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**United States Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and
Prime Minister of Greece Constantine Tsaldaris on
Their Way to the White House**

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THE FRONT COVER

During his recent visit to the United States, Prime Minister Tsaldaris came to Washington to confer with United States officials and to plead for financial and moral aid to Greece. On December 20th, he called at the White House and dined with President Harry S. Truman. He was accompanied by Secretary of State James F. Byrnes.



ALL OUT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER

The Order must feel proud of New York's Ahepans. They surpassed themselves in hospitality, in organization, in teamwork. In the short time of five days they put through a tremendous banquet in the spacious halls of Waldorf Astoria. Spurred by Supreme President Booras, who commuted between Boston and New York, they set up a large committee and then went to work through a smaller committee to gather 800 people to hear both Philhellenes and the Prime Minister expound the cause of Greece. It is all reported verbatim in this issue, beginning with page 5.

THE BANQUET, A FINANCIAL SUCCESS

Most banquets for visiting dignitaries Ahepa honors invariably result in a large deficit. Not so with the Prime Minister Tsaldaris' banquet. According to Supreme Treasurer Georgiades, chairman of the Executive Committee, the total expense bill came to \$6,177. The total collection, up to the time we went to press, reached the sum of \$5,950, representing 575 tickets, as against 740 guests. In other words, there was a slight deficit of about \$200, which will be wiped out by late collections. We shall report again in the next issue.

ANNUAL MESSAGE OF SUPREME PRESIDENT

1947 will be a memorable year for Ahepa. On July 26th next we will be celebrating our *Twenty-fifth Anniversary*. Spearheading the event, Supreme President Booras is greeting the entire membership with a few recommendations to Officers and members alike. It is imperative that we carry out his wishes both in letter and in spirit. Everybody should read once, twice, many times this special message from the Supreme President and carry out his commands to the best of his ability and experience. It is again, *Forward Ahepans!*

LET AT LEAST ONE NEW MEMBER

This is the slogan from now on until the end of July. *Every Member Get at Least One New Member!* By July, when awards will be given to individual, chapter and district scores, we must attain the enviable position of having at least doubled our membership. It is not impossible—if we only make up our minds to bring into our chapters at least one new member each.

WORK WITH RELIEF

The Greek War Relief Campaign is on in full force. It must raise the sum of \$12,000,000—so that the people of Greece may not perish. We must erect health centers in rural Greece; we must operate mobile medical units; we must maintain community clinics; we must do everything possible to combat tuberculosis and to eliminate chronic malaria. We especially urge you to read Dr. Meyer's report on health conditions in Greece. It will convince you that we must give *today*. Because *tomorrow* may be too late—for your relatives, for your friends, for that little country that has so much to so many which we call our native land.

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From The — EDITOR'S DESK

For an Ahepa Home

The Russell Sage Foundation recently announced the results of a poll in five hundred United States cities and towns in regard to preferences for memorials to the men and women who served their country in the second World War. The survey shows that communities now favor "living" memorials in preference to statues and columns. The expression of this nation's preference was parallel in Canada. One American sergeant was quoted as saying that he would prefer seeing his name on a small board in a community playground to all "the marble-columned temples of the world."

James Dahir of the Foundation emphasizes that one of the best living memorials to the men and women who died for the American way of life is a community center that sponsors the ideals and traditions of democracy. He defines a community center as a building or buildings planned and equipped to serve the leisure time needs of a neighborhood. It should offer many opportunities; club rooms, auditorium for meetings, lectures, music and dramatics, a gymnasium and outdoor fields for sports. Mr. Dahir's report depicted a real community center as the "living room of the community."

Workshop in Democracy

Perhaps the most important function of community centers, as stressed by the report, is that such meeting places will serve as a forum and a "focus of local patriotism." Well planned and well run,

community centers can become an important aspect of democracy as the nation conquers new frontiers in the years ahead.

We can render no greater service to ourselves as well as to our friends and our fellow-citizens than thinking about acquiring our own Ahepa Centers wherever large bodies of Ahepans and Americans of Hellenic descent are found. New York, Chicago, etc., should recognize the need and plan accordingly. We especially recommend the plan suggested by our Supreme Treasurer, Aristides Georgiades, printed on page 30.

H. Morgenthau Sr. Dies at 90

Henry Morgenthau Sr., former United States Ambassador to Turkey and father of Henry Jr., who served as Secretary of the Treasury for nearly the whole Roosevelt Administration, died at the age of 90. He had been in good health until he suffered a cerebral hemorrhage. In the course of his long life, Mr. Morgenthau had been an attorney, real-estate developer, philanthropist and author as well as a diplomat. A founder of the American National Red Cross, he was chosen by the League of Nations as chairman of the Greek Refugee Settlement Commission in 1923.

Mr. Morgenthau accomplished what was perhaps regarded as his finest achievement, namely, the establishment of 1,500,000 impoverished and starving Greek refugees from Asia Minor and Eastern Thrace in their ancestral land after the Turkish victory in 1922, which

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culminated with the burning of Smyrna by the troops of Mustapha Kemal Pasha.

His Great Work in Near East

Mr. Morgenthau's knowledge of Near Eastern conditions made him eminently fitted for the humanitarian work that he was to undertake in 1923. He was then chosen by the League of Nations to be the chairman of the Greek Refugee Settlement Commission, and as such he had at his disposal vast sums (more than \$50,000,000) to be applied solely for the purpose of the productive settlement of the 1,500,000 refugees who were obliged to leave Asia Minor and Eastern Thrace to find shelter somewhere within Greek territory. Although nearly 70 years old, Mr. Morgenthau undertook the task and made a fine success of it. For this he incurred the gratitude of the people of Greece and received an honorary degree from the University of Athens.

His experiences in this work were later recorded in his book, "I Was Sent to Athens."

His able handling of the difficult duties as Ambassador to Turkey before and in the early period of the First World War is recorded in history, and his later services to the cause of philanthropy, the Red Cross and to the Greek people are well remembered in gratitude. He took good-will with him wherever he went, and brought it back increased a hundredfold. He was revered by many peoples, and not least of these by his adopted land, which he served well and faithfully.

Automobile clubs reporting to the American Automobile Association say they are receiving 30 to 50 per cent more requests for travel information than in 1941. All of which means a boom in prospect for the American handicraft industry, the Department of Commerce announces. In a typical pre-war year an estimated 52,000,000 touring Americans spent one and a quarter billion dollars for camping supplies, souvenirs, gifts and miscellaneous items. Today the figure is one and a half billion dollars a year, and presumably rising hourly.

In 1929, one-fifth of the total national income was spent for food; more than was spent for clothing and rent of homes combined.

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PREMIER TSALDARIS OF GREECE

Supreme President Booras at New York's Combined Ahepa Ball and at Banquet Officially Welcomes Honored Guest

Prime Minister Constantine Tsaldaris of Greece, who came to New York by plane the first week of December, attended many functions in his honor and spoke before the United Nations Security Council in behalf of his troubled country.

A motorcade took him from the Hotel Plaza to City Hall, where he received from Mayor O'Dwyer the honors traditionally accorded by the city to distinguished visitors. This was followed by a luncheon at the Metropolitan Club attended by city civic leaders. From there he hastened to the Security Council meeting at Lake Success.

And on the night of December 16th he was assured of the warm interest of the people of New York in his country by 100 persons who attended a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel sponsored by the ORDER OR AHEPA and The Justice for Greece Committee, in cooperation with the American Friends of Greece, the Archaeological Institute of America, the Federation of Hellenic-American Societies, the Federation of Greek-American Communities of Greater New York, the Friends of Greece, the Greek War Relief Association, Inc., and the Hellenic University Club, Inc.

Supreme President the Banquet Chairman

Harris J. Booras, *Supreme President of the Order of Ahepa*, acted as chairman of the Banquet Committee; Dr. William Bell Williams, *acting president of the American Friends of Greece*, acted as vice-chairman; Aristides G. Georgiades, *Supreme Treasurer*, George Dimas, *District Governor*, Kimon A. Doukas, *Managing Editor of THE AHEPAN*, and Stephen Stephanides, *member on the executive committee*. Paul Prodromidis, *Long Island Chapter President*, and S. Sarafian, *Upper Manhattan Chapter President*, outdid themselves in publicizing the Banquet over their respective radio hours. Though organized in the short space of five days, the Banquet was in every respect a tremendous success.

Dr. John Erskine, eminent author and lecturer, performed as toastmaster, and His Eminence Archbishop Athenagoras gave his blessings to the dinner guests who filled the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel to capacity. Many Ahepans from Washington, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and other near-by places came to New York to pay their respects to the Honored Head of the Greek Government.

Pleaded for His Heroic Nation

Mr. Tsaldaris came to New York to plead before the United Nations in behalf of his country whose frontiers have been harassed by hostile guerrilla bands from Albania, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria. For Greece's security, the Prime Minister demanded border rectifications and used the opportunity at the Banquet to demand justice for his suffering nation that fought heroically on the side of the Allies in the recent war.



FROM NEW YORK'S COMBINED AHEPA BALL
(Left to right) Supreme Governor Vasiliou, Past Supreme President Phillis, Supreme President Booras, Prime Minister Tsaldaris, Supreme Treasurer Georgiades, Combined Ball Chairman Critzas, District Governor Dimas and Long Island Chapter President Prodromidis.



FROM SUPREME PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION
Supreme President Booras, Mrs. Tsaldaris, Prime Minister Tsaldaris and Mrs. Booras.



FROM AHEPA'S FIRST LADY'S RECEPTION
Mrs. Constantine Tsaldaris received by Mrs. Harris J. Booras and her entourage of wives and daughters of prominent Ahepans.

ing territorial and reparations claims.

Becomes Honorary Citizen

After the City Hall ceremony the motorcade went to the Metropolitan Club of New York for a luncheon attended by fifty civic leaders, military and naval officials and persons prominent in the Greek community in New York.

GREECE, THE HOME OF DEMOCRACY

By William Bell Dinsmoor

Acting Chairman, The Justice for Greece Committee

Leaders of our Religious Faiths, Your Excellency, and Guests:

On behalf of the JUSTICE FOR GREECE Committee, whose Chairman, Chauncey Hamlin, is now in Paris furthering the cause of the Committee, I wish to greet you tonight in his stead as we meet to welcome the chief representative of Greece.

Our committee, working in the closest cooperation with the Order of AHEPA and other organizations participating this evening, may perhaps be regarded as the contemporary counterpart of the group of Americans headed by Edward Everett, who, in 1823, early in the days of the Greek War of Independence, aroused by his indefatigable writing and lectures such

Mayor O'Dwyer was represented at the luncheon by Corporation Counsel John J. Bennett, who announced that a scribes' delay in inscribing a parchment had delayed the presentation of a certificate of honorary citizenship to the Premier. Mr. Tsaldaris received his citizenship paper subsequently at his Hotel Plaza suite.

The principal addresses at the Banquet follow.

fought for Greece. An American consul in Athens, appointed by Abraham Lincoln, even sent in his letter of resignation, locked the doors of the consulate, and defied the fleets of the great powers by transporting guns to Crete during the insurrection of 1866.

I mention such instances only to illustrate the close relations for over a century now existing between two freedom-loving peoples—the Greeks and the Americans.

Greece Is in Peril

Once more Greece, the home of democracy, the source from which Jefferson derived much that appears in the Constitution of the United States, is in peril. And so our present Committee of Philhellenes, enlarged through the energies of George E. Phillips, chairman of Ahepa's public relations, until it num-

MR. ARISTIDES G. GEORGIADIS
SUPREME TREASURER, ORDER OF AHEPA
NEW YORK



JOHN ERSKINE
Banquet Toastmaster

Thank you and Mr. Doukas for your kind letter of December 21st.

It was a privilege to have at least a small part in helping to organize the banquet in honor of Prime Minister Tsaldaris. The large attendance and the admirable speeches of our guests advanced the cause of Greece, I am sure.

I send my best wishes to you and your associates in the New Year.

JOHN ERSKINE.

New York, January 3, 1947.

"The American people must make their democracy work. Racial intolerance, discrimination, and oppression are a standing negation of democracy and Christian morality. Only as we establish a good society at home can we expect that our society will have a spiritual appeal to the masses of mankind."—*Commission on a Just and Durable Peace, Federal Council of Churches.*

bers 133 chosen individuals, including 36 Senators, 13 members of the House of Representatives, 6 state governors, 8 bishops, many college presidents and other prominent in educational and political circles, has been active throughout 1946.

As a part of this effort, our Senate last July placed itself on record as favoring the return of the Dodecanese Islands and the rectification of the northern Epirote frontier.

The Dodecanese have now become Greek; but northern Epirus and Macedonia are still in peril.

Let us hope that justice will finally prevail.

In the land which first showed the rest of us, in 1940 and 1941, that the Axis powers were not invincible, the country fought so valiantly as to block the Axis scheme of eastward expansion, that even gave the great Soviet Union the necessary breathing space, two of the basic four freedoms are still extinguished—freedom from want, and freedom from fear. Both of these must be restored to Greece.

We must all unite, and so our heroic Ally must unite, to assure economic rehabilitation and the safe frontiers which she needs in the present crisis, in short, JUSTICE FOR GREECE.

widespread sympathy that Daniel Webster and even John Calhoun, then Secretary of War, became champions of the cause of Greece.

The warm friendship then engendered between our two countries has since been fostered by the altruistic efforts of American educational institutions founded in Greece, and by the part that those of Greek birth have played in our own country.

One Greek, Kalvokoressis, became a rear-admiral in the United States Navy; an American, Samuel Gridley Howe, served in the Greek Navy, and many other Americans have

GREECE— OUR FRIEND AND OUR ALLY

By James A. Farley



James A. Farley

I account it a pleasure and a privilege to be invited to speak to you tonight. This is a time in the affairs of the world when honest men everywhere want to stand up and be counted. I esteem it an honor to be accounted among those who have espoused the cause of Greece.

To you, Mr. Prime Minister, I should like to make a word of explanation.

During the last war a phrase developed in our own American speech that I have always liked. When someone undertook to speak

on behalf of the American soldier, the plain simple man in the ranks, the man who did not sit behind a desk, the man who was a thousand miles from the "big brass," the man who did the job of working and fighting and sometimes dying for our common cause, I say when someone took the rostrum or the field on his behalf, he very often remarked: "I am speaking for a million good guys named Joe."

Mr. Toastmaster and Mr. Prime Minister, that is my place and my function tonight. I am not representing any particular political party, any specialized subdivision of this commonwealth, any race, any creed, any sect. I want to speak to you, rather, on behalf of several million very good persons named Joe and John and Jack and Bill and Mary and Louise and Elizabeth.

The Common Folk Dissatisfied

These persons for whom I speak are good common folk of these United States. They are friends of mine. I know a lot of them. They are the common folk who work hard for a living. They read the newspapers and they listen to the radio but they are also very busy in the important occupation of making both ends meet. They gather in their small clubs and discussion groups and a great many of them don't even follow that formality. But they have ideas and ideals. They form opinions and judgments. They supply the life blood of this political society.

I think I may say with some candor that I know something of how these millions of good persons think and feel. I have never been very far away from them all of my life. In fact, Sir, I may say that I am proud to be one of them.

Surely it is no secret and surely it treads upon no official toes to declare that those common folk are not entirely satisfied with what has happened and has been happening in the case of Greece. The newspaper comment you have seen reflects a genuine American attitude and that attitude has been made manifest in many other forms as well.

American Fair Play

The American is traditionally devoted to fair play. He is proud of the fact that he does not take a mean advantage. He is sensitive about his straightforwardness, his basic honesty and his courage.

He is not at all sure now that those attributes have been re-

flected in the course of action that is being taken in respect to Greece.

Perhaps this simple and straightforward American, this one of several million good guys named Joe or Mary, is not completely informed on all the finer points of negotiation respecting Greece. He probably hasn't had time to read the text on various debates and discussions at Flushing Meadows or Lake Success or here in the Waldorf Towers. But he has some very solid convictions about right and wrong and one of those convictions is that he doesn't go back on his friends.

Greece—Friend and Ally

The American knows that Greece, as a nation, is a friend of the United States, as a nation. He knows that the individual Greek, and he's met a lot of them, is a friend of the individual American.

MR. ARISTIDES G. GEORGIADIS
SUPREME TREASURER, ORDER OF AHEPA
NEW YORK

This will acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of December 21 relative to my appearance at the banquet in honor of Prime Minister Tsaldaris.

I was delighted to be able to participate in the program and if I helped in any way in making it a success, I'm quite well satisfied.

For your information I had the privilege of meeting the Prime Minister when in Athens some weeks ago. It was pleasing to be able to meet him again in New York. From what I read in the newspapers it is apparent that his mission here was quite successful and I'm delighted that it was.

Any time you feel I can be of service to the Greek cause in any way, please let me hear from you.

With best wishes to you and for a Happy New Year.

JAMES A. FARLEY.

New York, December 30, 1946.

He has not forgotten moreover what happened in the early days of the war. He has not forgotten that the Axis military machine was repeatedly pictured to him, by a design, of course, as completely invincible. The Fascist legions and the German hordes would, of course, he was told, sweep everything before them. The news that he received was a bleak record of disaster upon defeat.

It was at that time that the men in the mountains of Greece punctured the Axis superstition of invincibility. The Greeks stood their ground. They were outnumbered, they were outgunned, but they were never outfought. The American cannot and will not forget that the Greeks stood fast and showed that free men could remain free, that brave men could fight against the odds and could still win.

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FROM NEW YORK CITY'S RECEPTION: Prime Minister Tsaldaris greeted by former Postmaster General Farley, Reception Committee Chairman Whalen, Supreme Vice-President Helis and other notables of Ahepa, of Greek War Relief Association and of New York's community

After the war, he took it for granted that she would enjoy the same treatment, the same privileges, the same opportunities, the same concern, as that which would be accorded to any victorious Ally. This is only natural. Such an attitude would be the logical reflection of the sense of just obligation, of the sense of fair play.

Americans Chagrined

It is not surprising, therefore, that the American is chagrined by some of the things that have taken place. He suddenly discovers that Greece, instead of being the tried and trusted friend, has become a "problem." He finds that the Greek cause, instead of being the most logical and natural thing in the world, has become the subject for confusing debate and for uneasy compromise.

It is, therefore, small wonder that he has expressed his dissatisfaction. It is not in the American way to forsake a friend in need. It is not in our tradition to retreat in the face of threats, to lie down before obstacles.

There is perhaps, however, some basis for the confusion that has existed in many minds. What would have appeared from the beginning as a very simple case of doing justice to and for an honorable Ally, has been complicated by the intrusion of many other issues that are not at all germane to the major facts in the case. There have been political differences in Greece for example. That is hardly astonishing since there have also been some profound political differences in France, in Belgium, in Britain and even I suspect in these United States. There has been a difficult problem of rehabilitation and recovery in Greece. That also certainly is not surprising since the degree of devastation wrought in Greece by the Axis invasion has been tremendous. There has been quite naturally some degree of unrest, of insecurity. Nothing could have been more logical.

Greece Maligned

But what has happened is this. By accident or by design, and I think the latter would be correct, this division of opinion

has been developed into a political issue that clouds the basic facts in the case.

Subtly the whole good cause of Greece has been made an ideological battleground for two great conflicting theories of government. The Greeks chose to remain where they had been from the beginning; in our camp and on our side.

As a result they have been subjected to pressure from within, to forays from without and to a campaign of almost unparalleled vilification. The precise mold and form that the Greek political state takes at the present time is after all primarily the concern of Greeks. We are committed to the right of people to live under governments of their own choosing. The Greeks have made their choice.

The fact that another body of organized political thought finds that choice disadvantageous to its own aims, does not modify in any degree the right of the Greeks to do as they have done or the justness of the claims that Greece may make upon her friends and Allies.

I submit, Sir, that a certain amount of political dust has been thrown in the eyes of right-thinking and well-meaning persons in a desperate attempt to blind them to the issues.

Greece Deserves our Help

On the other hand, the very fact that such a situation has come about should make it plainer than ever that if there is to be a division along the lines of ideologies and institutions, Greece should be allowed to choose freely into which category she will fall.

Manifestly Greece cannot take this course of action unaided. For these are perilous times for defenseless small states on the borders of some great powers. **Greece needs friends as she has never before in recent times needed them.** Friendship can be extended to Greece in a number of ways.

First of all, it is the obligation of Greece's Allies to give the fullest possible attention to Greece's justifiable claims for her own security. In a number of instances since the end of the war we have advanced, as the basis for decisions that have

been made and steps that have been taken, our own inalienable right to see to it that we are not again placed in jeopardy. We have claimed that repeatedly as a natural function of a sovereign state.

Danger to Greece Affects Us

If that be true, how then can we deny to a friend and Ally the inalienable right to the same safety and security? The danger to Greece is real and it affects us. The mode of meeting that danger is much more apparent than any plans that we ourselves are making for our own future security.

Greece has asked for modification of frontier areas to her own military advantage. In the light of the fact that those frontier areas have been in the past made the path of invasion and are being now made the ground from which constant pressure is being put upon the Greek state, this claim seems just.

The Greeks are not asking for some type of specialized advantage at this point or that place. They are not demanding some curious sum in reparation based on a bill of hypothetical losses. They are only asking for elementary security. They are asking for a physical adjustment that will give to them the sense of safety and thus the peace of mind that makes recovery possible. Naturally we have a stake in that recovery.

There will be no free world, Sir, if Greece is in chains.
There will be no democratic world if Greece is high pressured

into a political organization that the Greeks themselves have long since discarded.

Americans Friends of Greece

In this international trial of opposing political ideas, Greece needs friends in court. A few million good people, for whom I speak, want to be those friends. They recognize that the enduring stability of our own institutions is part and parcel of our relationship to the whole world. What happens to Greece is part of that relationship. It is, therefore, part of our own instant and vital concern.

Americans will not be content to see this stronghold of freedom forsaken. They will not be content with an inglorious retreat, with weasel words to define some new and treacherous appeasement.

We hope, Mr. Prime Minister, that your visit here will be the occasion of once more bringing before all the people the just claims of the nation you represent. We hope, Sir, that you will find now and in the future, as others have found in the past, that Americans are neither recreant to their responsibilities nor unmindful of their obligations. We hope that you will be able to return to your own people and tell them that in the people of these United States you found staunch advocates and true friends of justice for Greece.

WE MUST HELP HEROIC GREECE

By Herbert Hoover

Honorary Citizen of Athens

Mr. Prime Minister and our Guests:

I might also address some of you as fellow Americans of Greek origin—for I have been an honorary citizen of Athens for over six months past. At that time I visited Greece on behalf of our Government and the American people in the interest of her starving people.



Herbert Hoover

What we were able to give in the world-wide famine last year was little enough—and while many other countries have emerged from that desperate famine, the difficulties of Greece are not over. The severity of her plight in the winter ahead tugs again at our heart strings.

I need not repeat that the difficulties of Greece today are a result of the six years of wars she has fought for her independence and for the freedom of her people. Her women, children and staunch men were butchered, her homes burned, her farms laid waste, her industries destroyed, and her people are sick and hungry.

Surplus Food for Greece

International relief through UNRRA will cease in fifteen days. The Greek Relief Committee, of which I happen to

be Chairman, is appealing to the American people for voluntary aid to tide her over a period of great hardship. To aid in this task, I believe our Government should contribute some of our surplus food. But even beyond food are the essential services to the multitude of orphans, to the hordes of sick and destitute which can be provided only through the efforts of this Committee.

Mr. Prime Minister, there is no nation to whom America is more indebted than to Greece. And this debt and our affection for Greece lie deep in every American mind and



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Your Excellency may know that here in America we begin to learn of Greece in our childhood from the text books in our elementary schools. You may know that we study the history of Greece, her ancient language and her literature in our high schools and our colleges. Our language is teeming with Greek words. The heroes of Greece and their heroic deeds are symbols in our daily expressions.

MR. ARISTIDES G. GEORGIADIS AND
MR. KIMON A. DOUKAS
ORDER OF AHEPA
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I acknowledge with thanks your kind letter of December 21, and its appreciation expressed therein.

Please rest assured that whatever I did for you and your compatriots was done because of my deep admiration for your native land and my sincere conviction in the righteousness of the Greek cause.

It was a great satisfaction to me that the Greek Prime Minister before his departure last night honored me with his portrait and a most flattering dedication.

However, if the banquet in honor of Mr. Tsaldaris was a success, and I venture to say that it was, this was not solely due to my efforts. They would have been in vain without your fine cooperation and it is thanks to your own endeavors that we accomplished what we did.

Please do not hesitate to call on me whenever you think I can be of assistance. With the Season's Greetings and the hope that justice will be done to Greece, I remain.

CURT L. HEYMAN,
Editorial Department,
The New York Times.

