

## Ceremonies, Proclamations Mark April 24 Memorial Efforts in Worcester, Mass.

By the Hairenik Correspondant

Worcester, Mass., April 24, 1967—Today the Worcester City Council held a special session in memory of the Armenian dead who fell victim of the Turkish genocide of 1915.

Rev. Father Mushegh Der Kaloosdian, pastor of the Armenian Holy Trinity Church of Worcester opened the Memorial observance with a prayer in English and a requiem prayer in Armenian in memory of the one and a half million Armenians who perished in the horrendous deportations.

Father Kaloosdian's prayers made a profound impression on the public who attended the services.

On the occasion the mayor of Worcester, the Honorable Joseph C. Casdin, issued a proclamation calling on the citizens of the city to signalize with appropriate ceremonies the Armenian sacrifice as a contribution to world peace and justice as worthy of commemoration.

Present at the ceremonies were Messers Sarkis Israelian, Nishan Caprielian, and Peter Haroulunian.

The mayor's proclamation appeared in the morning and evening newspapers of Worcester.

The commemoration was largely the result of Father Mushegh Der Kaloosdian and Cardinal Cushing's touching message from the local radio station.

### The copy of Mayor Casdin's Proclamation. PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Fifty-two years ago on April 24, 1915, the Turkish Government ordered the first modern genocide which before its termination took the toll of 1,500,000 with another 1,000,000 being displaced ill and in want; and

WHEREAS, the same time in history marked the beginning of many contributions by the Armenian nation to the allied cause during World War I which led President Woodrow Wilson to term the Armenian nation as "The Little Ally;" and

WHEREAS, the high sacrifice of the Armenian people both during the genocide and the world conflict stands as a memorial to remind us that freedom loving peoples are ready to perish in the interest of noble causes; and

WHEREAS, in this 52nd Anniversary Year of the 1915 Turkish genocide of the Armenian nation, it would behoove all citizens of our community 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 in the hope that their memory will serve as a constant reminder that such heinous action will not be repeated;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH C. CASDIN, Mayor of the city of Worcester, do hereby proclaim Monday, April 24, 1967, as

### ARMENIAN MARTYRS' DAY

in Worcester and urge that proper recognition be accorded this grievous and solemn occasion.

Joseph C. Casdin, Mayor

## Governor Romney Says 'Heinous Crimes' of 1915 Emboldened Nazis

Governor Romney has proclaimed April 24, 1967, as Armenian Martyrs' Day in Michigan.

The proclamation reads:

"More than a half century ago, on April 24, 1915, the government of Turkey ordered the extermination of the entire Armenian Race. In the subsequent massacres that followed the order, more than 1,000,000 Armenian men, women and children were liquidated, without cause, without mercy and without the slightest modicum of regard for the appeals of other nations whose entreaties to Turkey to halt the inhuman mass murders fell on deaf ears. Thus, the first modern genocide was recorded in the annals of history.

"The failure of the civilized world to punish the perpetrators of those heinous crimes emboldened Hitler, just 26 years later to ask, 'Who today remembers the Armenian Massacres,' whereupon his Nazi executioners proceeded with the second, more widely known genocide against the Jewish people.

"Armenian-Americans of Greater Detroit join scattered Armenian communities around the world in commemorating the 52nd Anniversary of Armenian Martyrdom in the cause of freedom and justice for all nations.

"Therefore, I, George Romney, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim April 24, 1967, as Armenian Martyr's Day in Michigan, to commemorate the 52nd Anniversary of the Turkish Massacres of Armenians, and I urge the citizens of Michigan to join with their fellow citizens of Armenian descent, in commemorating this historic event."

## 'Radio Erivan' Continues to Give Soviets Needed Laughs

Far from the Kremlin a small radio station broadcasts delightful stories that spoof communism and its bosses. Vienna-based freelancer Nino Lo Bello tells about it in this last part of a series.

By NINO LO BELLO

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VIENNA — Whenever Soviet citizens talk about Radio Erivan, Russia's most popular station, they do it in whispers or wink slyly to each other. Just by saying you have "news from Radio Erivan," is enough to induce a smile because every

Russian knows a joke is coming at the expense of the Communists.

For years Radio Erivan has been broadcasting funny stories against the regime, anecdotes and wisecracks that poke fun at the Red bosses. Since Russia's man on the street is ever receptive to the latest "news from Radio Erivan," these "news stories" have a way of spreading quickly throughout the Soviet land—and eventually to the Soviet-bloc countries.

The words "Radio Erivan" may well be the funniest words in the Russian language today. Some time ago, at a press conference in Moscow with important gov-

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## U.S.I.A. HONORS LEO SARKISIAN

MONROVIA, February 13 — Mr. Leo Sarkisian, Music Director of the Voice of America's African Programme Centre in Brewerville, has been awarded the United States Information Agency's Meritorious Honour Award.

The award was presented to Mr. Sarkisian at a ceremony in Brewerville on February 10 by Mr. Philip Clock, Charge d'Affaires of the American Embassy in Monrovia.

In presenting the award in behalf of Mr. Leonard Marks, Director of the U.S. Information Agency, Mr. Clock said:

"The citations for those who are to be honoured today will refer to such qualities as dedication, imagination, efficiency. All these characteristics—and others—are,

of course, important. But I still think there is one word which appeals to all who are to receive awards—and to all personnel of this Agency: A single word which explains, as no other word could, the place this Agency has come to occupy in the foreign affairs community and its steadily increasing effectiveness year after year. That word is *professionalism*."

In addition to his professional work as music director, Mr. Sarkisian is an artist of note whose work has been applauded by art critics throughout Africa. At present he has a one-man show of African portraits at the United States Information and Culture Centre (USIS).

Born in Massachusetts, Mr. Sarkisian stu-

died painting and illustration at the Vesper School of Art in Boston and became a successful free-lance illustrator. Then in 1948, he changed careers entirely to accept a position as recordings director for a prominent California music company. During the 1950's Mr. Sarkisian traveled through the Far East, Middle East, and West Africa, collecting and recording folk music. He reached Conakry in 1960, finished his work for the California firm and produced 15 longplaying records for the Guinea Government. A brief meeting in Conakry with Edward R. Morrow, then director of the U.S. Information Agency, led to Mr. Sarkisian's present job as Music Director.

## \$25,000 Gift to Palanchian

BEIRUT, Lebanon — The authority of the Palanchian Armenian Jemaran (Junior College) of this city has announced a gift of \$25,000 (American) to the school from the Doctor Peter H. Yoachim H. Yesek-Darpin Educational Foundation, Inc., of Detroit. The Foundation has requested that the sum be used to set up a new literature-kindergarten curriculum at the Jemaran.

The Jemaran staff has relayed a note of appreciation and thanks to Mr. Yoachim Darpinian, of Detroit, for making the gift possible.