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ATAA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I have had the privilege of presiding over the work of ATAA during the last eighteen months and I should say that I am proud of being a part of this organization of enthusiastic volunteers and capable professionals.

ATAA was founded as an umbrella organization to promote Turkish American friendship and Turkish culture throughout the fifty states and to represent its constituents vis-a-vis the American governments, Congress, media and the general public. In carrying out its mandate during the past fourteen years, ATAA has developed a multitude of cultural and educational projects. In the following pages, you will find a small sampling of such ATAA activities that took place during the last eighteen months.

Since its birth in 1979, ATAA has worked vigilantly to defend Turks and Turkey against adversaries in this country who were bent on damaging the Turkish image and destroying the good relations that the U.S. governments and American people have enjoyed with Turkey and the Turks throughout history. During the early 1980's attacks by anti-Turkish ethnic groups on "anything Turkish" were so intense that ATAA volunteers and staff found themselves almost always on the defensive trying to put out fires. Those were the days of extraordinary activism by our organization which was geared to set the record straight. Under the capable leadership of my predecessors, ATAA served our community well through these difficult times. Its effectiveness was applauded by friends dreaded with envy by foes.

ATAA is a dynamic organization. Its democratic structure allows change to take place. This is extremely important because without change and flexibility an organization such as ours would soon fall out of tune with the

evolving needs and expectations of its members. In line with such needs, during the last five years ATAA's activities moved from being "reactive" to "pro-active." Initiation of the publication of our highly successful newspaper, *The Turkish Times*, establishment of the *Turkish Heritage Month* as a yearly celebrated event, programs of our *Education and Turks Around the World Committees* are examples of such projects.

Now, where do we go from here? There is one thing clear. We can not let our guard down. There are new forces lining up against our homeland and culture. At this time when Turkish economy is booming and the Turkish influence in global affairs is gaining significance; at this time when Turks and Turkey are truly opening up to the World, there are those who, for one reason or other, can not abide by Turkish success. To inflict damage on Turkey and slow down her development is their objective. Therefore, we have to continue our vigil. Our love for Turkey, our brain power and the rich and beautiful Turkish culture are the weapons we need to make our case with the "pro-active" ATAA programs that exist today and those that we will undertake in the future.

Bülent M. Başol, Ph.D.
President
ATAA

TURKISH PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It has been almost five years since the Cold War ended. Our world is still trying to come to grips with the new problems and challenges this new era has brought with it. The situation in Bosnia and Hercegovina, the continuing Armenian aggression against Azerbaijan come to mind in this context. Nations and international organizations are trying to re-define their roles in this new world, where for the present, uncertainty with regard to the future seems to prevail. Solidarity, dialogue and cooperation between nations which share the same values are even more necessary today. Political will and determination to overcome militant nationalism, ethnicity, terrorism, racism and xenophobia are essential.

Our community of nations need to be more open and more understanding towards those who wish to share the same ideals with us and tho prosperity the free market economy has brought to the western world.

Turkey is conscious of the new responsibilities it has to shoulder in our common endeavours to make this a better world for the next century. Turkey, which has successfully combined its democracy with liberal trade policies is trying to promote our common values in the region. Turkey is actively trying to establish a network of cooperation in the region through bilateral and multilateral channels. It is taking initiatives to promote regional cooperation and economic interdependence in the region.

Turkey and the U.S. have long cooperated in defending their common ideals and principles. This partnership is even more important today.

There is no question that the activities of the ATAA have helped very much to strengthen the relations between Turkey and the United States. The Turkish-American community in America, highly-qualified and efficient, serves as a vital bridge between our two countries.

Today, although international uncertainties keep our defense-oriented relations crucial, our ties with the United States need to be complimented by trade and economics, the most dynamic factors in our relationship.

In this respect, I have great confidence in ATAA to deepen and further strengthen the mutual understanding that exists between our two countries, paving the way for additional cooperation and thus serving the inexorable interests of the entire free world society.

Süleyman Demirel
President

PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE



Dr. Bülent Başol (l), President of ATAA, welcomes Prime Minister Dr. Tansu Çiller (r) to Washington at the Gala Dinner hosted by ATAA and ATFC, October 16, 1993. Photo Robert L. Knudsen.

As we approach the 21st century, we certainly are faced with a radically redefined international community. A new generation is assuming leadership as unprecedented challenges and opportunities surface. In this framework, Turkey and the United States are fully committed to strengthening and diversifying their "enhanced partnership."

The Turkish Government is fully prepared to do whatever is necessary to further promote Turkish-US relations for the mutual advantage of our two countries. The initial defense-oriented cooperation between our two nations has progressively evolved into a multi-faceted partnership of immense potential. The time has come to capitalize on that potential.

One such field of great potential in the Turkish-US alliance is the

economic dimension. Turkey has a truly dynamic economy with a booming private sector. Moreover, massive privatization efforts will accelerate our country's economic transformation. Coupled with its stable, modern, Western-oriented and secular democracy, Turkey unquestionably is an attractive investment opportunity for US businesses.

My Government also places a high priority to conducting joint operations with American businesses in the newly emerging markets stretching from Eastern Europe to the Central Asian republics, the Caucasus, and the Middle East. By taking advantage of these economic opportunities, Turkey and the United States can sow the seeds of democracy and stability in those unsettled parts of the world.

In this regard, my government is very aware of and very content with the activities of the Turkish-American Community. They constitute a vital linkage between our two countries and serve the interests, not only of our respective countries, but, of the entire community of nations as we stand together on the threshold of 21st century.

I thank you all in general and ATAA in particular for the excellent job in cultivating and sustaining a profound understanding of Turkey's importance to the US and the world in general.

Tansu Çiller
Prime Minister

FOREIGN MINISTER'S MESSAGE



Over the past few years, the international landscape has undergone breath-taking changes. We have witnessed dramatic political developments, in the post-Cold War era, events which continue to unfold rapidly.

Turkey's position between Central Asia and the Caucasus, the Balkans and the Middle East, has never been before of such importance. The new states in the regions around Turkey are confronted with the enormous task of transforming from totalitarian rule and centrally-planned economies to pluralistic democracies and free market economies. And their eyes are on us, as the only secular Muslim country with a flourishing democracy, to share our experience and to contribute to their development by expanding and enriching the cooperation with them.

We believe that economic cooperation and increasing interdependence will create stability and thus help eliminate uncertainties that exist. A strong and dependable bridge is necessary to act as a conduit between the West and these states of the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. With one leg firmly entrenched in the West and one in Asia, Turkey offers investment opportunities that are unprecedented in scope and diversity. She is a springboard for commercial operations, in a vast area, extending from the Black Sea basin to the Middle East and from the Balkans to the Central Asian Republics. In such a framework, maintaining strong and friendly relations with the US gains even more importance and priority in our foreign policy. Our two countries not only share the ideals of democracy, free market economy and a quest for the increased prosperity of our citizens; but also look forward to a brighter future for all in the new

world order. While the scope of our multi-faceted relations is broad, the full potential has yet to be tapped.

The activities of the ATAA continue to help reinforce and diversify the relations between United States and Turkey. As Turks and Turkish Americans living in the US, you constitute a vital link between our two countries, helping to promote a better common understanding among our peoples, which we applaud and highly encourage.

As the Minister of Foreign Affairs, I am proud and fortunate to have such talented and dedicated representatives of Turkey in the USA who are working with me to achieve the same goals.

I wish you every success in your endeavors.

Hikmet Çetin
Minister of Foreign Affairs

AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE

In our rapidly changing world, cooperation and good-will between member-states of the global community are indispensable necessities. This is fully realized in the US-Turkish relationship. Turkey and the United States have long been allies, partners, and friends, sharing a mutual dedication to building a peaceful and prosperous international order predicated on democracy, economic liberalization and respect for human rights.

US-Turkish relations are extremely important and must be maintained. The excellent relationship between the US and Turkey, however, can certainly be furthered and expanded.

In this capacity, the solidarity of the Turkish-American community is vital. The Assembly of Turkish American Associations heightens the cohesion of the community and demonstrates how Turks living in the United States and Turkish-Americans can simultaneously contribute to the vital interests of both countries.

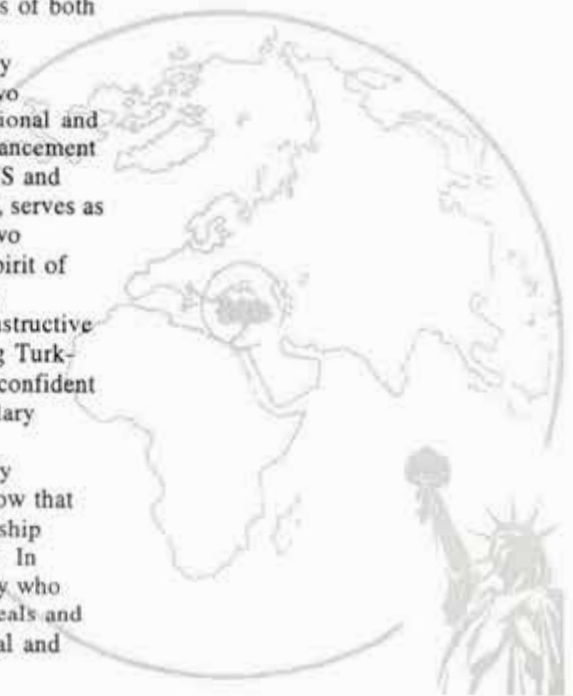
Your contributions not only strengthen ties between the two communities but promote regional and world peace through the enhancement of the relations between the US and Turkey. ATAA, in this regard, serves as a living bridge between the two nations and exemplifies the spirit of living and working together.

