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Armenians study U.S. farm policy

Cal Dooley gives delegates a loan-law lesson.

BY MICHAEL DOYLE
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WASHINGTON — Armenia is a former communist state where farmers are on their own.

The United States is a free-market venerator where farmers this year will receive more government aid than ever before in the nation's history.

Into this seemingly contradictory mix, six somber Armenian legislators arrived this week to learn how they, too, can deploy the government on farmers' behalf. They're learning from those who know best: Californians experienced in agriculture and politics, and in the sometimes tangled web that binds the two.

"We are here to see how legislation is done, so we can take it back to our country and adjust it to our conditions," legislator Samvel Avetisyan, speaking through an interpreter, said Tuesday on Capitol Hill.

To the untutored, the conditions may seem topsy-turvy.

Armenia, part of the Soviet Union's centrally planned economic system until 1991, provides no subsidies or support for its 330,000 farmers. This year, the United States is providing American farmers about \$32 billion in subsidies through what's called the Freedom to Farm Act. In a Tuesday discussion with his Armenian counterparts, Rep. Cal Dooley, D-Hanford, described U.S. farm policy as trying to get out of the business of influencing grower decisions.

"But when you increase those direct payments, isn't that making the farmer produce more?" asked legislator Hakob Hakobyan, a former canal engineer with an eye for paradox.

"It is a problem," Dooley agreed, to general laughter, "but there's not necessarily a better alternative at this time."

Avetisyan, a former agricultural economist elected to his first four-year term in the Armenian National Assembly last year, and his colleagues have some specific goals for their two-week visit, which will take them from Washington's power centers to California's Central Valley. Accompanied by an emeritus University of California vice president who's advising them, the Armenian legislators hope to get a start on crafting farm-related legislation.

In particular, the legislators want help in establishing agricultural co-ops and credit associations to aid the country's farm-

ers. Although agriculture accounts for about one-third of the nation's economy, according to the CIA World Factbook, Armenian farms average only about 5 acres.

"They're in a very difficult situation, both economically and politically, so it's taking some time," said Kenneth Farrell, the adviser who formerly served as the University of California's top official for agriculture and natural resources.

The Armenian National Assembly, for instance, lacks an agriculture committee that can focus on creating farm-oriented programs.

Capitol Hill sessions this week are a kind of Civics 101 boot camp, with Dooley discussing how the U.S. Congress wrote legislation providing low-interest farm loans and the like, congressional staffers describing bill-writing, and Agriculture Department officials lecturing on farm-credit programs.

Next week, sessions in Sacramento, the University of California at Davis and a Sacramento Valley farm-credit group will build on the lessons.

Though the legislators won't visit the Fresno area, home to a large Armenian-American population and an Armenian Studies Program at California State University, Fresno, they volunteered gratitude Tuesday for the region's assistance.

"The Fresno university helped us a lot, and also the [city's] Armenian community," Avetisyan said.

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Louise Nalbandian: Pioneer of Armenian Studies at Fresno State

By Dickran Kouymjian

Haig & Isabel Berberian Endowed Professor of Armenian Studies

FRESNO, CA – A quarter of century has passed since the tragic death of Dr. Louise Nalbandian, Professor in the History Department of CSU Fresno from 1964 to 1974. She was the first to teach an Armenian course, starting in the spring semester 1967 with a new class, History 133, "Armenian History." She offered the course every semester she was on campus. In the fall of 1969, Louise Nalbandian instituted another course of interest to Armenia and the Middle East, entitled the "Ancient Fertile Crescent." Later, in the spring of 1972 and again in 1974, she twice taught "Soviet Armenia" in the History Department.

Dr. Nalbandian was from San Francisco, where she grew up with her brothers Al and Harvey. She completed her doctorate at Stanford University and wrote her thesis on Armenian political parties. This was later published by the University of California Press under the title *The Armenian Revolutionary Movement: The Development of Armenian Political Parties through the Nineteenth Century* (1963); it was must reading for anyone interested in Armenian political history of the 19th and early 20th centuries. The first woman hired in the male bastion of history at Fresno State, she gradually developed offerings in her main field of interest.



Dr. Louise Nalbandian

Due to the surge in interest in ethnic studies, and perhaps in part to the university's accepting to offer an Ethnic Studies Program after widespread unrest on campus, including the bombing of the computer center, Louise Nalbandian was able to push for more Armenian content courses. By 1970 she had managed to recruit two new teachers, Serouphie Messerlian, as Assistant Professor of Foreign Languages to teach Armenian, and Dr. Arra Avakian, Professor of Ethnic Studies, to teach Armenian culture.

By 1972, a minor in Armenian Language was offered through the Department of Foreign Languages, and a number of courses were included in the General Education Program. The 1973-4 and the 1974-5 university catalogues list her as Coordinator of Armenian Studies. The continued growth of the Program was dramatically halted by Dr. Nalbandian's death in a highway accident. In the spring of 1975, her previously scheduled courses were cancelled. Dr. Avakian had already left the university, but Ms. Messerlian continued to teach Armenian 1A until the University hired me in 1977 af-

ter a two year search.

When I arrived to reestablish an Armenian Studies Program, no courses except Elementary Armenian had been taught for more than two academic years. Though there was technically a minor in Armenian language, neither Armenian 2A nor Armenian 2B, both requirements for the minor, had ever been listed as offerings in the schedule of courses. I am not sure if anyone actually earned a minor in those years. Unfortunately, those courses, which had been previously listed under General Education, were dropped after Dr. Nalbandian's death, and even the many Armenian courses in Ethnic Studies disappeared after Arra Avakian left in 1974.

My charge was to establish a new Armenian Studies Program. In the first I taught Armenian language, history and art and architecture. As a historian, my interests and publications were in medieval and ancient Armenian Studies, rather than the modern period. One of the first steps I took to revive the program was to expand history into a two-semester course (I wanted four semesters, but there were limits), the first covering the ancient and medieval periods and the second, the history of Armenia from the Cilician kingdom to the Geno-

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study through the pages of 21 years of *Hye Sharzhoom*. What has changed during the past two decades is the consistent number of students completing minors in Armenian Studies, the vast outreach program of public lectures and conferences, the increase in overall enrollment, the availability of large numbers of scholarships and grants for students enrolled in Armenian Studies, and, perhaps most important, the establishment of several major endowments. Because of these endowments – the Haig & Isabel Terberian Endowed Chair of Armenian Studies, which I currently hold, the Henry S. Chanzadian Kazan Endowed Visiting Professor of Armenian Studies, the Victoria Kazan General Endowment for Armenian Studies, and the Pete Peters Scholarship and program endowment – the Program is stabilized

and will continue automatically when I retire.

After Louise Nalbandian passed away, a spontaneous movement was engaged to create a lasting memorial in her name. Spearheaded by Dr. Joseph Satin, then Dean of Arts and Humanities, and loyal friends of Dr. Nalbandian, like the late Professor Ara Dolarian and his wife Rose, a project to erect a Louise Nalbandian Memorial Museum was undertaken. Her brother Al Nalbandian offered to give his multimillion-dollar collection of art to the University if such a facility was built on the CSUF campus in his sister's memory. A site was chosen at Maple and Shaw, just a bit southwest from where the new Smittcamp Alumni Building has been built. The Nalbandian Museum was to be part of a "Heritage Park," which would accommodate mu-

seums and other facilities representing Fresno's major minority populations. Drawings and renderings were completed by a San Francisco architect and the project was approved by the Board of Trustees and placed on the University's master plan.

When I was recruited from Paris in 1976, I was given copies of the plans of the impressive building and told that if I accepted to come to Fresno State, I would have, as one of my duties, the directorship of the museum. I was also assured that groundbreaking would take place in the summer of 1977. Unfortunately, the project never materialized. Though I headed a support committee to raise funds for more than five years, the idea was much ahead of its time and represented a fund drive of several million dollars.

A form of the project was re-cide of 1915. I also immediately developed a new course, AS 10. Introduction to Armenian Studies, which covered language and linguistics, history, genocide studies, Armenians in America, literature, art, and architecture. It was the first Armenian Studies course to get into the newly revised General Education program and remains the fundamental initiation to Armenian Studies for our students.

