

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES

HARTFORD-NEW BRITAIN COMMUNITIES

APRIL 24-25—Joint exercises by the Hartford and New Britain communities.

APRIL 24—Special Memorial Day religious services at St. Stephens First Martyr Armenian Apostolic Church, Pastor, Rev. Datev Kaloustian. Divine liturgy, 7:30 P.M., Saturday. Clergy and non-Armenian guests will be in attendance.

APRIL 25—Special Memorial Dinner. Statler Hilton Hotel, Hartford, Conn. Will start at 1 P.M. Dignitaries, clergymen, clergy. Program includes Juan Nazarian, pianist, dr. Sosoyan, soprano. St. Stephen's Choral Group. James Tashjian, principal speaker. Starts at 1 P.M.

REAL COMMUNITY

APRIL 24—Memorial Meeting. Details later.

GREATER BOSTON COMMUNITY

APRIL 25—Memorial Dinner of the Greater Boston Community. At Crystal Ballroom, Continental Hotel, 29 Garden Street, Cambridge, Mass. (off Harvard Square). Exercises under auspices of three Armenian denominations. Temporary Chairman, His Grace the Prelate, Armenian National Apostolic Church. Dignitaries to be present. Starts 1 P.M.

CHICAGO COMMUNITY

APRIL 25—Memorial Meeting. Details soon. Speakers include Arshavir Shiragian, Hovig Etian, and Minas Tashjian.

TROIT COMMUNITY

APRIL 25—Memorial meeting at Cobo Hall, Detroit. Dignitaries to be present. Dr. Yervant Khatanassian, principal speaker.

PROVIDENCE COMMUNITY

APRIL 25—Memorial Meeting. At Hope High School, Providence. 2 P.M. Speakers: S. Benjamin Minas, E. Sir-

LINGTON COMMUNITY

APRIL 24—Memorial Dinner. Details to be announced. Missakian, principal speaker.

ORCESTER COMMUNITY

APRIL 25—Memorial Meeting. Details soon. Speakers, Antranig Varjabedian and Prof. M. Sevag.

ACUSE COMMUNITY

APRIL 25—Memorial Meeting. Details later. Arthur Agosian, principal speaker.

NN-SALEM COMMUNITY

APRIL 25—Memorial Meeting. Starts 2 P.M. At Oxford Club, Washington Square, Lynn. Under sponsorship of North Shore communities. Principal speaker: James G. Mandalian.

WELL-LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL COMMUNITIES

MAY 2—Memorial Dinner. At Merrimack Valley Motel, North Andover Mass. Starts 2 P.M. Joint sponsor-

TENTH ANNUAL CONCERT

of the

KOMITAS CHORAL SOCIETY OF BOSTON

ROUBEN GREGORIAN — Conductor

MAY 2, 1965

Sunday Evening — 8:30 p.m.

at

COHEN AUDITORIUM, TUFTS UNIVERSITY

40 Talbot Avenue, Medford, Mass.

Presenting for the first time the Armenian Requiem

Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Armenian Massacres

Admission: Reserved Seats — \$3.00 & \$2.00



NOTES ARMENIAN MARTYRS' DAY: Governor Dempsey signs official statement designating April 24 as "Armenian Martyrs' Day" commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Turkish Genocide

of the Armenians. Members of the commemorative group (left to right) The Rev. Datev Kaloustian, pastor of St. Stephen Armenian Apostolic Church in New Britain; Atty. Mitchell Esoian, treasurer;

Arthur Kevorkian, chairman of arrangements, and William Boornazian, co-chairman of the committee; watch as the governor affixes his signature (Courant Photo by Arman G. Hatsian).

Cleveland Plans for Memorial

By THEODORE ANDRICA
(In "Cleveland, Ohio, Press," April 12)

The year of 1915 was the blackest and saddest of years for the Armenians living in Turkey. That year more than 1,000,000 Armenians were massacred. Another million were deported.

The massacres and deportations in Turkey took away almost three-fourths of the Armenians then living in Turkey.

In addition to this toll of human life, there was enormous destruction of Armenian property, estimated at \$30,000,000,000.

Armenians throughout the world will commemorate the massacres of their kin in Turkey with various programs and religious services. On April 25 and Sundays that follow, masses will be held in all Armenian churches in memory of the victims of the Turks.

Here, the Commemorative Committee of the 50th Anniversary of the Turkish Massacres of the Armenians will hold church services and a patriotic program Sunday, May 2.