New York, December 24, 1946.

Greece Saved Civilization

But beyond these ties, we have inherited from Greece the basic philosophic ideas of freedom which so influenced the founders of our Republic. And if you looked about, you would see our devotion to the ancient architecture of Greece in every County Court House.

Every American schoolboy knows that the heroic defense of the Greeks against the hordes of Persia swept back the Asiatic tide which would have submerged the beginnings of Western civilization. And that civilization became the inheritance of Europe and ultimately of America.

I recite these ties, Mr. Prime Minister, that you may know the place Greece has in the American heart.

Greece Stands for Freedom

But beyond all this, today, after 25 centuries, Greece still remains an outpost of Western civilization and human freedom. She has in these past years fought Nazi domination and

Conditions in Greece Appalling

Bill Doumas, radio correspondent for station WHO, Des Moines, Iowa, returned from a tour of Greece a few weeks ago during which he surveyed the desperate conditions confronting the country and was engulfed by the philosophy of despair sweeping over that little nation's people.

"I am grateful for seeing with my own eyes conditions in Greece," Bill reports. "But it takes the life out of me."

is today struggling against Asiatic tides in their new form—Asiatic Communism. She still stands as a bastion of freedom for all men. Her heroes and her heroic deeds of these last ten years equal those of her ancestors. We owe much to those ancient founders of freedom, but we have an equal debt to those who, today, are continuing the struggle.

Your Excellency, you are in our midst seeking political justice for Greece. You are seeking the moral support of the United Nations that Greece shall not be overwhelmed by these invasions from outside her borders. Every American hopes that our Government will be at your side.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I have the honor of presenting the Prime Minister of Greece.

FROM METROPOLITAN CLUB'S RECEPTION: Supreme Vice-President Helis, Prime Minister Tsaldaris, His Eminence Archbishop Athenagoras, and Greek War Relief Board of Directors Chairman Skouras



AMERICA— THE LAND OF THE PHILHELLENES

By Constantine Tsaldaris
Prime Minister of Greece



Premier Tsaldaris

Permit me in the first place to address myself to the great American citizen who is with us this evening: the former President, the Honorable Herbert Hoover, who was good enough to accept the leadership of an American crusade for the relief of the sufferings that have befallen our country as a result of war. The truth, the magnanimity and noble sentiments of Mr. Hoover toward our country are a mirror of the magnanimity and noble sentiments of the whole American people. Greece and her people have already had an opportunity to demonstrate their feelings of gratitude when he passed through Athens some months ago. Athens bestowed upon him the freedom of the most illustrious city in the world, and the University of Athens conferred upon him its honorary doctorate amid the acclamation of the whole of our world of letters.

It is well-known that during our war of independence in 1821 the American people were inspired with enthusiasm for our struggle for liberation. The most distinguished American statesmen and men of letters placed themselves at the head of committees of Philhellenes; many towns in the United States were named after Greek towns or heroes of our war of independence, and the American people contributed readily to the relief of the orphans of those who had fought and died for liberty, as well as to the rebuilding of the devastated land of Greece.

Americans Always Helped Greece

There could indeed be no more opportune moment to recall that after the struggle of 1821 the initial works for the reconstruction of Greece were undertaken with American support. This great and noble tradition of the sentiments of the American people toward the Greeks was continued by eminent Americans some 25 years ago when, after the Asia Minor disaster, they undertook to grant assistance and relief by means of American funds for the final re-establishment within

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PRIME MINISTER TSALDARIS BANQUET COMMITTEE
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I GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR COURTESY IN INVITING ME TO BE PRESENT AT THE BANQUET IN HONOR OF PRIME MINISTER TSALDARIS ON MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 15. UNFORTUNATELY, THE PRESS OF OFFICIAL DUTIES MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO BE IN NEW YORK ON THAT OCCASION. I FEEL CERTAIN THAT MY ABSENCE WILL NOT BE MISUNDERSTOOD IN VIEW OF MY WELL KNOWN AFFECTION FOR GREECE AND ABIDING INTEREST IN THE WELFARE OF THE GREEK PEOPLE. I WISH YOUR MEETING EVERY SUCCESS.

JAMES F. BYRNES,
Secretary of State.

Greeks Grateful to Americans

I take the opportunity offered to me today to express to Mr. Hoover the gratitude of the Greek nation. Likewise, I desire to convey my country's warm thanks to the Mayor of this city, Mr. William O'Dwyer, to the former Postmaster General of the United States, Mr. James Farley, and to the other distinguished Philhellenes whom we welcome in our midst. Gentlemen, in this country love for Greece is not a new thing. Indeed, at a time when there existed neither airplanes, nor ocean liners, nor radios, nor telegraphs, nor the other modern vehicles of civilization which have drawn closer the peoples of every continent, the people of this country, from whom we are divided by an immense ocean, solemnly manifested their feelings of affection and love for the people of Greece.

the confines of the Greek State of one and a half million Greeks who had been forced to abandon the land of their forefathers.

The same tradition is being followed today by the distinguished Americans who are at the head of the movement in this country which aims at obtaining just recompense for the noble and heroic struggles of our martyred nation, and at insuring the rebuilding of our country which has been devastated by a long war and foreign invasion.

Let them rest assured that in continuing this great and historic tradition of American Philhellenism, they are earning for themselves a place in the annals of the history of Greece and are keeping alight the torch of gratitude of present and future generations of Greeks toward this great American Nation.

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Πρὸς Ἄπαντας τοὺς Ἀμερικανοὺς Ἑλληνικῆς Καταγωγῆς

Ἀγαπητοὶ μου Ὁμογενεῖς,

Βαρύταται φροντίδες ἐπὶ τῶν ζωτικῶν συμφερόντων τοῦ Ἑλληνικοῦ λαοῦ, αἵτινες μὲ ὠδήγησαν ἐνταῦθα, μὲ ἐμπόδιαν μέχρι τῆς στιγμῆς νὰ ἔλθω εἰς στενωτέραν ἐπαφὴν μετὰ μιᾶς ἐκάστης τῶν Ἑλληνο-Ἀμερικανικῶν ὀργανώσεων, ὅπως ἐπεθύμουν διακαῶς. Ἡ εὐκαιρία τὴν ὁποῖαν λαμβάνω σήμερον εὐρισκόμενος ἐν τῷ μέσῳ ἐπιφανῶν ἐκπροσώπων τῆς στοργῆς τοῦ Ἀμερικανικοῦ Ἔθνους πρὸς τὴν Ἑλληνικὴν λαὸν καὶ συγχρόνως τῶν διακεκριμένων ἀντιπροσώπων τοῦ ὁμογενοῦς μας στοιχείου τῆς Ἀμερικής, πληροῖ τὴν ψυχὴν μου ἀπὸ χαρὰν καὶ ἀνακούφισιν.

Ἐπιθυμῶ νὰ ἀπευθύνω ὀλίγας λέξεις πρὸς πάντας τοὺς ἐκ καταγωγῆς Ἕλληνας τοὺς ἐγκατεστημένους ἀνά τὸ ἔδαφος τῶν ἠνωμένων Πολιτειῶν, διότι δυστυχῶς αἱ πρακτικαὶ φροντίδες δὲν μοῦ ἐπιτρέπουν νὰ παραμείνω περισσότερο διὰ νὰ ἐπιθερμῶ καὶ ἄλλας Ἀμερικανικὰς μεγαλοουπόλεις ὥστε νὰ ἔλθω εἰς ἄμεσον ἐπαφὴν μετὰ ἄλλας μεγάλας Ἑλληνικὰς Κοινότητες.

Σὰς φέρω ἀπὸ τὴν γῆν τῶν πατέρων σας τὸν ἀδελφικὸν χαιρετισμὸν πάντων τῶν Ἑλλήνων.

Σὰς μεταφέρω πρὸ παντός τὰ αἰσθητικὰ τῆς ἀγάπης τὰ ὁποῖα τρέφει γιὰ τοὺς σύμψας ὁ Ἑλληνικὸς λαός. Τὰ ἔξ τελευταία χρόνια κατὰ τὰ ὁποῖα ἡ πατριστασιαστικὴ πολεμικὴ θύελλα διέκοψε τὴν ἐπαφὴν σας μετὰ τὴν χώραν τῆς γεννησεως σας ἢ τῆς γεννησεως τῶν πατέρων σας, ὕψησαν δι' αὐτὴν χρόνια δόξης ἀλλὰ καὶ μαρτυρίου.

ΝΙΚΗΦΟΡΟΣ ΕΝΑΝΤΙΟΝ ΔΥΟ ΑΥΤΟΚΡΑΤΟΡΙΩΝ

Ἀφοῦ μόνη αὐτὴ μετὰ τὰς μικράς τῆς στρατιωτικὰς ἀνάμειξ καὶ τὴν φλόγα τοῦ πατριωτισμοῦ τῶν τέκνων τῆς ἐπάλασσε νικηφόρος ἐπὶ ἔξ μηνῶν ἐναντίον δύο αὐτοκρατοριῶν καὶ κατέφερε τὰ πρῶτα πλήγματα κατὰ τοῦ Ἄξονος, εὐρέθη ὑπὸ τὸ πέλμα τριῶν κατακτητῶν, τῶν Ἰταλῶν, τῶν Γερμανῶν καὶ τῶν Βουλγάρων. Ἀνάλητοι καὶ οἱ τρεῖς ἀπὸ τὰ δεινὰ καὶ τὰς οὐμωγὰς τῶν θυμάτων τῶν, καὶ ὡσεὶ κατεχόμενοι ὑπὸ τοῦ δαίμονος τῆς ἐκδικήσεως διὰ τὴν ἡρωϊκὴν συμβολὴν τοῦ λαοῦ μας εἰς τὸν πατριστασιασμὸν ὑπὲρ τῆς ἐλευθερίας ἀγῶνα, συνηγωνίσθησαν εἰς τὴν ἐξόντωσιν τῆς Ἑλληνικῆς φυλῆς καὶ εἰς τὴν ἐρήμωσιν τῆς Ἑλληνικῆς γῆς.

Ἀπὸ τὴν πείναν, τὰς κακουχίας, τὰς ἐκτελέσεις, τὰς ἐλακίσεις καὶ τοὺς ἐγκλεισμοὺς εἰς στρατόπεδα συγκεντρώσεως περὶ τὸ ἐν ἑκατομμύριον Ἑλλήνων ἐπλήρωσαν τὴν ζωὴν των τὸν ἀγῶνα τῆς ἐλευθερίας τῶν λαῶν τῆς γῆς, χωρὶς νὰ ὑπολογίσωμεν ὅτι ἐκ τοῦ ὑποσιτισμοῦ καὶ τῶν ἄλλων στερήσεων σημαντικὸν μέρος τῆς νέας γενεᾶς

ἐξῆλθε μὲ κλονισμένην τὴν ὑγείαν καὶ ἐπισηφελῆ σωματικὴν ἀνάπτυξιν.

Ἡ Ἑλληνικὴ γῆ ἐρημώθη ἀπ' ἀκροῦ εἰς ἀκρον. Μεγάλα περιφέρειαι τῆς ὑπαίθρου κατερειπώθησαν μέχρι τῆς τελευταίας καλύβης. Ὅλα τὰ παραγωγικὰ ἔργα κατεστράφησαν, γέφυραι, λιμένες, φράγματα ποταμῶν καὶ ἄλλα ἔργα κοινῆς ὠφελείας ἀνετινάχθησαν. Τὰ μηχανήματα τῆς βιομηχανίας ἤχρηστεύθησαν ἢ διηρηπάγησαν καὶ γενικῶς δὲν ἔμεινε τίποτε εἰς τὴν θέσιν του ἀπὸ ἐκεῖνα πού χαρακτηρίζουν τὴν συγχρονισμένην πλουτοπαραγωγικὴν ζωὴν καὶ κοινωνικὴν πρόοδον ἑνὸς λαοῦ.

Ἡ εἰκὼν τῆς Ἑλλάδος μετὰ τὴν ἀπελευθέρωσιν ἦτο σχεδὸν ἐκείνη τῆς ἐπομένης τοῦ ἀπελευθερωτικοῦ ἀγῶνος τοῦ 1821. Δὲν ἀπέειχε πολὺ ἀπὸ τὴν εἰκόνα τὴν ὁποῖαν ἔδωσαν ὁ ἔθνικὸς ποιητὴς διὰ τὴν Δόξαν ἢ ὁποῖα περπατώντας μονάχη κρατοῦσε στὰ χέρια ἕνα στεφάνι ἀπὸ λίγα χορτάρια, τὰ μόνον πού εἶχαν μείνη στὴν ἔρημην καὶ ἀματοποτισμένη ἐκείνη γῆ τῶν Ψαρρῶν!

ΜΑΣ ΤΙΜΑ ΤΟ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟΝ ΚΛΕΟΣ

Ἀγαπητοὶ μου ὁμογενεῖς τῆς Ἀμερικῆς! Εἰς τὴν πίστιν μας ἐπὶ τὰ μεγάλα καὶ λαμπρὰ πεπρωμένα τῆς φυλῆς μας, θέλομεν νὰ σὰς ἔχωμεν βοηθοὺς καὶ συμπαραστάτας. Ἡ αὐτοπεποιθῆσις μας εἶναι λελογισμένη. Διατελοῦμεν ἐν πλήρει συναισθήσει τῶν δυσχερειῶν εἰς τὰς

ὁποίας προσκρούει τὸ ἔργον μας καὶ τῆς μεγάλης προσπάθειας ἣτις χρειάζεται διὰ νὰ φθάσωμεν εἰς τὴν δικαιοσύνην τῶν πόθων καὶ τὴν πραγματοποιήσιν τῆς ἀνορθώσεως τοῦ Ἑλληνικοῦ λαοῦ.

Διὰ τοῦτο καὶ ἡ βοήθειά σας θὰ μᾶς εἶναι πολύτιμος. Πολῖται τῆς μεγάλης αὐτῆς χώρας τῆς ἐλευθερίας καὶ τῆς προόδου, δικαίως εἰσθε ὑπερήφανοι διὰ τὴν θετὴν σας πατριδα, τῆς ὁποίας τὴν τιμὴν καὶ τὰ ἰδεώδη ὑπερήσπισαν τὰ τέκνα σας ἡρωϊκῶς ἐπὶ τῶν πεδίων τῶν μαχῶν τοῦ τελευταίου πολέμου. Ἀλλὰ, γεννηθέντες σεῖς ἢ οἱ πατέρες σας εἰς τὴν Ἑλλάδα, ὅπου εὐρίσκονται τὰ ὄστα τῶν προγόνων σας καὶ ζοῦν πολλαὶ προσφιλεῖς σας ὑπάρξεις, ἀνήκετε εἰς τὸ κλέος καὶ τὴν δόξαν τοῦ Ἑλληνικοῦ ὀνόματος ἀνά τὸν κόσμον καὶ ἀνά τοὺς αἰῶνας.

Ἡ δόξα αὐτὴ εἶναι ἀφθαρτος. Θὰ στολίζει ὄλον τὸν οἶκόν σας καὶ θὰ τὴν παραδώσετε ὡς πολύτιμον ἐφόδιον εἰς τὰς μεταγενεστέραις γενεάς σας αἱ ὁποῖαι δὲν θὰ παύσουν ποτὲ νὰ εἶναι ὑπερήφανοι διὰ τὴν Ἑλληνικὴν καταγωγὴν των. Οἱ Ἀμερικανοὶ συμπατριῶταί σας θὰ σὰς τιμοῦν καὶ θὰ σὰς δοξάζουν διὰ τὴν Ἑλληνικὴν καταγωγὴν σας ἢ



Hon. Constantine Tsaldaris
Prime Minister of Greece

* Address delivered by Prime Minister Tsaldaris at the Banquet in his honor given by the Order of Ahepa, The Justice for Greece Committee and other Societies at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel on December 16th, 1946.

ὁποία θὰ εἶναι μία πολύτιμη κληρονομία εἰς τοὺς ἀπογόνους σας.

Θὰ διαρρεύσουν χρόν.α πολλά, θὰ παρέλθουν γενεαὶ καὶ κάθε δόξα τῆς Ἑλλάδος θὰ εἶναι ἀκόμη μία ὑπερηφάνεια διὰ τὸν Ἕλληνα ἐκ καταγωγῆς Ἀμερικανόν. Κάθε εὐτυχία τῆς θὰ εἶναι ἀνακούφισις του. Κάθε πρόδοσις τῆς χαρὰ του. Ἐργαζόμενοι σήμερον διὰ τὴν εὐτυχίαν καὶ τὴν πρόδοσιν τῆς Ἑλλάδος δὲν ἐκτελεῖτε ἀπλῶς καθήκον στοργῆς καὶ ἀφοσιώσεως πρὸς τὴν γῆν τῶν προγόνων σας. Κατεργάζεσθε συγχρόνως μίαν δόξαν, μίαν ὑπερηφάνειαν διὰ τὰς ἐπερχομένας γενεὰς τῶν ἐπιγόνων σας.

Ἡ ΣΥΜΒΟΛΗ ΜΑΣ ΠΟΛΥΤΙΜΟΣ

Ὁ Ἕλληνικὸς λαὸς δικαίως στηρίζει τὰς ἐλπίδας του διὰ τὴν δικαίωσιν τῶν ἐθνικῶν του αἰτημάτων καὶ τὴν θοήθειαν πρὸς οικονομικὴν του ἀνόρθωσιν εἰς τὸν λαόν τῆς μεγάλης αὐτῆς χώρας ἥτις τὸν περιέβαλε πάντοτε μὲ στοργὴν καὶ ἐνδιαφέρον. Ἐκ τῶν μέχρι τῆς στιγμῆς ἐπαφῶν μου μετὰ τῶν ἐπισήμων Ἀμερικανῶν δύναμαι νὰ εἰπω εὐχαρίστως ὅτι εὐρίσκω κατανόησιν ἥτις δικαιολογεῖ τὰς ἐλπίδας τοῦ Ἕλληνικοῦ λαοῦ. Ἀλλὰ διὰ τὴν κατανόησιν αὐτὴν σεῖς οἱ ὁμογενεῖς μας τῆς Ἀμερικῆς εἴσθε ἐνδεδειγμένοι νὰ παράσχητε πολύτιμον συμβολήν.

Εἶμαι εὐτυχῆς διαπιστώσας κατὰ τὰς τελευταίας ἡμέρας ὅτι αἱ ἐθνικαὶ ὀργανώσεις σας ἔξω παντὸς πολιτικοῦ ἢ ἄλλου ὑπολογισμοῦ ἐργάζονται πρὸς ἀπὸ πάσης πλευρᾶς ἐνίσχυσιν τοῦ ἔργου τῆς Ἑλληνικῆς Κυβερνήσεως εἰς τὴν χώραν ταύτην. Τὴν δὲ διαπίστωσιν αὐτὴν θέλω μεταδώσῃ εἰς τὸν Ἕλληνικὸν λαόν ὡς μίαν τῶν ἀγαθοτέρων ἐντυπώσεών μου ἀπὸ τὴν ἐπίσκεψίν μου εἰς τὰς Ἡνωμένας Πολιτείας καὶ τὴν ἐπαφὴν μου μετὰ τῶν ὁμογενῶν τῆς Ἀμερικῆς.

ΝΑ ΜΕΙΝΩΜΕΝ ΜΑΚΡΑΝ ΤΩΝ ΑΝΤΕΓΚΛΗΣΕΩΝ

Περατώνων τὸν λόγον μου, ἀγαπητοὶ μου ὁμογενεῖς, θὰ μοῦ ἐπιτρέψετε νὰ ἐπαναλάβω ἐκεῖνο τὸ ὁποῖον ἐτόνισα καὶ εἰς τὸν Καθεδρικὸν Ναόν. Μείναιτε σεῖς μακρὰν, ἐντελῶς μακρὰν τῶν ἀντιθέσεων αἱ ὁποῖαι μᾶς χωρίζουν ἐκεῖ κάτω καὶ τόσον συχνὰ κάμνουν κακὸν εἰς τὸν τόπον μας.

Ὅταν μὲ τὰ μάτια τῆς μεγάλης σας Ἑλληνικῆς καρδιᾶς ἀφήνετε τὴν νοσταλγικὴν φαντασίαν σας νὰ διασχίῃ θάλασσας καὶ ὠκεανούς καὶ νὰ φτερουγίσῃ πρὸς τὴν γῆν τῶν πατέρων σας, μὴ βλέπετε ἐκεῖ κάτω παρὰ μόνον διὰ εἶναι ὠραῖον, ἐνδοξον, καλόν, εὐγενές. Καὶ ὑπάρχουν τόσα τὰ καλὰ καὶ ὠραῖα καὶ ἐνδοξα καὶ εὐγενῆ εἰς τὰς πράξεις καὶ τὰ αἰσθήματα τῶν ὁμογενῶν σας διὰ νὰ πλημμυρίζουν τὴν ψυχὴν σας ἀπὸ χαρὰν καὶ ὑπερηφάνειαν, ὥστε νὰ δύνασθε νὰ παραμερίζετε ἐκεῖνα τὰ ὁποῖα μόνον λύπην θὰ ἠδύναντο νὰ προξενήσουν.

Μακρὰν τῶν ἰδικῶν μας πολιτικῶν ἀλλὰ καὶ ἰδικῶν σας τοπικῶν ἀντιθέσεων, διατηρήσατε τὴν ἱερὰν ἐνότητα τῆς φυλῆς σας ὑπὸ τὴν πνευματικὴν σκέπην καὶ καθοδήγησιν τοῦ μεγάλου Ἱεράρχου, τὸν ὁποῖον ἀληθῶς ἡ θεία Πρόνοια ἔθεσεν ἐπὶ κεφαλῆς τῆς Ὁρθοδόξου Ἐκκλησίας σας.

Ἄντι νὰ ἐπηρεάζεσθε σεῖς ἀπὸ τὰς ἰδικὰς μας ἀντιθέσεις, ἀφήσατε ν' ἀντλῶμεν ἡμεῖς δύναμιν ἀπὸ τὴν φλόγην τῆς ἀγνῆς σας Ἑλληνικῆς ψυχῆς.

Ἄξιοι πολῖται τῆς μεγάλης Συμπολιτείας τῆς Ἀμερικῆς, συγχρόνως εἰς διὰ τὴν διατηρῆ τὸν σύνδεσμόν σας μετὰ τῆς μητρὸς σας Πατρίδος, παραμείνατε Ἕλληνες καὶ μόνον Ἕλληνες.

Ἀγαπητοὶ μου φίλοι! Ἐγείρω τὸ ποτήριον εἰς τιμὴν τοῦ μεγάλου Ἀμερικανικοῦ λαοῦ καὶ εἰς εὐτυχίαν τῶν ὁμογενῶν μας καὶ τῶν οἰκογενειῶν των.

ΑΗΕΡΑ DIGNITARIES AND THEIR HONORED GUEST

(Left to right) Supreme Governor Vasilios A. Vasiliou, Supreme President Harris J. Bouras, Prime Minister Constantine Tsaldaris of Greece, and Supreme Treasurer Aristides G. Georgiades



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HEALTH CONDITIONS IN GREECE

By Theodore Meyer

Former Medical Director of Greek War Relief

"Post war suffering in other countries may be as bad as they say it is, but I'm sick of hearing about it," an American said to me the other day. "They may be in as bad condition as they say, but we can't feed and clothe the whole world."

This American simply did not know what he was talking about. Nor did he understand the relief problems confronting the world. He could not have known that the death rate in Greece, for example, is higher than ever before. He could not have known that Greek children are dying more rapidly than they are born; and that those who live are being permanently stunted in growth through lack of good food. The Greek people have possibly suffered more than any other group as a result of inhuman and aggressive warfare.

Dr. V. G. Valoras, Assistant Professor of Public Health and Hygiene at the University of Athens, has recently conducted a thorough statistical survey as is possible under present conditions. He reports that over 500,000 Greeks are suffering from tuberculosis in some stage. He emphasizes that more than 150,000 of these tuberculars are in the throes of an active form of the disease, requiring hospitalization if they are to survive. In addition, these sick people must be placed in hospitals if tuberculosis is to be kept from stampeding across the country.

Lack of Hospitals Appalling

"But there just aren't any hospitals for these sufferers," Dr. Valoras points out. "Not only that, we do not even have the trained personnel—doctors and nurses—to see these people, much less to give them any care."

Dr. Valoras has just ended a visit to America where he

gathered the latest information on public health and hygiene through the cooperation of the United States Public Health Department and the American Medical Association. The statistics on health conditions in Greece that he brought to the United States are appalling. Not only tuberculosis but malaria and a wide variety of other diseases are wiping out Greek lives by the tens of thousands. The death rate is ghastly when compared to any civilized standard.

