

October 31, 1990

REPORT OF ACTING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

This is a report of my activities as Acting Executive Secretary to the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America (ACYOA) for the month of October.

October 1, 1990 - Visitation to Hartford's St. George ACYOA to discuss plans for 1991 ACYOA General Assembly and Sports Weekend. Meeting was open to all parishioners, with an executive meeting that followed.

October 20, 1990 - New England Regional Conference in Watertown, Massachusetts, St. James ACYOA host chapter. Twenty five ACYOA executive members attended this meeting. Those participating were; Watertown, Cambridge, Hartford, New Britain, Providence, Worcester, and Springfield ACYOA Chapters.

Nominations were accepted for new positions of chairman and vice chairman to replace out-going Chairman, Richard Mardirosian, Hartford, and Vice Chairman, John Mergridichian, Providence. Elections will take place on December 1, 1990 in Providence.

The participants at the bi-monthly regional conferences discussed each chapter's calendar of events, with the purpose of informing sister chapters of activities and avoiding conflicts in scheduling. Other issues discussed consisted of the problems of chapters which are weakening or are becoming inactive. Springfield and Worcester are having some problems and the new regional chairman will make it a priority to visit and assist weak chapters within the New England Region. Inactive chapters include Haverhill, Chelmsford, Lawrence, and Trumbull.

During the month of October, the Hye Hokin ACYOA Publication and a National Anniversary Ball mailing were distributed to our mailing list of approximately three thousand names.

Work is continuing on the ACYOA National Calendar and the next issue of the Hye Hokin. The ACYOA Calendar will be sent during the beginning of December, and will consist of a calendar of national events. The next issue of our publication will be ready for print the second week in November and should also be distributed on the first of December.

Concurrently, the ACYOA Office is working on three Diocesan Young Adult Programs that will be offered to members and will be advertised simultaneously. Pending approval, the Armenian Studies Program, the ACYOA Jerusalem Internship Program, and the Diocesan Summer Research Internship will be sent out together to offer our members and Armenian young adults a variety of summer programs benefiting the individual and our church. Much of the preparation, such as accepting travel agents bids and reviewing proposals, has already begun. These three programs will be announced to the public in mid-November.

Finally, the ACYOA Office will step up its effort to release a greater number of press releases to the Armenian papers. Bi-weekly news releases will appear in the Armenian Reporter and Mirror Spectator beginning in November.

Next Central Council Meeting, November 10th, 9:00,
Diocesan Center, New York City.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anthony J. Barsamian, Jr.
Acting Executive Secretary

Report of Resolutions and Courtesies Committee

Whereas His Holiness, Vasken I, Catholicos of All Armenians, has guided the Armenian Apostolic Church through this difficult period in our history; thereby be it resolved that on the occasion of the 1990 General Assembly of the ACYOA we pledge our obedience, love, and support to His Holiness and to the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin.

Whereas Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, former Primate of the Eastern Diocese, and former President of the ACYOA, is ascending to the throne of Patriarchate in Jerusalem; thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA congratulates him on the occasion of his enthronement. } *MA*

Whereas the Very Reverend Father Khajag Barsamian has been elected to the post of Primate of the Eastern Diocese, and assumes the position of President of the ACYOA; thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA extends its respect, continued support, and appreciation to the Very Reverend Father Khajag Barsamian and to our Diocese.

Whereas the late Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan founded the ACYOA and whose spirit and memory continue to inspire this body; whereas the anniversary of his passing coincides with this Assembly; thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA will continue to honor its spiritual father. Be it further resolved that this Assembly offers its prayers for the repose of his soul and for the comfort of the Holy Spirit to all who share the loss of this great servant of the Gospel and the Armenian church.

Western + Canadian Dioceses
Whereas our Homeland continues to suffer the effects of the tragic earthquake; thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA will continue to support the ongoing effort to rebuild our Homeland.

Whereas for the first time in seventy years in the history of Armenia, the Armenian Parliament has elected a president; thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA wishes the newly elected president and the Parliament success in these difficult times in Armenia.

Whereas the United States has become the home of many, including those of Armenian ancestry; thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA extends its best wishes to the government of the United States and to President George Bush.

Whereas the 1990 General Assembly was a productive one; thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA is greatly appreciative to all Clergy, Chapter Chairmen, and Delegates for their service and participation therein.

+ Abp. Vatche Hovsepian

The Very Rev. Sorren Anshulian

Whereas the 1990 General Assembly and National Sports Weekend is being hosted by the Cleveland chapter; thereby be it resolved that this Assembly wishes to thank the Pastor, the Parish Council of Saint Gregory of Narek, and the Sports Weekend Executive Committee of the Cleveland chapter, led by Mona Karoghlanian, for their efforts in making this year's Sports Weekend and Assembly a successful one.

Whereas the parish of Saint Gregory of Narek in Cleveland contributed greatly towards the preparation for the 1990 General Assembly and Sports Weekend; thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA expresses its sincerest thanks to its members for their contributions towards the success of the weekend.

Whereas Douglas Tashjian, the ^{former} ACYOA Executive Secretary, has devoted a great deal to the organization; thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA thanks him for his continued efforts on its behalf, and wishes him success in his future endeavors.

Whereas Antranig Barsamian has assumed the role of ACYOA ^{acting} Executive Secretary; thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA extends its thanks and continued support for his work.

{ Whereas the Youth Director of the ACYOC, Harry Sakarya, accompanied by the newly elected Very Reverend Father Hovnan Derderian, having assumed the post of head of the Diocese of Canada, have participated throughout these proceedings; Thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA extends its appreciation to them for their continued interest and support therein.

Whereas the Clergy of our Diocese have continued to support the ACYOA, both in their respective parishes and at this Assembly; thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA extends their deepest respect and appreciation to them.

Whereas Scott Najarian has done an outstanding job as Chairman of this Assembly; thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA extends its sincere thanks to him for his contribution.

Whereas The Reverend Father Dajad Davidian and Rena Jebejian have done an outstanding job as Parliamentarian and Seargent-at-Arms, respectively; thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA extends its sincere thanks to them for their contributions.

Whereas Christine Kondralian has ^{delegator} (painstakingly) recorded the minutes of these Assembly proceedings; thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA extends its sincere thanks to her for her contribution.

Whereas Senator Bob Dole worked ~~un~~relentlessly to push passage of the resolution in the U.S. Congress to recognize April 24th as a National Day of Remembrance for all Armenians who perished in the 1915 genocide; thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA extends its sincere appreciation and supports his efforts on behalf of our

people.

Whereas Jerry Tarkanian, NCAA basketball coach of University of Nevada-Las Vegas and originally from Cleveland, graciously accepted the offer to attend the ACYOA Sports Weekend; whereas he attended our activities and was master of ceremonies for the Awards Banquet; thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA extends their sincerest gratitude for his involvement.

Whereas Betty Cimoroni and Anne Abdalian-Tarkanian graciously took responsibility for escorting Jerry Tarkanian to Sports Weekend and Pre-Weekend activities; thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA extends their sincerest appreciation and gratitude.

Respectfully Submitted,

1990 General Assembly
Resolutions and
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Kathy Keusey
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