

BINGHAMTON VISIT

MAY 21, 1977: Leave La Guardia at 1:20 p.m.
arrive BINGHAMTON at 2:06 p.m.

FLIGHT: Allegheny 323

May 23, 1977: Leave Binghamton at 12:04 p.m.
Arrive LA GUARDIA 12:50 p.m.

FLIGHT: Allegheny 322

Father Kevork Arakelian has been informed regarding flight numbers, arrival time and departure time.

Father Kevork Arakelian asked if Your Eminence could take to Binghamton some good slides of Etchmiadzin and around the Vank, etc. He has a few but would appreciate having some others, if there are any.

He said that if Your Eminence had favorite Sharagans, or other Liturgical music, perhaps you could take the notes with you.

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May 17, 1977

Saint Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church



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March 23, 1977

His Eminence
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
630 Second Avenue
New York City, New York 10016

Eminence:

I spoke with Fr. Jim and Joan Jones about the TV program and the areas which they would like to discuss.

They would like their TV audience to know the origin and beginning of the Armenian Church, then its spread to America in the 1900's to the present day and the future of the Church. They would also like to discuss the issues confronting the Church such as language and marriage before ordination. They also expressed a desire for slides/pictures (at least 5 x 7) and some liturgical music. I can get some slides of Etchmiadzin from parishoners and I have some liturgical music. I thought that if the C.R.E. film is ready you could use that with part of your talk on the present and future of the Church i.e. Christian Education plus training of seminarians. If you have any slides or pictures which will enhance the program, please bring them. The program is in color.

As for flights: There is a flight that leaves Broome County Airport at 12:04 p.m. and arrives in La Guardia at 12:50 p.m., in time to attend graduation, if it is still at 3:00 p.m.

We will meet Monday, May 23rd, at 9:45 a.m. for the taping.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Let us know when you will be arriving in Binghamton so that we might make arrangements.

Your servant in Christ,

Kevork Kahana Arakelian

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Pastor



— PRESS PHOTOS BY RENEE MYRAE

Washing of Feet

The Rev. George R. Arakelian, pastor, above, washes foot of Simon Injajigian of Binghamton, one of 12 senior citizens of church who participated in Maundy Thursday service last night at St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Orthodox Church, 12 Corbett Ave., Binghamton. Ritual symbolizing humili-

ty commemorates Christ's bathing of his apostles' feet at Last Supper. Below, pastor is shown at center blessing water, while acolytes Jack Injajigian, left, and Raymond Seraydarian hold text of prayer and other participants wait



McHugh: Salaries Reflect Congress-Constituent Rift

By JEFF DAVIS

The cartoon, by Boston Globe cartoonist Paul Szep, stated the case with sardonic eloquence.

Gazing out at the reader was a tearful Sen. Edward Muskie of Maine. His clothes were rag-tag, his derby battered. In one hand was a tin cup; in the other, a flaming piece of U.S. currency. Muskie was lighting a cigar with it.

Beneath the caricature of the Maine Democrat, the caption read, "Portrait of an impoverished American who can't hack it on 60 thou."

The reference is to a proviso in the new Congressional ethics code that places a limit on outside earnings by Congressmen. Before the limit was proposed, Congress gave itself a \$12,900 salary increase, from \$44,600 to \$57,500 a year. The ethics code limits outside earnings to 15 per cent or less of the Congressional salary. So, members of both House and Senate potentially can earn an \$8,625 in addition to their salaries and generous fringe benefits.

Still, members of both houses of Congress, including a very vocal Senator Muskie, who has earned \$25,000 or more on the lecture circuit, have complained the limit represents financial deprivation.

In reaction to these complaints, many Americans suggest the attitude of Muskie and others reflects a basic lack of understanding of the American reality in the Spring of 1977.

Rep. Matthew F. McHugh, D-27th Dist., is inclined to agree.

"The question goes right to the heart of how government reflects the will of the people and how government responds to that will," McHugh said.

"There is a risk that a person in Congress can become removed from the people at home and their problems. There is a constant challenge to remain in touch with people and their everyday problems while, at the same time, trying to come up with reasonable solutions to those problems."

McHugh said the question is not just one of Congressmen being paid more than many of their constituents. "The demands of the job often are quite heavy. I'm not trying to elicit sympathy, but there are long days and complicated demands to be met.

"Therefore, one can become preoccupied. So, it is a challenge to make an effort to keep in touch with people at home."

McHugh also said a Congressman must lead two lives: That of a legislator, which requires time and energy, and the life of a resident of the district who is aware of, and responsive to, the problems, ideas and needs of its people.

He added that in the past few years, issues confronting members of Congress have become more complex, and the demands for action from home have doubled or tripled. The combination makes it even more difficult to keep in touch with district residents and their concerns, McHugh said.

"You can go home and give a speech at a Rotary Club or on a college campus, and that can be important. Yet, by doing that you're not really feeling the problems and frustrations that everyday people are having.

"It is important to do things that provide that opportunity. That's why the town meetings I hold perhaps are as meaningful as anything I do. People pour out their frustrations, feelings and doubts."

But the approach is time-consuming. "Add to the legislative demands on time and energy the reduced amount of time for married and family life. We can't be so absorbed by our job that we lose touch with our families. My own view is some people in Congress do lose touch. I think there is some validity to that complaint.

"What about the money? It is true some people could make more on the outside, but that isn't the only consideration. We're not just doing a job; we're representing people with problems. When individual Congressmen complain about

the pay and restrictions, it can lead to the feeling that they are out of touch with the people they represent.

"The question is valid," McHugh said, "and it is removed from the other question of whether or not we're worth what we're paid.

"I recognize this might be a subjective view, but I think a good Congressman is worth \$57,500. I think we're being paid fairly, but I opposed the pay raise when it was proposed because I felt it would be perceived as being the wrong time (economically) to demand a raise."

In other words, the pay increase raised questions about Congressional credibility, the Ithaca Democrat said.

So, McHugh offered the following suggestions for legislators to consider:

— Spend a lot of time with the people at home and be aware of their problems; and work to discover solutions to those problems.

— Never get in a "mind set" in which this is your whole life. Be ready to go home and do what you did before. It's very dangerous when a legislator votes simply to preserve his job.

Kite Contest Set in Union

A kite-flying contest will be held at 10 a.m. April 23 at Highland Park off Hooper Road in Endwell.

The contest, which is being sponsored by the Town of Union Parks and Recreation Department, is open to youths ages 6-18 who live in the Town of Union (including the Villages of Endicott and Johnson City). Parents are invited to attend.

Prizes will be awarded for: The largest and the smallest flying kites; the highest flying kite; the best-decorated and the best homemade kites and the best all-around kite.

First to Oppose McCabe

Williams Makes Mayor Bid

Thomas E. Williams of 226 Oakdale Road, Johnson City, has announced he will seek the Republican nomination for village mayor.

PTA Council and the Johnson City Pony League.

He is married and has three children.