I applaud ATAA for its constructive and positive role in advancing Turkish-American relations. I am confident you will keep up your exemplary efforts in the future.

So as the world dramatically changes, it is refreshing to know that the Turkish-American partnership remains an anchor of stability. In Turkey, the US has a close ally who shares the same objectives, ideals and principles for securing regional and global peace.

In the Turkish-American community moreover, we have the successful synthesis of the best elements of our two nations.

Nüzhət Kandemir
Ambassador
Republic of Turkey



IN MEMORIAM

by Ali Ferda Sevin



Photo Oya Bain

TURGUT ÖZAL

On April 17, 1993, a heart attack took Turgut Özal, the 8th President of the Turkish Republic. He was president for three and a half years, the shortest tenure among all that served in that high office. Yet, the changes he made in Turkish life were of revolutionary proportions. He was trained as an engineer. His engineering discipline, applied to economics, led him to conclude that Turkish prosperity lay in the free marketplace. It was a natural follow up to the socio-political revolutions of the great Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. To lift the Turkish nation from the ash heap of the Ottoman Empire where all means of production had been surrendered to foreign powers, Atatürk had no choice but to rely on a command-and-control statist economy. By limiting the state's intervention in the marketplace,

Özal began to complete the revolution Atatürk had started.

First and foremost, Özal was a visionary who saw a future that others could not imagine in their wildest dreams and he took the necessary steps to make it a reality.

Jim Hoagland of *The Washington Post* described a near epiphanic pro-Turkish conversion at a Washington think tank visited by Özal when he was here last February. Hoagland began his piece with "Ask a visionary a loaded question, and you may well wind up disarmed." ["Özal's Words To the Wise," op-ed, Feb. 4, 1993].

According to Hoagland, when asked about the threat of the mullahs in Iran, Özal said it was overrated.

He then related a story about Ali Akbar Rafsanjani, Iran's president, who had visited Turkey in the early 1970s while he was a dissident clergyman in the Shah's

Iran. When Rafsanjani was in Turkey recently, he told Özal that in his earlier visit he had a transistor radio that at least 15 Turks swarmed to buy from him (implying that Turkey was backward and Turks were deprived). Özal sent him home with a gift of the entire set of Turkish-manufactured compact disk players, video cassette recorders and television equipment, leaving Rafsanjani to make up his own mind about who is backward and deprived.

Georgie Anne Geyer, a savvy foreign correspondent herself, wrote about Turgut Özal in her "Savvy advisor on Bosnia" [*The Washington Times*, op-ed, Feb. 10, 1993]: "We have always quite enough wiseacre leaders in the world, but not many wise-men leaders. One of the latter, though, is in Washington this week, and met with President Clinton yesterday."

Before Clinton, George Bush considered Turgut Özal to be the foreign head of state he most trusted as an advisor in the Gulf War. He consulted Özal daily and made no secret of it when talking to the press and on television about our involvement there.

Thus, Turgut Özal was widely recognized as a visionary and as a wise leader. He had his detractors, of course. Makers of revolutions always do. Atatürk had detractors who accused him of abandoning religion when he called for separation of state and religion. Özal was accused of coddling religious fundamentalists when he called for relaxing the dress code for those who want to express their religiosity by the way they dress.

Turgut Özal was intimately familiar with the Assembly (ATAA), having been visited by a succession of ATAA leaders in Turkey and during his many trips to the U.S. This writer had occasion to discuss economics, politics, and religion with him. On all fronts, he was a champion of freedom for the individual. Free markets was his passion but political and religious freedoms were equally important to him. His was a libertarian philosophy that endeared him to all who cherish the individual as the basic unit of freedom - not the state, not the church, and not the political party, but the individual human being. He was taken too soon from the Turkish nation.



Photo Cornucopia

NEJAT ECZACIBASI

Another great loss to the Turkish world was the passing of Dr. Nejat Eczacıbaşı. It was a loss too for the global art world because Eczacıbaşı, who possessed a keen sense of civic responsibility, was a premier patron of the arts.

He was one of the richest and most powerful men in Turkey, yet, his early beginnings could have provided the plot for a Horatio Alger story set in Turkey even though, strictly speaking, his life was not exactly a rags-to-riches story.

Reared in a family of modest but comfortable enough means to send him to Robert College in Turkey and to America for higher learning, he nonetheless exhibited all the business acumen, tenacity, and the work ethic, worthy of a Horatio Alger hero.

For Nejat Eczacıbaşı, business had to wait

until after he had finished his studies abroad and returned home as the Second World War started. While a very young Horatio Alger hero in short pants would get his start delivering newspapers, it was cod liver oil that the mature chemistry major would deliver to start his business. This would not be noteworthy in itself except cod liver oil was nowhere to be found during the war years and the oil he delivered did not come from fish. Dr. Eczacıbaşı decided he would produce cod liver oil synthetically since he already knew the ingredients. They were vitamins A and D mixed in oil. Thus his kitchen became his first factory.

Next came his plunge into the ceramics business. During the war years, Turks did not have enough coffee to brew Turkish coffee. What little coffee they had, they would mix with roasted and ground chickpeas which made a poor substitute for the real thing but it would do if they could only find coffee cups to drink it in. Nejat Eczacıbaşı, who knew how to make porcelain, came to the rescue. He added a kiln to his collection of chemical paraphernalia and produced coffee cups that flooded the Turkish market and expanded the Eczacıbaşı enterprises to ceramic goods.

Paper products, electronic equipment, and chemicals followed until the Eczacıbaşı Holding became one of the giants in Turkish industry.

The unbound energy in this remarkable young man continued to propel him to greater heights till the very end.

In an interview he gave to Geordie Greig of *The Sunday Times* in 1992, he says "I believe in working hard and enjoying it. I wake at 5:30 and exercise for an hour. I used to ride. Now it's more often bicycling, rowing, gymnastics or swimming. Then I am in the office by 7:15."

As Nejat Eczacıbaşı grew older, he began to devote more and more of his talents to cultural activities which he saw as a global unifying force among all peoples of the world. It was his initiative and his seed money that made the Istanbul Festival a reality twenty years ago. The festival has since become an enormous showcase, drawing performers and artists from around the world, lasting up to six weeks and selling upwards of half a million tickets.

Other Eczacıbaşı projects include an art museum at a remodeled "Feshane" on the Golden Horn and a planned 3000-seat concert hall. Dr. Nejat Eczacıbaşı explained his passion for the arts to Geordie Greig in these words: "My motivation was to give something back to Turkey. I have gained an enormous amount. Turkey is a redeveloping nation and one of the upcoming countries in the 1990s. Its geopolitical position is fascinating. Its natural resources are almost untouched, and it has a very hard-working population with a very substantial home market. There are enormous possibilities. The arts are just one way to attract people here to see what a great country Turkey is."

Nejat Eczacıbaşı was an honorary member of ATAA's *Cultural Committee*. We miss him dearly.

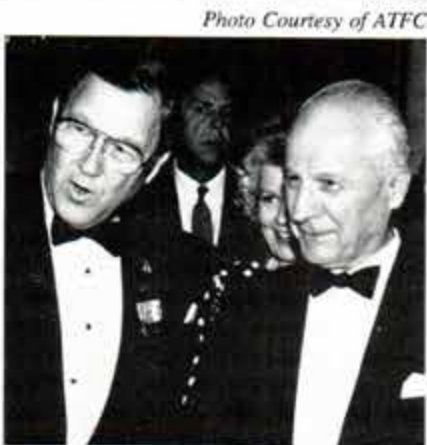
RALPH E. ROPP

We also mourn the passing of "The" American Friend of Turkey, Colonel Ralph E. Ropp.

Ralph was the giant driving force that created the organization called *American Friends of Turkey*, and planted the seed that later blossomed into *The American-Turkish Friendship Council*.

It all began on February 1, 1974 at 2:05 a.m. in Izmir. That is when the city shook for 12 seconds in a severe earthquake, leaving indelible memories with the Americans who were there on assignment with the NATO headquarters. Ralph was there as Chief of the NATO Public Affairs Office. The "survivors" would later exchange war stories about those 12 seconds when they got together for social events. Thus began a bond between a band of Americans in Izmir.

The first anniversary of the earthquake found Ralph in the Pentagon and most of the "survivors" reassigned in the U.S., many in the



Col. Ralph Ropp (l) with Kenan Evren.

Washington, D.C. area. Ralph was the Army's Chief of Public Information and he wasted no time in finding where everybody was and organizing the first reunion attended by thirty. The second was attended by fifty and by the sixth reunion in 1981 the earthquake survivors were in the minority among the 170 who were there to share their memories of Turkey and the Turks in general. The famous earthquake, the

catalyst that brought them together in the beginning had faded from memory. The group had become "Friends of Turkey."

