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WELCOME MESSAGE

by ATAA President

On behalf of the ATAA Board of Directors, I would like to welcome you to the 17th Annual Convention of ATAA. As a Turkish-American community organization, we chose the

Caucasus and the Turkic world as this year's convention topic for two reasons: First, Turkey, our ancestral home, shares ethnic, historic, linguistic and cultural ties with many of the nations in that part of the world. It is with this understanding that we decided to celebrate the richness of the cultures of the Turkic nations that inherently share many similarities, but have in time developed their own distinctive characters, with the first "Turkic World Culture and Art Festival." Furthermore, with the disintegration of the Soviet Union and the founding of the new republics in the region, Turkey gained vast opportunities for cooperation and partnership with its new neighbors, but at the same time faces new challenges as several conflicts that erupted in the region, inevitably, also affect Turkey.

Our second main consideration in choosing this topic is that, as Turkish-Americans, we feel that U.S. policy toward the Caucasus and Central Asia must concentrate on the creation of stability and peace in the region and give strong support for regional cooperation. We believe that the U.S. government and non-governmental organizations active in the region should focus on incrementally decreasing the dependency of these countries on foreign aid, no matter where it comes from, and must concentrate on building confidence and regional economic integration. The convention symposium on "Regional cooperation and development in the Caucasus" is our modest contribution to the intellectual discourse on this issue.

The 17th Annual Convention of ATAA also coincides with the 73rd anniversary of the founding of the Turkish Republic by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. As Turkish-Americans we pledge our continued support for a pluralistic Turkish democracy based on the rule of law, secularism and a Turkish foreign policy that has Turkey's Western alliance, led by the U.S.-Turkish partnership, as its pillar. ATAA unequivocally supports a U.S. policy towards Turkey that stands on these principles and grants strong support to Turkey's full integration in all Western institutions, including the European Union.

As I pass the torch as President of ATAA to my successor Dr. Tamer Açıklalın, I wish him, his new Board of Directors and all members of ATAA continued success in representing the Turkish-American community and in our efforts to strengthen and diversify the U.S.-Turkish alliance.

Sincerely,

Nuri Sabuncu
President





U.S. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Warm greetings to the Assembly of Turkish American Associations as you gather for your seventeenth annual convention.

The past year has witnessed many changes affecting the interests of the United States and Turkey, our close friend and NATO ally — changes not only in Turkey's vicinity, but also throughout Europe and in the United Nations. The theme of your gathering this year, "Regional Cooperation and Development in the Caucasus," is an important one for both Turkey and the United States, and I am confident that Americans of Turkish origin have much to contribute to its discussion.

One of our nation's greatest strengths is our diversity. During my first term as President, I have often been impressed by how much that multicultural diversity both informs and enriches our responses to events around the world. As members of the ATAA, you can take pride in the vital role you play in fostering a greater understanding between Turkey and the United States, expanding and nurturing our long-standing ties of friendship.

Best wishes for a productive convention and every future success.

Bill Clinton





TURKISH PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is an universally acknowledged truth that with the Cold War's end, new and innovative possibilities for international and regional economic, political and cultural cooperation have surfaced. Seizing these possibilities certainly offers enormous hope for prosperity and peace. Indeed, these possibilities are very much a part of the landscape of the Caucasus, and should not be overlooked nor underestimated.

Freed from the yoke of authoritarianism, the Caucasus is a vital link and bridge between Asia and Europe, between East and West. The area, in and of itself, has great potential both in terms of trained, skilled human power and abundant, natural resources. It is an area rich in history, culture, tradition. What happens in the Caucasus closely affects the rest of the world. Therefore, it is only fitting that ATAA, in keeping with its proud custom of holding conventions with timely topics, should dedicate this year's convention to *Regional Cooperation and Development in the Caucasus*. I would ask all the participants to take full advantage of this convention and explore the many possibilities of the Caucasus.

Turkey fundamentally understands the intrinsic significance of the Caucasus. We view stability in the area of utmost importance not only for the immediate region but also for the world at large. In the pursuit of such stability, the newly independent states must be encouraged, supported and incorporated into the family of nations. For instance, Turkey continues to actively encourage Armenia and Azerbaijan to reach an early compromise in the name of peace. The US also continues to play a strong role in efforts to establish such a lasting peace. Clearly, Turkey and the US share convergent interests in this respect and must work together to achieve the ultimate goal—peace. This, of course, may be an arduous process, but one worth pursuing so as to tap into the enormous possibilities of the Caucasus.

I applaud ATAA for making the Caucasus the subject of its Convention, so as to draw the necessary attention to the potential and possibilities of the area. By acting in this constructive manner, ATAA becomes a vehicle for promoting better understanding and enlightened interest in the Caucasus and I wish it only success in this worthwhile endeavor.

Süleyman Demirel
President
of the Republic of Turkey





PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Over the years, ATAA has constantly evolved and expanded to become a powerful symbol of the Turkish presence in the United States. It now unites the overwhelming majority of Turkish associations throughout the country. It has rendered many valuable services in terms of helping the Turkish community preserve its national cultural identity. I therefore offer my heartfelt congratulations to the current and past leadership of the Assembly and its many members for their successful efforts. I would also like to thank ATAA for dedicating its 17th Annual Convention to the highly relevant topic of *Regional Cooperation and Development in the Caucasus*.

It is a sad fact that many nations in various corners of the world — be it in the Caucasus, Bosnia-Herzegovina or the Middle East — are still trapped in disputes that prevent them from realizing their economic potential. These problems, which appear increasingly anachronistic as we approach the turn of a new century, should be resolved on the basis of mutual understanding, justice and equality. This is what our Government stands for — the achievement of true and permanent world peace and stability.

In this regard, we are saddened to see that the peoples of the Caucasus have still not found the lasting peace and stability they deserve, especially when we are so close to the dawn of a promising new millennium. We are deeply affected by what occurs in the region since we share close historic and cultural ties with many of the peoples there. Chechnya, for example, has suffered a devastating war and further bloodshed there must be prevented. The continuing occupation of parts of Azerbaijan is another concern for us. These unfortunate developments prevent the countries in the Caucasus from engaging in mutually beneficial process of interaction and economic cooperation. Every nation in the region must respect each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity and work together in a spirit of mutual respect and understanding so as to realize common goals.

While we in Turkey, because of geographic proximity and historic and cultural links, are particularly interested and sensitive to this area, the world community must also be aware of the complete and correct facts pertaining to the region. The wars, which until recently have devastated the Caucasus, have taken a heavy toll in terms of human lives. Many refugees live in squalid conditions, especially in Azerbaijan. To ignore these grave developments is to turn a blind eye to the values of human decency, freedom and respect that the entire civilized community of nations espouses.