The subsequent history of Fresno's Armenian Studies Program is much clearer and, after 1979, available for anyone to

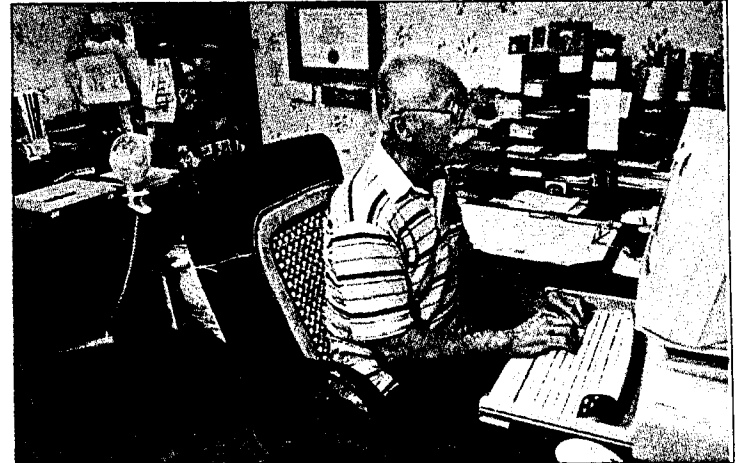
vived twice. Dean Satin, a couple of years before his retirement in the 1980s, acquired the rights to an Arts and Humanities complex designed by the famous American architect Frank Lloyd Wright, but never executed. It was to include an Armenian museum, but again the multimillion-dollar project was never realized. Most recently, proposals have been made for a Center for Armenian Studies and Museum in the new Save Mart Event Center, and a major out-of-state Armenian donor had offered to make a gift of \$400,000 for such a facility, if it were matched by the local community. However, that too fell by the wayside because of a serious misunderstanding.

Thirty-three years have passed since Prof. Nalbandian taught the first Armenian history course on campus. Even I have been ignorant of some of the facts presented above and, from time to time, have forgotten her vital role. My wife and I last met Louise Nalbandian in Beirut in 1972. She was on a sabbatical leave collecting material for a forthcoming book on Maro (Mariam Vardanian), the famous Hunchak revolutionary leader. Over dinner at our house, she explained many of the trials and tribulations she was suffering with Armenian Studies at Fresno State. Our only connection with Fresno was the writings of William Saroyan and, as we accompanied her back to her hotel in the early morning, we could not have imagined for a moment that we too one day would be involved in Armenian Studies in California.

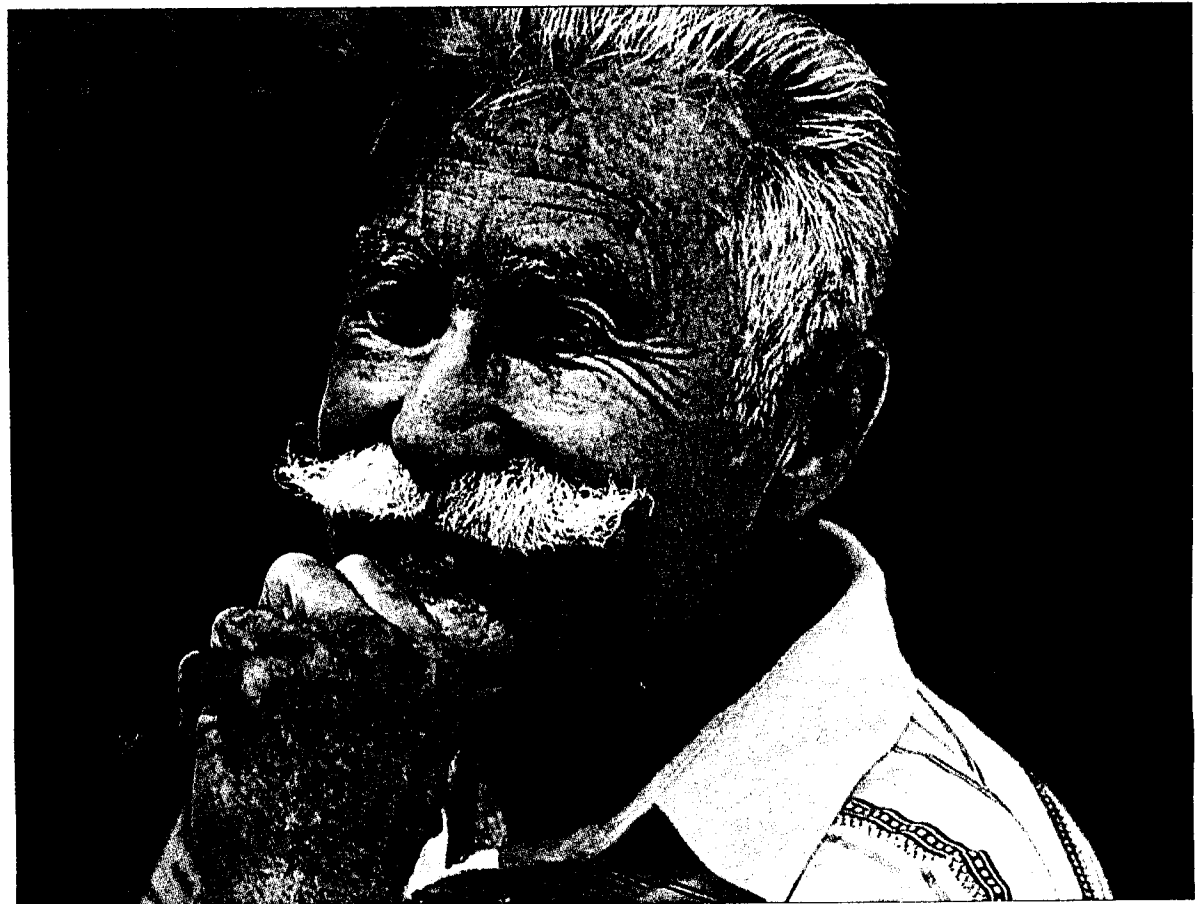
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BOOKS

PURSuing THE PAST



Berge Bulbulian works at home on his computer. Fresno once had the largest number of Armenians in the western hemisphere.



PHOTOS BY CRAIG KOHLRUSS — THE FRESNO BEE

Berge Bulbulian, 74, is author of "The Fresno Armenians." He has lived in the Fresno area all his life.

Author's book is full of surprises about what he thought he knew.

BY SHIRLEY ARMBRUSTER
THE FRESNO BEE

When retired farmer Berge Bulbulian considered chronicling the history of Armenians in Fresno, he was confident there'd be no surprises. After all, he knows and loves his own Armenian heritage, and he arrived in the tight-knit ethnic community in 1929, only five decades after the first Armenian settlers.

But Bulbulian was surprised by what he found.

"I thought I knew most of the history of Armenians in Fresno — and most of what I knew was incorrect. I learned a lot of new things."

Perhaps the most important facts he corrected were the names of the first Armenians to settle in Fresno — five brothers with the surname Seropian — and the year they came — 1881.

Bulbulian compiled what he found into "The Fresno Armenians — History of a Diaspora Community," just released by The Press at California State University, Fresno.

Dr. Luis Costa, publisher and director of The Press, praised Bulbulian for compiling material that was widely scattered in multiple archives and publications. It was a daunting task, but Bulbulian was the right person for the project because of his personal knowledge and contacts, Costa says.

"There were so many sources, that only somebody from within [the Armenian community] could have done it." And, Costa says, the result is "an interesting cross" between an academic text with references and footnotes and a non-academic book written in an informal style with lots of names and family stories scattered throughout.

Among the "firsts" that Bulbulian uncovered or documented:

■ The first property transaction in which an Armenian was involved was on Feb. 8, 1883, when J.H. Rawlings sold a plot of land near California and Elm avenues to Jacob Seropian, one of the first settlers. The family planted grapevines and began farming.

■ Jonathan Sinanian, born Jan. 6, 1884, in Fresno to Mr. and Mrs.

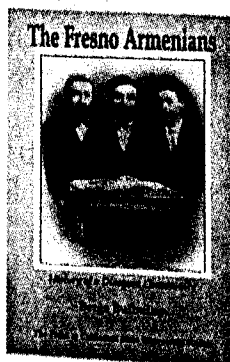
Mesrop Sinanian, was the first Armenian born in California.

■ The Seropians were the first Armenians to start a business. They opened a general store sometime in the late 1880s on Mariposa Street between I Street (now Broadway) and J Street (now Fulton).

■ The Fresno Armenian Library, which predated the Fresno Public Library, was established with an adjoining auditorium on F Street in the late 1880s.

■ Hattie Kazanjian graduated from Fresno High School in 1896, becoming the first Armenian to earn a diploma.

Kathi Lamonski, owner of Fig



Garden Bookstore, says "The Fresno Armenians" is "absolutely flying off the shelf" of her store.

She says that in addition to the obvious appeal to people of Armenian descent, the book, like Fresnoan Arra Avakian's new book, "Armenia, a Journey Through History," appeals to non-Armenians.

"People really do want to read about their neighbors and their community," says

Lamonski.

Costa says the book "shows the many contributions of a particular immigrant group to the city and its surrounding communities. In doing so, it helps us to understand contem-

porary Fresno."