"Walk down any road in Greece and you'll see ambulant, sick men and women," Dr. Valoras says. "Walk into any Greek home—most of which are unbelievably squalid—and you'll see at least one desperately ill person. Walk into one of our very few community clinics and you'll see disease-ridden people eagerly awaiting all too infrequent medical attention. If saboteurs were at work in Greece during the war, certainly many more of them—health saboteurs—are busily undermining the country today."

Malaria Deadliest Foe

Dr. Valoras stresses the fact that the average Greek loses over 150 working days a year mostly from malaria. During my trips out of Athens, I have had ample opportunity to observe the tragic effects of this situation. This dreaded disease strikes down more than 2,000,000 persons in Greece every year and, in fact, infects almost 100 per cent of the population. Are these figures so startling? Just compare them with statistics in the United States where the deaths from this cause are almost negligible—only 0.4 per 100,000 of population, according to the United States Bureau of the Census.



One of Two Million Greeks Suffering from Malaria

suffering from one of the worst scourges in Greece—malaria, this haggard man is one of 2,000,000 who are affected. Because of the dearth of hospital facilities, thousands are forced to lie in damp, miserable surroundings with little medical attention. Greek War Relief Association in launching its 1947 campaign to raise \$12,000,000, will improve and enlarge the system of preventive medicine so that victims of malaria and tuberculosis will be provided with the finest medical service possible.



A Greek War Relief Mobile Medical Unit in Action

Her anxious parents looking on, a Greek War Relief Association trained nurse comforts their daughter while the doctor prepares her medicine. The little girl had a bad case of dysentery when brought to the Mobile Unit. After thorough examination, the doctor gave her medicine and advised her parents as to future treatment. Greek War Relief Association has 20 units now in the field and will add 20 more as soon as the Association's \$12,000,000 Fund Raising Campaign is successfully completed. Do your part!

But let us go further and look at the situation involving tuberculosis again for a moment. More than 300 tuberculars die per 100,000 of population every year. Again you might be inclined to ask, "Is this so tough?" But if you do, remember that in the United States, only 41 persons out of every 100,000 succumb to the tubercle bacillus annually—less than 13.6% of the death rate from this cause in Greece.

JOE E. BROWN FOR GREECE



America's Beloved Comedian Opening GWRA's 1947 Campaign with Col. L. B. VonSpach

America's beloved comedian Joe E. Brown, endorsing Greek War Relief Association's 1947 \$12,000,000 fund-raising campaign, declared that "the people of America whose homes were untouched by the ravages of war should come to the aid of the less fortunate people of Greece.

"We in America should retain our World Citizenship by helping the less fortunate in other countries," Joe said. "The people of Greece in particular need our help. A friend in need can promote love, understanding and a peaceful world."

The comedian, who spent the war years entertaining troops in the front lines and who sacrificed a son in the battle for democracy, went on to praise GWRA's former president Spyros Skouras for his contribution to the people of Greece. He spoke highly of him as a leader of GWRA, the Association that is working to return the Greek nation to its pre-war levels of self-sufficiency.

"Stretch your hand across the world," Joe continued, "filled with food, clothing, love and understanding." Joe complimented GWRA's proposed program in Greece for 1947. He said that he knew first hand that every feature of that program is badly needed.

Observers recently returned from Greece have stated that Greece faces the worst winter in its history. They said that the next few months will be the turning point in Greek history when "it will either move rapidly toward recovery or sink into a morass of despair."

In Greece, 25 of every 100 babies die before they reach the age of 21. If you consider that only 10 deaths occur in this age group in the United States, the Greek picture begins to look pretty bad.

Thirty-five of every 100 Greeks die before they reach the age of 40. Get that! Thirty-five of every 100 persons in Greece never attain 40 years of age. In the United States, the Bureau of the Census says that the death rate in this age group is only one-half that figure—17.5 per 100. And these figures do not really tell the story because the United States is a na-

Columbia University for GWRA

The Columbia University Committee for Greek Relief sent 100 newly knitted garments to Greece. Committee member Mrs. C. H. Young says that this project comprised only part of all her organization's summer work for Greece and that the knitting is still going on, with many more things to be sent later.

Mrs. Young also says that the Columbia University Knitting Bureau has sent more than 143 articles to Greece during the past year.

"You have all our good wishes for your continued success in helping the suffering people of Greece," Mrs. Young adds.

tion of older people while the population of Greece is in the younger age group.

Every fifth death in Greece is a child under five. At the same time, competent medical authorities estimate that more than 20,000 of these annual deaths among children could be prevented if they had adequate and early medical attention.

Patients Lie in Cellars

To further understand these terrible conditions, one should know that there are only 152 small hospitals in Greece. Again and again, I have forced myself to visit so-called hospitals in rural sections. Many of them are in such bad condition that even scientists are repelled. They are small and miserable; many of them are almost completely destroyed with critically ill patients on ramshackle cots in cellars littered with rubble.

Dr. Valoras' information indicates that there are less than 17,000 beds to service Greece's 7,500,000 population. He states that there are only 6,000 beds in the provinces. This constitutes roughly one bed to every 1,000 persons as contrasted to one bed to every 30 persons in the United States.

On many of my travels I have passed through certain huge hinterland areas in Greece which have no hospital facilities at

Hands Across the Seas

In response to a plea for clothing from 53 workers in the Greek Ministry of Finance, the employees of the Procurement Division of the U. S. Treasury Department have collected and shipped hundreds of garments to Greece.

Major F. X. A. Eble, Special Assistant to the Procurement Director, says that most of the clothing was destined for general distribution but that four cases were delivered to the Ministry of Finance, personnel of which have lacked even the essentials of dress to carry on their jobs.

all. If a person becomes ill, he must walk or be carried great distances to get any kind of medical attention. And when he gets there, that attention is, 90% of the time, inadequate.

Lack of Doctors and Nurses

Paralleling these conditions, there is an almost unbelievable lack of trained medical personnel. My colleagues in Greece number less than 7,000, most of whom practice in urban areas. This adds up to something less than one doctor for every 1,000 persons. In the United States, there is approximately one doctor to every 741 persons. On the face of it this picture might not impress you as being too black. But remember that large sections of Greece have no medical practitioners

The situation in Greece is so bad that you can imagine the Greek nurse for every ten to those in America. The services of a nurse are so scarce that the number of nurses is inadequate.

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The situation in the field of graduate nursing is even worse. Imagine the Greek nation with only 600 registered nurses, or one nurse for every 12,000 persons. Just compare these figures to those in America where every 454 Americans are assured the services of a nurse. And, even here, medical opinion says that the number of nurses in the United States is dangerously inadequate.

High School Contributes

To aid the needs of Greece, the Greek Club of Beverly Hills High School, California, sent a check.

The money was earned by cookie sales held at the school last week, announced Mrs. Cora Stevenson, faculty sponsor of the group.

It will be used to purchase food and school supplies which will be mailed to Greece. A large shipment of clothes was sent recently by the club.

To make conditions even more critical, UNRRA is no longer operating in Greece. The Greek delegate to UNRRA, Professor Zenophon Zolotas, has said that the situation of Greece will be desperate if aid is terminated as contemplated.

Considering all these distressing facts, I became, at one point, terribly discouraged over Greece's future. However, after a recent conference with other Greek War Relief officials I began to see the first indications of light over the dark horizon.

Greek War Relief Has a Plan

The plan is to be built around 160 rural Health Centers established at strategic locations. Mobile clinics will radiate out from the Centers like the spokes of a wheel, operating deep into the almost inaccessible hinterlands. In addition, the Association has projected the construction of 50 rural general hospitals and sanatoria at key points.

"Our rural Health Centers will furnish a service which, in



Hospital Bed Space in Greece Is at a Premium

In almost every hospital in Greece today, the shortage of bed space remains critical. Even in this Maternity Hospital in Salonika, patients are forced to sleep in the corridors! Originally intended to house 60, this remains the only maternity hospital in Northern Greece. It now has over 120 bed patients and treats 400 cases a month in the out-patient clinic! Just one more reason why Greek War Relief Association's 1947 campaign to raise \$12,000,000 must be successful. Funds raised will make possible the construction of a modern hospital as well as rural health centers, the maintenance of 474 Community Clinics and operation of a modern fleet of Mobile

Medical Units to service the outlying regions of Greece.

Greece, has always been all too inadequate, and now is almost wholly lacking," explains George Xanthaky, GWRA Executive Vice-President. "Adequate diagnosis, so necessary to combat disease and obtain a favorable prognosis, will be the Centers' first aim."

SOPHIE TUCKER FOR GREECE



Veteran Stage Star Handing her Contribution to CWRA's representative Theodora Cheopelos

Veteran stage star Sophie Tucker has given \$500 to Greek War Relief Association as her initial contribution toward the Association's 1947 \$12,000,000 fund-raising campaign, her latest in a long list of gifts to charity said to total more than \$1,000,000. Clothed in the Greek national Evzone costume, little Theodora Cheopelos of 79-53 South Bishop Street, Chicago, accepted the check on behalf of the Association.

GWRA officials said that Miss Sophie's gift will be used in GWRA's 1947 program of rehabilitation for Greece. They explained that the expected \$12,000,000 budget will be spent as follows:

The *medical health program* will require the expenditure of \$5,250,000. This will include Health Centers, mobile clinics, community clinics, veteran projects, anti-tuberculosis program, joint medical programs with Greek societies, and malaria control.

To care for more than 375,000 *war orphans* the Association has allotted \$3,000,000. This sum covers the cost of feeding, clothing and placing in foster homes these children whose tragedy is the aftermath of war.

Another \$300,000 will be used in helping *American institutions* in Greece. In addition, \$1,600,000 will be devoted to the general distribution of food and clothing, more desperately needed than ever before.

Last, but not least, will be the \$1,850,000 allotted for *child welfare and feeding*. Authorities say that the future of Greece lies in the health and happiness of Greece's coming generation.

Actually, Mr. Xanthaky makes it clear that the Health Centers will offer a complete public health service including sanitation work. They will give immediate relief, provide public nursing service and dental service, and cooperate in the control of communicable diseases and in sanitary services. They will provide laboratory and X-ray diagnosis for the community, assist the Greek authorities in a program of public health education and provide ambulance service when needed. Special emphasis will be placed on pre-natal care and infant and pre-school hygiene. Where conditions make it necessary, the Health Center will provide medicines and supplementary feeding for children and nursing mothers.

To supply all these necessary medical facilities, food and clothing, the **Greek War Relief Association** is carrying on a \$12,000,000 fund-raising campaign. The budget for 1947 has already been planned, based on the successful conclusion of this campaign, and embodies the construction, this year, of 40 permanent Health Centers, the feeding of over 1,200,000 children one warm meal daily, and the feeding, clothing, and housing in foster homes of over 375,000 orphans.

If Greece is to cross the threshold toward health and happiness, Association officials say that Americans of Greek descent must put their shoulders to the wheel and—**PUSH!** They are the main hope of the suffering people of Greece.

EXTEND YOUR HELPING HAND. DO YOUR PART!

THEY LOOK TO US

One of the great tragedies of modern wars is that their evil effects do not cease with a surrender or a formal truce. They go on in terms of human suffering, of scarred minds as well as broken bodies. And, of all the sufferers, the most tragic are the children.

Many of the children of Europe and Asia have never known



This Is a "Modern" Sanatorium in Greece Today

So acute is the terrible condition of most of Greece's hospitals, many patients have not even the barest facilities of comfort and ease. Here, in this partially built sanatorium, tuberculosis patients lie in windowless, damp corridors. The fortunate ones have beds. Others must sleep on mats on the bare floor! Support Greek War Relief Association's current campaign to raise \$12,000,000. The maintenance of 474 Community Clinics and the operation of a modern fleet of Mobile Medical Units to service the outlying regions of Greece depend on its successful completion.

that sense of security which is the birthright of all American boys and girls, with their parents, their snug, warm homes and their ordered lives. There are thousands of orphans who have never known their parents and many others, even less fortunate, who have seen their fathers or their mothers—and sometimes both—done to death by men in foreign uniforms or by missiles from the skies.

To be perpetually hungry is the normal condition of life in many parts of Europe and Asia. Poorly fed, badly dressed in clothes that are shoddy as well as shabby, children know winter simply as a time of more acute suffering, and Christmas merely marks the time of year when the cold is apt to be worst.

They are cold. They are hungry. And many of them are without the hope and confidence in the future that is childhood's right. They need, above all, milk and eggs and butter, and warm clothes, especially shoes. These are the necessities. But they need more. They need occasionally an extra something—a treat, a toy or some token of affection—which so many parents in the lands scourged by war find it impossible to provide. Too young to comprehend politics or even to be aware that living standards depend upon such mysteries as import and export balances, these small victims of diplomacy's failures know that their world holds nothing for them.

Many of the wounds that have been left by war can be healed only by time and the toil and labor of the parents of these children. But there is an immediate and urgent need for little things that for the present can come only from outside. Even the smaller children know that there is only one place on earth that has enough for all. That place is the United States.—*Tania Long.*

Tables of UNRRA Aid

Following are tables from a report of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation. They break down the amount and kind of assistance furnished each of the principal beneficiaries.

Shipments Program Through Dec. 31, 1946 in Thousand Tons

	Food	Clothing Textile & Foot-wear ^a	Medical and Sanita- tion	Agricul- tural Rehabilitation	Indus- trial Rehabilitation ^b	Unstat- istic ^c	Total
GREECE	1,396	27	9	287	693	727	3,099
Yugoslavia	1,084	73	20	161	695	352	2,385
Albania	67	3	2	17	42	25	156
Poland	806	80	27	395	483	—	1,791
Czechoslovakia	608	40	24	267	404	—	1,343
Italy	1,844	105	14	410	7,238	—	9,611
Austria	365	4	1	164	47	177	758
White Russia	72	6	1	44	112	—	195
Ukraine	209	19	2	41	112	—	383
China*	1,994	155	37	558	907	—	2,551
Other Programs	57	90	5	6	4	34	196
total	1,512	608	142	2,341	10,657	1,315	22,569

^aIncludes textile raw materials.

^bIncludes coal and all raw materials except textile raw materials.

^cMilitary shipments and items awaiting specification.

*Through 21 March 1947.

Shipments Program Through Dec. 31, 1946 in Million Dollars^d

	Food	Clothing Textile & Foot-wear ^a	Medical and Sanita- tion	Agricul- tural Rehabilitation	Indus- trial Rehabilitation ^b	Unstat- istic ^c	Total
GREECE	164.0	35.0	10.3	50.8	40.9	57.0	358.0
Yugoslavia	139.6	75.9	21.6	40.0	109.4	43.0	429.5
Albania	5.5	5.4	1.0	6.6	7.1	2.0	28.5
Poland	180.5	84.5	30.0	80.0	99.0	—	474.0
Czechoslovakia	107.0	29.5	26.5	33.4	73.6	—	270.0
Italy	195.7	55.9	16.0	29.5	127.4	5	425.0
Austria	54.0	2.0	1.5	19.1	9.0	31.7	117.3
White Russia	28.9	7.4	1.2	5.7	17.8	—	61.0
Ukraine	100.2	21.7	2.8	17.4	46.9	—	189.0
China*	131.5	95.9	41.3	80.0	186.3	—	535.0
Other Programs	14.3	23.0	2.5	1.0	2.5	15.1	58.4
Total	1,121.2	436.2	155.6	363.5	719.9	149.3	2,945.7

^dValues, f.a.s.

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REPORTS ON GREECE

In FAO mission is a group of experts, drawn from several countries, which goes to a country or region at the request of its government to study at first hand a given problem or group of problems related to food, agriculture, forestry, or fisheries. On the basis of this study, it makes recommendations for action by the government concerned. Those for Greece follow.

At the request of the Greek Government, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations sent a mission to Greece in May 1946 to study agriculture, fisheries, and related industries in that country and make recommendations for their rehabilitation and long-range development.

The mission, the first sent by FAO to any country, was headed by President Franklin S. Harris of the Utah State College of Agriculture, who was assisted by Panos D. Caldis, Director, Field Research of Western States, California Packing Corporation, and one of California's leading Ahepans.

Five members of the Mission each spent two to three months in Greece. Through the cooperation of the United States Department of Agriculture, three members spent several weeks in Greece on their return from a mission to the Middle East under the auspices of the Department.

Members of the Mission visited all major areas of Greece from Epirus to Thrace and from Macedonia to Crete, conferring with farmers, cooperative and Agricultural Bank officials, merchants, and agricultural and other officials in villages, county seats, and provincial capitals, and with officials of construction, irrigation, and power companies.

Agricultural and marketing methods and practices, educational and research institutions, water-control and hydroelectric projects, and transportation and local industrial facilities and methods were studied first-hand.

Extensive Conferences

In addition, extensive conferences were held in Athens with public officials of the related ministries and organizations, through special joint subcommittees on hydraulics, livestock, crops, economics and marketing, home economics and nutrition, education and extension, research, and administration of control



Panos D. Caldis, Field Research Director of Agriculture

programs. Officials of the Greek Government, experts of UNRRA, and members of the Mission worked jointly on these subcommittees discussing the present situation and proposed solutions.

During the concluding weeks of its work the members of the Mission discussed their proposed recommendations with these subcommittees, with the Ministers or other responsible heads of the major ministries and offices involved, with officials of the Bank of Greece and other banks, with the leaders of the major parties, and with cooperative and business leaders, and modified their recommendations in the light of these discussions. In consequence, the Mission believes that its major recommendations are not only practical and workable but will prove acceptable to the Greek Government.

At every stage in the work, the Mission received full and complete participation and support from the Greek Government and its Ministries, from UNRRA, and from the Greek people themselves, without which it would have been impossible to complete this task within the time assigned.

Possibility for Development in Greece

The conditions and possibilities of Greek agriculture cannot be separated from related problems of Greek economic life as a whole, nor can programs

for the future reconstruction and development of Greek agriculture be drawn up without taking into account related needs and development in other phases of the Greek economy.

Accordingly, in its recommendations the Mission has felt compelled to go somewhat beyond the scope of agriculture alone, and even of industries directly related to agriculture. It has examined, at least in outline, the most acute problems of the general economic and administrative structure of Greece and has made several broad recommendations for policies to be followed in dealing with them. These general recommendations are offered subject to development or modification in the light of more detailed subsequent study by groups better qualified to deal with them.

Greece has resources and people capable of sustaining far higher productive levels than those attained so far. The country can double or triple its per caput production and national income within a short span of years by effective development and use of water potentialities for irrigation and hydroelectricity, education of its citizens in modern technologies, development and use of improved agricultural methods, and expansion of industry to use surplus labor effectively.

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heartedly with international technical aid, as proposed in this report, the country will soon be on a sound financial footing and can repay the investments, domestic and foreign, needed for its development.

In its recommendations the Mission has proposed a means of continued consultation and advice on the spot, through which the specialized international organizations, both as technical advisers and as investors in the program, can work with the Greek Government in putting a broad program of development into effect.

The preliminary report of the principal findings and recommendations, written in August 1946 and considered at the Copenhagen Conference of FAO in September, covers action on imme-

The sections of the report on water utilization recommend a broad development of water resources, including drainage and flood control, irrigation, and hydroelectric projects. In the first few years, repair and completion of prewar projects, the construction of the most readily available new smaller projects, and the preparation of detailed engineering plans for the larger projects would be stressed.

The full long-term program would make possible the irrigation of about one-fifth of all the cropland in Greece and the development of about as much hydroelectric power as that from the Boulder Dam project in the United States of America. This would give Greece an area suitable for the production of fruits, vegetables, and other in-

technical and financial, for the cooperative movement. These would enable cooperatives to participate to a large extent in farm and village improvements, in operating tractors, threshers, and other community equipment, in marketing and processing farm products, in establishing local industries, and in buying and distributing supplies.

The report recommends that the work of the Agricultural Bank of Greece be correspondingly expanded and strengthened to assist cooperatives. While the Mission recommends measures for making cooperatives democratic and independent and placing them on a par with private industry, it opposes compulsory cooperatives or the use of cooperatives for public price support or commodity control measures.



The Nazis left ruin and destruction. A factory in Athens completely destroyed



Locomotives and trains burned and run overboard between Athens and Corinth

mediate problems as well as longer term measures to control and use water, improve methods in agriculture, forestry, and fisheries, and provide for general economic and industrial development. It may be summarized as follows:

In spite of the efforts of Greek farmers and workers and the help received from UNRRA, the war devastation in Greece has been only partly repaired, and the country is still far from being able to sustain its population.

Food Shortage Acute

Among immediate problems, the report calls special attention to the current food shortage; to the fact that outside aid is needed by Greece to maintain essential imports after UNRRA comes to an end; to the necessity of continuing school lunches and other special feeding programs for certain groups of the population; to the urgent need for rehabilitation, especially of transportation facilities, industry, and agriculture; and to measures to prevent further inflation and to restore expert markets.

tensively irrigated crops about one-third as large as the land in irrigated farms in California and greatly stimulate not only agriculture but industry.

Farm Implements Antiquated

In agriculture, forestry, and fisheries, it is proposed that the methods and equipment used by Greek farmers and fishermen be improved and modernized. The Mission recommends that the system of agricultural education be strengthened; that research be increased, intensified, and related to practical problems; and that extension and advisory services to farmers be greatly strengthened and intensified. Recommendations along these lines include several for the reorganization of agricultural services and the strengthening or establishment of agencies dealing with fisheries, forestry, home economics, rural welfare, veterinary medicine, and farm tools and machinery.

Along with these measures to improve technical services, the Mission also proposes that the Greek Government provide increased facilities, both

Industrial Development Needed

Among general measures, the Mission recommends efforts by the Greek Government to improve education, expand industry, and develop opportunities for emigration to other countries. The main emphasis in dealing with the problem of surplus population and inadequate resources, however, is placed on intensification and modernization of agriculture, and on an extensive industrial development.

This would make possible the employment of many more people in industry, with a much smaller proportion remaining in agriculture than at present; a great expansion in trade between Greece and other countries; and the attainment of levels of production and incomes double or triple those of the prewar years. The Mission also recommends reforms in the tax system to help provide needed buying power and reforms in the civil service to create a body of public leaders and administrators capable of carrying through the program recommended.

To support the measures to be taken by the Greek Government, the Mission

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GREEK WAR RELIEF IN ACTION

Former President Herbert Hoover has accepted the national chairmanship of the 1947 campaign of the Greek War Relief Association to raise \$12,000,000 for relief.

The drive will collect funds to buy food and clothing for the needy, to finance an extensive medical program there and to shelter war orphans. The association was organized nine days after Greece was attacked by Italy in 1940 and has sent more than \$26,000,000 worth of food, clothing and medicine to the war victims.

Mr. Hoover has long been regarded as a leading authority on international relief and food conditions. In accepting the post of chairman, he said, "I am glad to enlist again in so great a humanitarian movement as the Greek War Relief Association."

Recalls His Mission Abroad

"In February, 1946," continued the former President, "the President of the United States commissioned me to undertake the coordination of world food supplies to a hungry mass of 800,000,000 people. On this mission I visited Greece in April. Because the Greeks had for five years fought for freedom, rather than surrender to tyranny, they were suffering all the infinite miseries that can come from war and invasion.

"They were dreadfully short of food, ravaged by disease and lacking even shelter for more than 2,000,000 homeless men, women and children.

"This little nation even before the war was able to raise only 65 per cent of its food; now a devastated agriculture produces less than half enough. Yet, amid such devastation,



Former President Herbert Hoover

these courageous people are working ceaselessly to rebuild their nation.

"We Americans have an abiding obligation to this country which fought so ably and remains today as an outpost of Western democracy."

The 1947 campaign of the Greek War Relief for \$12,000,000 is on. DO YOUR PART!



Spyros P. Skouras, Chairman, Board of Directors, GWRA



George Xanthaky, Executive Vice-President, with Aristides Lyras and John M. Kokkins, Architects for GWRA



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Architect Kokkins Goes to Greece



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Five permanent Health Centers and the Pan-Arcadian Hospital in Tripolis are now under construction as the opening gun in Greek War Relief Association's 1947 building program in Greece. The ground was broken on these buildings following the selection of sites and the letting of contracts by John M. Kokkins of Kokkins and Lyras, New York architects.

Mr. Kokkins left New York City on January 6th for Athens, and arrived there two days later. The stated purpose of his trip is the implementation and the construction of the Health Centers and the Hospital. Mr. Kokkins explains that in addition to expediting the construction, he is also investigating possible sites for additional health facilities for the *Order of Ahepa* and other Greek-American societies. He will report on existing medical facilities to them and the Greek War Relief Association.

These projects are the culmination of months of concerted and careful planning in which the foremost American architectural, medical and relief authorities took part. They are part of GWRA's long-range program for the complete and permanent rehabilitation of the Greek people. In undertaking this vast program, Association officials are aware that it is the only possible way to return Greece to health.