During the next year, Ralph organized The American Friends of Turkey which brought together other American military groups that had served in Turkey and held annual meetings. The first full scale program that we have come to expect - including military, commercial, and cultural programs and culminating in a black-tie banquet - was held in 1982. And the rest, as they say, is history. Ralph Ropp made that history. He was a giant magnate that drew together Americans with a nostalgic interest in Turkey and made a grass roots force out of them in support of Turkish-American cooperation. He was an incurable optimist with a mission. He was a gentle yet persuasive man. He was what Turks mean when they say "Tuttugunu Koparan." Literally, a person who pulls off what he grasps. Figuratively, it means one who finishes what he starts; one that wins his battles.

The first battle Ralph lost was also his last; to a formidable foe: Cancer. He was one of a kind. We miss him.

Photo Courtesy of ATFC

WHAT IS ATAA?



The Assembly of Turkish American Associations (ATAA) is the national grassroots organization of Turkish Americans and friends of Turks in the United States. ATAA was founded in 1979 as a non-profit, 501(c)(3) corporation that develops and implements educational programs.

ATAA represents its constituents vis-a-vis the U.S. Congress, Executive Branch, media, Federal and State governments, and the general public. The Assembly is composed of Turkish American organizations and individual members. It maintains a headquarters office in Washington D.C.

The Assembly is governed by a *Board of Directors* and a *Board of Trustees*, who oversee the financial management of the organization. Its Assembly of Delegates, members and friends convene once a year at the annual convention.

ATAA is actively promoting packets of information on Turkey to be included in school curricula. Through the local organizations teachers of social studies are receiving workshops on how to teach about Turkish culture. Through its *Cultural* and *Turks Around the World Committees*, ATAA has also begun to reach out to our cousins in the Eurasian Turkish Nations/ Republics. *International Conference* series on *Turks Around the World* organized and co-sponsored by ATAA has given these nations/republics the opportunity to share their views with the Turkish American community and friends of Turks.

ATAA's major publication is the bi-weekly *The Turkish Times*, in print since January 1989, which brings the American public up-to-date on news relating to Turkey and the Turkish World, the activities of the Assembly, the associations and presents items of historical, cultural and social interest.

At various times ATAA also publishes special books and articles on issues that are confronting Turkish Americans in their daily activities.

ATAA Bookstore makes available six times a year, through its Catalog published in *The Turkish Times*, hard-to-find books on Turkish history and culture.

The national *Media Watch and Media Response Committee* monitors the top 50 markets for accuracy in their coverage of Turkish and Turkish-American issues, and responds when necessary via grassroots.

In 1989, ATAA, through its *Business Network Council*, has begun serving the individuals both in Turkey and the United States by acting as a liaison and center for businessmen to develop contacts and obtain information.

The President-elect and Board of Directors are elected for two-year terms while members of the Board of Trustees are elected for four-year terms. In its central office, ATAA has a full-time staff and it also utilizes the services of capable volunteers throughout the United States and Canada.

ATAA has proven its worth since 1979 by courageously standing up to the well-financed anti-Turkish agendas and has done so by relying exclusively on the generous tax-deductible donations of its members.

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STRENGTH OF ATAA

...comes from the
Strength of Individuals
and
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In its Annual Convention,
ATAA honors those individuals
who have made extraordinary
contribution to the work of
the Assembly,
the Turkish-American
community and
the Turkish cause in general.

**We Salute all
the ATAA Award Recipients!**

1993 ATAA AWARDS

The ATAA Founders' Award

This Award is the highest honor bestowed by ATAA on those individuals whose contributions have had global influence in achieving the missions spelled out by the Founders of ATAA in establishing the organization.

RALPH ROPP (Posthumously)

ATAA's Distinguished Service Award

This award of high honor is bestowed on person or persons who have distinguished themselves in giving extraordinary service to ATAA and the Turkish-American community.

TUNCA ISKIR
DR. KEMAL GÖKNAR

ATAA's Arts and Sciences Outstanding Achievement Award

This award is given to the person of Turkish descent who has reached the pinnacle of his or her career in the arts and sciences and, also, has been a model for the Turkish-American community in making outstanding contributions to the success of ATAA.

PROF. TALAT HALMAN

ATAA's Turkish American of the Year Award

This exclusive award is presented to a person of Turkish descent who has achieved extraordinary success and prominence in his or her field and brought honor to the Turkish-American community through his or her achievement.

DR. MİRAL DİZDAROĞLU

ATAA's Meritorious Service Award

This award is presented to the people who have made significant contributions to the work of the Assembly.

KAYA BÜYÜKATAMAN
EREN MİSKİ
PROF. MAHMUT ESAT OZAN

ATAA'S Component Association of the Year Award

Each year ATAA acknowledges the component association that has excelled in its missions consistent with the goals and objectives of ATAA.

TURKISH SOCIETY OF ROCHESTER

ATAA President's Special Award

From time to time an individual or an organization performs such an outstanding service to the Turkish-American community that a special recognition is called for beyond the scope of the established categories of ATAA awards. President's Special Award is presented to such individuals and organizations

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PROGRAM

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December 2-5, 1993

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1993

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Registration and Hospitality
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1993

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Registration and Hospitality
Suite Open

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
TURKISH ARTS AND
CRAFTS EXHIBIT AND
SALE, Room Crystal 3

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
PANEL DISCUSSION, Room
Crystal 6 Topic: **Turkey's
New Geopolitics: Challenges
and Opportunities**
Moderator:
Prof. Justin McCarthy,
Department of History,
University of Louisville

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Sea Region: Prospects for
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Department, World Bank
- **Turkey and Europe in
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- **Turkey's Role in the
Troubled Middle East**, H.E.
Amb. Nelson Ledsky, Senior
Associate, National Democrat-
ic Institute for International
Affairs
- **Turkey and Central Asia:
Challenges and Opportuni-
ties**, Mr. Paul Goble, Senior
Associate, Carnegie Endow-
ment for International Peace

12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m.
CONVENTION LUNCHEON,
Ballroom A, (ticket required)
Keynote Speaker: H. E. Amb.
Nüzhet Kandemir Ambassador
of Republic of Turkey

1:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
SYMPOSIUM, Ballroom C
Sponsored by ATAA Business
Network Council Topic:
**Turkish American Coopera-
tion in the Ever-changing
World**, Moderator: Prof.
Heath Lowry, Atatürk Profes-
sor of Ottoman and Modern
Turkish Studies, Princeton
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Views by:

- The U.S. State Department
Representative
- Turkish State Department
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4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
ROUND TABLE, Ballroom C
Topic: **Current Turkish
Issues: Experiences of and
Views by Turkish Consuls
General**, Moderator: Bonnie
Joy Kaslan, Vice President,
ATAA
Participants: Hon. Bülent
Akin, *Turkish Consul Gener-
al, Houston*; Hon. Timoçin
Arbak, *Turkish Consul
General, Chicago*; Hon. Yusuf
Buluç, *Turkish Consul
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6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

RECEPTION AT THE
TURKISH EMBASSY By
invitation only. For guests
registered for the Annual
Banquet and for at least one
luncheon

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1993

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION AND
HOSPITALITY SUITE

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

TURKISH ARTS AND
CRAFTS EXHIBIT AND
SALE, Room Crystal 3

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

ATAA'S THIRD ANNUAL
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON TURKS AROUND
THE WORLD, Ballroom C,
(Session I, in English and
Turkish) Open to general
public, registration required.
Co-sponsored by ATAA,
Committee on Turks
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Dünyası Araştırmaları Vakfı,
İstanbul; Türk Dünyasında
Demokrasiyi Geliştirme Vakfı,
Ankara

9:00 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONY
The Presidents and the
Representatives from New
Turkish Republics and
Autonomous Republics:
Dr. Bülent Başol, President,
ATAA; Dr. Ahmet A. Arslan,
Chairman, Committee on
Turks Around the World;
Prof. Dr. Turhan Yazgan,
President, Türk Dünyası
Araştırmaları Vakfı; Halil
Şıvgın, President, Türk
Dünyasında Demokrasiyi
Geliştirme Vakfı

9:20 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.

Representatives of Altay,
Azerbaijan, Balkar, Bashkurt,
Bulgaria, Chuvash, Gagauz,
Hakas, Iran (S. Azerbaijan),
Karachay, Kazakhstan Turks
and Iraqi Turkomans

10:20 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.

Representatives of Cyprus,
Crimia, Kumuk, Kyrgyzstan,
Kosova, Macadonia,
Uzbekistan, Romania, Saka,
Shor, Southern Turkistan
and Tuva Turks

11:20 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Representatives of
Turkmenistan, Televit,
Tataristan, Greece (Thrace),
Uygur (China Turks) and
Turkey

12:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

NEJAT ECZACIBAŞI
MEMORIAL LUNCHEON,
Ballroom A&B, (ticket
required) Guest Speaker: Dr.
Ekrem Pakdemirli, Member of
the Turkish Parliament

2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

ATAA'S THIRD ANNUAL
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON TURKS AROUND
THE WORLD, Ballroom C,
(Session II, in English and
Turkish) Open to general
public, registration required.
Co-sponsored by ATAA,
Committee on Turks
Around the World; Türk
Dünyası Araştırmaları Vakfı,
İstanbul; Türk Dünyasında
Demokrasiyi Geliştirme Vakfı,
Ankara

2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Reports and papers by
representatives of Turks
around the world.

4:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

CLOSING CEREMONY

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

ISTANBUL TECHNICAL
UNIVERSITY (İTÜ) ALUMNI
MEETING, Room Crystal 6

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

ALUMNI REUNION COCK
TAIL RECEPTIONS
Robert College; Boğaziçi
University, Middle East
Technical University, İTÜ,
Mülkiye

8:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

ATAA COCKTAIL
RECEPTION, Atrium

8:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

ANNUAL BANQUET *
Ballroom, (ticket required)

8:30 p.m. - 9:45 p.m.

Dinner

9:45 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Award Presentations, Turkish
Music and Entertainment

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1993

8:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

ATAA ASSEMBLY OF
DELEGATES ANNUAL
MEETING, Ballroom A
Open to all registered Compo
nent Association Delegates
and ATAA members.

* Attire: Black-tie or dark suit



ATAA NEWS

Opportunities, How they Did it?" was equally informative. The key issue discussed was the investment opportunities and challenges in Central Asia. The panel speakers included Erdal Kabatepe, Chairman, *Turkish-American Businessmen's Association*, Okan Karagözoğlu, General Manager, *Black Sea Trade Corporation*, Cemil Akyürek, Chairman, *Akyürek Textile Company* and Ali Rıza Arslan, President, *Emsas Elektronik Makina İthalat and İhracat Sanayii*.

ATAA CO-SPONSORED TURKEY'S PARTICIPATION IN 1993 LOS ANGELES FESTIVAL

Turkey has participated for the third time in *Los Angeles Festival* which was held in August through September. Turkish programs in this festival started with the screening of "Secret Face," an Ömer Kavur film at UCLA Melnitz Theater. Turkish presence continued with a lecture on ancient and contemporary Turkish poetry by Prof. Talat Halman, Chairman of the Department of *Near Eastern Languages and Literatures at New York University*. Prof. Halman's lecture received great appreciation from a highly interested audience of 800 people who were introduced to the world of love, peace and humanity in the eternal verses of Turkish Poets since the early times of the Ottoman Empire to the present of the Turkish Republic. On-stage performance by the *Dance Group of Turkish Choreographer Mehmet Sander* and a classical music concert by *Coşkun Tamer Orchestra* were some of the other activities which represented Turkish



Dr. Ülkü Ülgür (l), President of ATAA Board of Trustees, welcomes Prime Minister Dr. Tansu Çiller (r) to Washington at the Gala Dinner hosted by ATAA and ATFC, October 16, 1993. Photo Robert L. Knudsen.

ATAA WELCOMES PRIME MINISTER TANSU ÇILLER

ATAA and the *American Turkish Friendship Council (ATFC)* together hosted a dinner banquet in honor of Her Excellency Tansu Çiller, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, on the occasion of her first official visit to Washington D.C in October 16, 1993. More than 700 people including Turkish and US government officials and prominent leaders of both American and Turkish business world attended the banquet. In her speech Her Excellency shared her views on Turkish American economic and political relations and Turkey's perspective on the World peace. Prime Minister Çiller ended her speech by asking all Turkish Americans to never forget their Turkish heritage and to pass it on to their children.

We would like to stress here once more that ATAA is committed to continue to develop educational projects which will make the new generations of Turks in US proud of their heritage.

ATAA HOSTED A PANEL ON TURKISH ECONOMY

ATAA and *Turkish American Business Council* co-sponsored a round table discussion on Turkish economy called "*Insights of Turkish Insiders*" in April. Many economists, businessmen and journalists attended the panel. The first discussion session was about "*Turkey and new upcoming companies on the public administration plans*" where Yıldız Koç and Pelin Alperin of Turkish Public Administration shared their views. The second discussion session "*Central Asia, Land of*



Arts and Culture at the L.A. Festival.

ATAA has been one of the Co-sponsors of this highly acclaimed international festival together with more than a 100 distinguished companies including *Sony, AT&T, Toyota* and *American Airlines*. Mrs. Sema Başol represented ATAA on *Festival Programming Committee*. The objective of the festival was to highlight the contribution of the rich ethnic, cultural and social mosaic of Los Angeles to the arts of the Pacific Rim as well as to explore the impact of this mosaic to the arts of Los Angeles. More than 700,000 people attended the festival this year and it provided another avenue for ATAA's main objective of promoting Turkish Arts and Culture within the US.



Hard-working volunteers of ATAA Heritage Month

(R to L) Dr. Ahmet Ali Arslan, Dr. Bülbin Akbaşak, Didem Muslu, Serdar Muslu, Meltem Özçelebi, Mükrime Onursal, Tolga Çubukçu (ATA-DC President), Fatma Argun, Dr. Bülent Başol (ATAA President), Dr. Ayşe Soyer, Dr. Leyla Öz, N. Anahtar, and Gladys Kehnemü. Photo Oya Bain.

ATAA CELEBRATED 1993 TURKISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN WASHINGTON D.C.

Fourth Annual Turkish Heritage Month was celebrated in November in the capital region with the help of ATA-DC. The heritage month began with a lecture and slideshow on *Selçuk Architecture* by Prof. Scott Redford of *Georgetown University*. Throughout the month of November capital region residents had the opportunity to sample Turkish Arts through Zeki

Findıkoğlu's paintings, Ayşegül Durakoğlu's piano concert (organized by *The Society of the Cincinnatti*), Samime Sanay Turkish Classical Music concert (organized by the *Turkish Childrens' Foster Care Association*) and Turkish movies (*Uçurtmayı Vurmasınlar* by Tunç Başaran and *Seni Seviyorum Roza* by Işıl Özgentürk) shown at the American Film Institute. Prof. Türker Özdoğan's lecture about the "*Cultural Link Between Native Americans and the Central Asian Turks*" and Rabbi Kassorla's lecture on *Turkish-Jewish Friendship* were some of the other highlights of the month. 1993 Turkish Heritage Month will reach its finale with the *ATAA 14th Annual Convention and Turkish Arts and Crafts Exhibit* as of December 2-5.

ATAA specially thanks Mr. Tolga Çubukçu, President of ATA-DC, for chairing of the *Annual Turkish American Heritage Month Committee*, all the volunteers who helped ATAA realize this wonderful event and Drs. Tanju and Ayşe Soyer for their selfless contribution to this activity.

ORHAN SULEIMAN TESTIFIED ON BEHALF OF ATAA AT U.S. CONGRESS ON CYPRUS

On March 1, ATAA Board Member Dr. Orhan Suleiman, also president of *Maryland American Turkish Association (MATA)*, testified on behalf of ATAA at the *House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Relations*, Chaired by Congressman Obey of Wisconsin.

Dr. Suleiman's testimony outlined the importance of Turkey as a proven ally, as a NATO member, or a Gulf War ally. He further criticized the Greeks on allowing Serbian aid to cross Greek borders and of being paranoid about recognizing the sovereign state of Macedonia, and of the former Yugoslavian republics. He compared the current Bosnian Moslems with the Turkish Cypriots, and asserted that Turkey's intervention of 1974 was validated by the current attitudes and actions in the Balkans. He concluded by emphasizing the budget limitations which hamper all current U.S. aid, and identified the 7:10 ratio as a logical target for modification.

REPUBLIC DAY IN U.S.A.

October 29, 1993

CONNECTICUT



Turkish flag over the Connecticut State Capitol

The week of October 27th marked the 2nd Anniversary of the new and proud era for the Turks, Turkish-American Communities, and Friends of Turkey across the USA. Here in Connecticut as a second year in row, the week of October 27th has been declared as *Turkish Independence Week* by the State of Connecticut. Following a brief ceremony at state capital a Turkish flag has been placed next to the American flag for a period of ten days.

The ceremony was attended by high ranking state dignitaries Democratic and Republican representatives, US Air force generals, representatives of Sephardic and Eshkinazi communities, press, and Yusuf Buluç, Turkish Council General, New York.

The Assembly of Turkish American Associations President-Elect Nuri Sabuncu, and Turkish Women's League past President & new ATAA New York Metropolitan Area Vice President Ayten Sandıkçioğlu, Federation of

Turkish American Societies president Mehmet Yar, were among the 20 speakers of the day. The TACS New England was represented by Dian Pekin, Young Turks of America Cultural Association was represented by E. Miski.

Two proclamations honoring the day were issued one from the Governor Weicker and the other one from C. S. Perry, mayor of city of Hartford commemorating the day. Several other letters were received from senate representatives and from Ambassador Nüzhet Kandemir.

The event was organized by (ATAA member) Southern new England TACA and sponsored by the UTC-Sikorsky Aircraft — a friend of Turkish community in Connecticut. The Vice Chairman of Sikorsky Mr. James Satterwhite was among the speakers and he sent a very powerful message to the American businessmen regarding the vast number of business opportunities in Turkey. American Turkish Friendship Council was represented by Tom Johnson.

Proclamations were hand carried to Ambassador Nüzhet Kandemir (Washington, DC) by James Satterwhite, and to Council General Yusuf Buluç (New York, NY) by Association President Kaya Büyükataman. Each proclamation had a note attached showing that they are a gift from State of Connecticut, from Sikorsky, and also from the resident Turkish American Community to the Republic of Turkey. What took place in Connecticut has set an example one more time to the Turkish American communities across the 52 states.

REPUBLIC DAY IN U.S.A.