ATAA can do much to enlighten US public opinion about the nature of the ongoing problems, as well as the promise and potential, of the Caucasus at this Conference and afterwards. Though we are certainly aware of the opportunities and eager to tap into the great potential of the Caucasus, the current problems in the region must first be resolved in order to move forward. The time for such movement, such transformation, is now.

Necmettin Erbakan
Prime Minister of the
Republic of Turkey





DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER and FOREIGN MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Turkey's foreign policy has consistently been guided by Atatürk's famous dictum: "*Peace at home, peace in the world.*" In the Caucasus, with which Turkey shares historic and cultural ties, such peace has yet to fully materialize. We certainly remain deeply concerned about the current state of instability in the area.

In large part, such instability stems from the still unresolved dispute between Armenia and Azerbaijan. In my former capacity as Prime Minister, I had the opportunity to personally visit Azerbaijan and Georgia and observe firsthand the difficult conditions these countries face. I was especially moved by the plight of the refugees in Azerbaijan. Simultaneously, though, I also witnessed the great potential of the area, which is the focus of ATAA's 17th Annual Convention.

The Caucasus is one of the world's largest reservoirs of oil resources. As the meeting of energy needs becomes an increasingly vital priority for nations around the world, finding and tapping into vast, new and diverse oil deposits, previously un-explored or under-explored, will prove crucial. The oil resources of the Caucasus have an important role to play in this capacity not only as a means to provide energy supplies to the world but also as a way to forge mutually beneficial bonds of economic cooperation and interdependence among the regional actors.

Consequently, Turkey firmly advocates the construction of an oil pipeline from Baku in Azerbaijan to the Turkish Mediterranean port city of Ceyhan. We believe such a pipeline will be of benefit to all in the region, including Armenia, as it will solidify cooperation, and more importantly peace, throughout the Caucasus in the name of economic prosperity. The oil pipeline is a key example of how to surely and concretely tap into the potential of the Caucasus. I am confident that this Conference will offer several other examples.

Indeed, ATAA's focus is about the potential of the Caucasus— about the bright new day that will dawn when peace replaces war, stability replaces instability, mutual respect and tolerance replaces intolerance and hatred. Looking forward to that day, I wish ATAA every success in the realization of this important Symposium.

Tansu Çiller
Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister of Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Turkey





AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE

During my years of serving in Washington, I have witnessed ATAA highlight an issue of relevance for its annual conventions. This year, of course, is no different and I congratulate and applaud the organizers for choosing to focus on the topic of the Caucasus, which is of utmost importance to both the US and Turkey. ATAA's role in educating people about the Caucasus and encouraging and organizing support for endeavors there is highly commendable.

The Caucasus certainly deserves special attention in many respects. It has cradled many civilizations. It has considerable economic potential. Most importantly, what occurs there has implications for the whole region and the world. For instance, instability in the Caucasus has a direct impact on neighboring areas. There are many simmering problems, which must be addressed for the sake of regional and international peace and stability.

Turkey is doing its best to bring about lasting peace and stability in the region, which is absolutely essential for increasing economic integration. It is only when peace prevails throughout the region that trade, investments, commerce and tourism can flourish.

In the meantime, the West must support the fragile independence of these nations. Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan can be successfully integrated into the world economic and political system with a little help from their friends. To achieve this, however, they must remain free, sovereign and independent nations.

The Turkish and Turkish-American communities have an enormous opportunity to speak out about the promise of the unrealized potential in the Caucasus. This Convention is certainly a most suitable forum to act in such a manner, speak out about such potential, and explore all that can be done to secure peace so as to pursue the avenues of economic cooperation and development. Indeed, I hope this convention will establish a strong groundwork and framework for further and future action in all spheres of political, economic and cultural cooperation throughout the Caucasus and between the Caucasus and the region as well as the world at large.

Nüzhet Kandemir
Turkish Ambassador
to the United States

IN MEMORIAM

Atif Aktar (1924-1995)

Atif S. Aktar, a Trustee of ATAA and the President of Galatasaray Alumni Association U.S.A., Inc., passed away on August 25, 1995 of cardiac arrest at the age of 61. Born in Istanbul, Mr. Aktar graduated from Galatasaray Lycee in 1953, came to the United States to attend Stanford University, where he lettered in soccer and obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. He also received an M.B.A. from the University of Santa Clara. Mr. Aktar worked for Bechtel Corporation on international petrochemical and mining and metals projects. He and his family lived in Perth, Western Australia for several years when he was assigned to an iron ore project. On his return to the United States, Mr. Aktar went to work for Daniel K. Ludwig, a shipping magnate and entrepreneur. He became the Vice President of Engineering and Procurement for Mr. Ludwig's firm, National Bulk Carriers, Inc. Mr. Aktar formed Techno-Economic Consulting, Inc. in 1977 and provided services on a variety of domestic and international ventures. In the last few years, he carried out several programs for the United Nations involving the natural resources of developing countries. Mr. Aktar, the late Erol Beker and others established the Galatasaray Alumni Association U.S.A., Inc. in 1981. Mr. Aktar is survived by his mother, Zerafet Aktar, brothers Irfan Aktar and Ayhan Aktar, his wife of 39 years, Milly Aktar; and their three children: Murat, Sinan and Alev.

He shall be greatly missed.

Albert J. Amateau (1889-1996)

Albert J. Amateau, Honorary President of the American Association of Jewish Friends of Turkey (AAJFT), passed away on February 9, 1996. He was born in Milas, Turkey, on April 20, 1889, and came to the United States in 1910. A constant and eloquent defender of his native country his entire life, he was also among the founders of AAJFT. He had hundreds of friends and correspondents around the country and the world, including many Turks and Turkish-Americans who lovingly and respectfully called him "Amca" (Uncle). As he would have put it, Kismet (destiny) did not allow him to reach 2000 so that he could have lived in three centuries.

Mr. Amateau was, above all, a fine human being. We will miss him greatly. May his soul rest in peace. (Ke en pas deskanse.)

