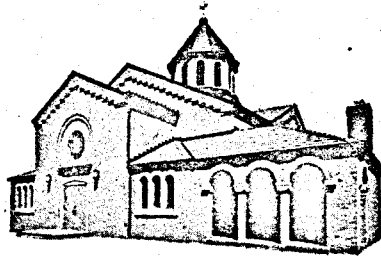


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BUILDING COMMITTEE PROGRESS REPORT

The bids are in and the Building Committee has chosen Humel Construction Company as the contractor.

The price is \$153,000 - without a covered walk between the church and the hall. The covered walkway would be an additional \$12,000. This \$12,000 price is applicable only if the walkway is constructed at the same time as the building.

The bid price is \$35,000-\$40,000 more than the estimated cost figures of 18 months ago. This additional expense is purely and completely attributable to the inflation factor of material costs and high wage settlements.

It is my personal opinion that we should proceed immediately with construction. Delay will definitely drive up the cost of the building. The hall, as presently designed, is as small as it can or should be! It is an extremely efficient and well-designed structure that will fulfill our community's needs. At the same time, it is without frills or luxuries of any kind.

The enclosed drawing shows the final layout of the rooms and an artist's conception of the hall as it would relate to the church.

The building could be cheaper if many windows were eliminated; if the typical Armenian Church arches were eliminated; if the brick facing were eliminated; if it were made lower; - all this would give you a cheaper factory, not a cultural hall.

The Parish Council is of the opinion that the members of the church should once again affirm their determination to proceed with this project in light of this great cost increase. It is the opinion of the Building Committee that the will of the parish expressed during the special assembly in February of 1969 is sufficient.

The completed project will run somewhere in the vicinity of \$200,000-\$225,000 when furnishings, interest, architect's fees, and other invariable costs are added. At the present time the total amount pledged is \$111,000. Of this amount \$10,000 is the AGBU pledge which is not yet a definite factor because of the terms of this gift. Therefore, during the coming years this parish must raise the additional amount of \$100,000 to cover the cost of this building.

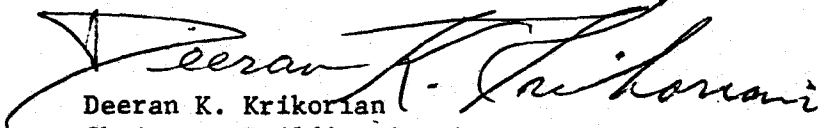
It is my opinion that this considerable sum of money can and will be raised in the next few years by a parish as determined and motivated as this one. However, the Parish Council has decided that you should all have one final opportunity to make your will known. Therefore, THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1970 AT 2 P.M. FOR FINAL APPROVAL AND GO AHEAD. Be there!