October 29, 1993

BOSTON



The visible difference that a handful of Turkish Americans makes on the American agenda was displayed beautifully against the Boston skies as the red-and-white Turkish flag was raised up the mast in front of the Boston City Hall and left there during the week following October 29th, honoring the Turkish Republic's 70th anniversary.

Like all things good and memorable, the occasion of course did not materialize on its own but was realized as a result of the persistent work of the dedicated members of (ATAA-member) New England Turkish American Cultural Association (TACA).

These included TACA's energetic president Dian Pekin, and such other committed members as Yaşar Bahçeli, Tark Pekin, Serdar Amasya, Sefer Özdemir, Mahir Bey, and Ali Kemal Dinçer.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Approximately 170 people in the Greater Washington Turkish-American community attended (ATAA member) ATA-DC's 1993 Republic Day Ball held on October 30 at the McLean Hilton Hotel in McLean, Virginia, and enjoyed the sumptuous food, elegant decor, and exhilarating music. Among those attending the ball were many distinguished guests, including His Excellency Ambassador Nüzhet Kandemir and Mrs. Kandemir, His Excellency Swedish Ambassador Hendrik Uljegren and his lovely Turkish wife, Nil, Brigadier General Seyfettin Seymen and Mrs. Seymen; Military Attache Colonel Haluk Alper and Mrs. Alper, Embassy Counselors Rafet Akgünay and Şander Gürbüz and their wives, and Mr. Türev Berki, an extremely talented young pianist from Turkey, and his mother, Nermin Berki.



LETTERS

To: Los Angeles Times

04/21/93

Ms. Bonner in her article claims that an ethnic cleansing is being carried out by the Azeris against the Armenians and calls upon the world for help. For someone who is not familiar with the politics of the region such contradictory reports may be confusing, but for Turks who have been the targets of relentless Armenian propaganda for over 70 years this is very normal.

Rules of "Public Relations" sometimes call for painting yourself as the underdog, as the victim in a given conflict.

Armenia may think this is good PR, but they should realize in the long run they have to live with their neighbors.

Armenians cannot expect Turkey to help them if they continue this aggressive behaviour against their neighbor Azerbaijan.

Dr. Bülent Başol
President, ATAA

To: WELCOMAT

06/15/93

We extend sympathy for the personal and emotional aspects of Mr. Craig Wallen's story, "The First Holocaust," about the tragic events of 1915-21 in the Ottoman Empire. However we respectfully and strongly disagree with his historic generalizations and documentary references which are primarily based on fabricated documents of Armenian propagandists.

By one-sidedly interpreting the old ethnic conflicts, Mr. Wallen may only serve to fuel political bigotry as well as to defame unjustly the good names of Turkish Americans and the Republic of Turkey, one of the U.S.'s best allies. We believe it is time to heal now. While leaving the judgement of the events which occurred a long time ago to historians, we must perhaps more adamantly focus on the tragic massacres of our times including the merciless killings, rapes and tortures in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Azerbaijan and Cambodia to have a better world for ourselves and our children.

Ayten Sandıkçioğlu
VP, ATAA
New York Metropolitan Region

To: The Washington Post

7/15/93

Of the 6.5 million foreign guest workers in Germany who have been crucial to the, post-World War II revival of German Economy, the Turks comprise 1.8 million. They flocked to Europe in the hope of a better future. They spoke no German; they learned. When excluded from public schools, they built their own. They paid their taxes, worked harder than ever and raised their children, born in Germany.

Last fall an entire Turkish Family was burned to death. Last week a mother and four children were killed. Neo-Nazi groups were charged with murders. German Chancellor Helmut Kohl has declined to attend the funerals or apologize publicly. Immigration laws continue to reject them citizenship.

1.8 million hard-working people can certainly rebuild a nation's industry and economy. But they can not eradicate racism, hatred and discrimination based on color or nationality. For that, decent people everywhere must raise their voices.

In the Turkish home, the guests would not be allowed to work and the worker would no longer be a guest.

Tolga Çubukçu
President, ATA-DC

TO EDITORS

To: Los Angeles Times

06/16/93

Your article, "Fresno born Karabakh commander Mr. Melkonian dies on a battlefield," (6/15/93, Page A13) painted a picture of a "hero" who was labeled as an "Armenian activist" by your reporters. I think the *Times* readers are entitled to learn about some of the activities of this hero.

The Armenian terrorist organization ASALA led by Mr. Melkonian is responsible for the murder of Ambassador of Turkey to France, İ. Erez and his driver on October 24, 1975; the murder of the Turkish First Secretary O. Cirit in Beirut on February 16, 1976; the bombing of an airport and a train station in Turkey and killing and maiming 58 innocent travelers including one American on May 29, 1977; the bombing of the KLM, Lufthansa, Pan Am, TWA, Air France and British Airways offices in Europe between November 18 and December 23, 1979 which caused injuries to 24 innocent bystanders; the bomb explosion in Paris-Orly Airport that claimed 2 Turkish, 4 French, one Swede and one American lives and left a total of 60 innocent people injured.

These are only some of the highlights of the deeds of the Armenian terrorist organizations which Mr. Melkonian served as a leader. In the U.S. these organizations were responsible for the murder of four Turkish citizens between the years 1973 and 1982.

"Armenian activists" also exploded a car-bomb across from the U.N. building in New York on October 12, 1980, injuring four, destroyed a travel agency in Hollywood the same day, placed a bomb in front of the Swiss consulate on February 3, 1981, bombed Anaheim Convention Center to cancel a Turkish Folk Dance

performance on June 3, 1981, and got caught placing bombs in front of Air Canada Cargo at LAX on May 30, 1982.

The least *Times* can do is respect the memories of the victims of terrorism by not labeling the perpetrators of these dastardly acts "the heros" or "the activists."

Dr. Bülent Başol
President, ATAA

To: New York Times

10/31/93

William Safire's column "An Ally for Sale" demands a strong rebuttal from all people who know the track record of Turkey's relations with the United States and the Status of the Kurds in Turkey.

Turkey has been a loyal and anchor member of NATO, an ally that has been a strong buffer for the West against Soviet Empire, a friend who has sent its own troops to fight and die in Korea, a partner on the front line that played a pivotal role as a staunch supporter of Western allies in the Gulf Crisis at the expense of its own economy.

As to the status of the Kurds in Turkey, most of them are deeply interwoven into the political, economic, social and cultural life of Turkey. William Safire's column is poorly thought out, deliberately controversial and desperately deficient in its logic and facts. Any partner of the United States that gets this kind of response will no longer be an ally.

Please tell Mr. Safire to reexamine his historical and economic facts, the political realities in Turkey, then take a blank sheet of paper and pen, and start all over.

Birtan Aka Collier
VP, ATAA

To: U.S. Media

11/15/93

All too often the media portray the terrorist acts of the PKK (Kurdistan Workers' Party) in Turkey and around the world as the inevitable result of legitimate grievances of "oppressed people."

The media seems to be oblivious to the evidence that the PKK is a full blown terrorist operation of global dimensions.

"The thick-set founder of the PKK, who looks suprisingly like Saddam Hussein," is quoted by Scott Peterson in *The Christian Science Monitor* (August 31, 1991) as saying that he teaches the evil of the Turkish government, the glory of Marxism, and tactics of terrorism to guerrillas who are then sent to Turkey on a quest to set up a Marxist-Kurdish state.

Peterson writes: "More than 2000 people have been killed since 1984 in guerrilla fighting since PKK started armed attacks."

When the Turkish government intervenes, cries of "Human rights violations" are raised and the media in general take these at face value, therefore putting veneer of legitimacy on the ugly face of terrorism. This is the first time in the history of Marxist revolutions that these revolutionaries are working behind a veil of ethnicity.

We urge you to make a special effort to differentiate between the terrorists and the law-abiding citizens of Kurdish ancestry. The terrorists who are driven by Marxist ideology should not be permitted to masquerade as ethnic minorities who claim to be oppressed.

Dr. Bülent Başol
President, ATAA

TEACHERS' WORKSHOP

“Give me a child for the first seven years and you may do what you like with him afterwards.”

J. Maxim

WHY HOLD TEACHERS' WORKSHOPS ON TURKEY IN YOUR COMMUNITY?



Social studies teachers from the Philadelphia area enjoying a Turkish lunch at Woven Legends

By Birtan Aka Collier

To give true and accurate information about Turkish history and culture and to provide a balanced image of the Turks, one of the most effective programs for a Turkish American association to implement is to organize a teachers' workshop in its community. A teacher teaches thousands of children in his/her life time and one of the most long-lasting and beneficial ways to correct the image of Turkey in the United States is for us to reach the teachers as a group.

By giving the social studies teachers who teach history and geography comprehensive, correct and balanced facts on such basic topics as: Who are the Turks? Where Did they Come From? Their History, Empires, Culture, Leaders, we can assure that they teach accurate information about Turkey.

Through these social studies teachers, we will reach thousands of young minds who will become the generations of tomorrow.

Below is a road map demonstrating the way organize such workshops, what role the Turkish American association should play, how to work with community outreach organizations in your community, and share resources, ideas and a budget to implement a successful workshop on Turkey.

Why Work with Community Outreach Organizations?

In line with increased emphasis for global education and international studies, curriculum directors of the school districts and social studies teachers are turning to community

outreach programs to help them increase their knowledge of different countries and regions of the world. There is a real demand for interesting workshops designed especially for teachers and administrators in education focused on significant countries. They are usually held on Saturdays. This situation provides a golden opportunity for Turkish American associations to encourage curriculum directors to hold such workshops on Turkey.