Kerim Kami Key (1913-1996)

Kerim Kami Key, former professor of history and economics and United States Army officer passed away on July 11, 1996. Kerim Key was born in Istanbul on May 21, 1913. He graduated from Robert College in 1932. Before his arrival to the United States in 1939, he served in the Turkish military as an officer. Mr. Key obtained his master's degree from University of California and his Ph.D. from the American University in Washington, D.C. During World War II, he joined the United States Army and worked for the Office of Strategic Services. He later served at the Commerce and State Departments as an expert in the history and economics of the Middle East. He authored several technical books on countries in that part of the world. Mr. Key was active in teaching and lecturing at local universities and communities. He served on the Advisory Board of the American Turkish Council and the Atatürk Society of America. He was a staunch supporter of the Assembly of Turkish American Associations and the Turkish Times. Professor Key received the Atatürk Society of America's Peace and Democracy award in 1996 for his outstanding achievements in promoting Atatürk's beliefs and principles. He married Elizabeth Miller, now deceased, from Philadelphia on March 30, 1946. He is survived by his sister Roxan Wise.

Professor Key, whose life span over nearly a decade of Turkish and American history, will be greatly missed by the Turkish - American Community.



ATAA

ASSEMBLY OF TURKISH AMERICAN ASSOCIATIONS

WHAT IS ATAA

The Assembly of Turkish American Associations (ATAA), a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) corporation, currently unites the Turkish American community and friends of Turkey in 54 component associations across the US, Canada, and Turkey. The Assembly is governed by a Board of Directors and a Board of Trustees, and maintains its headquarters in Washington, D.C.

WHAT IS OUR GOAL

ATAA was established in 1979 by Turkish-Americans as a reaction to the campaigns of certain ethnic groups in the United States to damage U.S.-Turkish relations and create a distorted image of Turkey and Turks.

ATAA's goals can be summarized as follows:

- ♦ Increasing communication and unity between the Turkish-American population and friends of Turkey in the U.S.
- ♦ Promoting Turkish history and culture through various educational programs on the principles, political and legal structure, and aspirations of the Turkish state and its people with a view toward supporting a true image of Turks in this country.
- ♦ Countering biased or distorted information against Turkey and Turks in the electronic and printed media.

ACTIVITIES

ATAA, regarding the U.S.-Turkish alliance as a pillar of the national security of both countries, develops and implements programs to diversify this partnership in the areas of scientific and educational cooperation, cultural exchange and commerce. Among the activities that serve this goal are teachers' workshops, cultural and business seminars, regional, and national conventions sponsored or supported by ATAA.

PUBLICATIONS

ATAA is one of the major Turkish-American organizations that regularly disseminates information on Turkey and various aspects of U.S.-Turkish relations to members of the U.S. Congress, the administration, non-governmental organizations, the business community, and the general public and leads grassroots efforts to voice the interest and preferences of the Turkish-American community. ATAA publishes the *Turkish Panorama*, a weekly newsletter sent via fax to all members of Congress, key officials in the Turkish and U.S. administrations, and NGO's working on issues related to Turkey. The Assembly also publishes *The Turkish Times*, a bi-weekly newspaper in print since 1989. *The Turkish Times* covers a variety of issues ranging from domestic and international issues concerning Turkey, Turkish history, culture and art, sports, tourism and business to news related to the Turkish-American community.

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Your membership and donations will enable ATAA to continue the publication of The Turkish Times, the voice of the Turkish American community, and many other activities such as the convention you are attending. Individual members of ATAA are also entitled to a 10% discount on all paid activities.

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&
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In its Annual Convention, ATAA honors those individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the work of the Assembly, the Turkish-American community and the Turkish cause in general.

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Recipients!**

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ATAA Distinguished Service Award

This award of high honor is bestowed on person(s) who have distinguished themselves in giving extraordinary service to ATAA and the community.

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This award is presented to those individuals who, recognizing the importance of the US - Turkish alliance, have contributed significantly to its continuity and improvement.

Fred Haynes

President, American Turkish Council



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

Turkish American Cultural Association of Georgia

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Dr. İrfan Doğrusöz

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

Vural Cengiz

Vice President, ATAA-Southeast Region

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.

Aydan Kodaloğlu

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PANELISTS

Richard Lee Armitage -- Richard L. Armitage, President of Armitage Associates L.C., has since May 1993 been engaged in a range of worldwide business and public policy endeavors, as well as frequent public speaking and writing. Mr. Armitage directed the U.S. assistance to the New Independent States of the former Soviet Union with the rank of Ambassador (March 1992- May 1993). From 1989 to 1992, Ambassador Armitage served as the Presidential Special Negotiator for the Philippines Base Agreement and the Special Mediator for Water in the Middle East. He was also sent by President Bush as Special Emissary to the Middle East during the Gulf War. Mr. Armitage served as Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs from 1983 to 1989. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1967 and later served in Vietnam.

Esin Atil, Ph.D. -- Esin Atil presently holds the position of Research Associate at the Freer Gallery of Art and the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, which are Smithsonian Institute museums devoted to Asian art. Dr. Atil served as Guest Curator of the exhibition and editor of the accompanying publication of *Islamic Art and Patronage: Treasures of Kuwait* (1990-92), which is currently on display in Europe. In 1987, Dr. Atil received the Grand Award for Culture and Art from the President of Turkey and the Medal of Honor from the Assembly of Turkish American Associations for her work on the exhibition *The Age of Sultan Süleyman the Magnificent*. The same year she was awarded honorary doctorates from Bogaziçi and Karadeniz Universities. Dr. Atil has organized numerous exhibitions and published close to twenty books on the artistic traditions of the Islamic world.

James F. Collins -- Prior to becoming Ambassador-at-Large for the New Independent States (NIS), Mr. Collins served as Coordinator for Regional Affairs for the NIS and Senior Advisor to the Secretary of State for the NIS. Prior to these assignments, Ambassador Collins served as Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow (1990-93). In addition, Ambassador Collins served as Political Counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Amman, and as Vice Consul in Izmir, Turkey. His Washington assignments included Deputy Executive Secretary for Europe and Latin America, Director of the State Department's Operations Center, Director for Intelligence Policy at the National Security Council Staff. Ambassador Collins holds several meritorious and superior honor awards from the Departments of State and Defense. Before joining the Department of State, Ambassador Collins taught Russian and European history at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis. He holds an A.B. degree cum laude from Harvard University and M.A. from Indiana University.

Lorne W. Craner -- Lorne Craner was elected President of the International Republican Institute (IRI) on August 7, 1995. Prior to his election, Craner served as the IRI Vice President for Programs since June 1993. From 1992 to 1993, Craner was Director of Asian Affairs at the National Security Council, under the direction of NSC Advisor, Lt. General Brent Scowcroft. He served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs from 1989 to 1992. Craner also served as foreign policy advisor to U.S. Senator John McCain from 1985 to 1989, concurrently serving on the U.S. Senate Central American Negotiations Observer Group. He began his career in the U.S. House of Representatives as a foreign policy advisor to Congressman Jim Kolbe (R-AZ). Mr. Craner has served as election observer in Russia in 1993, 1995, and 1996. He was awarded a Masters Degree in National Securities Studies from Georgetown University and received a B.A. from Reed College.

