SOME IDEAS FROM P.R.C.

Dear Public Relations Council,

I'm getting fed up with the ignorant people that are always asking me, "What are Armenians anyway?" It's not that I mind explaining about Armenians and our cause, but I worry about how many other people there could be that could ask me that question. Isn't there some way we make the Armenian Cause common knowledge? Couldn't we educate everyone at once?

Signed: WANT AN ANSWER

Dear Want,

The questions you have brought up are not new ones, but we, the P.R.C., feel that we have come up with some new answers. Education and common knowledge have the same beginnings: in schools. One of our projects this year is to give presentations about Armenians at junior and senior high schools in the L.A. area. By exposing Americans to the story of Armenians at this age, we are insuring their knowledge of us. You might now be asking, "What about those people who are out of school?" Well, we have plans to include them also! Did you know that the average American spends a lot of time thinking while he is driving? What better way than a bumper sticker to put Armenians into the public's thoughts? Plans are well under way to put out a bumper sticker for Armenian owned cars. Still more ideas are to prepare library exhibits, and to distribute flyers along with some ideas that are still at the thinking stage.

Although we are not promising total public awareness of Armenians and our demands, we are making a definite effort to familiarize the average American with the word "Armenian".

EDITORIAL

At meetings, seminars or conferences, the Armenian Youth Federation's Organization and its direction are undoubtedly discussed. The discussion becomes heated especially when the goals of the Organization are debated. Is the AYF to be solely a political organization with political objectives or does it also have athletic, social and other functions? In order to clarify this point of argument, we examined the AYF manifesto. Concentrating on the goals of the Organization, we noticed, interestingly enough, the absence in AYF's mode of operation, member's mentality, and especially in the arguments over the AYF's goals in the manifesto, of a major goal which almost justifies the existence of the Organization which is "to educate its members to join the ranks of the Armenian Revolutionary Federation".

What should be stressed here, however, is that only one out of every 100 AYF members ever joins the ranks of the ARF. And if they do join the party, it is not necessarily an outcome of the AYF's training or preparation of its members for the ARF.

It should be clear in each AYF member's and each novitiate's mind that above all else the AYF is like a school for the Armenian youth that prepares those in the Organization to enter the ARF's ranks in the future.

The AYF develops good Armenians, prepares potential ARF members and teaches its members to sacrifice, among other things. It is later that this youth thinks about organizing and advancing the Armenian community.

And what about the AYF's other goals? They have to wait in line because this one's first.
COMMENTARY

There is one major problem existing in the Armenian community today. It is the fact that many young Armenians have become “Americanized”. They, very often, almost reject the fact of being of the Armenian Heritage. Along with this comes the rejection of their rich culture, their ancient history and definitely most of all their Armenian language. When April 24th comes along, they go shopping. They would rather “disco dance” than do the “Tammara”.

Is there hope for these Armenians? There must be. We, members of the Armenian Youth Federation, must execute our influence in trying to correct these young Armenians. We must, by all means, prevent this problem from existing in the future. If we don’t accomplish this task, these Armenians will become victims of self-assimilation. Not only will they be assimilated, but their children, grand-children, and their generations to follow will be also.

Can we just sit and watch this happen? The answer is NO. Now, the problem lies in the question “How?” Possible solutions of “Armenianizing” the Armenian youth could be by educating it, by informing it of Armenian organizations.

As in the past, this problem has been the topic of many discussions where solutions for the problem have always been found. We all know what the problem is and we all know the basic answers. Then why don’t we do something? We always take it for granted that the “other” person will do the work. And, as usual, the work is never done. It is our duty to take the initiative and the responsibility to do the work.

The time is here now. We must, by all means, put the pressure on our chapters and other ungers to put those words into action.
ORANGE COUNTY
ASHOD YERGAT JRS.

On the night of Sept. 22, 1979, the A.Y.F. Orange County Ashod Yergat Juniors elected their new executive for the 1979-1980 fiscal year.

The new executive members are very enthusiastic and show great promise. They are as follows:

President — Arpil Madenian.
Vice-President — Sylvia Koyounjian.
Treasurer — Lydia Gogolian.
Rec. Secretary — Myda Yaghrourian.
Crr. Secretary — Cathia Balian.

Already the executive and chapter has begun planning activities and fundraisers.

On October 6, we played volleyball against the Montebello chapters and afterwards held a picnic. Although we lost the match, we certainly won a friendship with our fellow A.Y.F. "ungers."

The Orange County Ashod Yergat Juniors are looking forward to a busy, successful year.

No man treds this earth alone: we are all together; one generation taking up where the other generation has left off.

ANAHID ZAMGOTCHIAN
Mexico City

ARABIC

صفحہ 2

لیکن یہ بات معلوم ہے کہ 2-8-7-8 یہ ہیں کہ نما اصلی کمپینی پر حاصل۔

1) یہ کہ ہر ہر کبھی ہیں۔

2) ایسے ہر ہر کبھی ہیں۔

3) ایسے ہر ہر کبھی ہیں۔
THE CAPTURE OF ARAMIAN

On July 2, 1896, Aram Aramian was comfortably seated at a friend's house in Tavol, the capital of the Turkish province of Kayseri. The Turks had cordoned off the area and were preparing to deport the Armenians. Aramian was a revolutionary and had been actively involved in the struggle for Armenian independence. He was also known for his brave deeds and his courage in the face of adversity.

