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ACYOA Central Council members with the Primates of Eastern, Western and Canada Dioceses. Seated, from left: The Very Rev. Khajag Barsamian, (East-New York), Archbp. Vatche Hovsepian (West-Los Angeles), the Very Rev. Hovnan Derderian (Montreal, Canada). Second row, from left: Lisa Manookian, Charles Shooshan, Laurie Onanian, Steven Megridichian, Suzie Ashjian, Sara Andonian and Linda Chagachbanian.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL. Members of Central Council of ACYOA with the Primates of Eastern, Western and Canadian Diocese at the recent Transitional Meeting. Standing, l. to r.: Lis Manookian, Charles Shooshan, Laurie Onanian, Steven Megirdichian, Suzie Ashjian, Sara Andonian and Linda Chagachbanian. Seated, l. to r.: Very Rev. Khajag Barsamian, Archbishop Vatche Hovsepian and Very Rev. Hovnan Derderian.

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LOS ANGELES — Out of the 18 AGBU chapters participating in the four-day 9th Olympian Games, the Los Angeles chapter came out with flying colors by becoming the overall winner and received the Alex and Marie Manoogian Cup last weekend in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles won seven first places in team competitions and 18 individual first place winners in the 9th Olympian Games of the AGBU, held at Occidental College.

The basketball team won the title and received the cup from Mr. Nazareth Kalaydjian, who had donated the cup. The LA team has won the basketball cup for the past five years in a row. Similarly, in volleyball, the LA team won the 6th time in a row and received the cup from Mr. John Boyajian.

Ed Atamian of LA won the tennis first place for the 6th year in a row.

The Glendale chapter took the soccer cup from Mrs. Theriza Deukmedjian, defeating the Pasadena chapter 7-2.

The Glendale chapter won six individual first places.

The AGBU Olympian Games Sportsmanship Trophy, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mardigian, was awarded to the Vancouver, British Columbia team.

The 17 chapters participating



Benefactors Mr. and Mrs. Edward and Helen Mardigian

in this year's game were: Binghampton, New York, Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Fresno, Glendale Los Angeles, Miami, New York/New Jersey, Oakland/San

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Francisco, Orange County, Pasadena, Philadelphia, San Fernando Valley and Washington. From Canada: Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal.

More than 600 persons participated in the games in nine events such as track and field, basketball, volleyball, tennis, pingpong, swimming, badminton, racquetball and soccer, in two categories — seniors and juniors, men and women.

The Honorary Presidents of the 9th Olympian Games were prominent philanthropists Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mardigian of Detroit, who, very much impressed and excited, made a \$100,000 donation to the AGBU Youth Activities Committee as the spectators gave them a thunderous ovation on Sunday, during the closing ceremonies. (Originally they had made a \$25,000 contribution, but added \$75,000 more).

TO: Syraun Paluetzian

FROM: Laurie Onanian

DATE: Aug. 23, 1990

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Draft a response for my signature

Review and submit written comments

Draft a response under your signature

Respond orally

a. copy needed
b. no copy needed

Take appropriate action

Deadline: _____

Syraun,
Here is a copy of the
article on General Council
which appeared in the
Reporter and Mirror-Spectator.

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ACYOA Central Council Holds Final Meeting Of 1989-1990 Year



The ACYOA Central Council. Seated, from left: Lisa Manookian, Laurie Onanian. Standing: Charles Shooshan, ACYOA College Coordinator Nicole Mazmanian, and Suzie Ashjian.

The ACYOA Central Council held its final meeting of the 1989-1990 year on June 8-9, in Sandwich, MA. The meeting was primarily to wrap up the year and prepare for the 1990 ACYOA General Assembly which will be held in Cleveland,

OH, August 29-31.

The Council reviewed the status of each chapter for the selection of the Chapter "A" Award (given to the most outstanding chapter) and selected recipients for the Sam Nersessian Award, Outstanding Young Christian Awards and Chapter Achievement Awards. All winners will be announced during the Awards Banquet on Sunday evening of the National Sports Weekend, which directly follows the General Assembly. Both events are being hosted by the Cleveland ACYOA of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church.

At its meeting, the Council prepared the calendar for 1990-1991

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which includes a trip to Jerusalem and the Holy Land in October (sponsored in cooperation with the Department of Religious Education); a retreat in Providence from October 27-29, 1990; a National Anniversary Ball in Florida on January 26, 1991; and a Christian Leadership Seminar in Wynnewood, PA, in the Spring of 1991.

Also discussed was the ACYOA College Student Program. Nicole Mazmanian, ACYOA College Coordinator, who is striving to increase the participation of Armenian college youth within the communities and campuses, presented the Council with a report of her activities.

The ACYOA Central Council is comprised of five members, each serving a two-year term. Members are elected by the delegates of the General Assembly and are responsible for executing the decisions of the ACYOA General Assembly and maintaining the operations and programs of the National Organization through coordinating, directing, supervising and initiating of all ACYOA programs and activities.

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