Nadia M. Diuk, Ph.D. -- Dr. Diuk currently serves as Regional Director for East-Central Europe and the New Independent States at the National Endowment for Democracy, a private non-profit organization funded by the U.S. Congress to strengthen democratic institutions around the world through non-governmental efforts. Prior to her appointment at the NED, she taught Soviet Politics and Russian History, was a research associate at the Society of Central Asian Studies, England; and editor-in-chief of the London-based publication *Soviet Nationality Survey*. Her publications include two books (co-authored by Adrian Karatnycky), *The Hidden Nations: The People Challenge the Soviet Union* (New York : William Morrow, 1990), *New Nations Rising: The Fall of the Soviets and the Challenge of Independence* (John Wiley & Sons, 1993). She gained her Ph.D. in Modern History at St. Anthony's College, University of Oxford.



Gayle Garrett -- Gayle Garrett is presently the Permanent Art Coordinator for the Middle East Studies Association. She has lectured on art and ethnography of the Middle East, especially Turkey, at such organizations as the Smithsonian Institution, the Middle East Institute, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the American Friends of Turkey. Ms. Garrett has conceived of several exhibitions including *The Rug Project* and *The Fabric of Daily Life*, both which promote the work of Turkish village culture of women's weaving cooperatives. Ms. Garrett is also a professorial lecturer in Art History at Georgetown University. She also held several high-level positions in the field of international telecommunications at INTELSAT and COMSAT General Satellites. Ms. Garrett received her M.A. in mathematics from Georgetown University, and her B.S. cum laude from Notre Dame of Ohio.

M. Kemal Gökna, M.D. -- Dr. Gökna is working as a Psychiatrist and private practitioner and also serves as the Assistant Clinical Professor at Wayne State University. He is CEO of Behavior M.A.P.S., Inc. Dr. Gökna has been active in Turkish-American community organizations on a variety of levels. He was President of the Turkish-American Association of Michigan (1981-83), President of ATAA (1984-86), and President of the Turkish-American Neuro-Psychiatric Association (1986-88, 1995-P). Dr. Gökna created a computerized clinical behavioral assessment tool called Behavioral M.A.P.S., which includes a component that may be applied to assess political leadership.

Marc Grossman -- Before his appointment by President Clinton as Ambassador to Turkey in 1994, Marc Grossman served as Special Assistant to the Secretary of State and the Executive Secretary of the Department of State. Prior to assuming these duties, Ambassador Grossman was the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Political Military Affairs. He also served as Deputy Chief of Mission of the U.S. Embassy in Ankara from 1989 to 1992, Executive Assistant to Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead, Deputy Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of NATO (1984-86), Political Officer at the U.S. Mission to NATO, Country Officer for Jordan (1981-83), and as Political Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad. Ambassador Grossman graduated with a B.A. from the University of California, Santa Barbara and holds an M.Sc. in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Charles D. Hartman -- Mr. Hartman is currently President of Hartman & Company, which promotes projects in the areas of international trade and energy production and distribution. Until last year, Mr. Hartman was the General Manager of US-CIS International, Inc. which facilitated the building of a natural gas pipeline system from Turkmenistan to Turkey and Europe. Previously, Mr. Hartman was the President of Valley Green International Trading Corp., and Vice President of External Relations for the U.S. Synthetic Fuel Corporation. Mr. Hartman is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and served during the Vietnam era. He has advanced degrees in Economics and Public Policy.

Servet Harunoğlu, Ph.D. -- Servet Harunoğlu is currently serving as the Chairman of the Turkish Kazakstan Business Council of the Turkish Foreign Economic Relations Board. He is a founder and shareholder of Pimsa Poliuratan Imalat A.S. and of Donau Express Schifferts GMBH. Dr. Harunoğlu previously served as General Coordinator of Çukurova Holding (1995-91), Director of Enka Marketing (1983-85), Special Projects Coordinator of Enka Holding (1982-85), General Manager of Eltek Elekt. Teknoloji A.Ş. He also worked as Assistant Professor at Boğaziçi University (1973-77). Dr. Harunoğlu is a graduate of Northwestern University in Chicago and received his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering in 1973.

Paul B. Henze -- Paul B. Henze holds degrees from St. Olaf College and Harvard, and has done work at the Universities of Nebraska, Minnesota, Chicago, and Maine. After a long career in government service, which included assignments to the U.S. Embassy in Addis Ababa (1969-1972) and the U.S. Embassy in Ankara (1974-1977), he was appointed to the National Security Council Staff in the White House in 1977. In 1980 he became a Wilson Fellow at the Smithsonian's Kennan Institute of Advanced Russian Studies. Since 1982, Mr. Henze has been a Resident Consultant in RAND's Washington office, working on projects related to Ethiopia, Turkey, Russia, the Caucasus, and Central Asia. In 1988, he served as a guide lecturer of a Smithsonian National Associates study tour from Moscow through Central Asia and Chinese Turkestan (Xinjiang) to Beijing. He served as adviser to the joint ATC-DEIK Turkish-American Business and Investment Mission to Central Asia in 1992, and headed an International Alert Observer mission to Chechnia. He spent October 1993 on a research trip in Kyrgyzstan, Kazakstan, Uzbekistan, and Xinjiang.



Tedo Japaridze -- Tedo Japaridze is currently the Ambassador of the Republic of Georgia to the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Previously, Ambassador Japaridze served in several positions at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Georgia including: Vice Chairman of the Council for UNESCO Affairs, Deputy Foreign Minister, First Deputy Foreign Minister, and National Security Advisor to the Head of the State. Ambassador Japaridze has authored several articles on the U.S. domestic and foreign policy-making for academic journals. He is the author of White House: Mechanism of Decision Making (Moscow, 1985) and the co-author of American Political Institutions: History and Current State (Moscow, 1987). He received his education at the Tbilisi State University.

