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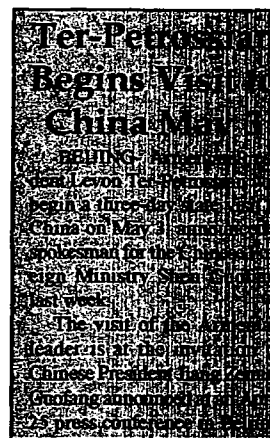
Elizabeth Dole, aided by Nshan Piroomian, (left) and Seto Boyajian, lay a wreath at the Armenian Martyrs Monument in Montebello on April 24.

Montebello Monument Ceremonies Cap Southland April 24 Programs

MONTEBELLO - With a gathering of over 4,500 Armenians and friends on hand at the Armenian Martyrs' Monument in Montebello, on April 24, Elizabeth Dole, the wife of the Republican Presidential

rative program. She reaffirmed her husband's commitment to the U.S. recognition of the Armenian Genocide.

"Bob Dole will always stand with you," she said, concluding an



Iran Announces Arrests of Several Turkish Agents

TEHRAN - Iran said that it had arrested some members of five espionage networks engaged in spying for the Turkish government, according to the April 25 issue of

Benefactor Arshag Dickranian, 91, Dies in Beverly Hills on April 24

LOS ANGELES - Prominent Armenian American benefactor, Arshag Dickranian, 91, died on April 24 at home. Services were held April 29 at the St. James Armenian Apostolic Church in Los Angeles, followed by interment in Inglewood Park Cemetery.

Born in Izmit, Armenia, to Mirhtad and Elmona Dickranian, Arshag Dickranian grew up in Adapazar, a suburb of Constantinople. As a teen-ager, he was a charter member of the Homenetmen Boy Scouts in 1918.

His family escaped the Turkish genocide of the Armenians and eventually resettled in Fresno in 1923. After working in the raisin packing industry in Fresno, Dickranian moved to Sacramento and graduated from Sacramento High School in 1926. Moving to Los Angeles in 1928, he opened the Premier Market in Beverly Hills in



Arshag Dickranian

Schools in Southern California. As executor of the estate of Mateos Ferrahian, Dickranian helped the founding of the Ferrahian Armenian School of Encino.

He also donated ancient manuscripts and artwork to the Madenadaran, the state historical library

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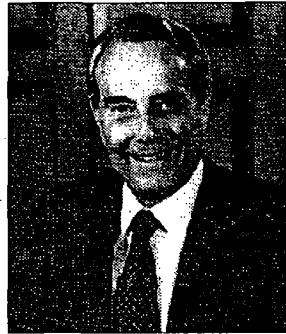
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Senator Dole, Republican Candidate for President, Issues Genocide Commemorative Statement

WASHINGTON, DC - Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole (R-KS) and the presumptive Republican presidential nominee issued a message to the American-Armenian community on the occasion of the 81st anniversary commemoration of the Armenian Genocide. Sen. Dole's message was circulated among the Armenian-American media and community organizations nationwide.

"I join with the Armenian-American community in mourning the dead and recalling the suffering and sacrifice of the victims," stated Dole in his letter. "I am proud to underscore my unwavering solidarity and support of the acknowledgement of the 1915-1923 Armenian Genocide as a historical fact. Until the recognition of the Genocide suffered by Armenians receives universal acceptance, I



President Clinton's April 24th Statement Again Fails to Identify 1915 Massacres as Genocide

WASHINGTON, D.C. - It wasn't until late Wednesday afternoon that the White House finally issued President Bill Clinton's statement on the occasion of the 81st anniversary of the beginning of the Armenian Genocide, committed by the Ottoman Turkish government. While President Clinton extended his best wishes to the Armenian people worldwide for "a meaningful observance," his message fell short of acknowledging the horrific events in question as "genocide"; instead, quite similar to last year's

statement, this year's merely contains the words "senseless deportations and massacres," qualifying them as "one of this century's darkest moments." The full text of the White House statement is as follows:

"Eighty-one years ago today, in the city of Constantinople, more than two hundred Armenian civic, political and intellectual leaders were arrested, deported, and subsequently executed. That day marked the beginning of one of this

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Armenian Assembly of America Issues Statement on the Occasion of the 81st Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide

WASHINGTON, DC - The following is the text of the statement issued this Wednesday by the Executive Committee of the Armenian Assembly Board of Directors on the occasion of the 81st anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. It was signed by Carl Bazarian, Chairman; Van Z. Krikorian, Vice Chair; Gail O'Reilly, Vice Chair; Annie Totah, Vice Chair; Edele Hovnanian, Treasurer; and Flora Dunatians, Secretary.