The program that day will be-

gin with religious services at 1:30 P.M. in Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 3352 ship of Lowell, Lawrence and Haverhill communities. Dignitaries, clergy, to be present. Principal guest speaker, Congressman F. Bradford Morse. The Hon. Herman D. Sahagian, State Representative of Maine, will address gathering. James H. Tashjian, principal speaker.

HAMILTON (ONT. CAN.) COMMUNITY

MAY 2—Memorial Meeting. At the Armenian Community Center. Canadian dignitaries will be present. Principal speaker, Varoujan Azablar.

CLEVELAND-AKRON COMMUNITY

May 2—Memorial Meeting. At Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel. Details soon. Principal speaker, Zaven Kaprielian.

Hartford—New Britain Push Memorial Work

HARTFORD, Conn, April 8—Introduction of a Resolution before the State Representatives by the Hon. Dom Badoloto, Representative from New Britain, on the Armenian Commemorative Year, was accompanied by a Prayer today offered by Father Datev Kaloustian, Rector of St. Stephen's Armenian National Apostolic Church, of New Britain, officially opening the House session held today at the Capitol.

A group of local Armenian Americans, after witnessing the early ceremonies at the House, then proceeded for Memorial Hall where they placed a wreath for Governor Duff, who, as the state's chief executive in 1915, was particularly active as a friend of the Armenians. He later served with Ambassador Gerard in the American Committee for the Independence of Armenia.

Local CBA and NBC channels 3 and 30 gave coverage to the exercises.

The joint Hartford-New Britain commemorative function, in the form of a memorial dinner at the local Statler Hilton, will take place Sunday afternoon at 2 P.M. Dignitaries will be present, and solemn ceremonies will mark the local effort to remember suitably the Armenian dead of 1915.

Speakers will include Tigran Sarkisian, of New Britain, and James H. Tashjian, Editor of The Hairenik Weekly and widely known historian.

Mayfield Rd., Cleveland Heights. Rev. Fr. Albert Sherikian of Granite City, Ill., will celebrate the mass.

At 6 P.M. a requiem dinner in the Sheraton Cleveland Hotel will have Harry Movsesian as master of ceremonies. Kevork Topalian will speak in behalf of the Cleveland Armenians.

Dikran Bejeckian is chairman of the committee arranging the May 2 Armenian program. Mrs. Herp sine Topalian and Mrs. Jo-Ann Asadorian are secretaries. Mrs. Katherine Shabinian is treasurer.

"Perhaps the world has for-

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Greater Bostonians Remember
TO ATTEND
THE HOLY MASS OF REQUIEM
TO BE SAID
UNDER THE AUSPICES
OF HIS EMINENCE
Cardinal CUSHING
Saturday Evening, April 24, 1965
7:30 p.m.
AT HOLY CROSS CATHEDRAL
Washington Street, Boston, Mass.

Governor Scranton Issues Proclamation

The text of Pennsylvania Governor William W. Scranton on Armenian Martyrs' Day.

PROCLAMATION ARMENIAN MARTYRS MEMORIAL DAY April 24, 1965

WHEREAS, For centuries the Armenian people, who in 301 A.D. became the first nation to adopt the Christian faith, have paid heavily in life and freedom for holding to that faith; and

WHEREAS, The fiercest blow fell during World War I, when more than 1 million Armenian men, women and children suffered martyrdom in refusing to give up their Christian faith and love of freedom; and

WHEREAS, The year 1965 marks the 50th Anniversary of these martyrdoms; and

WHEREAS, The Armenian people since 301 A.D. have continued to bear strong witness to their faith, and to inspire people all around the world; and

WHEREAS, This anniversary year is a time for reflection to the principles, scholarship and service which has characterized Armenian history ever since that faith was adopted in 301 A.D.; and

WHEREAS, It is the American tradition to honor those to whom freedom of worship means more than life itself; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to recall the fruits of the American effort through the Near East Relief, which saved thousands of lives of a persecuted people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William W. Scranton, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim April 24, 1965, as ARMENIAN MARTYRS MEMORIAL DAY, and urge that the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, recall on that date, and throughout the year the martyrdom of those who gave up their lives for their faith and love of freedom, and to call to the attention of the World that genocide must never again be permitted.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON
Governor

Waukegan's Mayor Heads Memorial Committee

WAUKEGAN, Ill.—Mayor Robert Sabonjian will head the commemorative committee for the Waukegan's Memorial Day solemn dinner.