Two organizations with national outreach programs which can help the Turkish American associations with this effort are the *Education Departments of the World Affairs Councils* and the *Middle East Center*.

The other organization central for planning a teacher's workshop is the school districts in your respective cities and particularly the unit within the district responsible for the curriculum.

The Education Departments of the World Affairs Councils get federal funds to start international programs in schools and the outreach coordinators of the Middle East Centers often have their own sources of funds to implement programs in schools in cooperation with the curriculum directors on different countries of the Middle East. It is important to understand that it is part of the mandate of these organiza-

tions to do this and it is quite easy for the Turkish-American organizations to piggyback on existing programs or propose a new country to them. In this way, the Turkish American associations can organize a teacher's workshop efficiently and quickly and without spending a great deal of money. Most importantly, they can play that very vital role of being that link between the two cultures and educate teachers on Turkish history and culture.

Contact with the school districts and the outreach coordinators at the Middle East Centers and heads of the Education Departments at the World Affairs Councils should be made 6-9 months ahead of time of the workshops (which are normally held during spring break), in order to get into the yearly calendar of all the organizations involved.

For more detailed information on how to hold a Teachers' Workshop and to get a copy of "Workshop Kit" you can contact Birtan Aka Collier through ATAA at (202) 483-9090



Social studies teachers having a Turkish lunch against a background of Turkish carpets.

BOSNIAN RELIEF CAMPAIGNS

ATAA organized and sponsored several activities to protest against the Serbs' ethnic cleansing in Bosnia and asked the U.S. Decision-makers for help throughout in 1993.

ATAA member associations raised their voices against the ethnic cleansing in Bosnia all across U.S. through demonstrations.

In February, the Turkish Americans under the leadership of (ATAA member) Turkish American Cultural Association of Southern New England (TACA-SNE) launched a relief campaign to help the Bosnians suffering from the harsh winter conditions.

TACA-SNE with the participation of local Turks, pulled together 42 containers of food, medical supplies, and clothing.

In March, several Turkish organizations joined more than a thousand protestors for a long march in Boston, to demand stronger international action to stop atrocities in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

This long march was organized again by (ATAA member) Turkish American Cultural Association of Southern New England and co-sponsored by (ATAA member) Turkish American Cultural Society of New England and Young Turks of Worcester. Several other groups from MA representing Muslims, Christians, Jews, human rights activists, students,



feminists, and others were also among the participants. In April, Americans for Freedom in Former Yugoslavia (AFFY) with the co-sponsorship of ATAA, and Federation of Turkish American Societies (FTAS), organized a demonstration in front of the White House, protesting the United States Government's passive policy in Bosnia. 2500 Turks and friends of Turks from different parts of the United States, representing various Jewish, Muslim, Christian organizations participated to this important demonstration. Numerous demonstrations were also organized in Ohio, by local Turkish-Americans and in California by (ATAA member) Northern Cyprus Cultural Association to protest the ethnic cleansing of Muslims by Serbians in Bosnia.

Assembly of Turkish American Associations will continue its efforts to help Bosnians and take action against any nation performing ethnic cleansing acts.

Turkish Consul General of Los Angeles Dr. Oğuz Çelikkol (right, standing) visiting the Bosnian war victims in California

TURKS AROUND THE WORLD



A PICTORIAL

**ATAA REPRESENTED
TURKISH-AMERICANS AT
TURKISH WORLD CONGRESS IN
ANTALYA, 1993**

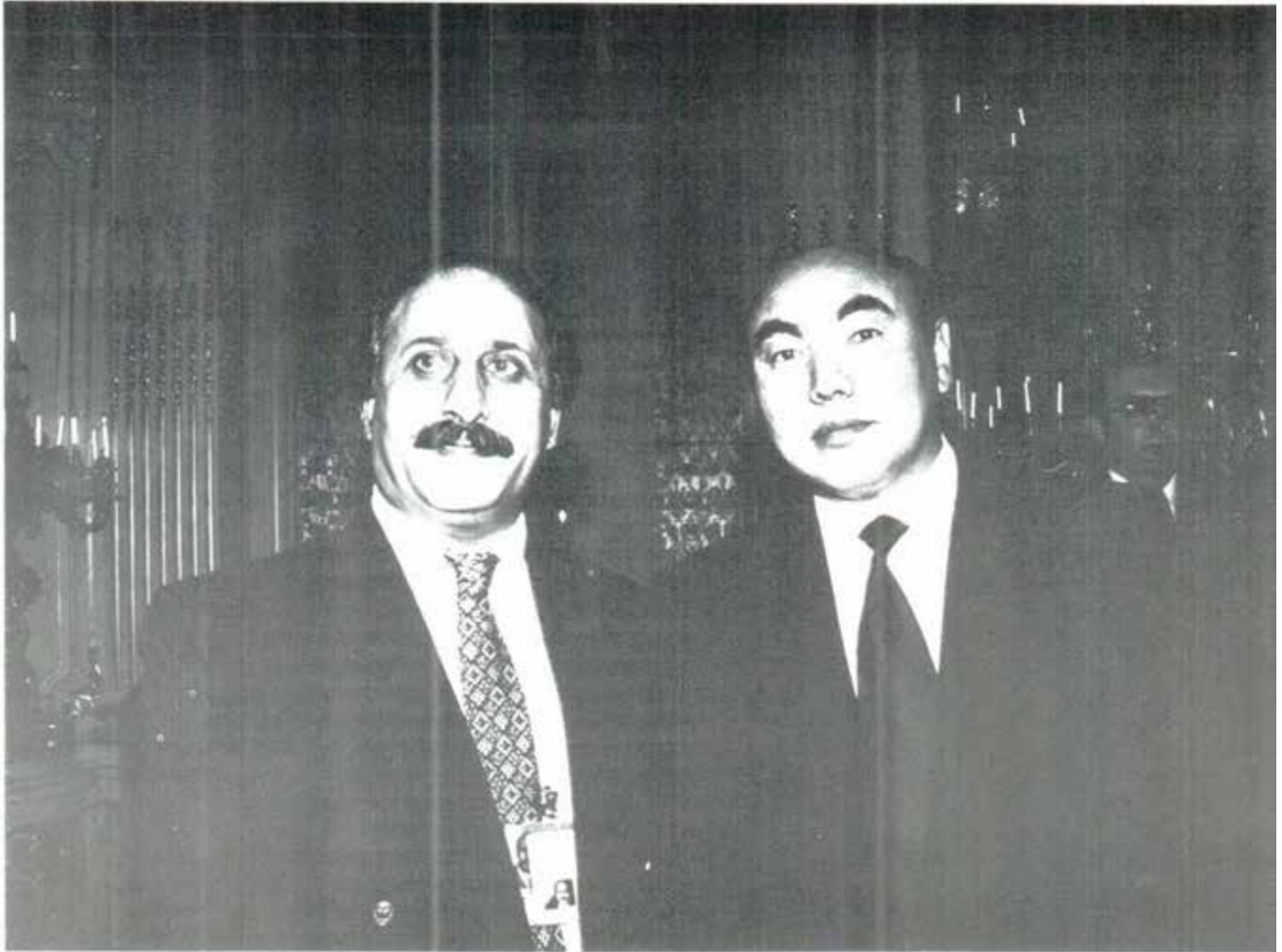
Newly born Eurasian Turkish Republics and the Soviet Supreme Republics came together between 21-24 March, 1993 (the day on which Turks left Ergenekon), in Antalya, Turkey.

Among participants there were many experts in the fields of science, technology, literature, law and politics from all Turkish nations. Turks Around the World Committee established within ATAA was invited as the representative of the Turkish Americans.

ATAA President Dr. Bülent Başol, Mr. Tunca Iskır, Prof. Türker Özdoğan, Dr. Hakkı Öcal and Dr. Ahmet A. Arslan attended this important conference.

The key issues discussed were establishing 1) a common language and alphabet for better communication, 2) similar legal systems, 3) economic and trade partnerships.

**Photos by
Dr. Ahmet Ali Arslan
Chairman
ATAA
Turks Around the World Committee**



(Above) Dr. Ahmet Ali Arslan with President of Kirgizistan, Askar Akaev



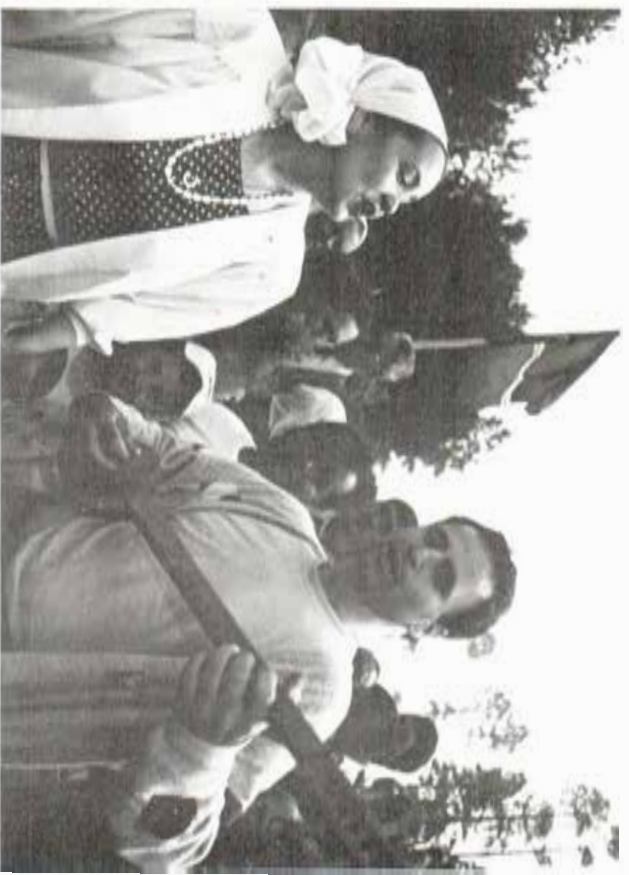
(Above) With President of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbaev



With President of Azerbaijan,
Dr. Ebülfez Elçibey



(Above) Kazan: Azeri students in exile.