Charles Richard Johnston, Jr. -- Charles Johnston is currently working at Baker, Donelson, Bearman & Caldwell, as Counsel and Senior International Trade Attorney. He is also a lecturer on International Business Diplomacy at the School of Foreign Service of Georgetown University since 1983. Mr. Johnston advised Republican members of the Committee on Finance in the United States Senate from 1978 to 1979. In 1992, Mr. Johnston was the Deputy Mission Leader of the US-Turkish Trade Mission to Central Asia. He is presently the Secretary and General Counsel to the American Friends of Turkey and the American-Turkish Council. Mr. Johnston has published numerous books and articles on subjects ranging from NAFTA to International Trade Policy. Mr. Johnston received his BA in history from Ohio Wesleyan University and his Law degree from California Western School of Law in 1973. Mr. Johnston has also studied International Law extensively abroad.

Nüzhet Kandemir -- Before his appointment as Turkish Ambassador to the United States in 1989, Ambassador Kandemir served as Under Secretary of State of Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1986-89). His prior assignments include his tenure as Ambassador to Baghdad (1982-86). Ambassador Kandemir's Foreign Ministry assignments include service as Director General of International Security Affairs, Deputy Director and Advisor for International Organizations, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Turkish Mission to the UN Office in Geneva, where he also held the position of Rapporteur, Vice President and President of the Governing Council, UNHCR, Director of the Personnel Department, and diplomatic assignments in Madrid and Oslo. Ambassador Kandemir also served as an International Staff Member and Director of the Narcotic Drugs Division of the U.N./Geneva (1973-79). He is a graduate of the Ankara University Faculty of Political Science.

Nelson C. Ledsky -- Ambassador Ledsky has managed the National Democratic Institute's democratic development programs in the former Soviet Union since October 1992. He retired from the U.S. Foreign Service in 1992, having served for three years as the U.S. Special Coordinator for Cyprus. Ambassador Ledsky was also Chief U.S. Negotiator in 1992 and 1993, for the revision of the NATO Status of Forces Treaty with Germany, and advised the Secretary of State during the 1990 Two Plus Four Negotiations on Germany. He also served in the White House from 1987 to 1989 as a Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs and Senior Director for European and Soviet Affairs. Ambassador Ledsky's assignments in the State Department included Principal Deputy Director of the Policy Planning Staff (1985-87), Minister in Berlin (1981-85), and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations (1977-80).

Stephen Low, Ph.D. -- Dr. Low is currently serving as President of the Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training. Prior to this position, he served as the Director of the Bologna Center of the Johns Hopkins University Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (1987-92) and the Department of State Foreign Service Institute (1982-87). Dr. Low has served as the United States Ambassador to Nigeria (1979-82) and to Zambia (1976-79). He was Senior Staff Member for Latin America on the National Security Council from 1974 to 1976. Ambassador Low received his B.A. from Yale University in 1950 and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in 1956. He has also attended the National War College in Washington, D.C.

Vincent Malmgren -- Vincent Malmgren studied Russian and broadcast journalism at the University of California. He moved to Russia in 1992 to open the Moscow office of Internews. During his two years in Moscow, he traveled extensively in the former Soviet Union and helped establish news exchanges between non-governmental television stations in several former Soviet republics. He has traveled to the Caucasus twice to participate in surveys of independent television stations in the region. The first trip in 1993 covered Georgia, the second trip covered Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan.



Justin McCarthy, Ph.D. -- Professor McCarthy specializes in the social and demographic history of the Modern Middle East. In addition, a number of articles and other volumes, his works include *Muslims and Minorities*, a study of the population of Ottoman Anatolia in the period of World War I, and *Death and Exile*, on the expulsion and morality of the Muslims of the Balkans, Caucasus, Crimea, and Anatolia. Professor McCarthy has held a Senior Research Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities, a national Needs Postdoctoral Fellowship from the National Science Foundation, and a Fulbright-Hays fellowship. Justin McCarthy received a Ph.D. in Near Eastern history from UCLA in 1978 and a Certificate in Demography from Princeton University in 1980. He has been a visiting fellow at Princeton University, the School of Oriental and African Studies of the University of London, and Bogaziçi University in Istanbul. Professor McCarthy also taught as a U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer at the Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey.

Jayhun Molla-zade, Ph.D. -- Dr. Molla-zade is currently serving as the President of the US-Azerbaijan Council and Editor-in-Chief of *Caspian Crossroads*. He previously worked as a political counselor to Cambridge Energy Research Associates, and as Deputy Chief of Mission and political counselor at the Azerbaijan Embassy in Washington D.C. at which he was first assigned to as a Charge d'Affaires in 1992. Dr. Molla-zade assignments in Azerbaijan include advisor to the Speaker of the Azerbaijan Parliament of Foreign Affairs and Senior Researcher at the Institute of Philosophy and Law in Baku. He worked as visiting scholar at the Norwegian Institute for Human Rights and at the Institute for Philosophy in Moscow (1986-88). Dr. Molla-zade is a graduate of Baku State University with a BA in Political Science, and he received his Ph.D. from the Academy of Sciences of Azerbaijan.

Hafiz Mir Jalal Pashayev

Dr. Pashayev is currently the Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan since February 1993. Prior to his appointment, Dr. Pashayev taught physics at Baku State University and served as Director of the Metal Physics Laboratory at the Institute of Physics at the Academy of Sciences of Azerbaijan. In 1984, he was named full professor at the Academy of Sciences of Azerbaijan. He received his Ph.D. in solid state physics in 1971, having pursued post-graduate studies at the Institute of Atomic Energy in Moscow. From 1975 to 1976, Dr. Pashayev undertook research at the University of California at Irvine. A 1963 graduate of Baku State University with a degree in Physics, he is the author of more than 80 scientific articles and books.

Barri S. Sanders

Barri Sanders is a Research Associate at the Center of International Development and Conflict Management at the University of Maryland and Project Manager for the Center's project in the Transcaucasus. Her career spans twenty years of work in the dynamics of the human systems. She has consulted for government, non-governmental and community organizations, including police departments, city transportation agencies, human service providers and the media. She studied at the University of Madrid and received her Masters Degree in applied behavior science from Johns Hopkins University in 1987. As a Fellow in Community and Organizational Systems at Johns Hopkins in 1978, she began her study of conflict management and the psychology of inter-group problem solving. Since 1993, Ms. Sanders has been involved in facilitating communications between parties in conflict, non-government organizations, and academics. She has worked with minority peoples in Nigeria, Eastern Europe, and the Caucasus.

Rouben Shugarian

Shugarian was assigned as Armenia's Ambassador to the United States in 1993. Prior to his current assignment, Ambassador Shugarian was Press Secretary to President Levon Ter-Petrosian, the first to hold such a position since the Republic's independence in 1991. Ambassador Shugarian also served as an Aide on Foreign Affairs to the President and as an Expert Advisor on the staff of the Parliament's Foreign Relations Committee. From 1989 to 1990, he was press spokesman for the Armenian National Movement. Ambassador Shugarian graduated from the Foreign Languages Institute in Yerevan with a degree in English and Russian Language and Literature. He has also completed graduate courses in philosophy and art at the Yerevan State University, and took a position as an English instructor at the Polytechnic Institute of Yerevan.