The following night, Aramian was taken to the chief of police, who was a Turk. Aramian was wounded in the leg, and the police officer was hit by a bullet. Aramian was then taken to the hospital, where he was treated for his injuries.

After three months of imprisonment, Aramian was released. He went to his homeland, which was still under Turkish rule, and continued his revolutionary work. Aramian was a member of the Armenian Revolutionary Federation, and he was known for his brave deeds and his courage in the face of adversity.

In 1899, Aramian was captured by the Turks and was sentenced to death. He was executed on July 15, 1899, and his body was thrown into a river. Aramian's last words were, "God be praised for his work!"

ARAB ARAMIAN

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DANCE PROFITS
ONLY $104

Although the crowd attending the Halloween Dance hosted jointly by the AYF Sardarabad and Roupen Senior Chapters on November 3, 1979, was quite large, the profits from the dance were relatively small.

Perhaps the reason for this is that many people who attended chose to socialize outside the Immaculate Heart College Hall, rather than supporting the hosting Chapters by paying the admission fee and entering, or maybe it is because there were also some urchins who tried to enter the dance without paying at the door. This is a very humiliating and unfraternal action, and is in very poor taste.

Aside from these drawbacks, the dance was well organized and deserving of our compliments.

Anyhow, the unsuccessful financial turnouts of dances, as such, should be telling us something.

CHAPTER NEWS
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— Dec. 7 - Play “Good Life and Hard Times of Vahan Cardashian” at the Montebello Armenian Center.
— Dec. 31 - New Year’s Eve Dance. Details to follow.
— First Sunday of Every Month — Breakfast at the Montebello Armenian Center Followed by athletic games.

Montebello Vahan Cardashian Juniors:

— Dec. 22 — Christmas Dance at the Montebello Armenian center.

Los Angeles Musa Dagh Seniors

— Dec. 9 — Celebration of Kristapoor’s 120th Birthday joint with Pasadena Nigol Touman Srs.

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— Dec. 9 — Celebration of Kristapoor’s 120th Birthday joint with the Los Angeles Musa Dagh Srs.
— Dec. 11 — Զուհա հետ պասադենայի ամերիկյան կենտրոնում.
INTERVIEW
No. 2

The duty of the A.Y.F in preparing its members for the A.R.F. is the topic of our second survey. We asked four members of the San Fernando Valley Sardarabad Senior Chapter.

1) Do you think that the A.Y.F is carrying out its duty in preparing its members for the A.R.F? Explain your answer.

Unger Boghos Derderian — No, I don’t think so because our members are not serious, and the meetings should be in Armenian.

Ungerouhi Salpy Manjikian — No, I don’t think so because during the meetings the less important problems are discussed more than the important ones and we waste a lot of time. We should work rather than talk all the time.

Unger Missak Haroutinian — No, because considering the past years, very few A.Y.F members have joined the A.R.F.

Unger Armen Hovannisian — Yes, I think that the A.Y.F. does its duty to a certain extent. For example, educationalists about A.R.F. history are given to steer the youth in that direction.

2) Where do you think there is more possibility of applying the works of the Hai Tad, the A.Y.F. or the A.R.F?

Unger Boghos Derderian — In the A.R.F., because that is where you will find more prepared and educated people.

Ungerouhi Salpy Manjikian — In the A.R.F., however, we can accomplish this to a certain extent in the A.Y.F. also.

Unger Missak Haroutinian — In the A.R.F., because it is a political organization. On the other hand, the A.Y.F. is a political, social, athletic and educational organization.

Unger Armen Hovannisian — In the A.Y.F., because
by strengthening the organization, we can work seriously
— as the A.R.F. does.

3) Do you think that you are prepared to join the A.R.F.? Explain.

Unger Boghos Derderian — No, I’m not prepared to join the A.R.F. because I don’t think that I can carry the responsibilities which will be given to me.

Ungerouhi Salpy Manjikian — I have given it a lot of thought, but I don’t want to answer this question.

Unger Missak Haroutinian — No, I’m not ready. I don’t want to join the A.R.F because I don’t agree with some of its ideas. For example, I don’t believe in socialism, although, I do believe in the establishment of a Free, Independent and United Armenia.

Unger Armen Hovannisian — I am not ready to join the A.R.F. because I am not educated enough to be. Also, I am still too young to join.

4) Is the only duty of the A.Y.F. to prepare its members for the A.R.F. ranks? If there are other obligations that the A.Y.F. has, state and explain them.

Unger Boghos Derderian — Of course not. The main obligations of the A.Y.F are to protect and care for the Armenians, and to prepare good Armenians.

Ungerouhi Salpy Manjikian — The A.Y.F can play a major role for the Armenian community by helping it. We can also accomplish many things that are not necessarily related to our goals.