(Above) Kazan Turks singing: "Uyan Tatar/Güneş de Doğar"



(Below) VP of Tatar İrtifak Partisi: A relentless freedom fighter.



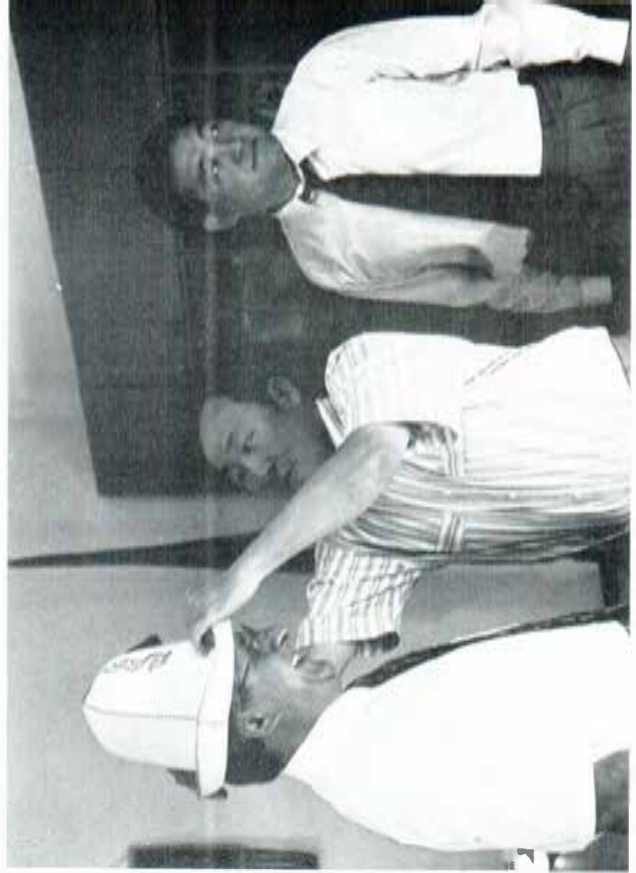
(Below) Reşat Nuri Güntekin's Çalığıuşu in Kazan State Theater

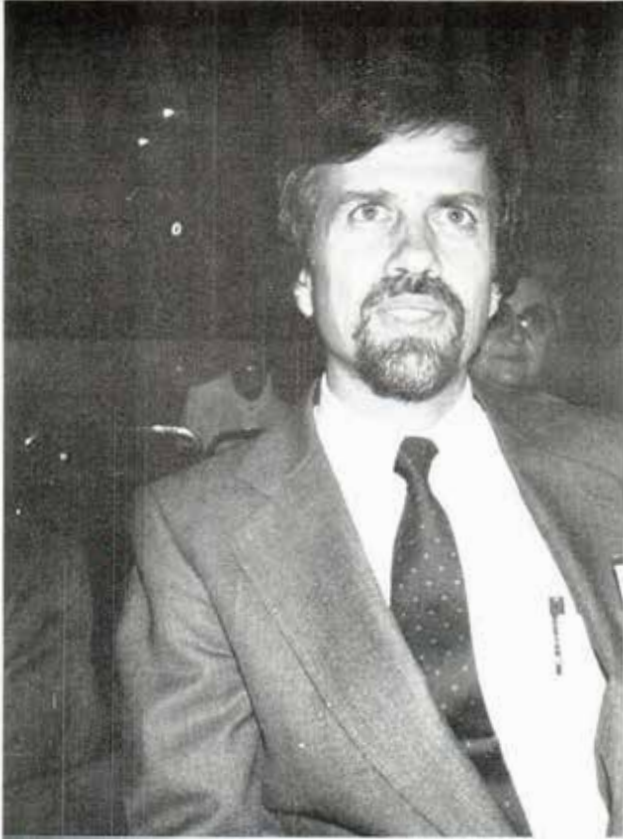


(Above) With Turkish Foreign Minister Hikmet Çetin.
(Below) In front of a Turkish Yurt in Kirgizistan, on slopes of Tanrı Dağları.



(Above) Manasçı in Kazakhstan, chanting oral history of Turks from memory.
(Below) Yurıslan Toyçıbekov, Pres. of MANAS-ATA Holding of Kazakhstan (m).



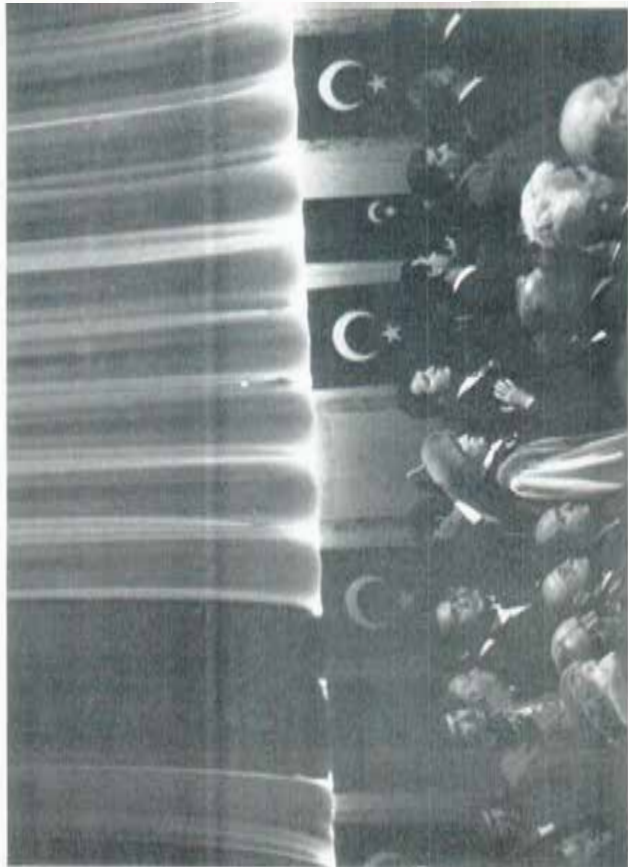


Attending The 2nd Turks Around the World Conference, in 1993, Antalya: (Clockwise from Top-Left) Dr. Bülent Başol, ATAA President; Mr. Gabil of Azerbaijan, an stage artist and poet; İsa Yusuf Alptekin, 94 yrs old leader of Uygur Turks of China; Dr. Ümit Hanım, representing 16,000 Şor Turks. She teaches a Turkish dialect that only 1,500 Turks can still speak today.





(Above) A [Christian] Nogay Turk, a poet who was blinded in prison
(Below) A Tuva Turk (wearing papak) at the Conference tent, Antalya a, 1993



(Above) Azeri Turks with Dr. Uxxan (2nd from R), a Saka Turk & Yakut Shaman
(Below) Azeri reps., Ahmet Karaca (l) and Dr. Mehmet Kengerli

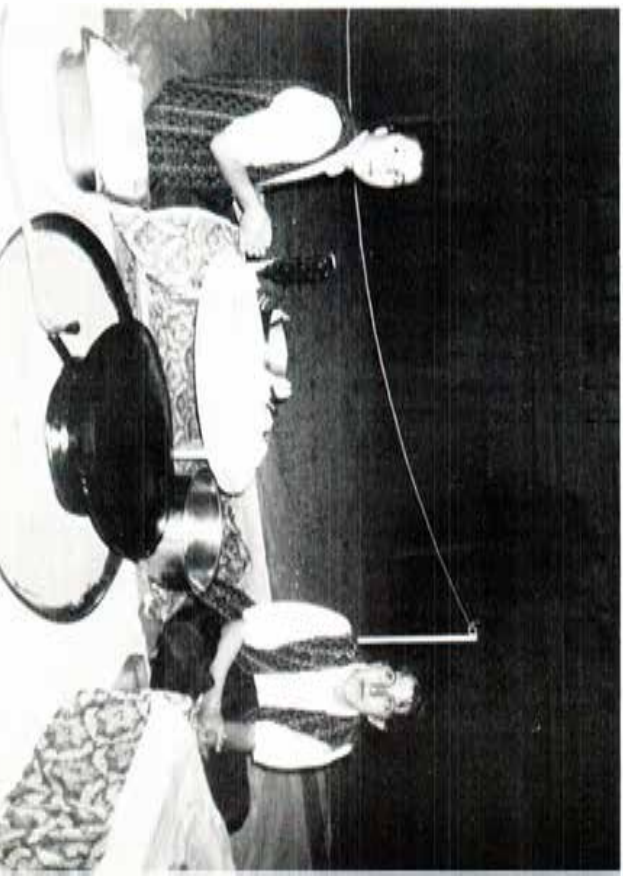




(Above) An Azeri family attending The 2nd Turks Around the World Conference
(Below) A group of Azeri Turks living in exile in Igdir, Turkey



