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I A M A N A R M E N I A N

I am an Armenian.
I belong to an ancient race
whose roots are in the subsoil of
history and whose branches pierce
the sky of man's hopes.
I have known ignorance and wor-
shipped false gods but once I saw
the light I have never wavered
from the path of truth.
My alphabet was not created for the
babblings of earth but to proclaim
the Word of God.
I am alive
because I have died.
Nations conspired to dig my grave
but I hold the scales of justice.
I own no territory
but the earth is mine.
In the slavery of governments
I am free.
He who touches me
touches God.
He who walks with me
walks toward the light.
I am the silent voice
that stills the thunder of the world.
I am primordial dust
and will consume the world
in the fire of love.

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To Our Friends:

Armenian is the language of approximately five million people, scattered in all continents. It has been spoken for more than two thousand years. Its written form began in 406 A.D. when the Armenian missionary monk, Mesrob Mashtotz, invented the Armenian alphabet. Since then, millions of pages of Armenian Holy Scriptures, hymns, prayers, chronicles, biographies, poetry, drama, textbooks, and periodicals have been handwritten or printed. That is a rich heritage for a small, uprooted nation. The role of the Armenian School at St. Leon's is to help keep the Armenian heritage alive.

On behalf of St. Leon's Church Armenian School,
we thank you for your support and generosity.

Rev. Arten Ashjian
Pastor

St. Leon's Armenian School, in an ever increasing role to better the academic standing of its pupils—your children and future men and women of St. Leon's—has asked and received through this booklet not only your financial contributions but your moral support in this vital program. We, the Board members, teachers and pupils want to express our sincere "thank you" and wish all a successful year.

The Armenian School has extended its cultural activity this year to include Armenian dancing in its curriculum. By this addition we hope that our boys and girls will have the basics and not feel lost in the social atmosphere of our hantesses and picnics. Our boys and girls not only spend their Wednesday evenings learning Armenian but also attend Sunday worship. Many of the same boys can be seen on St. Leon's junior and Senior basketball teams.

The future of our "Hye" people remains strong! Keep it that way by participating and supporting, directly and indirectly, our activities.

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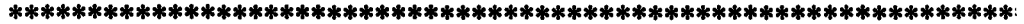
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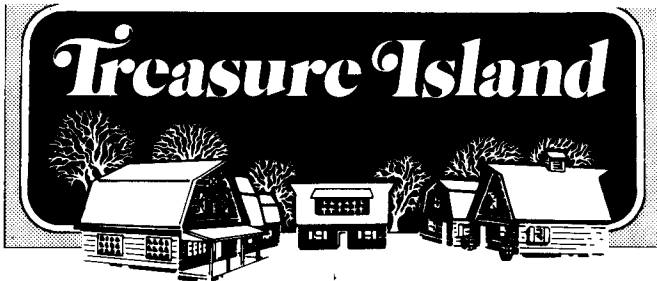
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