From a scholarly perspective, the book fills an important gap in the history of Armenian immigration to the United States, especially the West Coast, says Dr. Dickran Kouymjian: "Berge Bulbulian's study brings together for the first time almost all the important information on the major personalities, organizations and community activities of the Armenians in Fresno."

Bulbulian says it was Kouymjian, director of the Armenian Studies Program at Fresno State, who urged him in 1996 to write the book, and provided research materials and assistance.

Bulbulian, 74, who farmed for 42 years in Del Rey, southeast of Fresno, relished the intellectual digging. He scoured property records, city and county historical documents and newspaper clippings, and interviewed

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History: Not all of early Fresno's Armenian citizens worked in farming

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descendents of early-day families.

"I enjoyed the research because I kept coming up with new pieces of information. I was also excited because I knew a lot of those people. I've lived here for 60% of the history of the Armenians in Fresno."

Bulbulian's book includes fascinating glimpses into early-day Fresno. For example, he writes that when the Seropian brothers arrived in 1881, the town had five hotels, several saloons and stores, a court-house and a newspaper, The Fresno Weekly Expositor. The city's population had been tallied at 1,112 the previous year.

The author also dispels the widespread belief that the Armenians were rural people who naturally gravitated to farming when they came to Fresno.

"The early ones who came were not farmers," he says. "They were merchants, craftsmen, professionals and intellectuals" — immigrants who had money to leave their homeland. But they quickly got involved in agriculture, and by 1908,

FOR MORE INFO

■ Berge Bulbulian will sign copies of "The Fresno Armenians" 1-3 p.m. Saturday at Fig Garden Bookstore.

■ The 312-page paperback (The Press at California State University, Fresno, \$18.95) includes 15 historical photos, appendices of intermarriage, organizations, Armenian professionals, population growth and an 1618-1998 timeline of Armenians in America and Fresno. Also included is a pull-out map of Fresno's old Armenian Town, circa 1915-1939.

■ The book also is available at B. Dalton Bookstore, Borders Books, the Kennel Bookstore at Fresno State and through amazon.com.

Armenians were farming at least 16,000 acres.

"Farming was just developing [in and around Fresno] and it was a good way to make money. The Armenians didn't have the background in farming, and that may be the reason for so many foreclosures" in the early years, he says.

But many were successful, and Bulbulian details the growth of agriculture and the Armenians involved. Probably it was that achievement in agriculture and in business that fueled jealousy and racism against the newcomers, he says.

He found that in 1901, when the population of Fresno was approximately 13,000, Armenians owned 34 businesses. The number increased to 69 in 1905, 98 in 1910, 162 in 1915, 206 in 1920 and 232 in 1925.

"The Armenians became successful too fast. They owned a higher proportion of businesses than their numbers."

He says discrimination against Armenians was the most intense in the 1920s through the 1930s, and easing after World War II.

Bulbulian moved to Del Rey with his family at the age of 2. After earning a degree in philosophy from the University of California at Los Angeles, he returned to the farm. He is a charter member of the Fresno State Armenian Studies Program Advisory Board. He is donating proceeds from the book to the program.



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'Arts of Armenia' Course Offered At CSU, Fresno

FRESNO - The Division of Extended Education at CSUF is offering a course on "Arts of Armenia," starting Aug. 29 through Dec. 12. The course is scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in Room 15 of the University's San Ramon 6 Building.

The course will introduce participants to Armenian architecture, painting, sculpture, ceramics, metal work, and textiles. The fee is \$25 non-credit.

The instructor is Prof. Dickran Kouymjian, coordinator of Armenian Studies at CSUF.

Additional information and registration forms are available by calling the Division of Extended Education at (559) 278-0333. Pre-registration is recommended as class size is limited.

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Bar Association to Convene

FRESNO, CA—The Armenian Bar Association will hold its midyear meeting in Fresno, California on September 30, 2000.

Held every year since 1989, the conference brings together attorneys, judges, and students from throughout the country to discuss issues facing the community, set the Association's agenda, and participate in continuing legal education seminars.

This year, California Supreme Court Justice Marvin Baxter and California State Senator Chuck Poochigian will be the luncheon speakers.

Professor Dickran Kouymjian, Director of Armenian Studies of California State University, Fresno will speak on "Confiscation and Recovery: The Question of Armenian Properties Taken During the Genocide."

The afternoon discussion, "Inside the Mt. Davidson Cross Case: Separation of Church and State—A Community's Right to Remember" will be presented by Paul Tour-Sarkissian, Esq.

The participants will also partake in a special guided tour of historic Armenian sites presented by local historian Berj Bulbulian, Charter Member of California State University's Armenian Studies Program.

Accommodations will be at by the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Fresno. Hotel reservations should be made directly by contacting the hotel at 1-800-333-3333. For more information, visit www.ArmenianBar.org or call (323) 666-6288.

Grant Renewed for Armenian Studies at CSU

FRESNO—For the fifth consecutive year, the Bertha and John Garabedian Charitable Foundation has awarded Prof. Dickran Kouymjian and the Armenian Studies Program of California State University a grant for on-going projects. As a result of previous grants, students skilled in computer technology developed a Web site for the program.

The late John Garabedian was a generous patron of the Armenian Studies Program. During a drive for the Haig and Isabel Berberian En-

dowed Chair in Armenian Studies, he pledged \$100,000.

Numerous students have benefited from grants to work on the Index of Armenian Art (IAA), an on-going project whose purpose is to collect examples of medieval Armenian art. A complete set of Armenian manuscripts through the year 1000 was published in 1977, and those of the 11th century were published in 1979. With the aid of previous Garabedian Foundation grants, miniatures from the 9th through the

11th century were put on an interactive CD ROM.

Prof. Kouymjian's book, *The Arts of Armenia*, published in 1992 by the Gulbenkian Foundation, was made available on the Armenian Studies Web site, along with 300 color slides of Armenian art. The text and images are now regularly used by students in courses.

The current grant will enable work to continue on two international exhibits being organized by Prof. Kouymjian. The first will be held at the Museum of Art and History in Switzerland beginning in fall 2001, which will exhibit the "Treasures of the Armenian Catholicosate of Cilicia." The second exhibition will open at the Textile Museum in Lyon, France in December 2001. Its subject is "Armenian Altar Curtains from the Collection of Holy Etchmiadzin." Both will have special illustrated catalogs and are part of the 1700th anniversary of the conversion of Armenia to Christianity.

Prof. Kouymjian will describe each item individually, including the complete inscriptions found on the Armenian liturgical objects. Both exhibits have separate teams of international experts in textiles, metalwork, miniature painting, and early printing.

The Garabedian Foundation provided seventy-six grants to organizations and projects for the year 2000, totalling nearly half a million dollars.



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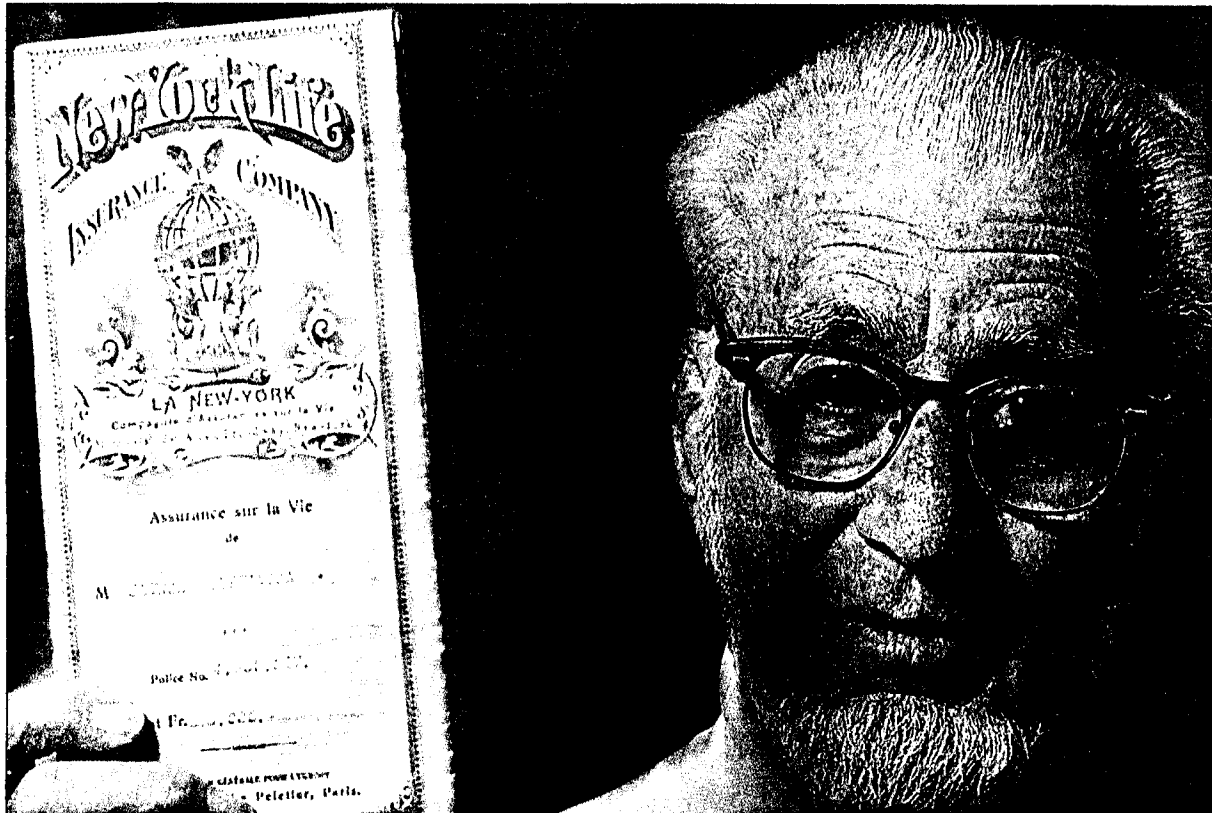
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SUBJECT: Armenian Genocide and Insurance Policies