It has long been understood that various other projects, such as relief feeding, emergency medical attention, etc., are merely temporary expedients to tide Greece over until her agricultural production, together with normal imports, can support the people, and until the nation's medical institution has arrived at that level where it can maintain the population in good health.

All the materials necessary for the completion of the five Health Centers and the Pan-Arcadian Hospital are now in Greece. However, GWRA representatives point out that it will be necessary to ship additional quantities in order to finish up the 1947 plans.

Kokkins and Lyras Eminently Qualified

Mr. Kokkins is eminently equipped for this important work in Greece. He was graduated in 1930 from Columbia University's School of Architecture and after a number of years with private firms became associated with the New York City Department of Parks under Commissioner Robert Moses

Stars Over Athens

Alabama's Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star sent \$102.00 for the purchase of 8 food packages. "We are sorry it could not be more," said Grand Secretary Florence G. Newsom. "Best wishes in your work."

where he had charge of many projects. His partner, Aristides Lyras, who helped him in designing GWRA's projected Health Centers and the Pan-Arcadian Hospital, graduated from the New York University and the University of Pennsylvania Schools of Architecture and assisted in the design of many Broadway theatres.

"I was born on the island of Karpathos," Mr. Kokkins said before his departure for Greece, "but I doubt if I'll have time to visit my mother and sister who still live there. The tragic condition of health in Greece calls for the utmost urgency. We must get these Health Centers built as rapidly as possible."

At the same time, it is widely recognized that during 1947, it will be necessary to continue the feeding of over 1,200,000 children, and to implement the feeding, clothing and housing in foster homes of over 375,000 orphans. The very life of Greece depends upon the continuation of these relief measures until all the medical Health Centers and hospitals are ready for use. Because of this, GWRA has definitely made these factors an important part of its \$12,000,000 budget for 1947.

AMERICAN INDIANS HELP GREECE

Descendants of the colorful chiefs in the ancient "Land of the Sky Blue Waters" have not forgotten their forebearers' tragic frustration and frantic search for friends as their horizons gradually contracted before the white man's march across the newly discovered American continent. Nor have they forgotten how their ancestors suffered from cold and hunger as game fled traditional hunting grounds and sources of supply for skins and meat slowly dried up.

Because of these long and sorrowful memories, the Mesquakie Indians on the reservation near Tama, Iowa, are stretching the hand of brotherhood across the sea to another people whose traditions filter back into the dark recesses of history. Through their missionary, Reverend Verne Prosser, the tribe has heard how Greece is suffering from starvation, from



Mesquakie Indians Canning Goods for Starving Greeks

UN INVESTIGATION COMMISSION TO GREECE

Will Investigate Situation Along Balkan Frontier

Mark F. Ethridge, publisher of *The Courier Journal* of Louisville, Ky., was appointed United States representative on the commission of investigation established by the Security Council of the United Nations to ascertain the facts relating to the situation along the frontier between Greece and Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia. Mr. Ethridge will be assisted by Harry N. Howard, chief, and Norbort L. Amschuetz, information officer, of the Near Eastern Division of the State Department, and Cyril Black, of the Princeton University faculty.

Last fall, at the request of Secretary of State Byrnes, Mr. Ethridge made a tour of Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Rumania to investigate political conditions. Mr. Ethridge, a native of Mississippi, is 50 years old.

The United Nations commission is made up of representatives of each of the eleven nation members of the 1947 Security Council. It has begun its inquiry on January 15th.

lack of clothing, and ill health and under his dynamic direction, they are doing something about it.

These stoic people, whose emotions one seldom detects, have set up a systematic canning project—while the braves gather in the harvests, their squaws prepare the food for cooking. Reverend Prosser and his wife work right along with them, helping them plan and operating the canning machine.

"I've never seen anything like it," says the good Reverend. "The Indians are showing real enthusiasm. They work overtime at the job and love it."

First 42 Cases Already in Greece

The first food shipment of 42 cases left the reservation last December en route to the hungry people of Greece through the facilities of the **Greek War Relief Association** in New York. Over a thousand cans of high-calorie fruits and vegetables will soon find their way to the dinner tables of many hungry Greek families. And, if past experience holds true, the kindly Mesquakies will soon see the results of their charity in the form of personal letters from grateful Greeks.

At the same time, of course, these first Americans have not forgotten that "Charity begins at home" and have stored many cases of food for the use of their own blind, crippled and aged. Another 42 cases have been shipped to an Indian mission in the Ozarks and the Winnebago Reservation at Black River Falls, Wisconsin.

But don't think for a minute that it is easy for these poor Indians to carry out such a program on behalf of their less fortunate fellow men. There is little or no money to purchase seed and equipment and the work involved is long and arduous. Yes, the Mesquakies are extending a real act of charity toward the starving Greeks.

Their Work Long and Arduous

"Often I had to weave landing nets for fishermen to obtain money," explained Reverend Prosser. "Fortunately, we found a ready sale for these nets. Frequently I worked, with the help of the Indians, until two or three o'clock in the morning to do this job."

Visitors to the reservation often stare in wonder at the busy red men as they can fresh tomatoes, beans, cabbage, carrots, and beets. They marvel at the speed and efficiency with which the Indians, under the direction of Prosser, handle their make-shift canning machinery. Asked if the job they are doing is only temporary, the missionary says that it certainly is not.

"We have really started something," he emphasizes. "Our project for help to Greece has been a big success and in 1947 we'll do even better."

Can you do less?



Premier Tsaldaris is presenting the case of Greece before the United Nations Security Council

Tsaldaris Hits Treaty Verdict

While in this country, Premier Constantine Tsaldaris of Greece asserted that "Greece expects to see her just national claims fulfilled at this time." One of the claims, he said, was what he called "the rectification of the Greek-Bulgarian line for security reasons."

"It was a great disappointment for our people that Greece's demand to be heard by the Council of Foreign Ministers, which decided against such rectification, was not accorded," said Mr. Tsaldaris in criticism of the Foreign Ministers' decision on the Bulgarian peace treaty.

Mr. Tsaldaris held also discussions with American officials. He has conferred at length over the economic needs of Greece, particularly for purposes of reconstruction and rehabilitation, with President Truman, Mr. Byrnes and other ranking State Department officials, and Paul Porter, who is heading the United States mission to Greece for an examination of her financial and economic situation.

A recent United States loan to Greece is said to be about two-thirds spent.

Warns Against Undeclared War

Mr. Tsaldaris, appearing before the United Nations Security Council, warned that the "state of undeclared war" in the Balkans was reaching its most acute phase.

Taking the stand to accuse Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania of backing organized border raids against his country, Mr. Tsaldaris appealed to the Council to take some measures to end the "tragic situation."

"It is really no exaggeration to say that its continuance might endanger the maintenance of international peace and security," he declared.

Going into particulars, the Chief of the Athens Government said that Greece's neighbors, by focusing attention on the status of Macedonia, might be laying the groundwork for a new "Drang Nach Osten."

Seated at the semi-circular table as Mr. Tsaldaris spoke were the representatives of the three Governments he accused. On his left was Gen. Vladimir Stoychen of Bulgaria, the first former enemy state to be represented at a United Nations meeting. Directly across the table were Hysni Kapo, Albanian Minister to Belgrade, and Dr. Sava Kosanovitch, Yugoslav Ambassador to the United States. They were there at invitation of the Council.

Mr. Kosanovitch did not attempt to minimize the disturbances in Greece. He said they amounted to civil war, were a direct result of the unpopularity of the Tsaldaris Government

and the presence of "investigative commissions."

In reviewing the case, Mr. Tsaldaris told the Council that he had been killed and that he was being killed daily with "unjustified force."

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The purpose of the commission, he went on to say, was to investigate the situation in Greece, which is Greek territory.

To back their case, they are spreading stories of the situation, despite the fact that 1,000,000 inhabitants of Greece are suffering.

As proof of the situation, Mr. Tsaldaris said that the Yugoslavians, who are in the final phase of their invasion of Yugoslavia, were spreading stories of the situation arising in Macedonia by the Yugoslavians.

"The problem of the Government as a whole is in the final phase of its situation arising in Macedonia by the Yugoslavians."

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and the presence of British troops, and he called on the Council to "investigate" conditions in Greece.

In reviewing the history of the border clashes, Premier Tsaldaris told the Council that hundreds of soldiers had been killed and that "countless" civilians were being put to death daily with "unspeakable cruelty."

"The United Nations cannot, surely, permit that a few dealers in ideology should continue to receive assistance from foreign countries for imperialistic ends," he said. "For in that event responsibility would rest upon all the United Nations, and in particular upon the Great Powers."

Says Aim Is to Take Macedonia

The purpose of the alleged concentrated campaign against Greece, he went on, is to deprive her of Macedonia—"a region which is Greek in the highest degree"—and make it a part of Yugoslavia.

To back their efforts, he added, the enemies of Greece were spreading stories that Macedonia was "unredeemed Slav territory," despite the fact that only a few thousand of the 1,400,000 inhabitants were Slavonic-speaking.

As proof of the drive to separate Macedonia from Greece, Mr. Tsaldaris submitted a statement from Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia, which, he said, had been made to an American correspondent on Oct. 16. This, as he quoted it, said:

"The problem of Aegean Macedonia was not raised by our Government as one of those which ought to have been settled in the final phase of the Peace Conference. Nevertheless, it should be understood that we cannot remain indifferent to the situation arising from the persecution of the population of Macedonia by the organs of the Greek Government."

Organized Terrorism Alleged

The central part of the campaign to create a "Popular Republic of Macedonia" united to Yugoslavia, said the Greek Premier, was organized terrorism, operating from bases in Yugoslavia, Albania and Bulgaria. He took up the countries one by one and in each case accused the Governments of giving aid to the "bandits."

First on his list was Yugoslavia. Since the summer of 1945, said Mr. Tsaldaris, "terrorist bands" have been penetrating into Greek territory from Yugoslavia and have been concentrated at the Bulkis camp, "a military academy of terrorism."

Mr. Tsaldaris also had a few words to say about Albania and Bulgaria. He said "bandits" from Bulkis were transported to Bulgaria and housed and fed under the "paternal protection of the Sofia authorities."

"In Albania," he continued sarcastically, "matters are arranged even more informally and the terrorists of Bulkis there receive the most liberal hospitality at the hands of the Albanian authorities."

Mr. Tsaldaris wound up his speech with a direct appeal to the Council:

"In the name of the people of Greece, who so far have received nothing beyond platonic praise, and actually unjust treatment in respect of their countless services to the common cause, I appeal to the conscience of the nations, and I request the Security Council urgently to adopt the necessary measures to put an end to this tragic situation."

There are no more comfortable words in the language than Peace and Joy, which Richard Hooker has conjoined in a famous sentence. Peace is that state in which fear of any kind is unknown. But Joy is a positive thing; in Joy one does not only feel secure, but something goes out from one's self to the universe, a warm, possessive effluence of love. There may be Peace without Joy, and Joy without Peace, but the two combined make Happiness.—John Buchan.

U. S. ECONOMIC MISSION TO GREECE

Former OPA Administrator Will Lead Economic Group

Paul Porter, who resigned as Price Administrator after the Office of Price Administration had been shorn of most of its powers, is heading a United States economic mission to Greece.

This mission is regarded as a significant move by the United States in support of Greece in the face of the situation inherent in the fighting and chaos of the north. It was sent in response to a request made by Prime Minister Constantine Tsaldaris to Secretary of State James F. Byrnes in Paris last summer. It was agreed to in principle then, but the time when it would be sent was left open. The fact that it is being sent now is regarded as significant from the timing standpoint, since the integrity of Greece may well be at issue in the current northern disorders.

Cites Stand Against Nazis

In announcing the mission Acting Secretary of State Acheson stressed our friendship for Greece. He recalled "the valiant stand of the Greeks against the Nazi invasion, their continued resistance and sacrifice throughout the long occupation, and the hardships consequent upon the war which they have endured since liberation."

The United States, he stated, has long felt "a close relationship with Greece, particularly because of cultural ties between the two countries, and because of the large numbers of American citizens of Greek descent."

If successful, the mission may set a pattern for United States help to friendly countries abroad in the post-UNRRA world.

At the time of requesting the mission Greece urged a loan to facilitate the importation of wheat this year. The mission, consisting of a small group of economic, financial, and engineering experts, has left in January under instructions to complete its task by April.

Reconstruction Its Task

It will examine economic conditions in Greece as they bear upon the reconstruction and development of the economy of that country. It will consider, specifically, the extent to which the Greek Government can carry out reconstruction and development through effective use of Greek resources and the extent to which foreign assistance may be required.

Mr. Porter, a lawyer and former newspaper man, was publicity director of the Democratic National Committee in 1944. He was appointed deputy administrator for rent in OPA in 1942. Subsequently he was associate administrator of the War Food Administration, associate director of the Office of Economic Stabilization, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, and then head of OPA.

Among those who will accompany him on the mission are Leslie L. Rood, executive secretary of the Cabinet committee on Palestine; Francis Lincoln and William Rountree of the State Department, and agricultural, financial and engineering experts yet to be designated.

In youth we are apt to be too rigorous in our expectations, and to suppose that the duties of life are to be performed with unflinching exactness and regularity; but in our progress through life we are forced to abate much of our demands, and to take friends such as we can find them, not as we would make them.

These concessions every wise man is more ready to make to others, as he knows that he shall often want them for himself; and when he remembers how often he fails in the observation or cultivation of his best friends, is willing to suppose that his friends may in turn neglect him, without any intention to offend him.—Samuel Johnson.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO . . .

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Under the able editorship of Achilles Catsonis, then serving as Supreme Secretary of the Order, this issue greeted the first ten years of Ahepa activities with pride and joy—pride for the achievements, joy for the coming years. We can do no better than reiterate the summary of Ahepa's objects as stated therein:

1. To promote and encourage loyalty to the United States of America, allegiance to its flag, support to its constitution, obedience to its laws and reverence for its history and traditions; to instruct its members by precept and example in the tenets and fundamental principles of government; to instill in every member a due appreciation of the privilege of citizenship and the sacred duties connected with it, and to encourage its members to be interested and actively participating in the political, civic, social and commercial fields of human endeavor and always to strive for the betterment of society.

2. To promote in the United States a better and more comprehensive understanding of the Hellenic people and nation, and to revive, cultivate, enrich and marshal into active service for America the noblest attributes and highest ideals of true Hellenism.

3. To strive for the perfection of the moral sense in its members, to promote good fellowship among them and endow them with a spirit of altruism, common understanding and mutual benevolence and to point out to them the advantages of education, the beauties of sacrifice and the deformities of selfishness.

4. To champion the cause of education, to support the American system of public schools and to keep them free from religious prejudice; to promote and augment the educational advantages of this country and to establish and maintain new channels for disseminating culture and learning.

Only space prevents us from quoting extensively from following sections titled "What Others Think of Ahepa," "Ahepa's Constructive Force," "Ahepa's Contributions to Charity," "Ahepa's Harbingers of Goodwill," and "Ahepa's Future Secure." "The Greek immigrant," concluded Editor Catsonis, "but a recent comer to America, has oriented himself to his new environment and is becoming a useful and constructive citizen in his adopted country. He has been taught the lesson of cooperation, of brotherly love, of obedience to the laws of the land, loyalty to its institutions and allegiance to its flag." Here is the crux of the greatness of Ahepa!

The Year Is What We Make It

In welcoming the new year of 1932, Supreme President Harris J. Booras had this to say:

"Remember that the way you face your life, your work, is the test of your character. It is not what you have done, but what you are capable of doing that is important to you. Your job is to unfold the bigger man the Creator has enfolded in you. Say to yourself, 'That is my task.' It is a man's job and will take all of your energies, all of your courage, all of your determination. If you do it like a man, you'll succeed. If you don't—well, then don't curse fate, or luck, or destiny, or anything outside of yourself. The year of nineteen hundred thirty-two will be what you make it."

How true and how prophetic!

In an article on "The Sons of Greece in Illinois," Governor Louis L. Emerson reviewed the story of Greece from ancient times to the present and complimented his State's Americans of Greek origin by writing:

"Illinois is fortunate in the sons of Greece which it has attracted to its doors. Seldom has one been found wanting in answering the call of service."

Can other races present higher praise?

Professor A. H. M. Stonecipher of Indiana Central College wrote on "Greek Influence in Modern Life" and Christ Loukas of Syracuse University reported on "The Glory of the Self-Supporting Student." Former Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana gave his wonderful impressions of Greece from a visit he had paid in the summer of 1931 to that illustrious country and declared that he "was never more impressed with the great debt our present civilization owes to Ancient Greece."

From One End of the Country to the Other

Fraternity News ranged from the State of Washington, honoring the Greek Flag offered her by the Republic of Greece, to the Chapters of the Eastern States, which were going ahead with initiations, benefit banquets, meetings, even frolics and other events. Acropolis Chapter No. 39 of Haverhill offered this bit of news, which is especially interesting to our editorial eye. We quote it as is:

"While we are working in every way possible for the welfare of our chapter and its members, we cannot forget our official mouthpiece the Magazine of our order.

"A committee has been appointed composed of Brothers Peter Lampris, James Anastos and E. Zorbas to solicit subscriptions for the Magazine. From what I can judge, their efforts will be crowned with success."

We offer no comments!

There were three especially attractive pictures in this issue. One portrayed a huge crowd attending the annual dinner of our Hoosier Ahepans, during which the Flag of Greece was presented to the State of Indiana. The second showed a parade of Battle Creek, Michigan, Ahepans during its centennial celebration. And the third showed the wonderful Patrol of Nashua, N. H., Chapter. Truly, what became of those patrols that gave so much color and splendor to our public meetings?

The issue concluded with four pages in Greek, and a special section allotted to the Durham Chapter No. 277 of North Carolina, featuring an address by Mayor D. W. Sorrell and an article by D. Adallis. But what made us green with envy were eleven—we repeat—eleven pages of advertisements out of 32 pages of printed matter. We now put out 40 pages each issue and yet can hardly manage one or two pages of paid ads. Times certainly change!

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This issue opens with a review of "Washington as the Years Go By," and an editorial in *Harper's Weekly* written in 1857, alluding to "a universal commercial prostration and panic" comparable to the then—in 1932—prevailing despair and unemployment. Editor Catsonis concluded his editorial with the heartening words: "Cheer up, better times are coming." As they surely did!

Professor Curtis C. Bushnell of Syracuse University answered his own question: "Why Study Greek" and Rev. Thomas J. Lacey, that indefatigable Philhellene and Ahepan, reported on "Where Ahepan Meets Ahepan"—a clever piece on the art of diving for the Cross as performed every year down at Tarpon Springs, Florida.

Virginia Rowley wrote on "Socrates" and Constantine H. Pavellas of the University of California contributed an essay

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CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES OF WORLD WAR II

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—A PROCLAMATION

With God's help this nation and our Allies, through sacrifice and devotion, courage and perseverance, wrung final and unconditional surrender from our enemies. Thereafter, we together with the other United Nations, set about building a world in which justice shall replace force. With spirit, through faith, with a determination that there shall be no more wars of aggression calculated to enslave the peoples of the world and destroy their civilization, and with the guidance of Almighty Providence great gains have been made in translating military victory into permanent peace. Although a state of war

in "Who Are the Modern Greeks," by successfully "tearing to shreds and scattering to the winds" the famous theory of Fallmerayer that ancient Greeks became at some time extinct and modern Greeks are Greeks only in name. "Greece," he wrote, "has not perished in a wave of barbarism, but burns yet in the souls of those who carry on the Greek name, await but a favorable time to burst forth with all its godlike splendor as in the Golden Age." The year 1940 is but one example.

Worthy Contributions

Dr. Charles J. Demas sent an advice "How to Escape Tuberculosis and Cancer"—an admirable contribution against these two terrible diseases so harmful and so prevalent in Greece today, and Estelle Kapourelou published a short story on "The Little Church Around the Corner in the Village of Kolokithi"—an imaginative yet so true piece of fiction. E. O. Jacob, Director of YMCA in Athens reported on his work and Dr. Waldemar Junek of Chicago compared "Hellenic Revivalism and Chicago."

Again Fraternity News reported on initiations, banquets, parades, combined installations and other activities of our Order now spreading its influence from one end of the country to the other. Supreme President Booras, overexerting himself, was travelling hither and thither, attending dinners, speaking at initiation ceremonies and meeting Ahepans in as distant parts as Washington, D. C., Trenton, N. J., Cincinnati, Ohio, and other points west. He was then, as he is now, an indefatigable worker on behalf of the interests of our Order—of Americans of Hellenic origin.

Meet the President of the United States

There was a meeting of the Supreme Lodge in Washington, D. C., on January 11, 1932—there was one held on January 11, 1947, or exactly fifteen years later—and a reception of the members of the Supreme Lodge by President Hoover—as there was a reception fifteen years later by President Truman. Indeed, Ahepa Marches On! Mr. Hoover received (left to right in the picture): C. R. Nixon, Supreme Governor, Tulsa, Okla.; Andrew Jarvis, Supreme Treasurer, Portsmouth, N. H.; Harris I. Booras, Supreme President, Boston, Mass.; President Hoover; Achilles Catsonis, Supreme Secretary, Washington, D. C.; Soterios Nicholson, Supreme Counsellor, Washington, D. C.; Peter G. Sikokis, Supreme Governor, Chicago, Ill.

The issue concluded with "Something You Don't Know," taken from Commerce and Industry by Peter Roman Sterling, who wrote: "Watermelons, apples, onions and spinach are of ancient descent, potatoes and cranberries are American, but the pumpkin is a wai!" In addition "News from Greece" and a short piece in Greek analysed the situation in Greece. The inevitable ads were again in abundance. In that respect we are far behind of the issue of THE AHEPAN published fifteen years ago. But we are still hoping!

still exists, it is at this time possible to declare, and I find it to be in the public interest to declare, that hostilities have terminated.

Now, therefore, I, Harry S. Truman, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the cessation of hostilities of World War II effective twelve o'clock noon, December 31, 1946.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this 31st day of December in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Forty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the One Hundred and Seventy-first.

HARRY S. TRUMAN.

By the President:

JAMES F. BYRNES

The Secretary of State.

THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

I have today issued a proclamation terminating the period of hostilities of World War II as of 12:00 noon today, December 31, 1946.

Under the law, a number of war and emergency statutes cease to be effective upon the issuance of this proclamation. It is my belief that the time has come when such a declaration can properly be made and that it is in the public interest to make it.

Most of the powers affected by the proclamation need no longer be exercised by the Executive branch of the Government. This is entirely in keeping with the policies which I have consistently followed, in an effort to bring our economy and our Government back to a peacetime basis as quickly as possible.

The proclamation terminates Government powers under some twenty statutes immediately upon its issuance.

It terminates Government powers under some thirty-three others at a later date, generally at the end of six months from the date of the proclamation.

This follows as a result of provisions made by the Congress when the legislation was originally passed.

In a few instances the statutes affected by the proclamation give the Government certain powers which in my opinion are desirable in peacetime, or for the remainder of the period of reconversion. In these instances recommendations will be made to the Congress for additional legislation.

It should be noted that the proclamation does not terminate the states of emergency declared by President Roosevelt on September 8, 1939, and May 27, 1941. Nor does today's action have the effect of terminating the state of war itself. It terminates merely the period of hostilities. With respect to the termination of the national emergency and the state of war, I shall make recommendations to the Congress in the near future.

AHEPA'S PROGRAM FOR 1947

Annual Message of the Supreme President

I convey greetings, felicitations and best wishes to the entire membership of our organization, with a prayer that each and every one of us will do his share during the New Year so that not only our fraternity may successfully carry out all its programs, but that we may also enroll into our ranks at least twenty-five thousand new members. In outline form, therefore, I set forth our plans so that they may be diligently followed by every member, and particularly by District Lodges and Chapter officers.

1. AHEPA COMMEMORATES ITS TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY BY INITIATING AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND NEW MEMBERS. Twenty-five years ago at this time there was no Ahepa!

The Hellenic element in the United States and Canada was unorganized!

We all lived in our respective communities without knowing each other and without any means of communicating with one another.

Seven good men in Atlanta, Georgia, conceived the idea of this great Brotherhood; and hence the ORDER of AHEPA was born on July 26, 1922.

For twenty-five years this great Brotherhood has travelled the honorable road of service to our fellowmen and has now arrived at the full stage of manhood. It is no longer a creeping child; it brings with it an enviable record of twenty-five years of great accomplishments. I do not propose at this time to detail AHEPA'S contributions in the life of our country, nor to enumerate its brilliant achievements in all civic, patriotic and humanitarian causes.

Celebrating, as we shall, on July 26th next, our twenty-fifth anniversary, every AHEPAN is called upon to bring into the ranks of our Brotherhood at least one new member.