"On this 81st anniversary, the Armenian Assembly rededicates itself to the affirmation of the Armenian Genocide, and to defeating its denial. We are obligated to honor the victims and the survivors by

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Armenian Assembly Launches Global Armenian Genocide Affirmation Project

WASHINGTON, DC. - The Armenian Assembly of America announced last week the launching of a global Armenian Genocide Project, to be implemented by the Assembly's newly-established Armenian National Institute (ANI). The purpose of this multiphase endeavor is to secure international affirmation of the Armenian Genocide through legal and applied research, documentation and education.

This initiative was proposed by Board of Trustees Chairman Hirair Hovnanian at the Assembly Trustees' annual meeting in Boca Raton, Florida, Feb. 16-17. The Board of Trustees approved it that weekend, with the Board of Directors - the Assembly's other governing body - affirming the decision.

"Never before has a project of this magnitude been undertaken to

intend to prevent the last act of any genocide — its denial. This generation in this century has the responsibility to secure, once and for all, affirmation of the full dimensions and historic significance of the Armenian genocide. Ours may be the last generation that feels this strongly. We must bring resources to bear on this holy issue" to begin the drive to collect funds for the project, he pledged one million dollars.

The project will channel substantial new resources and expertise, initially focusing on three priority areas: 1) Legal research and analysis; 2) documentation, and 3) publications. The project will ultimately encompass education, training and affirmation.

"ANI must create the conditions for universal acknowledgment of

said Assembly's Board of Directors Chairman Carl Bazarian. "Specifically, we are seeking affirmation of this genocide by national governments and relevant intergovernmental and nongovernmental bodies."

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Wegner Takes Ashes Of His Father Armin To Yerevan Museum

VENICE, Italy - Misha Wegner, the son of the late Armin T. Wegner, one of the German eyewitnesses of the 1915 Genocide of the Armenians, and a photographer of the atrocities, traveled from Italy to Armenia to present the ashes of his father to the Genocide Museum in Yerevan in time to participate



Sen. Bob Dole and his wife, Elizabeth, with children in Armenia during their 1989 visit to the earthquake-devastated zone. Mrs. Dole is scheduled to be one of the main speakers at the April 24 public rally at the Montebello Armenian Martyr's Monument.

Sen. Dole Issues Statement On April 24 Commemoration

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Sen. Bob Dole, who will be the Republican nominee in the campaign for the Presidency of the United

beginning of the Armenian Genocide in the Ottoman Empire. As you gather today to commemorate the 82nd anni-

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Alex Manoogian Donates \$400,000 to Camp Nubar

NEW YORK - Mr. Alex Manoogian has generously donated \$400,000 to the AGBU Camp Nubar which funds have been earmarked for the construction of a new complex: assembly hall, dining hall and kitchen.

The new building will be approximately 14,000 square feet on two levels. It will replace the current main building at the camp and will be used for all types of indoor and evening activities as well as for a new state-of-the-art

kitchen and a spacious dining hall. Additional funds are needed to complete the construction.

According to plans, construction will start in late August of 1996. Fundraising activities are under way now to insure that the building is completed by the summer of 1997 so that



Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy Call for Presidential Proclamation Decrying Armenian Genocide

CHATTSWORTH - "I think that it is time we in the United States officially recognize what every Armenian has had to deal with their heart and soul, that in fact a genocide took place in Armenia," said Representative Joseph P. Kennedy II of Massachusetts here last week at a reception in his honor.

"We as the United States of America, the Congress of the United States ought to recognize it [the genocide of the Armenians], and I commit to you



tonight to call upon President Clinton to recognize in his statement of April 24 the fact that the genocide of the Armenians did take place in Ottoman Turkey," continued the energetic Democratic congressman who is among the leaders who champion Armenian issues.