PROGRAM

Thursday, October 24, 1996

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **LEADERSHIP Program (by invitation only)**
Executive Room

Friday, October 25, 1996

Symposium

Regional Cooperation and Development in the Caucasus

7:45 a.m. Registration

8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. **Ambassadors' Breakfast**

Ambassador Ballroom

Opening Remarks: Nuri Sabuncu, ATAA President

Breakfast meeting with **His Excellency Nüzhet Kandemir**, Ambassador of Turkey to the U.S., and **His Excellency Marc Grossman**, Ambassador of the U.S. to Turkey

9:15 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. **A Brief History of the Caucasus** - Diplomat Room
by Prof. Justin McCarthy, University of Louisville

9:50 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Ambassadors' Panel (Panel I) - Diplomat Room
"Prospects for Regional Development in the Caucasus: Regional Trade and Investment, and Scientific, Technical and Cultural Cooperation"
Moderator: Lorne Craner, President, International Republican Institute
Ambassador James Collins, Special Advisor for the New Independent States to the Secretary of State
H.E. Tedo Japaridze, Ambassador of the Republic of Georgia;
H.E. Nüzhet Kandemir, Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey;
H.E. Hafiz Pashayev, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
H.E. Rouben Shugarian, Ambassador of the Republic of Armenia

11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. *Coffee break*

11:30 a.m. - 12:50 p.m. Panel II- Diplomat Room
"Building Democracy and Civil Society in the Caucasus: Government and Third Sector Efforts and Cooperation"
Moderator: Ambassador Richard Armitage, President, Armitage Associates
Dr. Nadia M. Diuk, National Endowment for Democracy;
Ambassador Nelson Ledsky, National Democratic Institute;
Vincent Malmgren, Internews;
Barri S. Sanders, Center for International Development and Conflict Management;
Yaşar Togo, Turkish International Cooperation Agency (TICA)

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Conference Luncheon

Ambassador Ballroom
Keynote Speaker to be announced

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

Panel III - Diplomat Room

sponsored by the American Turkish Council in cooperation with the U.S. -Turkish Business Council of the Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEIK) of Turkey

Moderator: Rick Johnston, Baker, Donelson, Bearman & Caldwell & Degere Enterprises

Opening remarks: Hon. Cefi Kamhi, Member of the Turkish Grand National Assembly

“Prospects for Regional Economic Cooperation: The Private Sector's Perspective”

Doug Hartman, Hartman & Co.

Engin Artemel, Artemel International

“Opportunities and Challenges: Experiences of U.S. and Turkish Businesses in the Causasus and Russia”

Servet Harunoğlu, Turkish-Kazakh Business Council, DEIK

Jayhun Molla-zade, U.S. Azerbaijan Council

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Reception hosted by H.E. Ambassador Nüzhet Kandemir (by invitation only)

Saturday, October 26, 1996

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Regency Ballroom

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09:00 a.m.	Opening
09:15 a.m.	Turkish pop music & classical guitar / voice by Evren Kozcu
10:00 a.m.	East Turkistan folk tunes on the dutar by Enver Yusuf
10:15 a.m.	Azerbaijan folk tunes on the guitar by Babek Aslan
10:30 a.m.	East Turkistan folk tunes on the rabad by Enver Yusuf
10:45 a.m.	Turkic folk dances by Turkestanian American Association
11:00 a.m.	Classical Turkish music on the ud by Munir Nureddin Beken
11:15 a.m.	Turkish folk tunes on the saz by Altan Turgut
11:30 a.m.	Music on the ney by Sally Beken
11:45 a.m.	East Turkistan folk tunes on the dutar by Enver Yusuf
12:00 a.m.	Turkish folk tunes on the saz by Cemil Akca
12:10 p.m.	Azerbaijan folk tunes on the guitar by Babek Aslan
12:20 p.m.	East Turkistan folk tunes on the rabad by Enver Yusuf
12:35 p.m.	Turkish pop music on the guitar by Evren Kozcu
12:45 p.m.	Classical Turkish music on the ud by Munir Nureddin Beken
1:00 p.m.	Music on the ney by Sally Beken
1:30 p.m.	Turkic folk dances by Turkestanian American Association
1:45 p.m.	Classical Turkish music on the kanun by Metin Bilgic
2:00 p.m.	Classical Turkish music on the ud by Munir Nureddin Beken
2:15 p.m.	Turkish Gipsy dancing by Artemis
2:45 p.m.	Classical Turkish music on the kanun by Metin Bilgic

Presentations - Ambassador Ballroom

Moderator: Dr. Esin Atıl, Historian of Islamic Art, Research Associate at Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur Sackler Gallery

Opening Remarks: Hon. Kamer Genç*, Deputy Speaker, Turkish Grand National Assembly

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

"Atatürk's Turkey: Model for the Turkic World?"

a psycho-historical review by Kemal Göknar, M.D., Wayne State University

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

"Traditional Architecture of the Caucasus" lecture and slide show by Paul Henze, Rand Corporation

12:30 0 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Convention Luncheon - Empire Room

"Dances and Costumes of Central Asia" show by Laurel Gray, historian and artist

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

"A Journey through Central Asia", lecture and slide show by Ambassador Steve Low, Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

"The Art of Turkish and Central Asian carpets", lecture and slide show by Gayle Garrett, The Rug Project

4.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.