Our slogan between now and June 30th shall be "EVERY MEMBER GET A NEW MEMBER."

Thus, as one great family, with determination and perseverance, we shall immediately proceed to over-subscribe our quota of twenty-five thousand new AHEPANS. You can well realize, my brethren, that with this new life and vigor coming into the organization, we shall be in a position to serve our fellowman with greater force and larger results.

The quota for every Chapter is to at



Harris J. Booras

Double Our Membership

least double its membership; the quota for every District is to do likewise.

The District Lodge officers and the Chapter officers are therefore assigned the responsibility of fulfilling this assignment and of seeing to it that every good-standing member likewise fills his quota of at least one new member.

Our three auxiliaries, the Daughters of Penelope, the Maids of Athens, and the Sons of Pericles, are indeed given the same assignment; for they, too, must at least double their membership. Consequently, the same responsibility is given to their superior and subordinate officers.

Outstanding prizes shall be awarded by the Supreme Lodge to the leading Districts and leading Chapters. In making the awards the Supreme Lodge will take into consideration the size of the community from which the Chapters will draw their new members.

Special twenty-fifth Anniversary applications have already been furnished to every Chapter. Not one of these applications must be left blank. We shall expect all of them to be returned to Headquarters certifying the initiation of new and worthy brothers.

Bring In Outstanding Americans

The Chapters are also directed to bring into our ranks American citizens

outstanding in their respective communities, such as United States Senators, Congressmen, Governors, Mayors and other worthy officials.

The District Governors must see to it that State Governors of their Districts are brought into the fraternity and that an appropriate reception is given when the chief executive of the State is initiated.

By way of example, we had recently the privilege of initiating the Governor and two United States Senators of the State of Vermont. It was a magnificent initiation, reflecting great honor and dignity to our proud Brotherhood. Such initiations must be held in every District.

Our Twenty-fifth Anniversary call to the AHEPA domain is, therefore, "EVERY MEMBER GET A NEW MEMBER" between now and June 30, 1947, when the drive ends. On July 26, 1947, when we shall be universally celebrating the Twenty-fifth Birthday of AHEPA, we shall officially announce the results and award the prizes to the winning Chapters and Districts. Indeed, prizes shall be also awarded to individual AHEPANS who make a record in obtaining new applicants.

2. JUSTICE FOR GREECE. For the past several months our fraternity, in cooperation with other American-Hellenic societies, and above all, with the fullest assistance and guidance of its *Justice for Greece Committee*, has been working to enlighten public opinion on the merits of Greece's national claims.

Forty outstanding United States Senators, numerous Congressmen, various State Governors, deans of colleges and universities and many other substantial citizens have been actively and most impressively supporting the just claims and demands of heroic Hellenas.

The Dodecanese Islands have been returned to Greece, but her just claims do not stop there. For this little brave country, which contributed so much to the victory of the freedom-loving world, must also be awarded Northern Epirus, the re-allocation of the Bulgarian frontiers and adequate reparations.

Indeed, this great country of ours should also favorably consider immediately to grant worthy Greece a substantial loan of at least one billion dollars, and thus make possible the recon-

struction of this!

Pursuant to the of our last National Conference shall vigorously carry out the program of *Justice for Greece*. Hellenas may not be or be double-deal. The leaders of America shall be called upon to perform this mission and we shall be found wanting.

3. AHEPA HOME AND THE GREEK WAR. As we have previously stated in these columns and in our fraternal publications, the AHEPA was terminated at the 1946 National Convention. We are now in the actual construction of a new organization in Greece.

By virtue of the 1946 National Conference, the AHEPA was created and its trustees who are now in possession until all projects are completed. The progress of these projects were fully reported at the 1947 National Conference in Baltimore. The Supreme President was unanimously elected.

By the mandate of the National Conference, in addition to the hospital project in Greece, we are also on the project of the Greek War Relief.

AHEPA funds 100% of the cost of the health centers which are being built by Greek War Relief. AHEPA projects, a health centers which are being built by Greek War Relief of the foregoing. Assist in its twelve-month campaign.

We are now in a campaign and every member, must fully assist the Greek War Relief and contribute of twelve million dollars to the top.

It is now or never for our brethren, and we, as a family, must exert not only the twelve months but the length and breadth of our philanthropic nation.

AHEPA not only assist in this campaign but also a great moral obligation to our heroic people for their great drive has been initiated.

AHEPA and Government should make a somewhat like part in this campaign. Contribute throughout the country.

struction of this Mother of Democracy.

Pursuant to the unanimous resolution of our last National Convention, we shall vigorously and without any let-up whatsoever carry on, together with the *Luster for Greece Committee*, so that Hellas may not be forgotten or sacrificed or be double-dealt at the Peace Table. The leaders of AHEPA and the Chapters shall be called upon from time to time to perform their duty in this noble mission and we expect that no one will be found wanting.

3. AHEPA HOSPITALS FOR GREECE AND THE GREEK WAR RELIEF CAMPAIGN. As we have previously announced in these columns and by circulars to the fraternity, the AHEPA Hospitals Drive was terminated soon after our National Convention. We are now preparing for actual construction of much needed hospitals in Greece.

By virtue of the resolve of the 1945 Conference, the AHEPA Hospitals Trust was created and is composed of fifteen trustees who are to serve in that capacity until all projects are fully completed. The provisions of this trust were fully reported to the National Convention in Baltimore in the report of the Supreme President and the action was unanimously approved.

By the mandate of the Baltimore Convention, in addition to an appropriate hospital project in Athens, various other projects in different parts of Greece are also on the program.

Greek War Relief has agreed to match AHEPA funds 100%, and, in addition, to advance one half million dollars for AHEPA projects, as well as six AHEPA health centers which will be paid in full by Greek War Relief. In consideration of the foregoing, AHEPA has agreed to assist in its twelve million dollar 1947 campaign.

We are now in the midst of that campaign and every AHEPA Chapter, as well as the leaders, and nay even every member, must diligently and faithfully assist the Greek War Relief organizers and committees so that the goal of twelve million dollars may go over the top.

It is *now or never* for Greece, my brethren, and we, all of us as one great family, must exert every effort so that not only the twelve million dollars, but much more than that be raised throughout the length and breadth of this great philanthropic nation.

AHEPA not only has a material interest in this campaign, but it also has a great moral obligation toward those heroic people for whose benefit this great drive has been inaugurated.

AHEPA and Greek War Relief are somewhat like partners in this worthy enterprise. Consequently, AHEPANS throughout the country must faithfully

and conscientiously do their duty.

4. COMMITTEES TO ASSIST VETERANS. Every Chapter of AHEPA must see to it that an appropriate committee of outstanding members is appointed in order to help in every measure possible our returned veterans. Our businessmen must offer every opportunity so that these heroes may be assisted to re-establish themselves in jobs or businesses or in any other endeavor they may pursue.

Every Chapter must at least once every two months hold a meeting dedicated to the veterans. At this meeting problems of the boys must be discussed and ways must be found to assist them in every way possible. Indeed, such Chapters that have not already done so ought to hold a well-planned welcome affair in honor of the boys at the earliest possible time.

In conjunction with our Twenty-fifth Anniversary Membership Drive, the Supreme Lodge has granted special dispensation to veterans so that only \$5.00 of the initiation fee be transmitted to Headquarters.

5. PARTICIPATION IN CIVIC AND PHILANTHROPIC AFFAIRS. Our continuous policy shall be that every Chapter take active part in all civic, patriotic and philanthropic causes such as Community Drives, Red Cross campaigns, etc., we must be wholeheartedly assisted by the Chapters. In addition, prominent citizens should be invited to give lectures to our members or to open gatherings which must be held under the auspices of the Chapters.

Each Chapter should also inaugurate a program whereby it should play host to the officers and members of other worthy organizations in the city.

For instance, at one of the meetings a reception may be held in honor of the officers and members of the local Mason Lodge, or Elks, or Odd Fellows, etc. I know that they will be more than pleased to visit with us.

Our fellow-citizens must be in a position to know us better and to praise us for our work.

The same is true with the auxiliaries. Ladies' organizations may be invited by the Daughters of Penelope and the Maids of Athens. Likewise, the Sons of Pericles may invite junior organizations.

This sort of activity by our Chapters should be inaugurated and carried to execution at least once a month or every two months.

6. GREEK IMMIGRATION QUOTA. It is well known that when the Immigration Laws were enacted back in 1924, a quota of only 307 was allocated to Greece!

This insignificant quota to Greece has created a great deal of hardship, particularly to Americans of Hellenic descent

who are endeavoring to bring their close relatives to the United States. The German and Italian quotas are indeed very high. The English quota is rarely ever exhausted.

It is therefore felt that our country can now well proceed to amend its Immigration Laws to permit at least an additional one thousand quota for heroic Greece.

The ORDER of AHEPA, in accordance with a resolution passed at our last National Convention, will vigorously undertake to present this matter to the appropriate committees of Congress and will urge the modification of the quota in favor of Greece. The friends of that little nation, as well as of AHEPA Chapters, will be called upon in the near future to use their influence so that the immigration quota of Greece may be increased to at least 1,500 a year.

7. TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY PUBLICATION. The Supreme Lodge is proposing to issue, on July 26th next, a Twenty-fifth Anniversary publication wherein the story of AHEPA will be illustrated and will be told. This shall remain as a permanent volume with the thought that henceforth a similar publication may be made every twenty-five years.

Consequently, each Chapter President is directed to call a meeting of all the past presidents of his Chapter so that they may together review the history of the Chapter, its participation in various activities, its donations, the amount of money that it has spent in worthy causes, the amount of money it has collected during the period of its existence, its assets, and generally, any and all things pertaining to the Chapter.

In addition, the President must call together his officers and have a photograph taken which must be available when Headquarters calls for it. District Governors will do likewise, and pictures of District Lodges must be taken and be available between now and the 23th of February.

The story of national activities will be written by past supreme presidents covering the period during which they served. The members of the Mother Lodge will be called upon to tell their story.

Thus, a great book shall be created in thousands of copies not only each AHEPAN will possess one, but also every library and institution in our land and abroad will be furnished with this permanent record.

In order to create and officially present to the world this romance of AHEPA'S history, it will necessitate the fullest cooperation of District Lodges and the officers of every Chapter. I therefore appeal to and direct each one of them to start preliminary work so that

the story of each particular chapter may be fully available by the end of March.

8. **GENERAL DIRECTIVES TO THE OFFICERS.** (a) *Ritual.*—In addition to the foregoing the Chapter officers must proceed to organize an efficient Degree Team for the proper execution of our ritualistic work. A new revised ritual has been issued. It must be studied and followed carefully by all the officers as well as the Degree Team for the proper functioning of each Chapter.

(b) *Constitution.*—A new Constitution has been written and has been brought up to date with all the amendments of the various Conventions. At each meeting at least six pages of this Constitution must be read carefully to the membership and must be explained so that everyone will fully understand its provisions.

(c) *Auxiliaries.*—The membership drive, as well as all other functions of our Auxiliaries, must be fully encouraged by each AHEPA Chapter. A committee must be appointed by the President to follow up the work of the Auxiliaries.

Ahepa Home

Speaking at a recent initiation ceremony in New York, Supreme Treasurer Aristides G. Georgiades touched on a subject that should be and is close to our hearts everywhere—the Ahepa home of our own. But if the truth will be told, few cities boasting of a large membership have been blessed with a home of their own.

"The founders and first leaders of this Organization," declared Supreme Treasurer Georgiades, "must have certainly had in mind to perpetuate the work of Ahepa and accordingly organized the auxiliary order of the Daughters of Penelope and the junior orders of the Sons of Pericles and the Maids of Athens. So far so good. But what does Ahepa really offer to the younger generations making it attractive for them to join the junior orders?"

"I envisage," said the supreme treasurer, "an Ahepa Home here in New York City, as elsewhere, fully equipped with indoor sports halls, showers, a library, parlor rooms, meeting rooms and a large meeting hall for social affairs and for Ahepa meetings. There the members of the senior and junior orders will go to attend meetings oftener, to meet one another and to come to know one another, and thus to contribute more and more to the growth and progress of our chapters and even to the growth and progress of our private business. Such a home will be a club, attracting many to become members of our Fraternity, inviting local societies to hold their meetings, and in a sense serving as the

(d) *Official visitation to the Governor.*—The District Governor, together with the District Lodge, as well as the President and officers of each Chapter, must arrange and pay an official visitation to the Governor of each state and invite him to membership into the ORDER of AHEPA. Preferably, he should be initiated into the Chapter where the State Capital is located. In addition, United States Senators and Congressmen must be invited to membership and the District Lodge and the Chapter officers are directed to make the arrangements accordingly.

(e) *Committee on Veterans and Committee for Invitation of Other Organizations.*—A committee on veterans and a committee for the invitation of the officers and members of other organizations, as above mentioned, must be appointed by the President of each Chapter and must fully function.

(f) *Committee to Assist Greek War Relief.*—A committee to be composed of the officers of the Chapter as well as the immediately retiring administration should be appointed in order to assist



Aristides G. Georgiades
Supreme Treasurer

place where we Americans of Greek descent and members of the Greek Orthodox faith will gather on short notice."

Financing the Project

Supreme Treasurer Georgiades has long studied the problem and is convinced that while all of us are eager to acquire our own home, we fall short of the means accomplishing this worthy and desirable end. He therefore proceeded to suggest that in large cities each chapter designate a committee of three to serve on a large general committee which will act as a permanent steering committee with power to raise the necessary funds and then canvass the real estate situation; to select the most suitable building and proceed with its purchase. He has a truly ingenious

Greek War Relief in its twelve million dollar 1947 campaign.

(g) *Church Services.*—At least once a month the AHEPANS should arrange to attend officially church services in a body. On the Sunday just before the 26th of July, which marks our Twenty-fifth Anniversary, church memorial services should be held in memory of the departed brethren of each Chapter.

(h) **The Presidents and officers are directed to fully follow-up the major directives in this message.**

Trusting that the above directives and suggestions shall be faithfully and diligently carried out by all the Districts and Chapters of AHEPA, I close with a prayer to the Omnipotent to give us guidance and strength to conduct our activities with credit to ourselves and with honor to our great fraternity.

Harris J. Booras

Supreme President.

Washington, January 1, 1947.

method of finding the needed funds.

"Each Ahepa member," continued the supreme treasurer, "may, if he can afford it, contribute a minimum sum of \$100 to be deposited in a special bank account against a temporary receipt, later, when the building is bought, to be exchanged with an interest-bearing bond. The project will be self-liquidating. Its income will be derived from rentals of its meeting rooms used by Ahepa chapters and local societies, from an increase in the membership dues, if advisable, and other sources."

His Most Valuable Contribution

"Any one," concluded the supreme treasurer, "with love in his heart for this great Fraternity and a desire to render some service to his fellow-men will not refuse to buy a bond, certain that the pleasure he will get whenever he goes to his Ahepa Home will compensate him many a time for his small investment. I will consider it one of my most valuable contributions to the cause of Ahepa if in cooperation with our District Governor Dimas and the chapters of our Metropolitan District I will succeed in raising the necessary funds to buy an Ahepa Home in New York City both for ourselves and our friends in the city and our visiting Ahepans from out-of-town."

Supreme Treasurer Georgiades, having spoken so earnestly and sincerely for an Ahepa Home, was warmly applauded by all present, who admitted that the project was worth working for and should be launched as soon as possible. THE AHEPAN joins in this effort.



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Fraternal News

ORDER OF AHEPA

Seattle Honors Servicemen

SEATTLE, WASH.—One of Seattle's outstanding social events was the Banquet and Dance given in honor of World War II Veterans of Hellenic descent Saturday, November 23rd, at the Olympic Hotel.

Nearly 500 persons attended this sparkling affair which was the first big social event sponsored by the Seattle Chapter since the war's end.

High-ranking representatives of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps paid high tribute to the gallantry of the 143 returned servicemen and to the heroic sacrifice of the six boys being honored posthumously.

Dr. E. Perry Gresham, Pastor of the University Christian Church, student of Greek and a philosopher, was outstanding as the speaker of the evening.

Dr. George J. Chatalas was the toastmaster. Ahepa dignitaries included Spiro J. Kalivas, District Governor, Thos. Lentgis, past Supreme Governor, and Miss Kathryn Dariotis, District Secretary of the Maids of Athens.

President John Papsajani of the Seattle Chapter and William Chatalas, Chairman of the Banquet Committee, as well as the committee members, are deserving of much praise for this outstanding affair.

Mr. Angelo Stamatis, brother of Harry and Chris Stamatis of Vancouver, B. C., and a recent arrival from Greece, was a Seattle visitor with brother Chris on Dec. 13. Mr. Stamatis is an educator sent to this country by the Greek Government to study modern teaching methods.

Estia Reorganized

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The Estia Chapter which was recently reorganized and revitalized through the efforts of District Governor George Dimas, held elections for 1947 officers on November 22, 1946, in the Hellenic Church of Corona.

The District Governor presided over the elections. Evangelos Zarcadoulas was elected President and Dionysios Kokorinos Vice-President, in recognition of their excellent work in helping to revive the Estia. The officers were also installed by the District Governor on this occasion.

Ahepa Ball Personalities

By HARRY PAPPS

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Attending our Combined Ahepa Ball were many leaders of industry, government, professional and educational world. They expressed their extreme pleasure in being present on this great social of Ahepa. Said Brother George Phillis, Past Supreme President of our Order, who came down from Buffalo to be present: "Harry, all roads do not lead to Delphi . . . but to New York's Great Ahepa Combined Ball."

IMPORTANT NOTICE To All Ahepans!

Members who are six months in arrears in the payment of their dues to their Chapters are listed as delinquent. As such, they are not entitled to receive THE AHEPAN. Therefore, those who have not paid their current dues of 1947 will be taken off our mailing lists on June 30, 1947. Send in your dues now.

A salute to Supreme President Harris J. Booras and his lovely wife, Helen, for their hospitality in room 725. *** Supreme Governor Vasilios Vassiliu, of Middletown, Conn., said: "Can we borrow the Combined Ball Committee to conduct our big social in Hartford, Conn.?" *** Past Supreme Counsellor, Bro. Stephen S. Scopas, the pride of Upper Manhattan Chapter, certainly shakes a mean rhumba, which was the envy of his many friends. *** Supreme Treasurer Aristides Georgiades, the spark plug of Delphi, was host to Supreme President and other Ahepans at Childs Restaurant at 3:30 a.m. *** Sh! Sh! It's a secret! Arthur Lalos, Executive Secretary of the Order of Ahepa, intends to get married. . . . He's a little shy about it. He wants me to introduce him to a nice brunette. . . . So, girls, here's your opportunity . . . you'll find him slaving at Washington Headquarters from 9 A. M. to 12 P. M.

Chapter Presidents Galore

District Governor George Dimas and his lovely wife are an inspiration to the marriage institution. *** Newly elected

President of Delphi Chapter, Dr. Kimon A. Doukas, says: "Delphi will again lead in 1947." So, boys, don't say I didn't warn you. *** A salute to Charles Sarantos, President of Bronx Chapter, for the excellent job he did on the Combined Ball Committee. *** Gus Paulson, Alex Karagiannis, George Kandillon were buzzing newly elected President Bro. Nick Mousmoules about Hermes Chapter affairs. Says President Paulson: "Brother Mousmoules will have 300 members in Hermes by the end of 1947." *** President Thomas Cremo of Queensboro Chapter did a nice job escorting the beautiful ladies to their seats. Say, whom do you have to know to get a soft job like this? *** President Paul Prodromides of Long Island Chapter made a fine impression in room 725.

Chairman Alexander Critzas was kept very busy supervising the Committee and acting as host to many of Ahepa's distinguished guests. *** Hard-working and conscientious George Cashoty Chairman of last year's brilliant Victory Ball, was unable to attend the affair at the last moment due to illness. His many friends certainly missed him. *** Past District Secretary George Kastrinos, the Daughters of Penelope greatest booster, always surrounded by the lovelies. *** Sarkis Sarafian, newly elected President of Upper Manhattan, says: "Keep your eyes on U.M. in 1947!" *** Delphi President Polites doing a lot of explaining in room 725. *** Peter Zourdos having a fine time in Box 4. *** Who was the b.g. with Jack Zarcadoulas. President of Estia Chapter?

Congratulations to All

A salute to Tom Tsalos for his nice job on the reception committee. *** Handsome George Mirros did a swell job with his orchestra; ditto for Peter Kara and his orchestra. *** President Thomas Mallas of Coney Island Chapter was kept busy shaking hands with his many friends. *** Lanky Jimmy Poll looking the field over. *** Theodore Garris of Queensboro Chapter did a swell job as Secretary of the Committee. *** Orchids to 'Pop' Michael Loris of Brooklyn Chapter, the grand ol' man of the Order of Ahepa. *** "Keep your eye on baby Estia Chapter," says Daniel Kokorinos.

Installation Dance

ATLANTA, GA.—On the night of October 17, *Adelphi Chapter No. 86* held its annual installation of officers and dance at the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel.

On this gala occasion the Sons had as their guests of honor members of the Chapter just returned from the armed services.

The oath of office was administered by Supreme Governor George Cotsakis. Andrew P. Marinos, Governor of District No. 1 of the Sons of Pericles, acted as Master of Ceremonies.

The following were installed to serve for the 1946-47 term:

Steve E. Alexander, *President*; Chris A. Alexander, *Vice-President*; Arthur C. Poulos, *Secretary-Treasurer*; Anthony Dinos, *Master of Ceremonies*; Steve Marinos, *High Priest*; John Economy, *High Guardian*; John Marinos, *Inner Guardian*; George Colevins, *Outer Guardian*; John Stamos, *Asst. Secretary*; and Lino Dinos, *News Editor*.

After the installation, Steve Alexander presented the Sweetheart of *Adelphi Chapter*, Miss Aglia Carberis. Dancing concluded the pleasant evening.

Tri-City's 20th Anniversary

ROCK ISLAND, ILL. — *Tri-City Chapter No. 120* marked its 20th anniversary with an elaborate dinner-dance at the famed Harper House in Rock Island, Ill., on Sunday evening, December 8.

More than 300 persons from the quad city area and many visitors paid tribute to the men who founded the chapter, its officers and its entire membership.

Sam Skafidas, who only a few days earlier was re-elected to the chapter's presidency, served as toastmaster of the evening, at which time, the mayors of two of the cities composing the quad city area—those of East Moline and Davenport—spoke in praise of the Hellenic people of their communities and their contribution to the general welfare of the community.

Present at the meeting also were 25 students of the Iowa State University at Iowa City, Iowa, who were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bookides of Davenport, at the banquet.

The work of the men who organized and worked for the success of the *Tri-City Chapter* were lauded by Christ Anton, Governor of the District. He told the assembled that it was only through hard work, a lot of time, and unlimited sums of money that made success possible. As a token of appreciation he presented to President Skafidas a gavel.

Future plans of the national Ahepa organization were outlined by Supreme Secretary Nicholas C. Giovan. He told

of the impending membership drive and the aid being given by Ahepa to Greek War Relief.

Speaking at the banquet also were Harry A. Reckas, past District Governor.

Among the guests present were two other members of the District Lodge, A. T. Tsoumas, the lieutenant Governor and the District Marshall George Andrews of *Aurora Chapter*. Also Takis Christopoulos and Van Mericas of *Chicago Chapter No. 46*; Andrew Kopan, District Governor of the *Sons of Pericles*; Andrew Deligiannes of *Evanston Chapter*; Angelo G. Geocahis, *Hellenic Center*, Sam Maragos of *Woodlawn Chapter*, and James M. Mezilson, associate editor of *Ahepa Herald*, official organ of District No. 13.

The students of the banquet who were the guests of Charles Bookidis for the entire day, are members of Pan Orthodox Youth, a campus organization at Iowa State University. The group was formed to bind together those of the Orthodox faith.

To the Secretaries of All Ahepa Chapters

In order to enable us to follow up all your activities, you must mail us regularly copies of your Chapter bulletins, and everything of general interest that goes out to your members. We will select the most pertinent facts and include them in these columns. This will give a fuller picture of all worthwhile doings by our Order. Address *The Managing Editor, THE AHEPAN, 1420 K St., N. W., Washington 5, D. C.*

Empire District News

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The *Estia Chapter* of Corona, New York, which was inactive for several years, has through the energetic and vigorous efforts of District Governor George Dimas been revived. Under the enthusiastic leadership of its president, Evangelos Zarcadoolas, it is making real headway in becoming an outstanding chapter in the district.

The District Governor, in close cooperation with District Secretary Leon J. Marketos, is also working on plans for the reactivation of the *Adirondack Chapter* of Glens Falls, New York, the only inactive Chapter in our District at the present time.