Unger Missak Haroutinian — No, the A.Y.F. can prepare good Armenians. It encourages the Armenian youth by acquiring its participation. For example, within the A.R.S., we can devote ourselves to solving the problems of the Armenian community and help it in this way.

Unger Armen Hovannisian — No, the A.Y.F. is a place where the Armenian youth can unite and work together as one family.

The “Haytoug” staff has learned that the Los Angeles Times, one of the largest newspapers in the world, is preparing a series of articles to be printed in the near future about various ethnic minorities.

A reporter from the L.A. Times, Bella Stumbo, has already come into contact with Armenian individuals and organizations, who are providing important information for the articles that are to be written about the Armenian community.

We feel that this is a great accomplishment and a very important step in finally informing the American society about our Cause.
What does Mount Ararat mean to the Armenians? It symbolizes the Armenian people’s endurance against all hindrances. The 16,945 feet of it stand proud and strong. It is the eyewitness of our history, and most of all, it is the eyewitness of the massacres. She has seen its people being forced to leave their beloved lands, and now she waits for the return of her Armenians. It faces what is left of Armenia and puts its back against the eyes of the Turks. It stands overwhelmingly over the Armenians to protect them and comfort them. Because its physique is seen from all remote corners of Armenia. One living in or visiting Armenia, cannot escape from its penetrating glare.

It is a basic fact that Mount Ararat lies in Historical Armenia, but due to the shift of the boundaries, it now lies in Turkey. Today the mountain is named “ Ağrı Dağı” by the Turks. Not only do the Armenians and the Turks claim Mount Ararat, but the Kurds do too.

We all know the Mount Ararat is rightfully ours. We also know that we cannot allow it to fall into the hands of another people.

The only way we can get it back is by struggling, fighting, and dying for it.
SURVEY

No. 2


1) Do you believe that in the near future we will reach our goal in Free, Independent, and United Armenia?
   Yes 83%  No 17%

2) Regarding that the AYF should prepare members to the A.R.F., are you ready to be an A.R.F. member yourself?
   Yes 79%  No 17%  Undecided 4%

3) In the resolving of the Hai Tad, which measure you think is more effective:
   Political 13%  Military 4%  Political and military 83%

4) Do you think if we negotiate with the turkish government we will reach to a settlement?
   Yes 25%  No 71%  Undecided 4%

5) Are you ready to go and live in Armenia when it becomes Independent?
   Yes 92%  No 4%  Undecided 4%

EDUCATIONAL

No. 1

It was at the 10th World Congress of the Armenian Revolutionary Federation that the delegates thoroughly examined the concept of the Hai Tad, the possibilities of resolving it, and the means to be used for its resolution.

The following points were noted:

1. The A.R.F. cannot and must not be satisfied with the present situation of the Armenian Question, considering the fact that Armenia is neither independent and democratic, nor even united.

2. To be able to establish a political front, a people needs to have a distinct nationalistic understanding, a country of its own, and the necessary manpower to establish that country.

At this point, the A.R.F. World Congress was able to establish its policy:

1. To make the Armenian people politically mature, culturally successful, and economically strong.

2. To organize the Armenian people to act as one voice that is tied to its country.

At the present time, the resolution of the Hai Tad continues to remain the object of our efforts and the basis used for each step we take. However, the means used to reach our goal, and the ways in which we struggle, have changed and can still continue changing in the future.
KRISTAPOR'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The Pasadena “Nigol Touman” and the Los Angeles “Musa Dagh” senior chapters are jointly organizing a celebration of Kristapor Michaelian's 120th birthday to be held on Sunday, December 9, 1979.

The program, which will last approximately two hours, is to consist of speeches from both hosting chapters, Central Executive, the Armenian Revolutionary Federation, and other guest speakers, all of which will be given in both Armenian and English. The Pasadena “Nigol Touman” ungers are putting together a “Gentami Bahdjer”. There will also be an elaborate slide presentation given.

Although the admission to the celebration is free, small booklets will be sold there. Profits from the sale of these booklets will be donated to AYF Camp from the “Musa Dagh” chapter, and to the Armenians in Lebanon from the “Nigol Touman” chapter. The booklets will contain some of Kristapor’s writings, statements from the Central Executive and the A.R.F., and various quotes and poems.

The hosting chapters are expecting anywhere from 750 to 1000 people to attend the celebration. They are busy planning and rehearsing for the event.

We wish both chapters the best of luck and urge everyone to attend.

JOIN A.R.F. A.Y.F. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

On October 24, 1979, a Round Table Discussion was held at Ferrahian High School. Several ungers from the Rodom Gomideh and members of the Sardarabad Chapter came together to discuss the AYF Manifesto and Constitution.

Copies of our AYF Constitution were distributed to everyone sitting around the table, and each member took a turn reading a section. Although participation, especially on the part of the Sardarabad Seniors, was greatly lacking, those who were present learned quite a lot.

This particular topic for the Round Table Discussion was chosen for a specific reason: most AYF members have never read, nor even seen, the Constitution of the organization to which they belong. It was pointed out that people, before becoming members of the AYF, should read or at least know the content of the Constitution. Perhaps if membership requirements for this organization are made stricter, we will not have so many disinterested and unoriented members.