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MATTER of POLICY



PHOTOS BY KURT HEGRE — THE FRESNO BEE
Marty Marootian holds an insurance policy issued to a relative in Armenia before the genocide early in the 20th century. After the relative was killed, the policy was passed on to family members in America who have been unable to collect on it.

Invaluable insurance policies from the Armenian Genocide are somewhere, but where?

BY MICHAEL KRIKORIAN
THE FRESNO BEE

In the cautious years before war shook the world in 1914, thousands of Armenians living in the Turkish Ottoman Empire purchased life insurance policies. Eight months after the start of World War I, the wholesale slaughter of Armenians began. More than a million would perish in the genocide, most of the insured among them.

What happened to those life insurance policies, said now to be worth several billion dollars? Almost nothing.

Except for a smattering of payouts to beneficiaries, the insurance policies remain unclaimed. That's because many families were annihilated. But it's also because of unawareness, confusion, lack of paperwork and, according to several re-



searchers, cunning deception and greed by insurance companies unwilling to part with so much money.

Now there is united energy aimed at getting to those policies written so long ago, so far away. A class-action lawsuit has been filed on behalf of the Armenian claimants. In addition, legislation written by state Sen. Charles Poochigian, R-Fresno, would allow heirs of victims of the Armenian Genocide who had life insurance policies to sue the insurance companies in California courts. The bill also extends the statute of limitations on these claims to 2010.

The bill, SB 1915, which passed unanimously in the Senate and the Assembly, is sailing toward Gov. Davis' cluttered desk. Davis, who has hundreds of bills awaiting his signature, is expected to sign it into law.

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"Of course, it's not the money. ... What they've been doing is giving us the bum's rush."

— Marty Marootian, on his family's dealings with insurance carrier New York Life over a policy on an Armenian Genocide victim



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Policy: Search is on for list of Armenian policyholders

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The bill originally included a provision that would require insurance companies, most notably New York Life Insurance, Equitable Life of New York (now named AXA Advisors) and French Union-Vie, to provide a list of Armenian clients and their policies. That element was dropped from SB 1915 because of legal complications, Poochigian said.

The search for this elusive list is not new. The hunt goes back 85 years, when forces against Armenians were seeking the list for their own benefit.

In a haunting 1915 conversation with the U.S. ambassador to Turkey during World War I, Turkish Interior Minister Talaat Bey spoke of the thousands of Armenians who had purchased life insurance policies.

"Talaat made what was perhaps the most astonishing request I had ever heard," Ambassador Henry Morgenthau recalled in memoirs published in 1918.

Bey, architect of the Armenian Genocide, told Morgenthau that he wanted "American life insurance companies to send us a complete list of their Armenian policyholders."



State Sen. Charles Poochigian's bill would allow heirs of genocide victims to sue insurance companies in California courts and collect on policies until 2010.

"They are practically all dead now and have left no heirs to collect the money," Bey said. "The government is the beneficiary now."

A flabbergasted Morgenthau lost his temper, told Bey he would get no such list and then stormed out the room.

The Turkish state never collected the list or the money. Nor did anyone else.

Since then, the details of each policy — the amount of benefits, the names of beneficiaries — have remained a mystery.

The search for the list goes on today. Those involved in the class-action suit seek it.

A spokesman for New York Life said it doesn't exist.

"I don't know of any such list," said William Werfelman, vice president of media relations for New York Life. He adamantly denied they were ducking policy beneficiaries.

"New York Life stands ready to review any claim by a beneficiary or person claiming to be the rightful heir to policy proceeds, just as it has been for the last 155 years," he said.

But many Armenians have grown impatient.

The class-action suit was filed in Los Angeles against New York Life on behalf of 45 people and 7,671 insurance policies issued between 1895 and 1915. Lawyers for the plaintiffs say the policies are worth more than \$3 billion.

One family has been trying off and on for 77 years to collect from New York Life.

It was 1914, a year before the mass killings began, that Setrak Cheytanian, perhaps sensing oncoming doom, gave his life insurance policy to his sister-in-law, Yegas Marootian, who was bound for New York.

Years later, Marootian learned that her brother-in-law and all his immediate family had been killed by Turks June 21, 1915, in the city of Kharpert.

In 1923, she went to New York Life to collect on the policy.

"I understand that in 1923, one of the heirs contacted New York Life," Werfelman said. "It is my understanding that she was told what we would need, and we never heard from that person again."

Marootian's son said that is not the truth.

"We have copies of more than five written correspondences between my mother and New York Life," said Marty Marootian, who has taken on the crusade since his mother and older sister died in 1994.

"I don't know what that would be worth today," Marootian said of the policy, which was written for 3,000 francs and would be worth roughly \$50,000 today. "Of course, it's not the money. It's just getting New York Life to respond. What they've been doing is giving us the bum's rush."

The insurance company says it wants to resolve the case.

"New York Life remains interested in solving the Marootian matter without litigation and hopes that the claimant would work in a cooperative matter to accomplish that goal," Werfelman said.

Marootian, who lives in La Canada, is 84 and tired of the whole mess.

"He hopes within his lifetime he can see some action on this," said his wife, Seda.

A lawyer for Marootian said it's all about getting the runaround. Bobbing and weaving.

"New York Life knew about it, and they've done nothing for 77 years," said Vartkes Yeghiayan, a Glendale lawyer whose interest on the insurance policies was sparked 13 years ago after reading Morgenthau's memoirs.

The French insurance company

Union-Vie had 10,899 Armenians insured, many of them from the Armenian city of Kharpert. Equitable Life of New York issued an estimated 1,000 policies, Yeghiayan said.

A spokesperson for AXA Advisors (the former Equitable) would not comment on the class-action suit or the bill, other than to say lawyers "are just now in the process of reviewing Bill 1915, and it would be premature to comment at this point."

Most of the original policyholders died in the genocide. Their beneficiaries are gone, too. Only heirs remain.

As word spreads of the class action, more people have come forward. Another policy was discovered Wednesday.

"Forty-five actual heirs have contacted us, but the beauty of a class-action suit is you don't have to have every single person," said lead counsel Brian Kabateck of the powerful Century City firm of Quisenberry and Kabateck. "We have an excellent case, but we have a long road to go before we get there. SB 1915 will help the case."

A California State University, Fresno, professor of Armenian studies lauded the action and the new bill, but expressed concern they might add worry to many lives.

"This is a wonderful piece of legislation, but the only way to go at this is not to add extra stress on

Armenians by making them scurry around looking for old insurance papers," Dickran Kouymjian said. "Class-action is the way to go, so you don't need every individual policy."

Kouymjian said the case is attracting interest in various circles, including the Armenian and legal communities.

"It will really take off when the legal community understands it is in their financial interests," he said. "SB

1915 is a great moral victory in that we had a unanimous win in the Senate and House. Still that doesn't bring us one step closer to a settlement with the insurance companies."

Poochigian said a similar 1998 bill for Jewish Holocaust survivors was the inspiration for SB 1915.

"Actually, I know a lot about the genocide, but I didn't know much about Armenian insurance policies," Poochigian said. "It came as a surprise to me."

Others also were surprised, if not amazed, that any Armenian in those harrowing times had life insurance.

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More than a million Armenians were slaughtered in atrocities attributed to a genocide by the Turkish Ottoman Empire during World War I.