ATAA General Assembly Meeting (delegates only)
Congressional Room

1.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Alumni Meetings:
Istanbul Technical University; Senate Room
Bosphorus University, Robert College; Cabinet Room
Ankara College, Middle Eastern Technical University; Forum Room

7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

ATAA Cocktail Reception - Ambassador Ballroom

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

National Turkish Republic Day Ball and ATAA Awards Ceremony
Regency Ballroom

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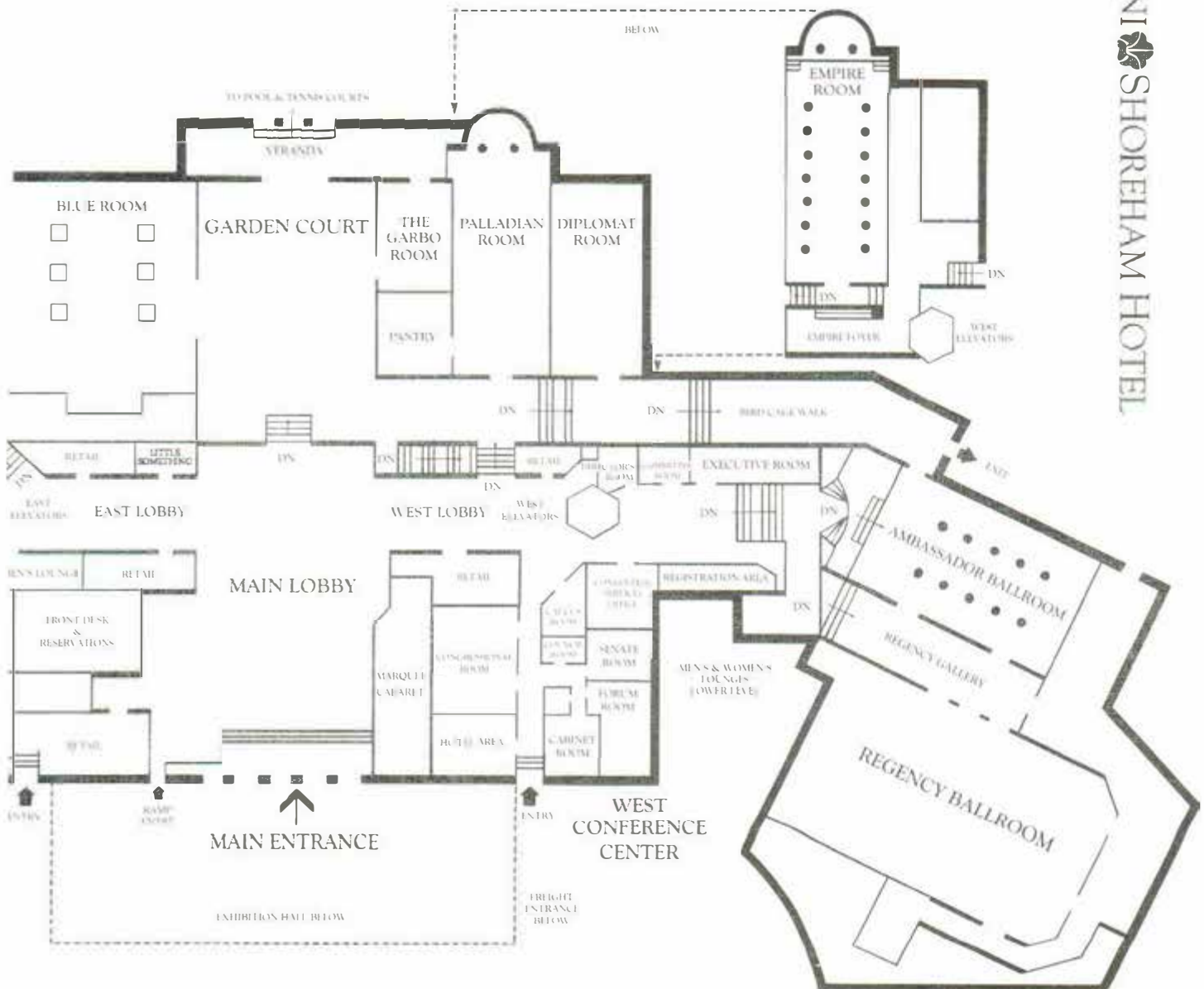
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- ATAA Office : Council
- Turkic World Culture and Art Festival: Regency Ballroom
- Leadership Seminar: Executive Room
- Friday Symposium: Diplomat Room
- Saturday Panels: Ambassador Ballroom
- Ambassadors' Breakfast: Ambassador Ballroom
- Friday Luncheon: Ambassador Ballroom
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- Banquet: Regency Ballroom
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ATAA Delegation Accomplishes Mission

The Assembly of Turkish American Associations led a delegation of 32 Turkish-Americans to Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus on May 4-18, 1996. The delegation consisted of community leaders from all over the United States who are actively involved in local Turkish-American associations and the Assembly.

The goal of this visit was to enable delegates to get first hand information on major issues that concern Turkey and U.S.-Turkish relations by facilitating contacts with high level Turkish government representatives and private sector organizations. The Ankara part of the trip had multiple goals. First, ATAA wanted the group to have the opportunity to meet with the leaders of all political parties represented in the Turkish parliament, and introduce them to various perspectives political leaders held vis-à-vis issues that affect Turkey and its relations with the United States.

The Ankara program started with a wreath laying ceremony at Anitkabir. The delegation was welcomed by Ambassa-



Members of the delegation with then Prime Minister Mesut Yılmaz.

dor Marc Grossman and received its first briefing on U.S.-Turkish relations by the Ambassador.

In Ankara, the delegation was also received by then Prime Minister Mesut Yılmaz, Mustafa Kalemli, Prof. Tansu Çiller, Bülent Ecevit, Necmettin Erbakan, Deniz Baykal and Ali Talip Özdemir. These meetings gave the delegation an



Marc Grossman, U.S. Ambassador to Turkey, leading the delegation to the official wreath-laying ceremony at Atatürk's mausoleum (Anitkabir).

ATAA Activities in 1995-1996

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opportunity to receive in-depth information on the different platforms of the main political parties with regard to major issues concerning Turkey, such as terrorism, the situation in Southeast Turkey and the future of Operation Provide Comfort, U.S.-Turkish relations, Turkish foreign policy priorities, and the Cyprus issue.



Bülent Ecevit, leader of the Democratic Left Party and members of the delegation after Mr. Ecevit's briefing.

The Ankara program also included briefings at the Joint Chiefs of Staff, organized and chaired by General Çevik Bir, and at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Ambassador Gündüz Aktan, Deputy Undersecretary of the Ministry of



Aydan Kodaloglu, director of Turkish American Association of Ankara, introduced Dr. Tamer Açıklalın, Prof. Mahmut E. Ozan, ATAA President Nuri Sabuncu (l-r) at the ATAA-TAA panel.

Foreign Affairs hosted a luncheon for the delegation at the historical Ankara Palace. Another highlight of the Ankara Program was the seminar organized in cooperation with the Ankara Turkish American Association, a component association of ATAA, on "The role and influence of ethnic groups in the American Political System." Memorable events of the Ankara program included the reception hosted

by Ambassador Grossman and Mrs. Mildred Grossman, a garden party by Mehmet and Sevgi Başman, Owners of Kavaklıdere Winery, and a reception hosted by the Ankara Turkish American Association at the American Cultural Center.