The reception at the spacious and elegant hill-top home of Dmitri and Tamy Dmitri in Chatsworth was hosted by the Dmitris as well as Garo and

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Assembly Passes Poochigian Resolution Designating Day of Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide

SACRAMENTO - The State Assembly today passed a resolution introduced by Assemblyman Chuck Poochigian (R-Fresno) proclaiming April

nian Genocide of 1915-1923." Poochigian and colleagues Howard Kaloogian and Jackie Speier, the three members of Armenian descent in the Cali-

sent to the State Senate by Senator Ken Maddy.

April 24th is the date that Armenians commemorate the Genocide, in recognition of the

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President Ter Petrossian, left, with ADL leaders on the right side of the table: Panos Keshishian, Dr. Krikor Adanalian and Chairman Hagop Kassardjian.

ADL Leaders Meet with President, Prime Minister and Other Officials

YEREVAN - Armenia's President Levon Ter Petrossian met with a delegation representing the Armenian Democratic Liberal organization's (ADL-Ramkavars) Central Board (the highest body) on April 15, 1996.

The delegation was led by its chairman Hagop Kassardjian.

During the meeting many issues were discussed, including

matters.

Mr. Kassardjian told the President that it is very obvious that there are many improvements and achievements and the ADL is "ready to assist Armenia's authorities in their policies, as well as the All Armenia Hayastan Fund, and the national dues."

The President explained to the delegation the successes registered in the economy based

The Three Caucasus Countries Sign Accord with EU

Armenia and Azerbaijan Pledge in Luxembourg to Solve NKR Conflict

LUXEMBOURG, April 22 (Reuter) - Armenia and Azerbaijan pledged on Monday to continue to seek a peaceful solution to the conflict in the disputed enclave of Nagorno Karabagh where a ceasefire has now held for two years.

Azerbaijan President Haydar Aliyev told a signing ceremony for trade and cooperation agreements with the European Union the time had now come to move from the ceasefire to "a lasting peace."

In a symbolic move intended to stress regional cooperation, Armenia's President Levon Ter Petrossian and Georgia's head of state Eduard Shevardnadze also attended the ceremony for the accords with the three trans-Caucasus countries.

Shevardnadze said the pacts

and would underpin democratic and economic reforms in the former Soviet Republics.

After the ceremony, Aliyev and Ter Petrossian called for more direct contacts between

the parties on the Nagorno Karabagh dispute to help find a "comprehensive resolution."

A statement said that in "frank and constructive talks"

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Ara Sahakian, D.C. of Parliament, Raises Genocide Issue in Turkey

ISTANBUL - According to the Armenian language newspaper *Jamanak* daily, published in Turkey, Mr. Ara Sahakian, Deputy Chairman of Armenia's National Council (Parliament) raised the issue of the Genocide in Turkey at the International Parliamentary Assembly.

He told the Assembly in a

speech at one of the sessions dedicated to minorities, that the problem of the genocide of Armenians has been recognized by the European Council and by Russian State Duma, and that the history of the World War I contains many proofs of the genocide. He

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Clinton Vetoes Foreign Aid Authorization Bill

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Elizabeth Dole Underscores Solidarity to the Recognition of the Armenian Genocide

MONTEBELLO - "I am proud to underscore Bob Dole's unwavering solidarity and support to the acknowledgment of the of the 1915-1923 Armenian Genocide as historical fact," said Mrs. Elizabeth Dole, wife of US Senator Robert Dole and one time Secretary of Transportation, on Wednesday, April 24 at the 81st annual commemoration of the Turkish Genocide of the Armenians, in Bicknell Park, Montebello, at the foot of the Armenian Martyrs Monument.

In her opening sentence, the American Red Cross Chairwoman Mrs. Dole said: "Let me say what a privilege, indeed, it is to be here today and to speak on behalf of my husband and myself. April 24, 1915, marked

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Elizabeth Dole in Montebello



At the Armenian Martyrs Monument in Dzidzernagabert, Yerevan, Armenia, where thousands of mourners attended events around the cities. President Levon Ter Petrossian, President, center, and to his right, the Prime Minister Hrant Bagratian and Chairman of the Constitutional Court Gaguik Haroutunian. His Holiness Karekin I, on his right, and other dignitaries.

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