When told about SB 1915, the Rev. Henry Missirlian of Fresno, a genocide survivor who was conversing just fine on other topics, had trouble grasping the idea.

"I'm a little hard of hearing. Could you repeat that slowly?" asked Missirlian, 87, who never knew his murdered parents and lived on the streets of Syria before an orphanage took him in.

He was told again about the bill.

"Are you kidding me?" he asked incredulously. He began to laugh. "I never heard of life insurance of any sort for Armenians. That's ridiculous."

When the knock comes late at night, when you're ordered out of your home at gunpoint, when you hear the shots and the neighbors' cries, documents of any kind probably wouldn't be a priority.

"Papers meant nothing," Missirlian said. "It was a matter of survival. We were breathing death through our noses and hearts every moment."

"Insurance," he muttered. But thousands of Armenians did buy life insurance. The hard part today is finding out whether one's family had a policy and convincing the insurance companies you are the rightful heir.

To complicate matters, New

York Life said it left the life insurance business in Europe after World War I by transferring all outstanding New York Life policies to English or French companies. The bulk of the transfers, most of them non-Armenian, were completed by 1922.

"Consequently, records relating to these transfers are incomplete," company spokesman Werfelman said. "New York Life makes every attempt to assist policyholders whose policy was transferred to one of these insurers."

Glendale lawyer Yeghiayan said New York Life's action would be comparable to Farmers Insurance transferring all its earthquake insurance policies immediately after the 1994 shaker in Los Angeles.

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He said he hopes the claimants get their money. He hopes the money from the rest of the unclaimed policies one day will go into some sort of claims organization that would be used to open an Armenian Genocide museum.

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SPECIAL TO THE BEE

The Philip Lorenz Memorial Keyboard Concert series opened its season Friday with Armenian pianist Vardan Mamikonian. The Armenian Studies Program at California State University, Fresno, co-sponsored the event at the CSUF Concert Hall.

The program offered Tchaikovsky's Theme and Variations in F Major, Op. 19, Prokofiev's Sonata in D Minor, Op. 14, Poeme Dodecaphonique by Arno Babadjanian, and Funerailles, Liebestraum: Notturmo III, and Mephisto - Waltz No. 1 by Franz Liszt.

Mamikonian greeted a full house with the sheepish grin of a young virtuoso, sat down at the keyboard, took a long moment to collect himself, then coaxed Tchaikovsky's Theme and Variations from the piano.

The composition itself sounded rather like a composition student's exercise, using counterpoint, chordal passages and the other usual treatments of a theme, but the pianist managed to breathe a great deal of life into it, nonetheless.

The Prokofiev sonata had four movements, each enjoyable with its own distinct character, and each enabling the pianist to demonstrate various masterful techniques. In the Scherzo, he expertly managed a three-part texture: the left hand played a bass line below and ornaments above the right hand, which was

playing a broken chord in the middle. Each gesture maintained its own identity and proved most astonishing.

The final movement had good humor, which Mamikonian brought off well, and it built to a big, banging conclusion. Upon the final chord, he jumped up from the piano in triumph, as if he could not contain his excitement at playing this work so well, and took his bow.

The most interesting work of the evening, the Poeme Dodecaphonique, was a 12-tone composition, a method for composing seldom represented in the repertoire of the typical pianist. Most musicians who play 12-tone music specialize in music of the 20th century, so it was a rare treat to hear this work on a program with Liszt and Tchaikovsky.

Mamikonian performed this work expertly, bringing all of the skill apparent so far from the earlier works to his interpretation of the score, and replacing the air of ambition apparent earlier with an air of confidence. The music itself avoided consonance and favored a motivic treatment of the musical materials.

One clearly heard the melodies and their repetitions at various points throughout the work. One also heard several ideas happening at once. The left hand played a motive while the right hand played a repeating gesture, for example. The music visited pastoral moments and more exciting moments of bravura, culminating with a wild, pounding finale that brought excited cheers from the audience. This

was another anomaly: an audience receiving well a 12-tone composition.

After the intermission, Mamikonian played an all Liszt set. Funerailles began as a sparse work, with a repeating low note acting like an exclamation point after each measure of music.

This repeating note served as a motive as the music grew to a loud, insistent climax. The pianist seemed at ease with this music, and played with accuracy and grace.

The Liebestraum: Notturmo III rang like a song, with the melody weaving its way over the accompaniment. The pianist played this work, a rather simple piece for Liszt, with great emotion and longing. He held the last chord as long as the sound rang forth. Then he let down and accepted his applause.

The final work on the program, the Mephisto Waltz, was more typical of Liszt. Here, Mamikonian played with great technical skill and energy. He displayed great control of the contrast between loud and soft, and managed the multi-octave leaps with great accuracy. At the end of this, the crowd shouted many bravos and leapt to its feet in appreciation.

Mamikonian returned with his grin and sat down for the encore, Katchaturian's Toccata. This rounded out the program well, serving to bring down the excitement rather than fomenting it.

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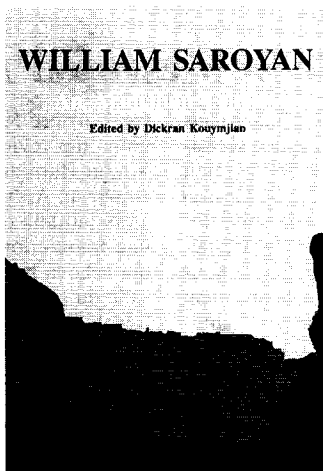
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PHARES ARMÉNIENS DE CALIFORNIE

II - Le programme d'études arméniennes de l'université de Fresno

Agréable de savoir qu'une telle institution existe à Fresno, Californie ; créée par le docteur très connu Louise Nalbandian, l'arrivée du professeur Dickran Kouymjian en 1976 lui a donné une impulsion sans précédent. En tant que première communauté de Californie, Fresno se devait d'offrir des études universitaires arméniennes et les donations de nombreuses personnalités ont permis sa naissance et son développement.



Les programmes comprennent la littérature, l'histoire, l'art et l'architecture, les films arméniens, les écrits de William Saroyan, le génocide et tous les problèmes arméniens contemporains. La langue et la littérature arméniennes sont enseignées à différents niveaux au Département des langues et littératures étrangères. Ainsi, chaque année, des étudiants sont préparés à enseigner dans l'une des 25 écoles arméniennes des Etats-Unis ou à se présenter à des postes administratifs dans les associations arméniennes ou à étudiant ou travailler bénévolement en Arménie même. Evidemment ils peuvent aussi poursuivre des travaux de recherche en doctorat correspondant à leurs études arméniennes dans des universités prestigieuses comme UCLA, Harvard, Columbia, Tufts, Michigan ou Oxford.

Les étudiants font d'abord connaissance avec l'Arménie et les Arméniens dans le cours d'introduction. Le cours sur les arts englobe l'architecture, la peinture, la sculpture, la céramique, le travail des métaux et les textiles. Une partie intéressante du cours sur William Saroyan compare l'œuvre avec les films qui en ont été tirés. L'unité « littérature arménienne » étudie David de Sassoun, Saroyan et peut trouver un complément au sein des cours de littérature étrangère avec Narégatsi, Toumanian, Siamanto et Varoujean. Dans l'unité concernant le génocide, le professeur consacre une partie à la comparaison du génocide arménien aux autres génocides du XX^e siècle, enfin l'histoire arménienne aux Etats-Unis insiste sur les six vagues d'immigration de 1870 à 1995 avec les différentes étapes et l'intégration des Arméniens dans la société américaine.

D'autre part, des cours ont lieu en fin de semaine plus précisément sur la communauté arménienne de Fresno et l'immigration, qui peuvent être suivis par un large public.

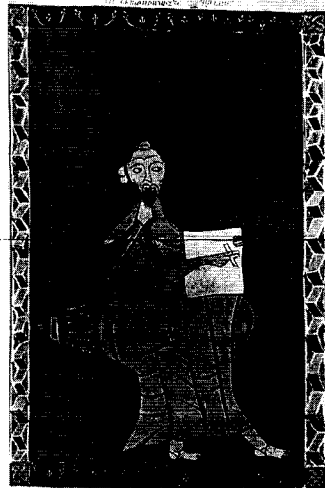
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L'Association des Etudiants Arméniens et leur journal *Hye Sharzhoom* (*Haï Charjoun*) sont subventionnés par le programme d'Etudes arméniennes et c'est en parcourant ce journal (mai 1999) que nous avons appris que le docteur Kouymjian, nommé professeur hors-classe en 1986, avait reçu le prix Fulbright en 1987 et venait d'obtenir le prix Provost pour l'excellence de son enseignement. La même source indiquait que 35 étudiants de l'université de Fresno s'intéressent à l'art de la miniature arménienne et ont ainsi suivi ce cours très spécifique pendant 3 week-ends. Même si ces personnes n'étaient pas des spécialistes en la matière. Le professeur Kouymjian dit que l'important est la prise de conscience concernant cet incroyable héritage culturel.

