

ILLINOIS REMEMBERS:

WAUKEGAN FUNCTION

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as Armenian Martyrs' Day. He then read telegrams and letters from the following distinguished guests who were unable to attend due to previous commitments:

Gov. Otto Kerner; Sen. Everett Dirksen; Rep. R. McClory; Father Timothy Teptic, Church of Annunciation; Rev. Robert Savage, Christ Church; Rev. Wilcox, First Christian Church; Mr. W. Just, Publisher Waukegan News-Sun.

State Rep. Connolly was invited to read Resolution no. 145 of the 74th General Assembly, State of Illinois.

Father Kalayjian was introduced by Nikkes Hagopian, who asked the assembly to rise for a moment of silence in memory of the martyrs.

Dr. Mekaelian introduced one of the guest speakers, Mr. Hovig Erian, who spoke in English. Mr. Erian's stirring talk told of the atrocities and cruelties imposed upon the Armenian people by the Turkish government that were far beyond the imagination if civilized mankind and gave the facts of how the Turkish government tried to completely wipe out the Armenian population in an organized program that did not succeed because, the lecturer concluded, the ideas and idealisms of the Armenians cannot perish by bloodshed.

He further emphasized that the Armenian people are not asking for pity from the civilized world, but only for their own rights and compensations.

Mrs. H. Erian played two appropriate selections, Beethoven's "Funeral March," and an "Etude" by Chopin.

Mrs. A. Mesrobian read a beautiful essay, written by her, for the occasion.

Dr. Vahram Uluhojian was invited to speak in Armenian. Dr. Uluhojian directed his message to the new generation, asking them not to forget their Armenian ancestors' sacrifices and to be aware of and to keep alive our great Armenian heritage.

Dr. Mekaelian thanked all of the participants in the program on behalf of the assembly for their beautiful and heartfelt presentations. The program was terminated with the Very Rev. Vartnes Kalayjian offering the Benediction.

It was felt that everyone went home with the feeling of pride, and content that the commemoration to the martyrs of those dark, sad days of World War I had been accomplished with profound and solemn reverence by their survivors and all the Armenian people.

SABONJIAN REELECTED

WAUKEGAN, Ill. April 21—Waukegan Mayor Robert Sabonjian carried all 46 of the city's precincts yesterday to win an unprecedented third term.

Sabonjian defeated his opponent by more than 5,300 votes, to become the first mayor of Waukegan to serve three terms. He said, "this is the greatest tribute and truly a vote of confidence."

Sabonjian jokingly said that he had a nightmare last week, "I saw myself sitting on the railroad tracks at the mill eating sandwiches, referring to his younger days."

The total count was 11,696 for Sabonjian and 6,380 for his opponent.

ANNOUNCE MARRIAGE OF A YF COUPLE



MR. and MRS. MICHAEL SETRAKIAN

On February 28, 1965 at 1:P.M., at St. Stephens Armenian Apostolic Church in Watertown, Miss Lucille Haroutunian of Jamaica Plain and Mr. Michael Setrakian also of Jamaica Plain became united.

Miss Haroutunian wore a full length Princess style gown made of *poideu* and *Chantilly Lace*. Her head piece was a Rose pressed to her forehead. The bride carried a bouquet of White Roses. Maid of Honor was her sister Mrs. James Apovian Jr. wearing a brown iridescent taffeta full length gown carrying yellow roses. Flower girl was Janice Bowman dressed in a yellow chiffon dress carrying a bouquet of flowers. Ringbearer was her brother George. Best man was James Apovian Jr. The ushers were as follows: John Haroutunian, Vincent Kesian, Richard Apovian, Glen Bowman, Michael Zirakian and Harry Derderian.

Reception followed at the Bradford Roof in the Hotel Bradford. Music was played by Dick Shahrta-

ESTABLISH STUDY AID FUND IN MIAMI

A five hundred dollar annual scholarship for students of Armenian descent has been established at the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla. by the Armenian American Citizens Club of Miami.

John Kulhanjian, president of the club, announced that the scholarship will be offered for the first time during the 1955-56 academic year.

Candidates for the scholarship must have completed their freshman year at an accredited college or university, attained an average of 'B' or better and gained admission to the University of Miami.

The awards will be made on the basis of need and merit and may be renewed from year to year provided that the recipient maintains a 'B' or better average in his University studies.

Selection of the scholarship recipient will be made by the Club's Scholarship Committee after reviewing applications forwarded through the University Office of Financial Aid.

Persons interested in receiving further information about the scholarship program may address the Club's Scholarship Chairman, Mr. J. K. Dalkranian 728 S. W. 8th St. Miami, Fla. Applications may be obtained by writing to the Office of Financial Aid, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla. 33124.