The entire community has been asked by the committee to attend this 50th observance of the tragic massacre of 1915. Clergy from the Antelias and Etchmiadzin Dioceses will be in attendance. Mr. Hovig Etian will be one of the guest speakers. The committee consists of Dr. M. A. Jekaelian, Mr. Alexander Danielian, Mr. Mike Petrosian, Mr. Avo Soghigian, Mr. Charles Pilibosian, Mr. Nick Hagopian.

State and County public officials will also be in attendance at the dinner which will be held Sunday, April 25, at 4:00 P.M. at the local Swedish Glee Club.



GOVERNOR VOLPE OF MASSACHUSETTS MEETS MEMBERS OF THE GREATER BOSTON COMMITTEE TO COMMEMORATE THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH GENOCIDE OF THE ARMENIANS. HIS EXCELLENCY, SEATED, IS FLANKED (LEFT TO RIGHT), BY ALBERT DERIAN, THE REV. TORCOM HAGOPIAN, DR. DAGHLIAN, ROUBEN GREGORIAN AND ATTY. SAMUEL KALEMIAN, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. THE GATHERING ABOVE TOOK PLACE AT THE EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS, STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, APRIL 9.

Boston's Memorial April 25

As we learn from the newspapers, the commemorative ventures on the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Turkish massacre of the Armenians are taking up momentum with each passing day on all parts of the world, from Detroit to Der-el-Zor, from Lebanon to Uruguay and Erevan, forfying in us the firm conviction that far is not the day when the bells of justice shall ring and our people, after unutterable sufferings, shall hail the resplendent dawn of a new day. Our efforts shall not be in vain, and we firmly believe that, in the course of time, this movement shall carry in its mighty vortex and will shatter all the obstacles, paving the way for the inevitable victory.

To the Greater Boston area a great responsibility is reserved, as the very pulse of the national life of the Armenian community of America, and as always, so at this instance, our local commemorative committee is confident that our people shall justify all the expectations which have been reposed in them. The finest proof of this is the MEMORIAL DINNER WHICH HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON APRIL 25, 6 P.M. at THE CONTINENTAL HOTEL IN CAMBRIDGE, WHICH WILL BE PRESIDED OVER BY His Excellency Hrant Archbishop Khatchadourian. Prelate of the Armenian American Diocese of the Glilian See of the Armenian Apostolic Church, and the religious heads of three dioceses, state and federal personalities have been invited to attend the affair.

The Greater Boston Commemorative Committee is confident that, in view of the significance and the importance of this commemorative affair, our people shall make its success a matter of personal honor, to prove to our friends and enemies that we Armenians know how to honor the worshipful memory of their mar-

MASS. GOV. VOLPE IN PROCLAMATION

A Proclamation issued by His Excellency John A. Volpe, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

WHEREAS, Following April 24, 1915, when three hundred prominent Armenian citizens were forcefully deported from Constantinople, more than two and one-half million Armenians were ordered to abandon their homes and their belongings to join caravans bound for unknown destinations, and

WHEREAS, More than one and one-half million of these unfortunate people perished on the journey, from starvation, exposure, ruthless mistreatment and mass murder, and

WHEREAS, This martyrdom, brought about by the Armenian adherence to Christianity, their cultural and educational advancement and their accomplishment in the arts and sciences and progressive endeavors, forced the survivors to exist on American and European charity, in the face of starvation, disease and illness, and

WHEREAS, American citizens of Armenian descent join in spirit with Armenians throughout the world in observance of the Fiftieth Anniversary of that massacre, paying tribute to the memory of those who gave their lives in the cause of religious freedom and Christianity;

NOW, therefore, I, JOHN A. VOLPE, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim the period of April 24-May 31, 1965 as

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN MASSACRES

and urge all citizens of the Commonwealth to join with those of Armenian descent in commemoration of this event.

GIVEN at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this thirtieth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and eighty-ninth.

JOHN A. VOLPE.

tyrs with due dignity and solemnity, and that we have not abandoned their sacred cause.

And now, dear fellow-countrymen, we appeal to you for a most enthusiastic turnout. We are hopeful and we firmly believe that this Memorial Dinner shall be an absolute success to the glory of the Armenian people world over.

To preserve the sublimity of the affair, no contribution shall be

taken up. For admission tickets, follow our future releases.

THE GREATER BOSTON COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE ON THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH MASSACRES OF THE ARMENIANS.

Chairman
SAMUEL KALEMIAN, ATTY.

Secretary
GARO ISHKHANIAN