Des échanges inter-universitaires Erévan-Fresno sont prévus mais encore balbutiants, Fresno attend 2 étudiants d'Arménie, mais la réciprocité ne fonctionne pas encore, patience !

Avec environ 200 étudiants inscrits pour ce semestre 1999-2000 on peut dire que le programme d'études arméniennes se porte bien, cela s'expliquant par la qualité du personnel enseignant, la diversité des études proposées, la continuité et le suivi. Nous aimerions que la France ait aussi un tel programme d'études incluant les écrivains et artistes arméniens de France.

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SUBJECT: Dr Charny to Speak on Genocide Denial

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Genocide Denial Expert to Speak Oct. 16 at CSUF

FRESNO - Dr. Israel Charny, Executive Director of the Institute on the Holocaust and Genocide, Jerusalem, will speak on "Academics Who Deny the Armenian Genocide and the Holocaust" in an Oct. 16 public lecture at 7:30 p.m. in the Alice Peters Auditorium at the CSU Fresno campus. The talk is sponsored by the Armenian Studies Program at CSU Fresno. The lecture is free of charge and open to the public.

Dr. Charny is Professor of Psychology and Family Therapy at Hebrew University.

Dr. Charny's US lecture tour is organized by the Armenian Genocide Resource Center of Northern California, a newly established educational resource center, that engages in outreach programs to document and teach the Armenian Genocide.



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***Holocaust and
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State Campus***

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Israel Charny is widely respected and credited as a prime mover in the development of the field of Genocide Studies, in which he has persevered in his leadership for thirty years, often notwithstanding considerable resistance from those who have sought to establish the uniqueness of the Holocaust at the expense of denying the genocides of other peoples or minimizing their significance and comparability to the Holocaust.

He is editor-in-chief of the recently published "Encyclopedia of Genocide," a path-breaking two-volume reference work that focuses on the Holocaust and the Armenian Genocide while critically examining the entire historiography of all genocides, including the phenomenology of the denial of genocides. The work promises to be the premier reference work on the subject for some time to come.

Dr. Charny is Professor of Psychology and Family Therapy at Hebrew University. Publications by Professor Charny are many and include: "Genocide and Mass Destruction: The Missing Dimension in Psychopathology," in *Toward the Understanding and Prevention of Genocide*, which is regarded as the standard for reviews on the subject of genocide.

In 1982 he organized the first International Conference On Holocaust and Genocide in Tel Aviv, where he fought off efforts by the Turkish government to prevent lecturers from presenting papers on the Armenian Genocide. That incident created a national scandal in Israel when Turkey threatened the safety of Jews in Turkey if the conference were to continue as planned. While many scholars did drop out, the incident served to galvanize interest for the further study of denial of genocides, a field in which Dr. Charny, as a psychologist, has since offered significant contributions and been the primary proponent and driving force.

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SUBJECT: Orpheus Concert Features Armenian Works

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Orpheus appeals to the senses

*Chamber music ensemble's
first concert of the season
whets the appetite for more.*

BY GEORGE WARREN
SPECIAL TO THE BEE

Orpheus, Fresno's elite chamber music ensemble, opened its 22nd season Saturday in the Wahlberg Recital Hall at California State University, Fresno with a concert featuring harpist Laura Porter and the music of former local composer Alan Brett.

The concert bore the title "The Music, to be Tasted . . ." and the program held true to this thought. Each work offered musical elements that appealed directly to the senses, whether the understated, timeless timbre of the harp or the rainbow colors of the ensembles.

The concert opened with "The Fruit, to be Tasted, Was Torn From the Tree," Alan Brett's arrangement of 10 songs by Armenian composer and churchman Gomidas Vartabed. Porter, flutist Teresa Beaman and cellist Judy Robinson balanced this mostly meditative work expertly. Varying between solos, duos and the trio, the players maintained a thoughtful tone without ever lapsing into brooding.

While much of the work offered easy rhythms and melodies bordering on the primitive, several of the movements

danced. These movements offered exciting relief by breaking out into lively romps.

Next, Porter performed "Sonate pour harpe" by French composer Pierick Houdy. Porter performed this staple of the harp repertory with acute attention to detail and a restrained sense of emotion. This was the only work on the program for solo harp, and it provided an excellent sample of Porter's exceptional skill. It also offered a rare treat; one seldom hears a harp in solo performance.

Violinists John Morrice and David Margetts, violist Claudia Shihuh and cellist Judy Robinson took the stage next to play "Divertimento for String Quartet" by Alan Brett. Musically, this was the most flavorful offering of the evening. Brett admitted to being influenced by Shostakovich, Beethoven and Bartok in the composition of this work. Indeed, the ghost of Shostakovich lurked in the harmonies throughout the work.

The work visited many of the usual timbres of the string quartet, but never sounded derivative. Of particular note, the passacaglia in the fourth movement juked and jived in the cello, while the instruments above worked in contrast, creating a fantastic, almost visual, texture.

Phyllis Perry Fortner was unable to appear this evening, so two works were offered in place of Maurice Delage's "Four Hindu Poems": "Syrinx" for solo flute by Claude Debussy and "Sicilienne," the third movement of Gabriel Faure's "Pelleas et Melisande" arranged for flute, cello, and harp by Alan Brett and Porter.

Beaman performed the Debussy with a great deal of energy restrained by the notes on the page. This tension proved delightful as Beaman breathed life into the composition.

The trio managed the Faure with some difficulty, perhaps having had little rehearsal time before the concert. Despite some trouble with tempo changes, this familiar music came off very well in the ensemble. The players clearly were listening to each other, and they balanced foreground and background elements well.

The final work of the evening, "Introduction and Allegro" by Maurice Ravel, included the musicians from the string quartet and the trio, plus Miles Ishigaki on clarinet and Jack Fortner conducting. This work amounts to a chamber concerto for harp, composed by Ravel at the commission of the Erard Harp Company. The company wanted a composition to display the capability of its improved instrument.

Porter played her part flawlessly, lending a sense of elegance to the composition through her meticulous management of the instrument. Fortner held the ensemble back so it never buried the harp, then let it loose when the harp rested. This contrast set up the harp as a unique timbre in the fabric of the music and enabled Porter to shine. This cornucopia of timbres and musical styles whets the appetite for what promises to be a musically stimulating season for Orpheus.

■ George Warren, Ph.D., is the senior editor of musictheoryresources.com.



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SUBJECT: Kouymjian on Armenian Genocide Denial

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Genocide denial 'kills truth'

By **ARPIK PARAGHAMIAN**

THE COLLEGIAN

"Let's talk about denial," said Israel Charny, professor of psychology and family therapy at Hebrew University.

Charny was on campus Monday to address the issue of holocaust and genocide denials, where groups of people are killed on a policy basis and the fact is denied.

After being introduced by Armenian Studies professor Dickran Kouymjian, Charny stepped forward and announced to the audience that he will never forgive the Jewish Holocaust or the genocides of the Armenian and Cambodian people.

"I've learned how upset Armenians are about denials," Charny said. Denial is the last stage of genocide, he told the audience, which consisted mostly of Fresno Armenians.

Armenians feel strongly toward their ancestral past, he said. This anger is what happens before the healing can take place.

Charny treated the fact of denial as a psychological concept and said those groups who deny mass murders don't really mean to do so.

With a six-part outline titled, "Ways in Which Denial is Organized," Charny walked the audience through classifications such as, "malevolent bigotry" and "human shallowness" for reasons why genocides are being denied. Charny called the process "definitionalism," a term he defines as "over-involvement of scholars describing the purer reasons on why it can't be genocide." The committers of these mass executions do not admit murder was planned.

They blame it on something else, such as foreign invasions, he said. "The denial is so rampant, you don't recognize it," he said.