The District Governor has appointed two enthusiastic young men to supervise and coordinate the athletic program of the district — for the metropolitan area George Tsairis of Hempstead and for the upstate area Tsohonis of Endicott.

Both are doing their utmost to make athletics an important part of the activities of every Chapter, and a special attraction for the younger element in our community.

No report of District activities will be complete without mentioning the fact that in Supreme Treasurer Georgiades, the District Lodge and the Chapters in general have a friend vitally interested in the welfare and progress of our district and always ready to make more than reasonable sacrifices to help all endeavors for the good of the Order.

Justice for Greece

HARRISBURG, PA.—Chapter No. 65 entered the latest phase of the *Justice for Greece* movement with vim and zest. A letter of thanks was sent to the Governor for his telegram to President Truman and Secretary of State Byrnes in behalf of the movement, and a letter of appreciation was also sent to Carrol Reece, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, for his stand.

A newspaper article in the *Evening News* quoted the Governor's telegram in full and gave other late developments in the campaign.

New Hospital Collections

POCATELLO, IDAHO.—N. A. Binaris, Chairman of the local committee of Chapter No. 238 for the Ahepa Hospital, reports a successful conclusion to the efforts of Pocatello Ahepans. Contributions from philanthropic citizens—firms and individuals—resulted in a total donation of \$2,786.

Evanston Holds Initiation

EVANSTON, ILL. — The *Evanston Chapter No. 204* at its meeting on November 26th, initiated a number of candidates and the occasion was marked by a splendid attendance including a number of distinguished visitors.

The initiation ceremony was conducted by District Governor Christ Anton, in cooperation with Nickolas Petros, former District Secretary; John Harris, former President of *Woodlawn Chapter*, Gus Patsios, past president of Chapter 46; Adam Porikos; George Morris and Constantine Bourdonnis.

Among the distinguished visitors who spoke on behalf of the Greek War Relief Association were G. T. Drake and George E. Phillips, Treasurer of the Greek War Relief Association.

After the meeting, refreshments were served under the supervision of the ever ready and willing Peter Poullos.

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Ahepa Senior Ladies Auxiliary

Ten Thousand New Members for 1947

A goal of 10,000 new members is the ambitious aim of the 1947 membership drive of the *Daughters of Penelope*. The Daughters have set their sights for this number and promise a vigorous six-month campaign. The drive starting on the first of the year will continue through June 30, 1947.

Several prizes will be awarded to the Chapters and to the Districts initiating the most members. The Chapter and the District which boast of the greatest number of paid-up members will also be the recipients of gifts, but, more important, they will have the enviable distinction of being the "blue ribbon" Chapter and District.

All Chapters are asked to give their enthusiastic cooperation to this drive so that the Daughters may go over the top with their 10,000 goal.

Hold Anniversary Ball

CHICAGO, ILL.—*Cassandra* Chapter No. 20, held its 12th Annual Anniversary Ball at the Fort Armstrong Hotel, Sunday night, November 3rd. Dancing was from 9 P. M. to 1 A. M. Refreshments were served. Mary Pilikos and Tessa Pontikes were chairman and co-chairman of the affair. Those that assisted were Ann Gatelos, Elnora Booras, Nicoletta Coin, Kattina Smerlis, Stella Grevas, Helen Karas, Clara Kakavas and Esther Malires. Our President, the former Ann Malires, who was recently married to James Scurries of Sioux City, Iowa, was not present as she was still on her honeymoon. However, she sent us a telegram wishing us success and good time.

A Party for All

MIDDLETOWN, OHIO.—Halloween meant more than black cats and jack-o'-lanterns to *Chrysa* Chapter No. 100. The Daughters took advantage of the occasion to give a party for the members, their families and brother Ahepans, and for the children of the community. Through the efforts of Irene Valen, Catherine Mardas, and Frances Revelos, a pleasant evening of games, contests, and dancing was arranged.

A New Chapter

NEW LONDON, CONN.—A new chapter of the Daughters of Penelope was established in New London, Conn., under the sponsorship of the local Chapter No. 250 of the Order of Ahepa on November 3, 1946. The initiation of 23 charter members was presided over by the District Governor of the Seventh District, Irene Marinka. The new Chapter was christened *Dione* Chapter No. 143.

A Bingo Party

AKRON, OHIO.—With a Bingo party on September 20 touching off fall activities, *Themis* Chapter No. 28 has had a busy season. Halloween fun wasn't passed up either by the Daughters, with a party being held at the Ahepa House featuring broom dancing, Virginia reels, and fortune telling.

Teams were selected to sell tickets for the *Annual Ahepa Ball*, and the losing team will provide the winners with a pot luck supper.

Elections at Medea

CHICAGO, ILL.—Mrs. Julia Papa-georgiou was elected President of *Medea* Chapter No. 128 of the Daughters of Penelope.

Mrs. Mary Kavooras is the newly elected Vice-President. The keeping of the minutes is now the responsibility of Mrs. Helen Gankas and the treasurer is Mrs. Vula Bovis.

Medea Chapter held their Christmas Party on Friday, December 20th, 1946. The girls planned a very enjoyable evening for themselves including a "grab bag" and also "SANTA CLAUS" was at their party.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—On November 1, 1946 the metropolitan chapters of the Daughters gave one of the most outstanding affairs in recent years on the Astor Roof of the famous Hotel Astor in Times Square.

The event was colorful, brilliant and successful.

JOIN THE 1947 TEN THOUSAND NEW DAUGHTERS' CAMPAIGN. IT'S ON NOW!

District Governor Honored

CHICAGO, ILL.—In the lush atmosphere of the Boulevard Room of the Stevens Hotel, members of the *Homer* Chapter feted Amelia Learakos, District Governor of the Daughters on Thursday, November 14.

Against the regal background and setting of the beautifully decorated room, the Daughters gave a dinner for Amelia Learakos, past president and now District Governor. Miss Learakos was presented a stunning pin in appreciation of her wonderful work in the Chapter by the new President, Mrs. Stella Pappas.

Clyde McCoy's music and the "Yip-pee Revue" highlighted the evening and the dinner was most enjoyable. Then, District Governor Learakos in a most gracious manner thanked the members personally. Towards the end many of the members were reluctant to leave, but then all good things must come to an end they say.

Genie Gatzolis has been visiting Greece for the past six months. The TWA pilots' strike gave her a very good reason to remain in Greece a little longer. We are all happy to welcome her back. From what we gathered, Genie really had a wonderful time over there, and can't wait until she goes back.

EMPIRE DISTRICT, N. Y.—With ten active chapters of the Daughters of Penelope in the Empire District, plans are in the making for the establishment of three more, namely at Albany, Syracuse and Wellsville. With the cooperation of District Governor Evelyn J. Mickles, chapters in these three cities will soon be functioning.

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Young Lady employed in office gives evening lessons in democracy after 6.—*Darmstadter Echo*, Darmstadt, Germany. Ad.

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Who can tell me why all American statesmen tag the word junior after their names as soon as they grow old? Has it some historical meaning?—*Uj Tdok*, Budapest. Ad.



The Maids Mirror Debut

With the first issue off the press and in the mail, the Maids of Athens of the 13th District have launched on a very interesting and beneficial venture that should prove to be a step in the right direction. Called "THE MAIDS MIRROR" and with a catching by-line "SOMETHING TO LOOK INTO," it contains all the news of the Maids throughout the District and elsewhere as well containing many "personals."

At the helm as Editor, Rula Tziritis, has been able to gather a very able staff to assist her, as the following will show: NEWS STAFF, Lula Christopoulos, Bertha Korkoneas, Stella Orfanos, Ann Nicholson. FEATURE STAFF, Stella Pallas, Tula Athens, Mary Skuteris, Mary Tziritis. OUT-OF-TOWN REPORTERS, Helen Martsukos, Bessie Chickris, Violet Prodromus, Artula Vedelakis. ART EDITOR, Diana Bacakas. BUSINESS STAFF, Mary Athens, Kay Vlachos.

We extend a hearty welcome to the "MAIDS MIRROR" into the Ahepa Publications Family. They have our best wishes for their success and our offer to assist them if they should ever need assistance.

Dance with "Syrto"

CHICAGO, ILL.—It will be many moons from now before the dance of *Danae* Chapter No. 121 will be forgotten.

The music of Del Baker's Orchestra; the cozy and unique Chicago Town and Tennis Club; the congenial and merry atmosphere pervading throughout the evening; the refreshments; the pleasant surprise of finding one another's company a real pleasure—again let it be said that it will be many a moon from now before the evening of November 2 is forgotten.

This was one of those affairs where the orchestra became a very much hated group of men because they played "Good Night Sweetheart" calling a close to an evening of fun even though it was well nigh unto one in the morning.

But that did not break up the crowd. Groups of friends gathered and amidst aspiring vocalists danced to the tunes of their parents.

Let no one dare say that the younger generation cannot dance a smooth "syrto" or a complicated "arvaneteko." The dance committee and officers of

Danae are to be congratulated for presenting a sociable social to their many friends. We will look forward to attending their affairs in the future.

Elections at Castalia

NEW YORK, N. Y.—At the regular meeting of December 13, 1946, of the Maids *Castalia* Chapter, the following officers have been elected unanimously: Helen Angelus, *Worthy Maid*; Olga Comninel, *Loyal Maid*; Helen Voulgarakis, *Secretary*; Constance Perez, *Treasurer*.

EMPIRE DISTRICT, N. Y. — The Maids of Athens are making progress in reviving inactive chapters.

At the present time there are eight active chapters of the Maids in the District. District Governor Bettie Coffinas is working hard on plans for the establishment of several more units of the Maids.

Seattle Sons Reorganized

SEATTLE, WASH.—Good news for the Seattle boys and those of neighboring towns! Nick Garras, Lt. Governor of the district, has announced the re-organization of the Sons of Pericles of Seattle. The following boys have been elected officers for 1947: Tom Barbas, president; John Chigaras, vice-president; Nick Stavrou, secretary; Jerry Courounes, treasurer.

We invite all boys from the ages of 14-20 to join the Order soon so that they may be initiated and take part in the next Installation with the Ahepans and Maids of Athens.

One Hundred Were Initiated

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Realizing that the constant infiltration of new blood into our ranks is the one and only guaranty of perpetuating our Order, District Governor George Dimas has consistently emphasized the importance of frequent initiations and during the Autumn months had the pleasure of presiding at several initiations in the metropolitan area inducting into our Order 100 new members.

Chapters where initiations were held were as follows: November 6, *Coney Island* Chapter, 9 candidates; November 8, *Delfhi, Upper Manhattan* and *Estia* Chapters combined, 30 candidates; November 18 and December 16, *Brooklyn* Chapter, 20 candidates; November

19, *Bronx* Chapter, 14 candidates; November 24, *Westchester* Chapter, 19 candidates; and November 26, *Hermes* Chapter, 8 candidates.

Empire District Lodge Meets

ALBANY, N. Y.—The District Lodge inaugurated the fraternal season with a District Lodge meeting in the Governor Clinton Hotel in Albany, New York, on October 5, 1946, where District Governor George Dimas outlined his program of activity for the fall season.

Present at this meeting was Supreme Treasurer Aristides Georgiades who gave valuable advice and counsel for the improvement of the District.

The following day the members of the District Lodge and the Supreme Treasurer attended religious services at the Hellenic Community Church and in the afternoon a combined meeting of the Albany, Troy, Schenectady and Utica Chapters in the auditorium of the Albany Church. They conducted a dignified and solemn initiation ceremony inducting into the Order twelve new members. A dinner tendered by the Albany Chapter brought to a happy end a most successful District Lodge meeting.

A second District Lodge meeting took place in the Hotel Baron Steuben at Corning, New York, on November 9, 1946, at which meeting a review of district activities was made and plans for the next few months were formulated.

On Sunday, November 10 a combined meeting of the *Elmira, Binghamton, Endicott* and *Wellsville* chapters was held in the chapter rooms of the *Elmira* Chapter with a very large attendance. The District Governor addressed the audience on the various projects which Ahepa is at present carrying on.

Being an effective parent involves knowledge concerning the problems of sex, hygiene, sanitation, growth, behavior, psychology, psychiatry, social relationships education and so forth. If all this knowledge were required for professional training, years of intensive study would be necessary. But parenthood is not a profession; it is a voluntary occupation endured for a space of life and performed without expectation of pecuniary reward.—*Parent Education*, 1932.

Parenthood is one of the most specialized callings in the world, and the only one for which the practitioner is not required to have a license.—*Anonymous*.

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"Beloved Pan, and all ye other gods who haunt this place, grant that I may become beautiful within, and that whatever of external good I possess may be bountiful to my internal purity; let me account the wise men rich; and of wealth let me have only so much as a prudent man can bear or employ."—Socrates.

Supreme President Booras Explains

Self-Sacrifice and Much Work the Prerequisites of the Office of Ahepa's Leader

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

I was not very much surprised to learn that some people entertain the belief that the Supreme President receives an annual salary of \$20,000 plus expenses. Indeed, not only others, but even quite a few AHEPANS seem to entertain the same impression.

I may add that it would not have been at all inappropriate if the Supreme President of AHEPA received such remuneration. Not only does the office require more than all of one's time, but it also necessitates that the person who occupies the office sacrifice his entire business in order to do the job appropriately. That has been my experience. I can well assure you. Because in order to carry on faithfully the principles of AHEPA and to execute the mandates of Conventions, tremendous self-sacrifice and unselfishness on the part of the chief leader are absolute prerequisites. But I offer no complaint.

I believe it is only fair to the person who occupies this high office that a word of explanation be given.

Under the Constitution the office of the Supreme President is honorary. That means he receives no compensation whatsoever. All that is allowed to him is a budget of \$3,600, this year advanced to \$5,500, from which he is permitted to charge travel expenses, i.e., train and plane fares, and a per diem of \$15 while he is travelling. From this per diem he pays his hotel bills, maintenance and other expenses he incurs. This per diem has been advanced to \$25 by the last Convention. From this budget he also charges for telephone and telegraphic and stenographic expenses.

Ahepa's Chief Spends More

You see, the Supreme President, not only while in office, but also when travelling, must answer much correspondence and send out a great many circulars, as well as use the telephone and telegraph in order to obtain results. But he cannot spend more than the 1946 Convention appropriated for his expenses.

I can well assure you, however, Brother Doukas, that the \$25 per diem allocation for expenses is indeed very small. The Supreme President spends much more than that from his own pocket in order to present himself appropriately as a chief executive should wherever he goes, and in order to represent the fraternity with dignity and honor.

The net conclusion of all the foregoing is that the Supreme President who gives most, if not all, of his time to the fraternity, not only does not receive a penny as compensation, but usually finds, before he gets through, that he has spent much more than \$3,000 or \$4,000 out of his own pocket.

Trusting that the foregoing explanation will serve to enlighten a great many people, as well as our own AHEPANS, who have contrary impressions, and with congratulations to you for your fine work in bringing up our magazine to a very high standard, I remain.

HARRIS J. BOORAS,
Supreme President.

Boston, January 3, 1947.

DO NOT FAIL TO MAIL TO
"THE AHEPAN" A COPY OF
YOUR BI-WEEKLY OR MONTHLY
BULLETIN. KEEP US POSTED
ON ALL YOUR ACTIVITIES.

Let Heroic Hellenes Come

We Must Press for a Higher Immigration Quota

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

"Open America's gates to her heroic Hellenic friends and allies!"

This is the humanitarian appeal of friends of Greece who are mounting pressure upon the Attorney General to recommend, and upon the Congress of the United States to enact, a law which will raise by at least 1,000 the pitifully inadequate and grossly unfair quota of immigrants allowed to come from Greece.

Under the present so-called "National Origins Law," worked out in 1924, the Greek quota of immigrants is only 307. It is already over-subscribed for many years to come by desperate Hellenes. Unless the Department of Justice suggests to Congress to change the law and

Congress effects such a change, thousands of Hellenes will be legally barred from America and the outstanding contributions—economic, political and cultural—which they will assuredly make, will be forestalled.

It is also pointed out that many unfortunate Greeks that have illegally entered the United States because of their inability to acquire a legal quota number, but for many years have lived in our country as law-abiding, hard-working Americans, may, under present law, be sent back to the land of their origin because of the exhausted legal quota.

It Is a Cruel Law

Such deportations, in addition to being a cruel hardship on these people because they have been so clearly assimilated and Americanized, would upset many of their business and public activities in our country with regrettable consequences to American communities. And when they would reach the poverty-stricken land of their birth, these deportees would severely overtax both private and public facilities there—health, food, shelter—so vitally needed by the war-ravaged population in the devastated land.

Realistic observers advance the following facts as conclusive proof of the need for raising the Greek immigration quota:

(1) Greece has not always had its present small quota of 307. Under the first quota act, which came into existence in 1921, she was assigned the quota of 3,063. This is almost 10 times her present allotment, authorized under the law of 1924.

Her Quota Insignificant

(2) Her current quota of 307 is an insignificant fraction of America's total immigration quota of 153,929. This fact disturbs all sympathetic Americans who believe that the land of the Evzones—which has given freely of her sons and daughters in our country's peacetime development and in her war-time alliance—should be assigned a larger percentage of the total quota.

(3) Countries which were enemies of the United States during the war have disproportionately large quotas. Thus, Germany has a quota of 25,957—which was almost completely unused during Hitler's reign, because he pro-

hibited emigration. Italy has a quota of 5,802; Austria 1,413; Hungary 869; Rumania 377; Bulgaria and Albania 100 each. Soviet-dominated Yugoslavia has a quota of 845 and Russia itself is allowed (but does not send) 2,712 immigrants.

Quota Should Be Increased

Under a proposed law endorsed by many the German quota might be reduced by 1,000 and the Greek quota might gain by that number. This arrangement would be harmful to no one but beneficial all the way around.

Immigration experts point out, too, that Great Britain, America's and Greece's ally, has a quota of 65,721, which is largely unused.

(4) Amazingly enough, quotas do not and never have applied at all to Canada, Newfoundland or any of the independent countries of the Western Hemisphere. The contributions to America made by immigrants from most of the South American countries are negligible compared to those made by the descendants of Greece.

(5) Raising of Greece's immigration quota would be a heart-warming and encouraging sign of U. S. friendship. It would come at an opportune time to Greece, now bitterly disappointed at having been forced at the Paris Peace Conference by Russia and her satellites to withdraw her just territorial claims over Bulgarian and Albanian boundary readjustments.

Authorities in immigration thus see a revision of the obsolete quota law in favor of greater Greek immigration as being of mutual benefit to America's foreign and domestic policy as well as to Greece and her descendants. The likelihood of such a necessary revision of the law is seen as dependent on popular pressure on the Department of Justice and on Congress which has already shown itself sensitive and sympathetic to Greek needs.

SOTERIOS NICHOLSON,
Past Supreme Counsellor.

Washington, January 2, 1947.

(Editor's Note: The Order of Ahepa will soon launch a movement in an endeavor to raise the Greek quota to at least 1,500 per year, instead of the present pitiful figure of 307.)

Headquarters Advise

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

In reply to your letter of December 31, 1946, please be advised:

The pro rata share received by THE AHEPAN from per capita tax received at the National Headquarters for each member in good standing is *fifty cents* (\$.50).

As for complaints from members not

receiving their Magazine, you well know that nine-tenths of the cause is due to the members themselves. That is, to their failure to notify National Headquarters and their chapters of their change of address.

Just this week alone, we had several complaints and in checking our mailing list, we found that the members have taken a year or more to notify us that they have not been receiving the Magazine, and worse of all, they never bother to notify us as to their change of address.

They probably think that we are gifted with mental telepathy, a recognition which we highly appreciate, and nevertheless, a gift which we do not possess. I have saved a few classic examples and one of these days I will put it together and possibly make a brief interesting article for the Magazine.

ARTHUR H. LALOS,
Executive Secretary.

Washington, January 4, 1947.

Yugoslavia's New Democracy Law Nationalizing Industries Said to Be Typical Example

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

Tito's Yugoslavia has been frequently referred to by its enthusiastic admirers as a form of new democracy where the people's will and rights are better expressed than in the obsolete democracies of the Western type. The way in which the new law nationalizing all private economic enterprises and industries has been approved by the Yugoslav Assembly, as reported by *The New York Times* in a telegram from Belgrade on December 7, is a typical example of this new type of democracy in action.

According to this telegram, the bill was presented to the Assembly on the morning of the sixth of December and was "unanimously" approved the same afternoon. Thus a law which radically transforms the whole economic structure of the country and affects the entire life of the nation was discussed and adopted in less than one day, even though the presentation of the bill took the members of the Assembly by complete surprise. Such parliamentary procedure is certainly unknown in the "obsolete Western democracies," and gives the Yugoslav Assembly the record for high-speed rubber stamping. In reaching such a momentous decision, Tito's Parliament was not embarrassed even by its own Constitution, which provides that "private property and private initiative will be fully protected and guaranteed in Yugoslavia."

Lack of Compensation

The explanation for such a hurried action probably may be found in Tito's desire to liquidate all private investments in Yugoslavia—national as well

as foreign—without much compensation. It is true that, according to this telegram, the law provides for compensation to the owners of the nationalized enterprises to be paid in state bonds, except for those who have been collaborating with the enemy. But there will hardly be a Yugoslav citizen who will ever get a nickel for his confiscated property.

The meaning of "collaboration" in Tito's Yugoslavia has been distorted in the same way as the meaning of democracy. There are scores of cases where citizens were convicted of collaborating with the enemy, even though they were abroad or in German concentration camps during the occupation. The fact that their factories and enterprises continued to be operated by the Germans was sufficient reason for Tito's court to sentence the proprietors for collaboration. Recently a Tito's People's Court in Belgrade sentenced for collaboration with "reactionary elements in the United States" one of the publishers of a well-known Belgrade newspaper, who managed to escape to the United States shortly after Yugoslavia's occupation. The unfortunate publisher vainly produced evidence that he had been under medical treatment in a sanatorium almost during his entire sojourn in the United States, but he received no mercy in Tito's court. He was sentenced to eight years of imprisonment and the confiscation of all his property by the state. This and many similar instances illustrate the complete contempt and disregard of Tito's Government for human rights.

Foreign Investors

The chances for the foreign investors and proprietors in Yugoslavia to get any compensation for their confiscated property are hardly better. By invoking the equality of treatment which Yugoslavia as a sovereign state accords to foreigners as well as its own citizens, the Tito Government will no doubt propose to pay to foreign investors the same indemnity in Yugoslav state bonds as to its own nationals. But as the authority of the Tito secret police—the OZNA—does not fortunately extend beyond the borders of the country, it is hardly conceivable that those bonds will have any value outside Yugoslavia.

Tito's new law of nationalization, passed in less than twenty-four hours after its presentation, is certainly one of the best examples of a new democracy and illustrates what the Ukrainian delegate at the Peace Conference in Paris euphemistically called, "the efforts of those new and young Republics to consolidate their democratic institutions."

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CONSTANTIN A. FOTITCH,
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Washington, Dec. 10, 1946.

Balkan Elections

Commenting editorially on recent elections held in Rumania, *The New York Times* declared in its November 25, 1946, issue under the title "Rumania's Election" as follows:

"In another one of those fraudulent elections which are establishing a common pattern for the Russian dominated Balkans, the Rumanian Government bloc controlled by the Communists has voted itself a thumping majority of more than two-thirds of the vote cast and an almost 85 per cent majority in the Parliament. According to both press and official reports the terrorization of the electorate, the suppression of the opposition and the falsification of the election results were even more glaring than in Bulgaria and approached Marshal Tito's standards in Yugoslavia.

"The beating up of opposition adherents by what on official British note called gangs of roughs, the prevention of opposition campaigning, the breaking up of opposition meetings, the withholding from the opposition of both press and radio facilities, the distribution of marked ballots, multiple voting, and, finally, the barring of opposition members from voting and denial of opposition representation at the counting of the ballots, were the order of the day. The Communist Minister of the Interior boasted that he refrained from widespread political arrests on the eve of the election, which he well could, since he had arrested some two hundred opposition leaders ten days earlier. And the full cynicism of the Government adherents in the matter is exemplified by its explanation that as a matter of historic record no Rumanian Government ever lost an election, at least not in normal times. According to a recent bulletin, issued by the Russian Embassy in Washington, "Soviet democracy is a higher type of democracy." But if the Balkan elections held under Russian and Communist auspices are an example of it, one is at a loss to find a difference between its electoral processes and those of the "fascism" it is supposed to replace.

