Alice Kavookjian Auditorium on Wednesday, August 23 at 7:30pm. En route to Washington, D.C. recently, the noted scientist said that the United States and the Soviet Union could make great advances for humanity if they cooperated on more scientific projects. Dr. Gurzadyan was in the nation's capitol to discuss a possible joint U.S. satellite project involving the design of a new type of ultraviolet satellite telescope. It would make studying the heavens a less time consuming process by enabling simultaneous monitoring of frequencies given off by several stars and galaxies. He also visited the Goddard Space Center in Maryland and was the first Soviet permitted to use the International Ultraviolet Explorer Satellite there. The device is used to study the high frequency light waves in space.

Dr. Gurzadyan is a supporter of U.S. and Soviet collaboration on a range of sciences from biotechnology and medicine to nuclear studies, space exploration and computers. Dr. Gurzadyan's visit was made possible through arrangment with Dr. Yervant Terzian, Chairman of Cornell University's Astronomy Department. At Cornell, Dr. Gurzadyan's enthusiasm, about being in the States, was evident when he said, "There is so much I am able to do with scientists here. The potential for collaboration in other fields as well is tremendous."

Dr. Gurzadyan has published numerous articles in scientific journals in the Soviet Union, the United States, England, and Europe. He is also an active member of several honorary scientific societies and is an Academician at the Armenian Academy of Sciences.

In addition to being a noted scientist, Dr. Gurzadyan is well-known throughout the Soviet Union as an artist whose speciality is landscape painting.



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Soviet scientist pushes joint projects

By JOHN YAUKEY Journal Stuff

A Soviet Armenian scientist, on his way to Washington, D.C., this morning from Cornell University to discuss a possible joint U.S.-Soviet satellite project, said the two nations could make great advances for humanity if they cooperated on more scientific projects.

"There is so much we could do together," said 67-year-old astrophysicist. Grigor Gurzadyan, who is visiting Cornell and the United States for the first time. "There is so much I am able to do with scientists here. The potential for collaboration in other fields as well is tremendous."

Gurzadyan is the chairman of the department of astronomy at Byurakan Observatory in Soviet Armenia.

He is visiting the United States for two months through arrangements orchestrated largely by Yervant Terzian, the chairman of Cor- Soviet permitted to use the Interna-

nell's astronomy department.

During an interview Wednesday. Gurzadyan recommended U.S.-Soviet collaboration on a range of sciences, from biotechnology and medicine to nuclear studies, space exploration and computers.

Terzien said Gurzadyan, who is also known in the Soviet Union for his landscape paintings, is considered a maverick and has written several widely published anti-communist articles.

Gurzadyan, who has refused to join the Communist Party, credited his U.S. visit to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's liberal glasnost reforms. Many of the Soviet Union's scientists are backing Gorbachev, hoping for an even greater margin of freedom for collaboration with Western scientists in the fucure, he said.

Gurzadyan recently returned from the Goddard Space Center in Maryland, where he was the first

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tional Ultraviolet Explorer Satellite, a device used to study the highfrequency light waves in space.

"Every day we learned something new," he said, "It is vital that this kind of cooperation continue."

Gurzadyan applauded recent talk about a joint U.S.-Soviet mission to Mars, but said the red planet should be explored with robots. Manned flight there would have only political value and would cost far more than an automated proarram, he said.

Gurzadyan's business in Washington today involves discussions of a U.S.-Soviet collaboration on a

new type of untraviolet satellite telescope.

Mounted on satellites, so they can ride above the light-filtering atmosphere, these telescopes allow scientists to study the the high frequency energy given off by stars and gulaxies.

The most advanced ultraviolet telescopes developed so far can focus only on single objects, making a study of the heavans a pain-staking and time-consuming process.

Gurzadyan proposes that the United States and the Soviet Union build a telescope that is capable of mapping the sky from horizon to



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The ultraviolet telescope is one of several projects NASA is discussing with the Soviets. Terzian

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1939-1944

Yerevan Polytechnic Institute, Yerevan

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Degree of Hydrotechnical Engineering

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Armenian Academy of Sciences, Yerevan

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Byurakan Astrophysical Observatory, Armenia, SSR

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M.Sc. Degree in Astronomy, Moscow University, Moscow, USSR

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Ph.D. Degree in Astronomy, Leningrad University, Leningrad,

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Member, Editorial Board, Journal "Astrofizika" (1965-1970)

Invited Professor, Georgian University, Tbilisi (1957, 1960)

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Invited Professor, Mexican Institute of Astrophysics, Mexico (1969)

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