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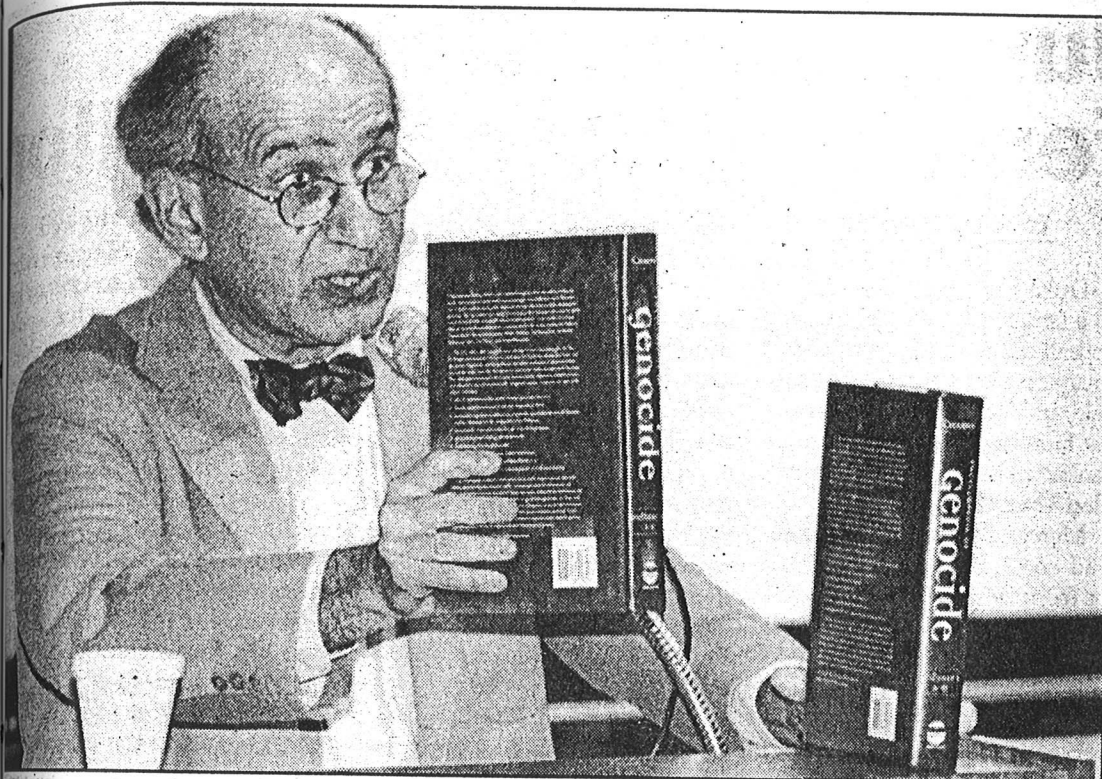
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Charny also stated that incidents of genocide are not only historical matters but present and future ones as well. Charny said the denial of genocides is an effort to "kill the truth" and "murder history."

Those who deny the existence of genocides have been somewhat successful in their efforts which is evidenced by a

Israel Charny lectures on the issue of holocaust and genocide denials at Monday's presentation. He not only spoke of the Jewish Holocaust but of the genocide of the Armenian and Cambodian peoples — two tragedies that are not well known.

classroom of students in Tel Aviv, Israel. When Charny asked the class how many had heard of the Armenian Genocide, 50 percent raised their hands. When the students were asked if they knew about the Cambodian Genocide, only 20 percent raised their hands. Charny said the students were able to loosely recall films on the fact but did not show real or tragic compassion.

Charny said he believes it is possible to limit violence and has published a two-volume reference work, "Genocide," to further educate people on the subject.

"Denial is really about the battle of genocide to all peoples" and should be taken seriously, Charny said.



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Premiere of Composition Inspired by Gomidas Vartabed

FRESNO, CA – The 22nd season, 2000-2001, of Fresno's Orpheus chamber orchestra began with the international premiere of a newly commissioned work by composer Alan Brett of England based on the songs of Gomidas Vartabed. The orchestra was led by Jack Fortner, Professor Emeritus of the Music Department at Fresno State.

In addition to works by Brett, the program included compositions by Pierick Houdy, Maurice Delage, and Maurice Ravel. The concert was held on October 14 in the Concert Hall of CSUF.

The suite based on Gomidas's songs, entitled "The Fruit, to Be Tasted, Was Torn from the Tree,"

is scored for flute, cello and harp. After the Prologue come the following songs: "Gakavi Yerk" (Song of the Partridge), "Goujn Ara" (I Took Up the Jug), "Yerginkn ambel e" (The Sky Became Cloudy), "Alagiaz" (Mt. Aragats), "Hoy, Nazan im" (Oh, My Nazan), "Akh, Maral jan" (Ah, Dear Maral), "Andouni" (Song of the Homeless), "Chem grna khagha" (I Cannot Dance), "Groung" and "Shogher jan" (The Crane and Dear Shogher).

The present work is a result of a kind commission by Angele and Dickran Kouymjian in the fall of 1998, and is dedicated to them. Various songs and choruses have been selected and ar-

ranged (with some slight amendments, voice changes, melodic developments, etc.) for flute, cello, and harp. All combinations of these instruments are used, including a solo for each instrument. The title is meant to express not only the disruption and pain of exile, but also the necessity of experiences in the development of all men.

Having formerly taught cello and composition at the California State University, Fresno, Brett currently lives in Bourne End, Buckinghamshire, a small village in central England where he practices the cello and studies psychology.



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SUBJECT: His Holiness Aram I to Visit Fresno State

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Religious dignitary visits today

By ARPIK PARAGHIAN**THE COLLEGIAN**

His Holiness Aram I will be on campus today speaking on "The Ecological Crisis, Its Causes and Implications: A Christian View."

His Holiness will attend a meeting with University officials at 10:30 a.m. then will give a lecture to the public at 11:00 a.m. in the Satellite Student Union. After a buffet lunch, he will be free to meet with students at 1:45 p.m. in the Residence Dining Hall.

Following the meeting with the

students, he will make a guest appearance in Dr. Richard Hovakimyan's Armenian Genocide class at 3 p.m.

As Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia and Moderator of the World Council of Churches, His Holiness has made priorities of reorganizing churches and schools, re-activating social and church organizations, renewing community leadership, and strengthening relationships with Christian and Moslem communities.

Since 1972, His Holiness has served as General Secretary for the

Ecumenical Relations of Cilician Catholicosate, allowing him to represent catholicosate at major ecumenical conferences and assemblies worldwide.

One of the founding members of the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) in 1974, His Holiness has served on the Council's Executive Committee from its beginning.

He has elevated to this highest position in the World Council of Churches as the first and youngest Orthodox from the Middle East.



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SUBJECT: Dr Kouymjian Comments on New Project

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Lemna to head project in Armenia

A Minneapolis-based engineering firm has agreed to facilitate a \$300 million energy, transportation and environmental infrastructure project in the Republic of Armenia.

Lemna International Inc., which has helped build more than 50 facilities in about 20 countries, will head the "Energy for Peace" project, which planners hope will improve relations in the area, said Viet Ngo, president of Lemna. "They are very interested in developing their energy infrastructure," Ngo said. "They want to use energy as a peace vehicle to foster better relationships."

The early stages of the project will focus on establishing an improved energy network, although the agreement states the republic will identify projects in other fields such as industry, trade, agriculture and environmental protection, for which it could require aid from international businesses.

This is Lemna's first project in Armenia, though it has been involved in establishing improved infrastructure in nearby areas such as Turkey. The Armenians hope to break ground on the projects before year's end.

For a country with a gut-wrenching history of unrest such as Armenia, a program like this is a blessing, said Dickran Kouymjian, director of the Armenian Studies program at California State University — Fresno.

The republic has been relying on foreign aid to take it through several tiffs with other countries, an earthquake in 1988 and a land blockade imposed against it since 1988 by Turkey and Azerbaijan, he said. "Will it help?" he asked. "Of course it will help."

Andrew Telljohn

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Honors Course Armenian Studies 20H

by Dr. Dickran Kouymjian

The course is an initiation in the methodology of art historical studies using as a model Armenian art. Because the cultural history of Armenia spans more than 3000 years, students will become acquainted with art forms from prehistory to the present. The course will be taught in blocks by medium starting with architecture and then moving to painting, sculpture, mosaics, frescoes, ceramics, metalwork, and textiles. Since so much of the content of Armenian art is religious, emphasis will be placed on an analysis of Christian iconography, its origins and how Armenian artists borrowed from international trends and contributed to them. The development of Christian architecture will also be presented as comparative materials to Armenian Church building, especially within the context of structures with stone domes and the rise of Gothic architecture and the Armenian connection. No previous knowledge of Armenian history nor of art history is necessary. The basic text will be Dickran Kouymjian, The Arts of Armenia, Lisbon, 1992.

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German Scholar Will Speak at CSUF on Ottoman Theft of Armenian Properties

FRESNO - Hilmar Kaiser of the European University Institute (Florence, Italy) will be speaking on "The Ottoman Government and Armenian Property During the Genocide," at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 6 in the Alice Peters Auditorium, University Business Center, on the CSU Fresno campus. The talk is sponsored by the Armenian Studies Program.