"Under the Yalta agreement, both the United States and Great Britain, together with Russia, assumed definite obligations to see to it that the people of liberated Europe have the right to choose the form of government under which they will live, in conformity with the Atlantic Charter. This pledge has been observed everywhere except in the Bal-

kans, where it has become a mockery. Both the United States and Great Britain have protested often and urgently, but so far without the least effect. Marshal Tito continues to rule Yugoslavia with an iron hand; Georgi Dimitrov, former head of the Comintern and inventor of its Trojan Horse tactics, has taken over Bulgaria, and Rumania faces a like development. What is more, the same things that are happening in the Balkans are also happening in Poland, and despite all Anglo-American protests all observers agree that they will produce the same results. Like all totalitarian parties, the Communists believe not in majority but in minority rule, and once in power refuse to be dislodged by mere ballots."

Greek Elections

On that day we addressed *The New York Times* the following letter:

"A propos the recent elections in Rumania, your editorial in to-day's *Times* justly castigates the Balkan Governments for the terrorization of the electorate, the suppression of the opposition and the falsification of the election results.

"In your sweeping statement, however, you fail to mention the glaring exception of Greece where elections last month and the plebiscite last September were conducted with freedom of speech, of press and assembly under the watchful eyes of Allied observers.

"This is an injustice to that little country of Greece whose people alone of their Balkan neighbors are striving mightily to rehabilitate their national life and thereupon re-build their old-age democracy. Unless it is an oversight."

Editor Menz Admits

To which Editor Charles Menz replied on November 27, 1946, as follows:

"Thank you for your letter of November 25th.

"*The New York Times* has on various occasions expressed the opinion that the Greek elections were democratically conducted and resulted in a fair popular verdict, and we shall doubtless have occasion to express this point of view again."

Shrinking Nickel

"All 5-Cent Items Now 6 Cents." So read signs on refreshment stands wherever a jaded wayfarer looks. Time was when the nickel had buying power. For youth it bought a baseball, a mouth-organ, a pocketknife, a day's supply of lemon suckers. For age it was good for a pack of cigarettes or a tolerable cigar. Now it needs the help of a copper cent to buy even a thin bar of dubious chocolate to stay the flaring spirit till dinnertime. It isn't what it used to be.

You may now enlist in the Regular Navy for four or six years. For

additional information, go to your nearest United States Navy Recruiting Station at once.

About Government

Ballots are the rightful and peaceful successors of bullets.—*Abraham Lincoln*.

Socrates used to say the best form of Government was that in which the people obey the rulers and the rulers obey the laws. The best form of elections is that in which the parties follow the people and the people form the parties.—*Humphrey Giles*, English historian.

The saying, "A country gets the government it deserves," means that the people only get as good a government as they are capable of demanding.—*Geoffrey Bourne*, author.

If you fool the people to get their money, that's fraud, and you can be jailed; but if you do it to get their votes, that's shrewd politics.—*Anonymous*.

It may be conjectured that it is cheaper in the long run to lift men up than to hold them down, and that the ballot in their hands is less dangerous to society than a sense of wrong is in their heads.—*James Russell Lowell*.

Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote.—*Anonymous*.

In a democracy, he who has a concern has a vote; and the voice of each one counts for one—and only for one. The rest is a matter of counting. The right to a voice, the personal conscience in expressing it, the freedom to utter an opinion—even a wrong one—and the honesty of the count are all essential elements of any democratic society.—*Frank Tanenbaum*, historian.

It is better to vote for a melon and lose than to vote for a lemon and win.—*Anonymous*.

Brotherhood

Having stoned the windows of a Roman Catholic church, touched off a fiery cross in a Jewish cemetery, horse-whipped three Negroes and sung "America the Beautiful," the members voted to call it a night and adjourn.—*From the minutes of the Cherokee Chapter of Liberty's Unsleeping Watchmen, Inc. (a fraternal order)*.

How does your mother sweeten her coffee?

Mama takes a mouthful of coffee. Then she thinks of the old days.

And?

A lump comes up in her throat.—*Fred Allen*.



OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

The object of Ahepa is stated in our constitution in plain words for all—friends and foes—to read and understand. It is to promote and encourage loyalty to the United States of America; allegiance to its flag; support to its constitution; obedience to its laws and reverence for its history and tradition.

For twenty-five years we Ahepans and our Auxiliaries have been faithful to our constitution, true to our oath, loyal to our fellowmen. Our leaders and our membership have adhered to the principles and ideals that farseeing brothers established and promulgated twenty-five years ago. On July 26, 1922—that provident day—they organized the Order of Ahepa—this unique fraternity in the annals of the Greek race.

On that day, seventeen Americans of Greek descent met in the Greek school of Atlanta, Georgia, and approved the idea of organizing a national, secret, fraternal order for patriotism, education and progress among our compatriots—the AMERICAN HELLENIC, EDUCATIONAL, PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION.

Since then, the Order of Ahepa has been expanding from city to city, from State to State, in the United States and in Canada. The edifice now stands erect. Each of us can point to it with admiration and proudly say:

*I have laid each stone in its measured place
Turret, tower and stair,
Pillars and carvings that lie on their face,
And I know that my work is fair.*

This coming July we will be celebrating our twenty-fifth anniversary. We shall then proclaim to the world that we have long come of age and simply point to our record—a record of achievements worthy of praise, worthy of duplication.

We are now ready for bigger things and bigger things Ahepa will do—as

sure as the day follows the night. But especially this year 1947, marking our twenty-fifth anniversary, must remain indelible in our memory and in the memory of all who will come after us.

The Supreme President of the Order of Ahepa, Harris J. Booras, has issued his clarion call. Read his Annual Message. Officers, Ahepans, Daughters, Maids, Sons! Heed the call. It will be to our everlasting credit and fame.

America's Quota System

Under existing laws, the annual immigration cannot exceed 153,879. We are now receiving quota immigrants at the rate of about 80,000 a year. President Truman's attempt to bring in refugees, under the quota system, at the rate of about 39,000 a year, has so far failed.

Some immigration statistics made recently public by the State Department make startling reading. The quota for Greece is only a pittance—a mere 307—oversubscribed many times. Applicants at the U. S. Consulates in Greece may have to wait between one and ten years—if not more.

The important question is what we intend to do about immigration. "It is pure hysteria," writes editorially *The New York Times*, "to shut our gates to a few thousand possible newcomers because we are frightened by the reputed millions who would like to come here."

As it has often been pointed out, we have now the opportunity to select the best and to aid the hardest-pressed victims of war and persecution. As a memorial to the old pioneer hospitality that built this nation, we must re-examine our old quota system. In the case of Greece we must increase the existing pitiful quota of 307 and admit more applicants—at least another thousand.

In the annual message of Supreme

President Booras provision is made for an all-out effort to accomplish this increase. We invite all our members to study this part of the message carefully. Those of us who belong to other organizations—and who isn't—must join in the effort as soon as possible.

We owe it to the heroic Hellenes of immortal Hellas—that little country which gave so much to so many!

Ahepa Mission to Greece

The *Ahepa Hospital Trustees* at their November meeting decided to send to Greece a committee of three to negotiate, investigate and review the sites, projects, etc., under the program of the Ahepa Hospitals in Greece.

The committee, as appointed by Supreme President Booras, are directed to visit the various present day institutions in operation as well as various proposals made, which will include Athens, Salonika, Crete and others, with the objective in mind to utilize an overall health program in coordinated action with the Greek War Relief and other organizations, thereby avoiding duplication and overlapping.

The three Ahepans selected are Past Supreme Vice-President Frank Pofanti of Chicago, Ill.; C. G. Paris, Past Supreme Treasurer, of Baltimore, Md., and Past Supreme Secretary Leo J. Lamberson of South Bend, Ind.

These three members have in the past been exceedingly active in the Ahepa Hospital Drive over the entire United States and in Canada. Others were also requested to serve but due to business reasons were unable to leave for several weeks.

Their report, observations, films, etc., to be made by this committee will be reported to the chapters upon their return, and will of course, appear in a subsequent issue of *THE AHEPAN*.

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It was just a quarter of a century ago that AHEPA was an infant organization, wrapped in swaddling clothes. Since then it has developed through a healthy, robust infancy into a vigorous, virile manhood.

But AHEPA is still growing!

At twenty-five years of age, it stands on the threshold of a period of glorious opportunity and achievement. All it needs is the will to attain, and AHEPA has that will!

Entering a period which may well be its golden age, AHEPA is opening up its arms to welcome new brothers into the Fraternity.

As a vibrant, expanding organization, it is seeking fresh blood, new spirit, reinforced effort.

It is calling upon YOU—each Brother—to push forward the boundaries of the AHEPA domain and to help in its growth. The Twenty-fifth Anniversary AHEPA Membership Drive is on. It will continue through June 30, 1947.

Make this drive your personal responsibility. Consider it a point of personal pride to celebrate this milestone by bringing new members to your Chapter.

Here is a CHALLENGE to every Brother, Chapter, and District to participate in a vital phase of our Fraternity's growth—the TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!

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AHEPA'S FIRST AIRBORNE PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE



In This Issue

THE FRONT COVER:

One of the main activities of the Order before World War II was the annual pilgrimage to Greece. In interest and effect, it ranked at par with our National Convention. This annual pilgrimage, disrupted by the war, has just been taken up again—and with a bang! The 1947 excursion is airborne—"with a song and a prayer." The STAR OF AHEPA, a superliner flying the pennant of Trans-World Airlines, has already winged its way to Athens, carrying the best wishes of all of us to the people of Greece—from the Land of Freedom to the Home of Democracy. May both live long and happily.

GREECE AND THE UNITED STATES:

The world was stirred to its depths by President Truman's appeal to Congress on March 12, 1947, to help the Greek people with a loan and technical advice. "Greece," he said, "must have assistance if it is to become a self-supporting and self-respecting democracy." The American people were asked to take over British responsibilities in that part of the world and in a way to stem a communist tide sweeping southwards through the Balkan States. This so-called "Truman Doctrine" is truly a departure from established American practice and foreign policy. We invite our members to study both official and unofficial pronouncements printed in this issue and watch further developments carefully.

THE MAP OF GREECE:

We are fortunate in having an up-to-date map of Greece on page 13. It shows the reparations occurring to Greece through treaties with Italy and Bulgaria, her claim for new Greco-Bulgarian frontiers and her demand for the return of Northern Epirus. It is the work of Stanley F. Smith, since 1920 on the staff of the American Geographical Society and formerly with the U. S. Department of State. It is a fine piece of work and will be used again in connection with our Justice for Greece campaign.



Stanley F. Smith

OUR AUXILIARIES:

This issue carries a number of items covering the activities of our Auxiliaries. We are particularly happy to have them. And we feel proud that our three junior orders follow closely in our steps in signing up new members, establishing new chapters and in a word being of service to our fellowmen. Congratulations.

OUR NEXT NATIONAL CONVENTION:

Our people in Los Angeles are working feverishly on arrangements and plans to make the forthcoming National Convention in August the grandest convention in Ahepa history. Watch for further particulars in the next issue.

GREEK WAR RELIEF CAMPAIGN:

No one who has read the various articles we have featured in the last three issues can fail to see the deep significance and the profound effect that the current campaign will have on the health of the Greek people. We are asked to contribute—and contribute we must—to this program which seeks to bring some measure of relief to the appalling health conditions prevailing in Greece.

We must send in our remittances today for tomorrow will be too late. We must not be found wanting in this supreme hour of the title country and her courageous people who gave so much to so many. Give today—generously!

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From The— EDITOR'S DESK

American Credo

Traditionally, democracy has been an affirmative doctrine rather than merely a negative one. I believe—and I do so conceive the Constitution of the United States to rest upon, as does religion—the fundamental proposition of the integrity of the individual; and that all Government and all private institutions must be designed to promote and to protect the integrity and the dignity of the individual; that that is the essential meaning of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, as it is essentially the meaning of religion.—David E. Lilienthal.

"I can't tell you how good it is to be back; there is no place like America and no people like the American people."—Mrs. Elliott Roosevelt.

Senator Bilbo Wrong Again

Theodore G. Bilbo has written a book, according to a United Press dispatch which says he quotes in the preface a statement he attributes to Professor Ralph S. Linton to the effect that at the present rate of intermarriage, inter-breeding and inter-mixing, there would be no white race or black race in America in nine generations and that all would be yellow by then. Needless to say, Professor Linton denied he had ever said such a thing. To put our two cents in, we know very well Linton never made any such statement in *The Science of Man in the World Crisis*, which he edited and to which he contributed two chapters. If we thought Bilbo read such sound, scientific books as this we would certainly recommend chapters by H. L. Shapiro and Wilton Marion Krogman on

Society and Biological Man and The Concept of Race, respectively.

Serious Oratory—in 1825

The wind-bag orator and the boring after-dinner speaker are fair game for jokes these days, but in the early years of this country, public speakers took their task more seriously. As Joseph L. Blau puts it in *American Philosophical Addresses*, 1700-1900, "the speaker was likely to deliver a lengthy oration rather than a string of empty platitudes or second-hand witticisms." For example, at Fryeburg, Maine, on May 19, 1825, the centenary of a very minor military episode was celebrated. A local celebrity, Charles Stewart Davies, was the orator of the day. After recounting at length the details of the fight and the heroism of its participants, he continued by delivering what made in print a thirty-page essay of very high quality on the nature of popular government. And, Blau reminds us, "this occurred in what was at that time a backwoods community, part of the frontier."

Look It Up

We have discovered another new word. It is deanthropomorphization. If you don't already know it, or can't figure it out, see page 322 of Herbert W. Schneider's *A History of American Philosophy*.

Say, boss, when are you going to buy a new car?

I don't know. Why?

This car is so old the headlights are wearing glasses.—Jack Benny.

ALL MEMBERS TAKE NOTE!

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Negro State Rights

The State of Oklahoma requires separate telephone booths for Negroes. A Texas statute prohibits whites and Negroes from engaging in boxing matches together. Georgia, South Carolina, and West Virginia require separation of the races in billiard and pool rooms. Tennessee provides that only white persons born in the United States, whose parents could speak English and who themselves have spoken English since childhood, may teach white pupils. In six states statutes call for separate schools for the blind. Deaf pupils are segregated in seven states. Florida stipulates that textbooks used by Negro pupils shall be stored separately. Delaware calls for three separate schools: for whites, for colored pupils, and for Moors and Indians.

By Thy Perfume Name We Shall Know Thee

"It is not inconceivable," says Arthur Minton in an article, *All the Perfumes of America*, in the latest issue of *American Speech*, "that future anthropologists may try to learn from perfume names what ideals of feminine personality were enthroned in our own time." If so, he goes on, "we find that the feminine archetype is Lush, Radiant, Crisp, Precieuse, Wonderful, Marvelous, Devastating, Gorgeous, Startling, and Adorable. She has Loveliness, Glamour, Chichi, Esprit de Jeunesse, Desinvolture, and a Smile. She is a Fleur Vivant (sic), otherwise known as a Pretty Mama, who just likes to Smell Sweet. Nevertheless she is the Femme Eternel (sic) with Three Passions who has her moments of Boutade, Incartade, and Caprice. In this guise her motto is *Deviser*. (On the other hand, she has but *Une Idee*.) Carefree and Flippant, she is a Lively Lady, a Flirt with Verve and Viracite. A typical Gamine de Paris, a Mad Cap, in her Gallivanting she may turn to any Gay Diversion, even to Mischief, and so end up in a Tailspin, a Lost Soul.

We find her, a Gay Bandit engaged En Butinant, a Pretender full of Menace, Pretense and Subtilite, not beyond any Subterfuge, even Espionage, to attain her ends. She is allied with *Le Pirate* and *Mephisto*. Quite Mysterieux, isn't it?" Mr. Minton also takes her all the way from *Fleur Timide* to *Shameless* and from *Noblesse* to *Miss Jezebel*, but we are running out of space.

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Mr. President, Mr. Speaker,
members of the Congress of the
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The gravity of the situation
which confronts the world today
necessitates my appearance before
a joint session of the Congress. The
foreign policy and the national se-
curity of this country are involved.

The United States has received
from the Greek Government an
urgent appeal for financial and eco-
nomic assistance. Preliminary re-
ports from the American Economic
Mission now in Greece and reports
from the American Ambassador in
Greece corroborate the statement of
the Greek Government that assist-
ance is imperative if Greece is to
survive as a free nation.

When forces of liberation entered
Greece they found that the retreat-
ing Germans had destroyed virtual-
ly all the railways, roads, port facili-
ties, communications, and merchant
marine. More than a thousand vil-
lages had been burned. Eighty-five
per cent of the children were tuber-
cular. Livestock, poultry, and draft
animals had almost disappeared. In-
flation had wiped out practically all
savings.

As a result of these tragic condi-
tions, a militant minority, exploiting
human want and misery, was able
to create political chaos which, until
now, has made economic recovery
impossible.

Greece is today without funds to
finance the importation of those
goods which are essential to bare
subsistence. Under these circum-
stances the people of Greece cannot
make progress in solving their prob-
lems of reconstruction. Greece is
in a desperate need of financial and
economic assistance to enable it to
resume purchases of food, clothing,
fuel and seeds. These are indispens-
able for the subsistence of its peo-
ple and are obtainable only from

On March 12, 1947, the President of the United States, Harry S. Truman, cour-
ageously placed the case of Greece before a joint session of the United States
Congress and pleaded for a financial and technical assistance of the little country
that gave so much to so many. The President's urgent appeal on Greece follows.



HARRY S. TRUMAN

abroad. Greece must have help to
import the goods necessary to re-
store internal order and security so
essential for economic and political
recovery.

The Greek Government has also
asked for the assistance of experi-
enced American administrators,
economists and technicians to in-
sure that the financial and other aid
given to Greece shall be used effec-
tively in creating a stable and self-
sustaining economy and in improv-
ing its public administration.

The very existence of the Greek
state is today threatened by the ter-
rorist activities of several thousand
armed men, led by Communists,
who defy the Government's author-
ity at a number of points, particu-
larly along the northern boundaries.
A commission appointed by the
United Nations Security Council is
at present investigating disturbed
conditions in Northern Greece and
alleged border violations along the
frontiers between Greece on the one
hand and Albania, Bulgaria and
Yugoslavia on the other.

Meanwhile, the Greek Govern-
ment is unable to cope with the situ-
ation. The Greek Army is small
and poorly equipped. It needs sup-
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throughout Greek territory.

Greece must have assistance if it
is to become a self-supporting and
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sistance. We have already extend-
ed to Greece certain types of relief
and economic aid but these are in-
adequate. There is no other coun-
try to which democratic Greece can
turn. No other nation is willing and
able to provide the necessary sup-
port for a democratic Greek Gov-
ernment.

I do not believe that the Ameri-
can people and the Congress wish
to turn a deaf ear to the appeal of
the Greek Government.

Great responsibilities have been
placed upon us by the swift move-
ment of events. I am confident that
the Congress will face these respon-
sibilities squarely.

up and reviving the temples of the Hellenic nation. Immediately after the First World War, Smyrna and its adjacent territories of Asia Minor, were ceded to Greece, and were soon thereafter occupied by her armies. For the first time since the fall of Constantinople, the people of Asia Minor breathed the air of freedom. Yet, within a few years, international intrigue and diplomacy necessitated an evacuation of the renowned City of Smyrna.

Here, one may pause to narrate one of the most inhuman and most atrocious destructions of a city by an invading army that has ever been recorded in history—the sacking and burning of the beautiful City of Smyrna in the year of 1922.

The people had mistakenly flattered themselves with the idea that the presence of Allied battleships would prevent the Ottoman Army from attempting any slaughter or conflagration. But their hopes were shattered, for many of these unfortunate people were slaughtered before the eyes of the Allied warships, and their homes were burned to the ground. Thousands, however, escaped in Grecian boats to the various islands of the Aegean Sea and thus saved their lives.

Refugees Poured Into Greece

The City of Athens presented a sad spectacle of man's inhumanity to man. Daily there arrived soldiers, wounded and dying, unfortunate refugees in a most horrible and pitiful condition. All of the Christian population of Asia Minor were ordered by the Turks to leave, and these people, close to one and a half million now sought refuge under the roof of bleeding Hellas. It is a story unrecorded in history, namely, that a nation of about seven million people, impoverished by continuous warfare and bleeding from wounds and internal strife, was now called upon to harbor and salve a wretched refugee invasion.

The Greek Government has been operating in an atmosphere of chaos and extremism. It has made mistakes. The extension of aid by this country does not mean that the United States condones everything that the Greek Government has done or will do. We have condemned in the past, and we condemn now, extremist measures of the right or the left. We have in the past advised tolerance, and we advise tolerance now—Harry S. Truman.

The indomitable Greek spirit again wrote glories in the history of Hellas, for the whole nation, with open arms, received these unfortunate wrecks, housed and fed them and extended to them all things possible to heal their wounds and install them in their new circumstances. Thus, only a few years after that catastrophe, the refugees were happily established on the soil of Mother Hellas. The late Henry Morgenthau, Sr., the eminent Philhellene and former Ambassador to Turkey, described this act of the Hellenic people and their devotion towards their unfortunate brethren as unparalleled by the deeds of any nation recorded in history.

It is most pathetic and an outrageous diplomatic stupidity on the part of her Allies, in observing that Greece emerged from the First World War as a defeated, impoverished and destroyed nation, rather than the victorious Ally that she was. She was sacrificed on the altar of diplomatic intriguing and double-dealing by her own Allies with whom she fought shoulder to shoulder in that great struggle. Disgusting, indeed, it is to observe that in 1919 enemy countries like Turkey and Bulgaria remained untouched, and the war criminals of Bulgaria during that period were never brought to trial!

But the First World War belongs now to history. It is the present one which immediately before us affords us an opportunity to make observations, calculations and deductions from what is going on. Let us proceed.



Athens—The Eszones parade in Constitution Square

Greece, Mother of Democracy

Just as two different political and social ideologies—*Democracy vs. Nazi-Fascism*—smashed head on into mortal combat resulting in the triumph of democracy; so also, today, two different political and social ideologies—*Democracy v. Communism*—face each other in the arena of world events. Whether these antagonists shall settle their differences by peaceful methods, or, God forbid, by the might of the sword, remains to be seen. Whatever the Almighty has decreed, one thing we know: that *Democracy*, which stands for right and justice, will ultimately be victorious, come what may on the road she will be forced to follow.

But Democracy must protect, encourage and augment her frontiers in order that she may be ready for any eventuality. One of these bastions of Democracy is Greece.

When the Nazi-Fascist Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse were riding high in Europe and all looked very dark—when France, Poland, the Lowlands and all the other countries were smashed under, with the exception of countries like Bulgaria, Albania, Rumania and Hungary, who hastened to become Axis satellites; when Russia was still within the orbit of friendship with Nazi-Germany; when the United States was still a neutral; when Great Britain stood alone, practically on her knees following Dunkirk, and while her cities were being bombed to smithereens; then Greece—unprotected and ill-prepared for war—suddenly displaced everyone on headlines in newspapers and the flashes on the radio. This little indomitable nation said "NO" to the Axis and fought like a giant, with all the tradition, the grandeur and the unconquerable spirit that has characterized her golden history.

Greece Astonished the World

The astonishing and unbelievable results we all know. She smashed the Fascists and drove them deep into Albania, forcing Hitler to change his entire time-table and come to the



School girls dressed as *erzones* parade on Independence Day

rescue of his doomed comrade Mussolini. For three months Hitler and his satellite, Bulgaria, were held at bay! When the Nazis finally turned on Russia, after three months of delay, the snows were falling deep and Moscow was saved! Greece not only shattered the myth of Axis invincibility, she actually marked the turning-point of the entire war.

Had Greece said "YES," had she permitted the Axis to pass through, the Suez would have fallen without much struggle; Rudolpho Graziani's armies would have marched into Egypt; the Near-East and Turkey would have been isolated; and,

And when the moment came they were minded to resist and suffer rather than to fly and save their lives; they run from the word "dishonour" but on the battle field their feet stand fast.—Pericles

God forbid, this war might never have been won! Or, if not that, it might have been prolonged for many more years!

Greece went into battle knowing the terrible fate that awaited her. Nailed to the Cross, she marched cheerfully on to her Golgotha, for she fought for Freedom and Democracy. That in sum represents her contribution to the battle of Democracy against the Nazi-Fascist ideology.

She now is the unofficial battleground of two other different ideologies—*Democracy vs. Communism*. For, no sooner were the bells of victory resounding with the triumph against the Nazi-Fascist ideology, that Communism moved with lightning precision and occupied all the Balkans—and tried to occupy Greece. The other Balkans, most of them Nazi satellites, shamefully hastened to embrace the "Communist Liberators" and promptly and enthusiastically became Red or Communist satellites. Only Greece fought, as she did against the Axis—and Greece again checked the march of this new ideology.



Women in their native costumes celebrate Independence Day

Greece Coveted by Communism

Indeed, of all the Balkans that Communism has engulfed, Greece is the most coveted one! For, stretching deep as she does into the Mediterranean, she can serve as the springboard to isolate Egypt, the Suez, the Dardanelles, the Near East and Turkey, as well as the whole Adriatic—exactly what the Nazis had in mind!