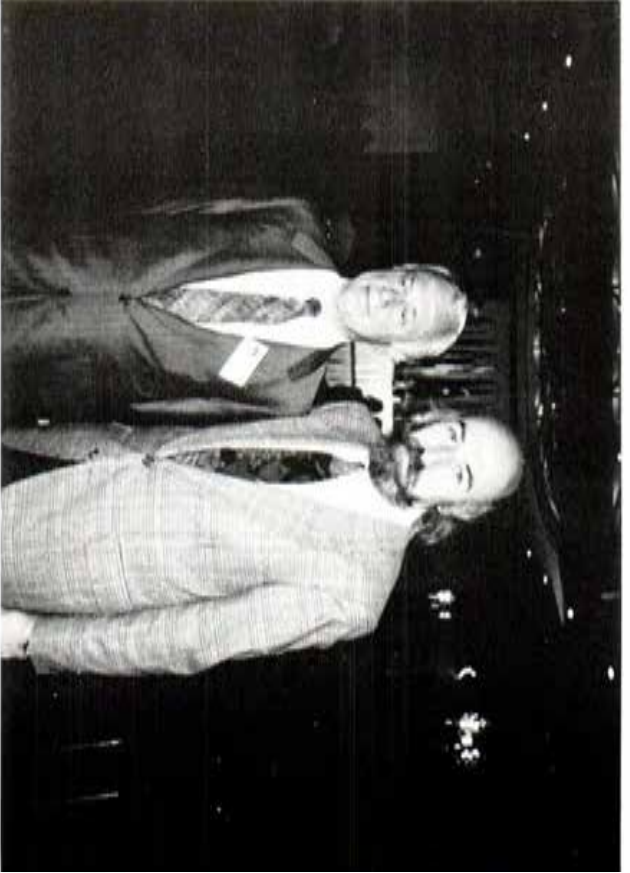
(Above) A general view from Turks Around the World Conference, 1993
(Below) Yörük girls of Antalya cooking a traditional Turkish treat — Bazlama





(Clockwise from Top-Left): Prof. Dr. Abdurrahim Pulatov, leader of Uzbek Birlik Party, currently in exile; [his brother] Abdülmenab Pulatov, leader of Uzbek Human Rights movement, also in exile, in Washington DC; Olcas Süleymanov, a Kazakh poet and member of parliament; Cesaret Hanım of Alma-Ata showing the nuclear dump sites left behind in Kazakhstan by the Russians.





(Above) Prof. Tinker Özdoğan of ATAA (r) with Prof. Nevzat Atlığ
(Below) Güngör Radkoglio, Gagavuz Vice President



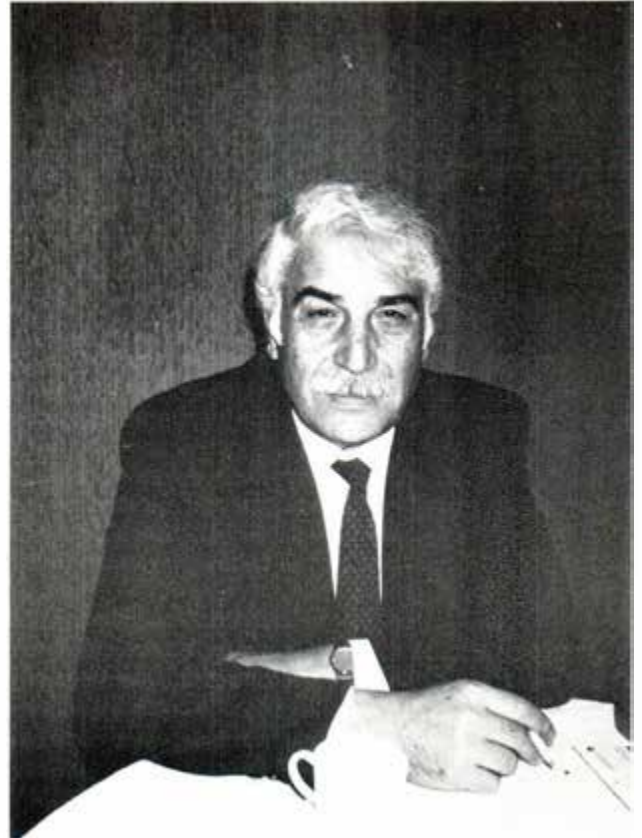
(Above) Satımcın Sambayev, VP of Kazakh Silkroad Foundation
(Below) Dr. Muzaffer Arslan, leader of Iraqi Turcomans





(Clockwise from top-left): Turkish ladies at the 1992 New York Conference; Prof. Özdoğan with Halil Şıvgın (r), President of Foundation for Development of Democracies in the Turkish World; Prof. Kamil Veliyev of Azerbaijan; Opening Ceremony of Turks Around the World Conference in New York, 1992





(Clockwise from top-left): Muhammed Salih, representing Uzbek Turks, President of Erk Democratic Party in exile; Prof. Mustafa Kafalı, representing Anatolian Yörüks; Dilde Sarbağışeva, Kirgizistan Charge d'Affair to Turkey; Raphael Muhammeddinov of Tatar Republic





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(Left) Turkish youths from Tataristan and Turkey met at the conference. (Below) A young Tatar man with a Cuvash girl at Sabantay.





(Clockwise from Top Left): Dr. Sadık Ahmet, leader of the Turkish minority in Greece; Dr. Fevziye Bayramova of Tataristan; Stephan Topal, President of Gagavuz (Gökoğuz) Turks; Dr. Tevfik Kurdayev, leader of the Ahıska Turks, Kazakhstan.





(Above) Turkish Cypriots: Mrs. Yumuk, Hasan Yumuk, U.N. Rep. Amb. Osman Ertuğ; (Below) Prof. Dr. Jabbar Göklenoğlu, Turkmenistan.



(Above) Harun Kazaz (L), former Executive Director of ATAA, and Prof. Turan Yazgan (R) at the opening the 2nd Turks Around the World Conference, 1992; (Below) Pianist Ayşegül Durakoğlu (M) played the works of Turkish composers at the Conference



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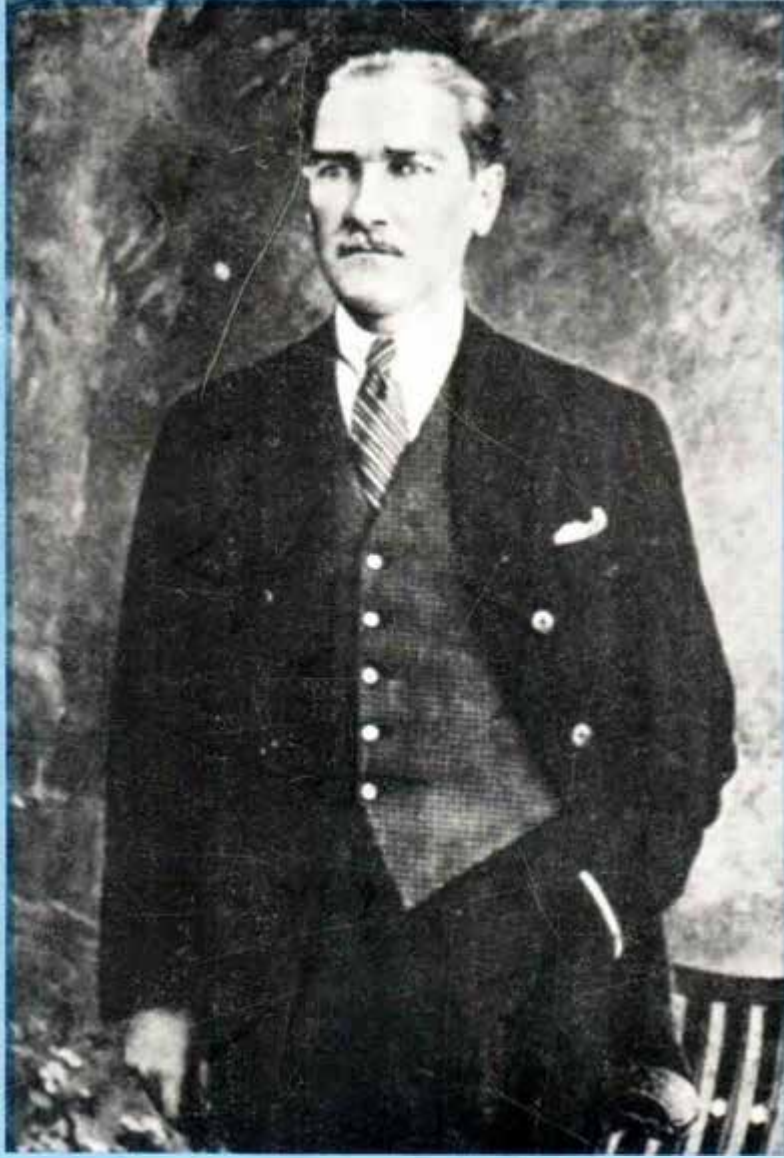
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