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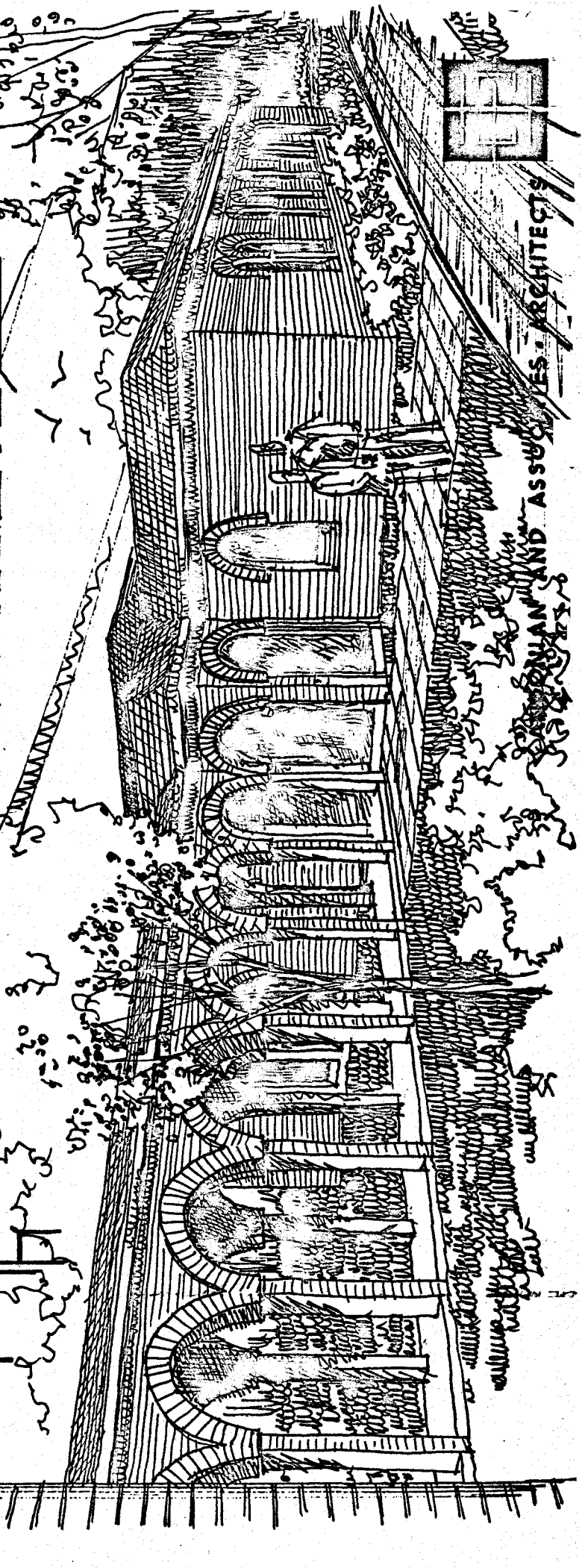
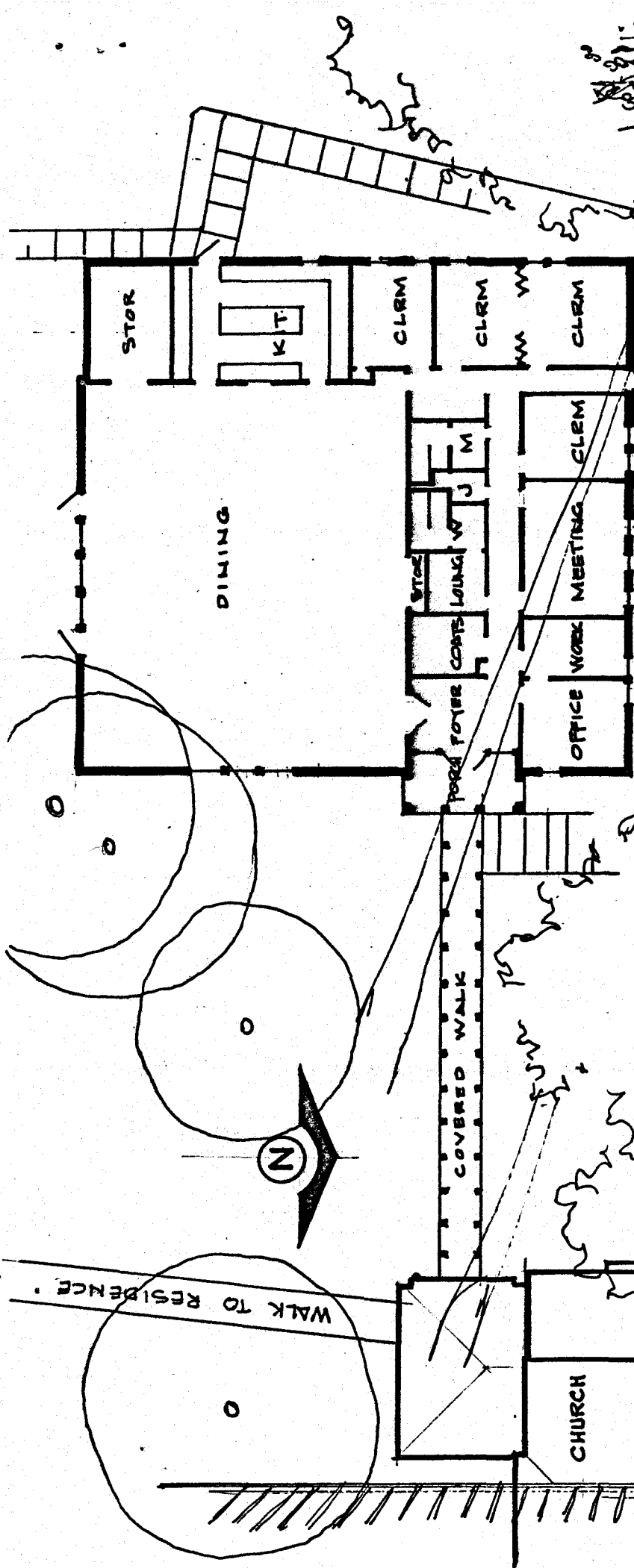
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Accept the fact that if this project is stalled at this stage, we will probably never have a hall. The inevitable rising costs of this inflationary economy make it a certainty that each and every year building expenses will rise by a minimum of 20%-30%. Our personal incomes will not keep pace. If we are going to do this thing, it must be done now.

Invariably the thought will occur that we should design a smaller hall. A smaller hall is absolutely useless. If this is your thinking, save your money and continue to exist with the house.


Deeran K. Krikorian
Chairman, Building Committee

December, 1970



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