Armenian with vocals sung by Gary Alexian.

Following the reception immediately friends of the couple went to their suite at the Bradford for a farewell champagne party.

The couple spent a week in Washington, D.C.

Both are active members of the Boston Siamanto Chapter Armenian Youth Federation.

The couple are now residing in Jamaica Plain.

Illinois' House Resolution

Text of a Resolution adopted by the Illinois House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, Of all the world's peoples who have maintained their faith, integrity of culture and aspirations, the people of Armenia most surely deserve first rank; their determination to survive through the ages in the face of powerful and brutal forces deterred is truly remarkable; and

WHEREAS, April has been designated as the month in which Armenians throughout the world recently commemorate the 50th anniversary of the tragedy of the persecutions of the Armenian people by Turkey while most of the world was in the throes of that destructive war, the First World War; accordingly Armenians in the Waukegan area have each aside Sunday, April 25th as Armenian Memorial day for the Martyrs in 1915; and

WHEREAS, The history of the Armenian people is traced back seven centuries before Christ; in ancient times the nation enjoyed glorious status as an empire, but, situated at the crossroads of civilization, it was repeatedly invaded and overrun, but for 2,600 years has preserved its faith, its ethnic integrity and its deeply rooted aspirations for stardhood, independence and freedom; and

WHEREAS, In another sense the tragedy of Armenia has enriched the world, for dispersion of the Armenian people, a people rich in heritage of faith and endurance through the Western nations and notably here in the State of Illinois, has added a noble and steadfast thread of culture to the fabric of our community life; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we pause to pay tribute to the memory of these martyrs and to Ar-

menia itself, a living example of the futility of genocide; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of the Seventy-fourth General Assembly of the State of Illinois, that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the Armenians of American descent on the 50th anniversary of the 1915 Genocide; and that the words of Yeghise Charentz, a foremost Armenian poet of this century: "O Armenian people, your salvation is in your collective strength," be a reminder and inspiration to all men who value freedom; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this preamble and resolution be spread upon the Journal of this body; and that a suitable engrossed copy thereof, be forwarded to Mayor Robert Sabonjian of Waukegan, Honorary Chairman of the Waukegan Commemoration Committee for 50th Observance of Armenian Memorial Day.

Adopted by the House, April 22, 1965.

MAYOR ROBERT SABONJIAN'S PROCLAMATION

Text of Mayor Robert Sabonjian's Proclamation for Waukegan, Illinois.

WHEREAS, fifty years ago, on April 24, 1915, the Government of Turkey ordered the commencement of a systematic plan of massacre of the Armenian nation which before its termination was to take the awful toll of 1,000,000 lives, with an additional 1,000,000 displaced, ill and in want, marked forever by the terrible experiences of the first modern genocide which on the confession of Adolf Hitler

himself who, in 1941 in ordering a minority people to its Golgotha asked, "Who today remembers the Armenians?" served as the prototype, inspiration and model of the German Nazi pogroms, and

WHEREAS, the beginning of the Armenian Martyrdom marked at the same time the opening of the many important contributions to the Allied war effort in World War I by the Armenian nation, affectionately termed "The Little Ally" by Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, the awful sacrifice of the Armenian nation in the cause of virtuous government, freedom, justice and human rights, the enormous proportions of which are reflected in the fact that Armenia, although one of the smallest Allies of the Western alliance, suffered more casualties than any other member of that alliance, serves to remind us that mankind is indeed ready to perish in the interest of noble causes nearer and dearer to the human heart than life itself, and

WHEREAS, in this the fiftieth Anniversary Year of the 1915 Turkish genocide of the Armenian nation it would behoove all citizens of This State to remember those innocent men, women and children who perished by the sword of violence, to honor their memory and pay tribute to their self-sacrifice, while at the same time reminding those who would in our day indulge in mass murder that Americans indeed do remember the genocide of 1915 and, in remembering signify their readiness to raise a powerful voice against those forces which would unleash the terrible weapon of genocide, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT SABONJIAN, Mayor of the CITY OF WAUKEGAN, in the State of Illinois, by virtue of the authority vested in me, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM Saturday, April 24, 1965 as Armenian Martyrs' Day and urge that proper recognition be accorded to this grievous and solemn occasion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Waukegan to be affixed at Waukegan, Illinois, this 24th day of April, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Five, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred Eighty-Eighth.

ROBERT SABONJIAN  
MAYOR

Offered by Messrs. John Connolly, John Kleins, Mikra and Mrs. Peurto.

DANCE

WITH THE

ORIENTALES

SATURDAY MAY 22

Featuring TONY TAWA  
(VOCALIST—DUMBAG)

HOTEL BRADFORD  
CAROUSEL ROOM  
BOSTON, MASS.

ORIENTAL DANCING

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