Kaiser, a doctoral candidate at the European University Institute, is a specialist on German-Ottoman

relations and the Armenian Genocide and has previously presented a series of lectures at Fresno State. He has done extensive archival research in Europe, the Middle East and the United States and has participated in many international conferences.

The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information about the lecture or about parking on campus, contact the Armenian Studies Program at (559) 278-2669.



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SUBJECT: Hilmar Kaiser to Speak at Fresno State

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Armenian Studies Fall Lecture Series Features Hilmar Kaiser

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Kaiser has made an important contribution to the study of late Ottoman History, with his book *Imperialism, Racism, and Development Theories: The Construction of a Dominant Paradigm on Ottoman Armenians*, which traces the sources of stereotypical portrayals of Armenians in various schools of Ottoman history-writing.

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Fresno State-Yerevan program wins \$300k

Grant will help Armenian students learn how to develop business skills.

BY JIM STEINBERG
THE FRESNO BEE

Armenia's shift from a Soviet economy to a market economy has prompted a \$300,000 State Department grant for a joint program run by Yerevan State University and California State University, Fresno.

The economic shift requires a massive change in thinking to develop business competence in skills as basic as determining what consumers will buy.

Developing that and other business knowledge is the goal of the Faculty Development Program in Business and Economics, which was awarded the grant.

Fresno State announced that it and its Armenian partner university have won the three-year grant from the

State Department's Newly Independent States College and University Partnership Program.

The partnership seeks to develop joint research projects, courses in business and economics plus seminars and workshops.

Fresno State won a similar one-year grant of just over \$100,000 last year.

Lecturer Barlow Der Mugrdechian, project director for Fresno State, said faculty members have traveled both ways in the exchange's first year.

Marketing is one example of skills the newly independent nation needs to develop.

"They didn't need marketing in the Soviet Union," he said, "and they didn't have it."

The Armenian university also is revamping its master's program in business administration, Der Mugrdechian said, and it wants to bolster its curriculum to make business sense in international markets.

And the Yerevan university seeks

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Research: Former Soviet republic lacks marketing skills

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technical assistance in computers as a tool in teaching and distance learning.

Marketing professor William E. Rice of Fresno State is among the visitors who have worked in the collaboration between the two universities.

There is little understanding in the former Soviet republic of such concepts as risk, new product development, modeling and quantity analysis, he said.

"These are some of the sharpest people in the world, but they are not used to a market economy where you must do research in consumer issues before developing products," Rice said.

He visited Armenia within the last month, and described the change in thinking and markets necessary to move from a

socialist to capitalist economy and thrive:

"I brought home 40 pounds of chocolate to give to my Armenian friends (in California) and let them realize that Armenia now has its own manufacturing plant. That is exactly what we're trying to do."

In addition to Der Mugrdechian, who wrote the grant application, participants include Elizabeth Shields of the Department of Finance of the Craig School of Business at Fresno State; project co-director Rafael Matevossian, vice president for international relations at Yerevan State; and professor Hayg Sargsyan, dean of the School of Business at Yerevan State.

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Fresno State Awarded \$296,887 for Three Year Project with Yerevan State University

FRESNO - The Faculty Development Program in Business and Economics between CSUF and Yerevan State University will continue with a three-year grant of nearly \$300,000 awarded to Fresno State, under the Newly Independent States (NIS) College and University Partnership Program.

As part of the project, Fresno State faculty will collaborate with Yerevan State University faculty to develop curricula in the area of business and economics to conduct joint research, and to hold seminars/workshops.

In August of 1999, Fresno State was awarded a similar one-year grant of just over Last year's project provided the YSU School of Business with a ten-computer laboratory for use by graduate students in the program. In addition, for the first

time, students and faculty were able to access the Internet and the World Wide Web from the recently renovated Business Building.

Project director for Fresno State, Barlow Der Mugrdechian of the Armenian Studies Program, authored the grant. Associate Project Director is Elizabeth Shields of the Department of Finance of the Craig School of Business, Project co-director from Yerevan State University (YSU) is Rafael Matevosian, Pro-Rector (Vice President) for International Relations. Dr. Hayg Sargsyan, Dean of the School of Business at YSU will coordinate the academic aspects of the program.

Some Professors Have Visited Yerevan

Elizabeth Shields, Don Leek (Economics), Harold Haak

(Emeritus President, Fresno State), Sasan Rahmatian (Information Systems) and Bill Rice (Marketing) are among the faculty and administrators from Fresno State, who have visited Armenia during the past year on the project. They have reported that enthusiasm for the project

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BY JIM STEINBERG

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Developing that and other business knowledge is the goal of the Faculty Development Program in Business and Economics, which was awarded the grant.

Fresno State announced that it and its Armenian partner university have won the three-year grant from the State Department's Newly Independent States College and University Partnership Program.

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"They didn't need marketing in the Soviet Union," he said, "and they didn't have it."

The Armenian university also is revamping its master's program in business administration, Der Mugrdchian said, and it wants to bolster its curriculum to make business sense in international markets.

And the Yerevan university seeks technical assistance in computers as a tool in teaching and distance learning.

Marketing professor William E. Rice of Fresno State is among the visitors who have worked in the collaboration between the two universities.

There is little understanding in the former Soviet republic of such concepts as risk, new product development, modeling and quantity analysis, he said.

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He visited Armenia within the last month, and described the change in thinking and markets necessary to move from a socialist to capitalist economy and thrive:

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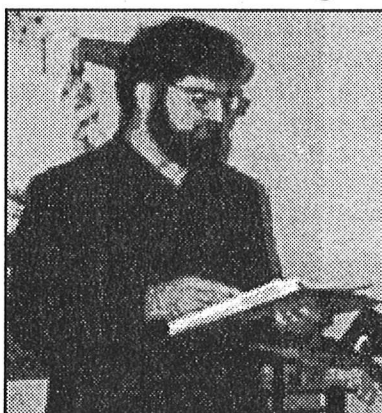
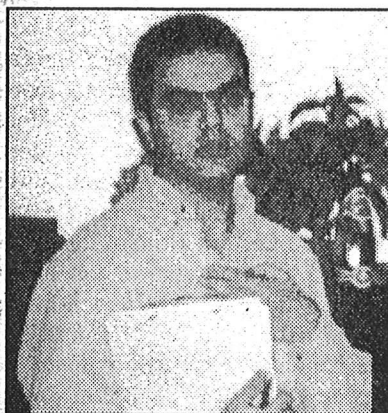
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Scholars Discuss Armenian Question in UK



Ara Sarafian (left) and Vincent Lima in London

LONDON—"It was so refreshing to attend a talk and hear something new and thought-provoking for a change." That was Maral Ovanessoff's take on a lecture delivered by Vincent Lima and Ara Sarafian on November 26 at the Gulbenkian Hall in London. The topic of the talk was "Recognition, Then What? The Armenian Question in the Twenty-first Century." The speakers are the editors of the journal *Armenian Forum*.

Lima, from Princeton, NJ, spoke first. He said that Armenians insist on official use of the word "genocide" in the belief that Turkey would suffer certain consequences as a result. He suggested that Armenian communities must actively consider what they want those consequences to be. Invoking ethical concerns and Armenian interests, he ques-

tioned positions advocating war, changes in state frontiers, and the displacement of people. Lima made specific suggestions about what goals fit the interests of Armenians in the 21st century, and how these goals might be achieved.

Lima's main point, however, was that informed debate about such issues is essential. For example, research by Professor Dickran Kouymjian and attorney Anahid Ugurlayan have proposed new ways to safeguard and gain access to the Armenian cultural heritage in Turkey today. Lima also stated that the next issue of their journal would include an exchange of articles by several political scientists about the purposes of pursuing official recognition of the Genocide.

Ara Sarafian emphasised that Armenian communities have the intel-

lectual resources to tackle these issues in a serious manner. He drew attention to the role of public intellectuals, people who do not professionally engage in Armenian studies. As an example he mentioned Dr. Hrayr Karagueuzian, who is a professor of pharmacology at the UCLA School of Medicine. Karagueuzian spent ten years following the trail of unpaid life insurance policies from the time of the Armenian Genocide.

Sarafian also spoke about the role of the Republic of Armenia in pursuing the consequences of the Armenian Genocide. He recalled that former president Levon Ter Petrosian had sought to absolve Turkey of responsibility for the Genocide. Although the current administration takes a different position, Sarafian argued that Armenia has its own interests as a state and cannot be expected to speak and act on behalf of all Armenians.

The presentations were followed by an open discussion. Andy Kevorkian, an American journalist in London, raised questions about the practicality of some of the proposals floated by the speakers.

There was a discussion of the large number of Muslim Armenians living in Turkey. Responding to points raised by other members of the audience, a woman from Turkey said that there is nothing odd about the idea of Muslim Armenians.