

Washington Circles Criticize Turkey's Anti-Armenian Zeal

WASHINGTON — Turkey's opposition to the Armenian Resolution is attracting criticism from foreign policy analysis and members of Congress.

The latest indication of this growing criticism comes in an article on U.S.-Turkish relations published in the September issue of the "Journal of Defense and Diplomacy."

The author, who is an analyst for the Congressional Research Service, remarks that "information overload is a hazard, and on the delicate Armenian issue, Turkey may have set a new standard for zealousness in informing Congress of its views."

The author goes on to point out that "congressional supporters of Turkey have been bewildered that security assistance seems less important to the Turkish government than the Armenian question."

Since commemorative resolutions such as H.J. Res. 192 do not

pertain to U.S. relations with other countries and do not call for action against another country, observers have even questioned Turkey's fierce concentration on a resolution that has marginal, if any, relevance to the definition of U.S.-Turkish relations.

Some members of Congress have been even more critical of Turkey's tactics and opposition. They not only think Turkey is meddling in U.S. domestic issues, but feel Turkey is jeopardizing the goodwill of its supporters in Congress.

Other have gone as far as to express dissatisfaction with Turkey for asking the U.S. to compromise its own principles. Most of these members believe it is Congress' obligation to safeguard the integrity of the U.S. record on the Armenian genocide. They also point out that what Turkey is trying to do is confuse and reverse decades of U.S. policy acknowledging the genocide perpetrated against the Armenian people.

Group Claims Credit For Anti-ARF Terror

BEIRUT — A previously unknown group has reportedly taken credit for the recent abduction and assassination of several leaders of the Armenian Revolutionary Federation.

The group, according to a communique published in various Middle Eastern newspapers, is called "Armenian Revolutionary Federation-Revolutionary Movement."

The ARF-RM allegedly masterminded the assassination of Sarkis Aznavourian and Tatoul Sahayan, and the abduction of Sarkis Zeitlian. There has been no independent confirmation of these claims.

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RUDOLPH KHACHATRYAN
... self-portrait

Soviet-Armenian Artist To Exhibit Drawings In L.A.

LOS ANGELES — The works of Soviet Armenian graphic artist Rudolph Khachatryan will be exhibited at Heritage Gallery, 718 N. La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, Nov. 12-16, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

The exhibition is sponsored by Varteres Karagozian, the director of "Editions Ereboundi," a Los Angeles publishing firm.

Khachatryan is the first Soviet artist to have his works exhibited in the United States. His drawings were exhibited in Detroit, Oct. 18-20.

Khachatryan, born in 1937 in Yerevan, resides in Moscow. In 1984, he was awarded the title of "People's Artists of Soviet Armenia."

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AGBU Spends \$7.5 million Worldwide During 1984

SADDLEBROOK, N.J.—The Armenian General Benevolent Union, the worldwide charitable and educational organization, reported total expenditures of \$7.5 million for the fiscal year of 1984, according to the annual report that was presented last month during the Annual General Assembly of the organization.

Some 80 members, out of a reported 22,000 members throughout the world, attended the whole day meeting during which Alex Manoogian, Life President, spoke about the accomplishments of the organization during the past fiscal year.

The net worth of the organization was reported at \$73 million reflecting an increase of close to \$3 million over the previous period. Administrative expenses were placed at \$1.2 million.

Most of the annual expenditures went to the eight AGBU secondary schools and ten primary schools.

A total \$1.1 million was allocated to AGBU publications, assistance to various publications, youth activities and cultural programs. In addition to the allocations made to schools and related activities, the AGBU gave a total of \$1 million for the purchase of real estate properties in this country, South America, France and Lebanon.

Elections were also held for board members whose terms of office had expired. Re-elected to serve on the board of directors were Suren Fesjian, Louise Manoogian Simone, Richard K. Gregory, Dr. Arshavir Gundjian, Dr. Dikran Alexanian was elected as the European members of the board. —Armenian Reporter

Tevrizian Named To Federal Bench

WASHINGTON — President Reagan named Los Angeles attorney Dickran Tevrizian, Jr., 45, to a newly created federal judgeship in Los Angeles.

The appointment to the U.S. District Court bench is subject to Senate approval.

Tevrizian, who lives with his wife and two daughters in Pasadena, was appointed to the Los Angeles Municipal Court bench by then-Gov. Reagan in 1972.

He was elevated to a Los Angeles Superior Court judgeship in 1978 by then-Gov. Edmund G. Brown, Jr. He left the bench to go into private practice in 1982.

Tevrizian earned his bachelor's and law degrees from USC.

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