The more private sector oriented Istanbul program started with a briefing by the Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEIK) on the economic situation and prospects for business in Turkey with a special view to the newly established customs union with the EU. DEIK also hosted a reception for the delegation at the Bosphorus University Alumni Club. A luncheon was also hosted by the Turkish American Businessmen's Association (TABA).

The delegation continued the program with an official visit



Necmettin Erbakan, leader of the Welfare Party then in opposition, with representatives of the delegation.

to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). The 28 people strong Turkish-American delegation was joined by former Ambassador to the U.S. Dr. Şükrü Elekdağ and Mrs. Ayla Elekdağ, who were the guests of honor of the delegation, and by TABA President Bülent Şenver. Following a busy schedule, the delegation spent three days visiting with government representatives of the TRNC and private organizations. In the TRNC, the delegation met with Prime Minister Hakkı Atun, who also hosted a luncheon, Speaker of the TRNC Parliament Ayhan Acarkan, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Defense Atay Raşit and U.S. Ambassador to Cyprus Richard Boucher. Throughout all of these meetings the delegation received first hand information about the history and present status of the island, while conveying at the highest levels their own observations about the political and economic situation on the Turkish part of the island, and the Cyprus issue in

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general. The highlight of the visit was a meeting with President Rauf Denktaş.

The TRNC program also included meetings with Turkish Cypriot business groups, the Cyprus Turkish-American Association and the Eastern Mediterranean University.

The official program of the TRNC trip ended with a recep-



President Rauf Denktaş of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus met with the delegation at his residence.

tion hosted by Turkish Ambassador to the TRNC Aydan Karahan and Mrs. Hale Karahan at the historical Bellapais (Beylerbeyi) Monastery.

The trip was a multi-dimensional learning experience for all participants that touched all aspects that concern Turkish-Americans. Based on the favorable response the project received from all parties involved, ATAA is considering to make these trips part of its annual activity program.

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ATAA delegation to Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

ATAA and ATC Host President Süleyman Demirel

The Assembly of Turkish American Associations (ATAA) and the American Turkish Council (ATC) hosted President Süleyman Demirel at a luncheon at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. on March 28. Ambassador Nüzhet Kandemir and Kemal Kabataş, Undersecretary of the Turkish Ministry of Finance, signed the much anticipated Treaty on the Avoidance of Double Taxation between Turkey and the U.S. prior to the luncheon. The Treaty was signed on the U.S. side by Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury.

Referring to a separate private meeting with leaders of the Turkish-American community, ATAA and Federation of Turkish American Associations (FTAA) officials, President Demirel noted that he observed the Turkish-American community's fruitful efforts in promoting Turkey in the U.S. and added that the community is fully aware of its important role as a bridge between the two countries.



Turkish President Süleyman Demirel greeting the guests with his new hat, a gift by ATAA President Nuri Sabuncu



Turkish Ambassador Nüzhet Kandemir and Secretary of Treasury Robert Rubin signing the Bilateral Tax Treaty



President Süleyman Demirel and ATAA President Sabuncu during the luncheon

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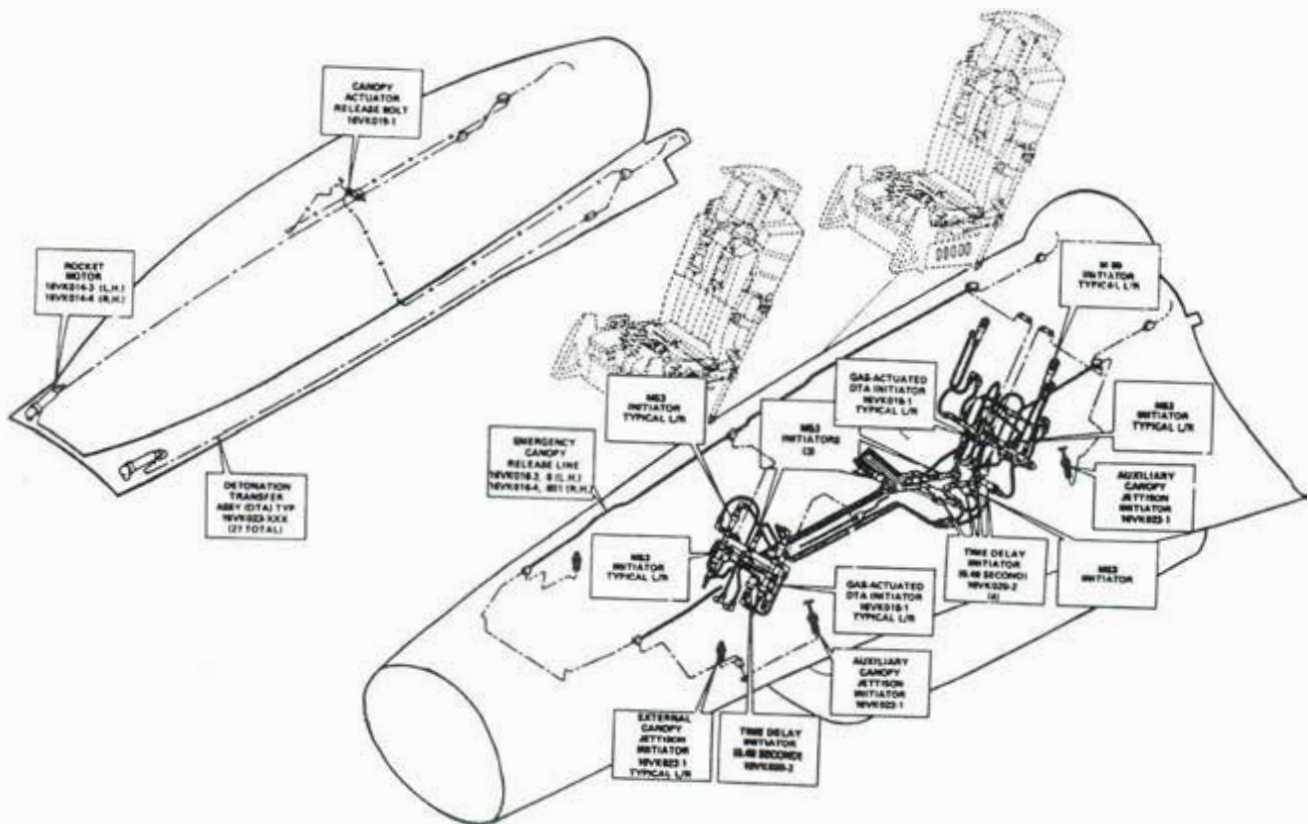


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