The Western Allies, if they so choose, can find Greece the Gordian knot in all their dealings with the USSR. And there after the USSR will agree with them on all disputed points at the Peace Table!

That is why we must all realize what the undeclared war in Greece today means. Indeed, it is not an internal strife of Greeks against Greeks. As is the case in the U.S.A., Greece has her quota of Communists. But the infiltration and the battles have been long prepared, nay, even before post-war Greece was liberated from the Axis yoke. Of course, Communist propaganda would want us to believe that the Greeks are fighting amongst themselves! That is wrong and unfair to Greece whose people are overwhelmingly democratic and anti-communist, just as we are here in the United States.

History will some day record the march of Communism was finally stopped in Greece, just as the march of Nazi-Fascism was stopped there. That is why Greece is a bastion of Democ-



Greek sea scouts participating in Independence Day parade

racy that must be protected and defended, just as much today as she was cared for until her liberation from the Nazis. That is why her frontiers must be strengthened and her national just claims and demands recognized.

Return Northern Epirus

Our statesmen must at long last realize that the open door through which armies can march into Greece is Northern Epirus, just as it was the open door for Mussolini and his hordes. That territory, which historically, geographically and ethnically belongs to Greece, should be returned to Greece. Our officials at the peace table should not yield on this point at any time.

Unless America and Great Britain adopt a serious and unyielding policy concerning the frontiers of Greece, they are in reality, creating a serious crack in the wall of their own first line of defense. Moreover, on this subject, the United States Senate in the year of 1920, as well as in the year of 1945, unanimously resolved that Northern Epirus should be returned to Greece. Such a resolution, which represents the sentiment of the American people, is in the form of a mandate to the State Department to respect it without compromise, as against the Axis satellites, like Albania and Bulgaria.

Our protection and proper consideration of all matters concerning Greece must be definite and unyielding. In this connection, and as a conclusion to all the foregoing, I quote from a recent article by Dorothy Thompson, entitled "Greek Events":

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"One of these days Britain will get out of Greece. Many Americans have exhorted her to do so. Then 'democracy' may conquer in Greece by the most horrible massacre the Balkans will ever have seen. Soviet satellites want Greece for their 'Balkan Federation.' If they have her, the Red Star will have moved farther West."

Greece Honors South Africa



Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts, Prime Minister of South Africa, one of the British Empire's elder statesmen, was last year honored by Greece while visiting Athens. He is shown delivering his acceptance address at the Greek Parliament in the presence of Government officials and other leaders of Greece.

Mr. Smuts had only recently been awarded the Order of Merit, one of Great Britain's highest honors though it carries no title and no prerogatives in Britain's elaborate feudal structure of knights, lords and titular members of the Royal household.

Bitter Disappointment

The feeling in Greece of bitter disappointment caused by the decision of the Big Four, in New York, regarding Greece's just and modest claims will last for a long time to come.

Indeed, after such a denial of justice, the "Man in the Street" asks himself if it would not have been better to have done as Bulgaria did twice; and, in reply to Mussolini's ultimatum of 1940, and Hitler's of 1941, to have answered: "Yes, come in, please," instead of the historical and heroic "NO" which has cost so dearly. This same question was put by a leading Athenian newspaper, the *Kathimerini*, in an editorial, with the following reply: "YES," and, like Bulgaria, be recognized as a co-belligerent and, perhaps, be granted a rich province such as Dobroodscha, with a population of 300,000, which was taken by force from Roumania and given by Hitler to the Bulgars as a price for their treachery.

Whereas, in contrast, following her victories against the 27 mechanized divisions of Mussolini, Greece stands devastated and exhausted and bled white after four years of Hitlerian occupation; without railways and roads, with thousands of towns and villages destroyed, without ports, with her foreign trade virtually annihilated, even without arms to fight against heavily armed guerrillas supported by her Northern neighbors. Is it not enough for a general feeling of indignation and national mourning?

This feeling of the Greek nation found its expression at the session of Parliament, on December 4th, when all party leaders and many prominent deputies addressed the House with bitter complaints against the Allies. The following extracts from their speeches are significant.

G. Papandreou, leader of the Democratic Socialist Party: "We feel it our duty to declare that by ignoring the moral

principles of the Great War, as illustrated by the injustice done to Greece, the peace of the world is not consolidated, but, on the contrary, undermined."

Sideris (Liberal): "We do not wish to believe that the principles of freedom and justice for which we fought without looking for gains have been thrown away."

Sophocles Veniselos (leader of the Veniselist-Liberals): "The Greek people justly put to themselves the question: Have we really fought for the principles which the Great Allies proclaim?"

General Napoleon Zervas (National Party): "We have the firm belief that there exists a Nemesis which will not leave injustice unpunished."

Panayotis Canelopoulos (leader of the Unionist Party): "If the materially mighty in the world do not decide to become morally mighty too, the world is lost and the war was fought in vain."

Stephen Stefanopoulos, Minister of Co-ordination and Deputy-Minister for Foreign Affairs: "With unflinching faith in our sacred claims, we once again proclaim that, notwithstanding any injustice, we will multiply our activity and unite our efforts to carry on the fight that lies ahead."

This same spirit was expressed in the speech delivered by Minister of War Philip Dragoumis, on the occasion of a dinner given in honor of Field Marshal Montgomery: "As you will have remarked, Sir," said the Minister, "the Greek people are determined to face the present adverse circumstances with the same spirit of self-sacrifice as before."

One way of life is based upon the will of the majority, and is distinguished by free institutions, representative government, free elections, guarantees of individual liberty, freedom of speech and religion, and freedom from political oppression.—Harry S. Truman.

"Friends of America" in Greece

Since 1939 an association functions in Greece under the name of *Friends of America*. It corresponds to the well-known association functioning in New York and other large cities of America as *American Friends of Greece*. In a report on its foundation and activities, President Hippocrates Caravias of the *Friends of America* writes:

The association was founded on January 30, 1939, by a group of Athenians, members of the famous literary society "Parnassus." Former ministers of the Government, members of the Academy of Athens, University professors, former ambassadors, generals, admirals, writers, scientists and journalists were its founders. The purpose of the association is the promotion and development of cultural relations between the Greek and American peoples. This purpose is to be pursued by means of publications, lectures, exhibitions, a library and other means including the cooperation with other domestic or foreign organizations.

During 1939 and 1940 many meetings were organized with speakers discussing scientific, artistic and literary developments in the United States. Ambassador MacVeagh has been a frequent speaker at such meetings. The American Independence Day was celebrated with a banquet and speeches. After the occupation of Greece by the enemy, these activities were of course discontinued but they were again resumed after the liberation of the country.

A special memorial meeting was organized on the death of President Roosevelt in the presence of the Regent, the Prime Minister and Ambassador MacVeagh.

More recently a banquet was organized in honor of the archaeologists of the American School who conducted the Agora excavations. On the arrival in Greece of the battleship "Missouri" a fine picture of the Temple of the Wingless Victory was presented to the commanding Admiral.

WORLD ROLE FOR U. S.

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What role should we, the most powerful nation today, play in the world? This question was recently posed by various developments in the international horizon, one of which concerned Britain's obligations to Greece. It is held that survival of our Western civilization depends on our actions. The battle for Greece is a test.

Heavy are the responsibilities of power, and never heavier than in this age of dissolution and decay of old values and the emergence from the dust of dead empires of a new world order.

Today, the torrent of history is seeking a new channel. The forces of the surging waters are conflicting and convulsive, roiled and troubled; they tear at the dam of the past and undermine the ramparts of tradition.

They will not be stayed but they can be guided. The United States today lies squarely in the stream of history; it can guide that stream or be swept away by it. The new is inevitable; change is certain, but that change can be either malevolent or salutary. The United States, far more than any other single factor, is the key to the destiny of tomorrow; we alone may be able to avert the decline of Western civilization, and a reversion to nihilism and the Dark Ages.

Today's situation was neither unexpected nor unforetold. Plague and pestilence, suffering and disaster, famine and hardship and the complete economic and political dislocation of the world we had known was certain to follow World War II. Titanic convulsions were the inevitable consequences of the titanic eruption of history's greatest war.

Convulsions in Europe

We are today in the midst of those convulsions. Germany is divided and broken, slowly starving, a cancerous growth in the heart of western Europe, a breeding place for the dark philosophy of Nietzsche. There festers in her ruins the poison of fascism, the virus of communism; either totalitarianism flourishes in decadence and destruction.

In the Netherlands, the wealth of the Indies no longer builds stately mansions; scores of thousands of Dutch want to emigrate from a broken Europe.

Belgium is scarred by old wounds and ancient animosities, and France—still politically bankrupt and ethically and intellectually confused—lies weak and torn and divided. Communism is strong in France, in the labor unions, in the Army, in the Air Force, in the government, in the underground; it could precipitate civil war at any time.

More than 20,000 irregulars, remnants of the Spanish republican forces, and French Communists form a rag-tag, bob-tailed "army," owing no allegiance to France, which is scattered in southern France opposite the Spanish frontier, and is supplied intermittently with arms and equipment by Russia.

Communism is strong in Italy; the still secret peace treaty terms dealing with the disposition of ships of the Italian fleet may—when published—strengthen the left.

All Eastern Europe lies behind the iron curtain, and Greece, riven by strife, is the new frontier. The Palestine issue is still unsettled and in China the civil war is increasing in tempo.

The Battle for Greece

The battle for Greece was clearly joined last December just as the political and psychological struggle along that country's northern frontier was transformed into military conflict and virtual civil war.

The flare-up in the guerrilla fighting along the Bulgarian and

Secretary Marshall's Appeal

Secretary of State George C. Marshall welcomed the recent broadening of the Greek Government in circumstances that he hoped would prove to be "merely a first step in the direction of the broadest political cooperation of all loyal Greek parties."

Through a statement issued last February, Secretary Marshall appealed to the moderate elements of both the Right and Center and to all loyal parties in Greece to unite in the cause of orderly, stable government.

It was a plea made to their patriotic instincts, one that called upon them to cease civil strife and work together in national unity for the reconstruction of the country.

The Marshall Statement

The complete text of Secretary Marshall's statement:

I have been asked by several correspondents for the views of the Department on the recent broadening of the Greek Government, which I now understand is representative, from a party point of view, of almost 90 per cent of the members of Parliament.

We welcome this move as an indication that responsible Greek leaders are aware of the urgent necessity of subordinating narrower personal interests to the greater ideal of national reconstruction.

We are all deeply concerned with the welfare of Greece and with the restoration in that country of economic and political stability, destroyed during the war by the occupation forces of the enemy whose deliberate aim was to leave Greece economically ruined and, by aggravating internal factionalism, to paralyze the Greek body politic.

Greece's long history of devotion to liberty and democratic ideals entitles her to the sympathy and respect of the world. It is to the interest of the United States and of all the United Nations that Greece be assisted to maintain her independence and territorial integrity.

However, no amount of assistance can prove effective or of lasting benefit unless the Greek people themselves are prepared to work together resolutely for their own salvation.

The road to recovery is a difficult one, calling for the same unity and mutual confidence required for resistance to armed attack. No country divided against itself can hope to solve problems which are national in scope and which affect all citizens and not merely those of one particular political belief.

Economic health can be restored only by a competitive program in which the whole Greek people participate and to which all make their appropriate contributions.

Law-abiding citizens whose main desire is to be allowed to live and work in peace can offer little help to their country as long as they are intimidated by armed extremists of whatever political complexion.

This Government hopes that the recent broadening of the Greek Government is a sign that the Greek people are turning away from the past and, forgetting bygone differences, are beginning to face the future with confidence and in substantial unity.

It also hopes that this recent development is merely a first step in the direction of the broadest political cooperation of all loyal Greek parties and that partisan differences will be submerged in a dynamic program of amnesty coupled with the disarming of illegal hands, just and rigorous tax reforms, modernization of the civil service, realistic financial controls and the even-handed dispensation of justice.

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Yugoslav frontiers, which has decreased in scope only to spread again this spring, coincided with a sharp Russian reversal in policy in the United Nations and conciliatory Soviet gestures about disarmament and the atomic bomb. Those gestures are welcome and helpful, but the proof of the pudding is in the eating, and any Communist-inspired actions in Greece and northern Iran would be better guides to Soviet policy than Foreign Minister Molotov's phrases at Lake Success.

Allied, particularly American, policy in Greece has not always been constructive. The present Government is inept and illiberal. The die has been cast, however, and if Greece is "pressured" into communism, the Aegean will become sovietized, Russia will have an outlet on the Mediterranean and Turkey and the Dardanelles will be flanked.

The "lines" between Russia and the West have been drawn; in many instances they are not good lines politically or strategically, but a forced "retreat" from any sector now may lead to other "retreats."

Empire in Liquidation

But most important to the course of history is the plight of Britain. Winston Churchill said he did not intend to preside at the liquidation of the British Empire but that is what is occur-



Independence Day parade at Athens Constitution Square

ring today. The world's "Pax Britannica" was kept in decades past by the power of the British pound, and the power of the British fleet, supplemented by allies and a small but efficient regular army scattered over half the world.

Today, the power of the British pound has lost its magic and the British peoples, stripped of the wealth of empire and bowed under a crushing burden of taxation, are trying—in an economic sense—to pull themselves up by their bootstraps.

This means that the British pound will no longer be available in Greece and in other areas of the earth to back up the forces of Western civilization; this means, inevitably in time, the reduction in size of the British Army, the British Navy, the British Air Force, with consequent creations, unless we fill them, of power vacuums in many unstable regions of the earth.

Nature and communism abhor vacuums. And there can now be no doubt; indeed, there has never been serious doubt, of the aggressive and expanding policy of the Soviet Government. Communism, as practiced in the world today, is a doctrine of fanatical virulence; its disciples justify and preach the pernicious philosophy that the ends justify any means. As long as such a Government holds power in Moscow there can be no real or lasting compromise with the values which Western civilization has held high for 2,000 years.

Russia Weaker Than U. S.

Yet Russia today is far weaker than the United States, and may, indeed, long remain so, unless the heart and soul and

The seeds of totalitarian regimes are nurtured by misery and want. They spread and grow in the evil soil of poverty and strife. They reach their full growth when the hope of a people for a better life has died. We must keep that hope alive. The free peoples of the world look to us for support in maintaining their freedoms. If we falter in our leadership, we may endanger the peace of the world—and we shall surely endanger the welfare of this nation.—President Truman.

spirit and will of the American people succumb to decay. The Russians do not yet have the atomic bomb, and many of their key industries—despite public assertions to the contrary—are considerably more concentrated and vulnerable than are ours.

The frantic Russian search for second-rate and third-rate atomic scientists and engineers in the countries bordering their frontiers indicate that the Soviet is still some distance from achieving the atomic bomb, although one recent estimate—criticized by some as pessimistic—indicates that Russia may have the bomb and a fleet of perhaps 500 to 1,200 very long-range heavy bombers to carry it by 1950.

The Russians have virtually no Navy; their immediate attempt to compensate for our superiority at sea is confined largely to submarine development and construction based on German designs.

But the United States has a clear and major lead in the air and, so far as can be learned, a smaller technological advantage in missiles and other new weapons, an advantage greatly aided by the superiority of our industry. But our land forces are weak, indeed, compared even with the demobilized Army of Russia.

Russia Averse to War

Russia is economically weak; she is experiencing severe shortages, particularly of food, and certainly wants no major war in the near future. But there is no doubt that her Government will take advantage of every weakness and will move into any power vacuum.

All this means that today the United States and Russia are face to face in a struggle for the world, a conflict short of war, but a struggle, nevertheless, that will alter world history. The weakness of Britain and France, and the virtual dissolution of the rest of Western Europe means that the United States, and only the United States, is capable of sustaining Western civilization. Yet it is the inherent tragedy of our times that few of the American people seem to have a sense of historical responsibility, of their own personal responsibility for the future of history, of the national responsibility that inevitably goes with the power and the glory.

Today we have in real truth no finished, over-all military policy; our fighting forces are handicapped not only by demands for economy but by lack of legislation, and by piecemeal legislation. There is no rounded and complete policy to guide them in organization or development of our post-war forces.

The formulation of a sound and well-rounded military policy, which will provide effective support for our foreign policy, and promote efficiency and reasonable economy is probably the most important job of this session of Congress.

The United States contributed \$341,000,000,000 toward winning World War II. This is an investment in world freedom and world peace. This assistance I am recommending for Greece amounts to little more than 1 tenth of 1 per cent of this investment. It is only common sense that we should safeguard this investment and make sure that it was not in vain.—President Truman.

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The Treaty with Bulgaria has been signed, sealed and delivered, but the just claims of Greece have not. Her northern frontier has been left as it was before the war—unprotected against foreign invasion that thrice in 30 years has destroyed life and property. Her Northern Epirus is still gasping in the cruel hands of Albania. What follows proves by history, documents and maps the minimum claims of Greece.

Last January the Big Four Foreign Ministers' Council released the official texts of the peace treaties with Italy, Bulgaria, Hungary, Rumania, and Finland. These treaties have by now been duly signed and will soon be put into effect.

The relevant clauses of the treaties affecting Greece are as follows: (1) Italy will pay to Greece the sum of \$105,000,000. In addition, Italy cedes the islands of the Dodecanese Archipelago to Greece in full sovereignty; (2) Bulgaria will pay to Greece the sum of \$45,000,000. Both sums will be paid mainly out of products or equipment of these two former enemy states.

In accordance with Article 12 of the treaty with Bulgaria: "The following construction to the north of the Greco-Bulgarian frontier is prohibited: permanent fortifications where weapons capable of firing into Greek territory can be emplaced; permanent military installations capable of being used to conduct or direct fire into Greek territory; and permanent supply and storage facilities emplaced solely for the use of the said fortifications and installations.

"This prohibition does not include other types of non-permanent fortifications or surface accommodations and installations which are designed to meet only requirements of an internal character and of local defense of the frontier."

In the map reproduced herein two points must be carefully noted. One is the Bulgarian territory to the north of the Greco-Bulgarian frontier, which must be demilitarized but without any changes in the status as existing before World War II. The other point covers the predominantly Hellenic area of Northern Epirus, which is claimed by Greece from Albania and will be taken up by the Moscow Conference anew at the request of the Greek representatives.

The Greco-Bulgarian Frontier

In connection with the rectification of the Northern Greco-Bulgarian frontier, we reprint below a very significant statement made recently by Hamdi Hussein Fehmi Bey and Hakkı Suleiman Bey. The former was for a time a member of the Greek Parliament from the District of Rhodope in Greek Thrace. The latter is a large land-owner in Bulgaria. They both came to the United States as official representatives of the ancient and proud race of Greek origin known as Pomaks, or "Agrinisi," a minority group inhabiting the Rhodope Mountain range on the borders of Greece and Bulgaria.

The text of the statement is as follows:

"We have come to the United States as the world's foremost bastion of freedom to make known the desire and will of our long-suppressed people to be united as one with the Greek nation. We are taking such steps as lie within our power, as authorized representatives of our people, to bring this about. We wish to make the full story of our grievances known to the world.

"We Pomaks are an old Greek tribe dating from the time of Alexander the Great. Our ancient tribal name, 'Agrinisi,' runs through Greek history, having been often mentioned by Thucydides and other historians. Through the centuries we have inhabited the slopes of the Rhodope Mountain range, a small part of which lies in Greek Thrace and has a population of about 150,000 people, with the great remainder lying in Bulgaria, on the other side of arbitrarily-fixed Greco-Bulgarian border, and inhabited by some 550,000 of our people—a world minority race of 700,000 souls in all.

"It is our fervent desire to place our cause and our trust in the hands of the United States Government, hoping for action which may result in freeing from intolerable subjection all those 550,000 of our people who are held under Bulgarian tyranny against their will.

The Bulgarians Oppress Them

"Although we have our own language, those of us who live in Bulgaria are not allowed to speak it. Neither are we free in Bulgaria to worship in accordance with our Moslem faith. In fact, religious persecution is carried to such lengths that all 300 of our mosques have been closed, looted and burned by the Bulgarians, and thousands of our countrymen are subjected en masse to compulsory river baptisms, as though they were herds of animals. Bulgarians interfere not only with our freedoms of speech and religion, as guaranteed to all minorities, but go to such extremes of oppression as imposing forced marriages of our children with theirs to the end that ultimately our race will become extinguished.

"In contrast to Bulgarian despotism and barbarity, those of our race who have the good fortune to be living on the Greek side of the border are entirely free to speak the Pomak language, to worship in the Moslem faith, and to exercise their trades and professions absolutely free and unhindered by any



Standing guard at the Monument of the Unknown Soldier



forms of control. In fact Pomaks in Greece can and do participate in the functions of government, since they can be elected to Parliament.

"In short, the 150,000 of Pomaks in Greece are privileged to live as they please, in accordance with the practices of democracy and freedom which are characteristic of the Greek State and people—to whom we ourselves belong through strong ethnological ties despite our differences in language and faith.

"Our brother Pomaks in Bulgaria are denied the right even to assert their real nationality as 'Agriani.' On the contrary, they are compelled to Bulgarianize their family names and to accept Bulgarian ancestry. If they do not really do these things, they become subject to the actual practices of systematic terrorization, ranging from social ostracism and economic ruin to political reprisals and even murder. These are not mere words but true facts. This tortured life has been the

sorry lot of all of our fellow Pomaks under Bulgarian subjection for the last 35 years. Over 100,000 of our people have been murdered because of their objections to become Bulgarianized.

"We solemnly declare that we have neither ethnological nor sympathetic ties of any kind with the Bulgarian people. We never have and never will be Bulgars. We are Pomaks.

The Pomaks Demand Union with Greece

"It is the misfortune of our race that following the Balkan Wars of 1912-13, when the Sultans' rule had ended in European Turkey, our land and our people lying on the north slope of the Rhodope Mountains were granted to Bulgaria by arbitrary decision of the Great Powers. Since then, in spite of our repeated appeals before international bodies, our plight has

been perpetuated and, what is worse, become forgotten by the world.

"How many people today know that the Pomaks of Bulgaria are not allowed freedom of speech in their mother tongue, and are not permitted to practice the faith and culture of their forefathers? That many thousands have fled into Greek Thrace to find refuge from the day-to-day tyranny, and particularly from a new form of oppression? That the Bulgarian authorities are even today stripping Pomaks of the lands they have held for centuries and are exiling them to the northern parts of the country where, in daily contact with the hostile population, they may more quickly be assimilated?

"Our people, through us, appeal to the American press and the American spirit of justice, hoping for a sympathetic public opinion in support of our plea for freedom.

"All Pomaks, for whom we speak, desire to be freed from Bulgarian subjugation and made as one nation with the Greek people. As the most direct method of bringing this about, we ask that a plebiscite be held in which the 550,000 Pomak people in Bulgarian Rhodope shall be given the opportunity to register their choice of national allegiance.

"We hope the United States will initiate the proper action leading toward such a plebiscite—to be supervised by a commission representing the United Nations and without the intimidating presence of the Bulgarians who, it must be remembered, were, until yesterday, the aggressor nation in two World Wars.

"If justice to the Pomaks is not granted now, then one could say that the war sacrifices of the United States, Greece and all their other allies would have been in vain. Furthermore, the Atlantic Charter would be indeed a *scrap of paper*."

To be sure, the Greek demands for the rectification of her border with Bulgaria rests exclusively on strategic reasons.

Sections that must be ceded to Greece are, one, on the border east of the Strymon River and north of the District of Kara Dagh, and, two others, east of the Nestos River north of the District of Xanthi and west of Thrace. Greek representatives have repeatedly pointed out that as long as the Rhodope Mountain heights remain in foreign hands the security of East Macedonia and West Thrace, and consequently the nearby vital port of Salonika, will never be permanently insured against foreign invasion, which, three times in the last 30 years, has taken place with an awful destruction of both lives and wealth in Greece.

Northern Epirus Hellenic in Tradition

Northern Epirus, on the other hand, is a territory rich in Hellenic tradition and custom, and repeatedly soaked with Hellenic bloodshed in the name of freedom. It should finally be restored to Greece on the following grounds:

First, in the name of *national self-determination* Northern Epirus is Greek and its people demand to be united with their mother-land. Prior to the Balkan Wars, Northern Epirus had a total population of 121,000 Greeks, supporting 360 Greek schools, with a total attendance of 22,695 students.

Second, on the strength of repeated *international diplomatic efforts* among which the following should be noted: The Corfu Protocol of May 17, 1914; the Agreement of October, 1914 between the Entente Powers; the Treaty of London of April 26, 1915; the Venizelos-Tütoni Agreement of July 29, 1919; the Memorandum of December 9, 1919, between the Entente Powers; the decision of January 13, 1920, of the Supreme Allied Council; the resolution of the United States Senate introduced by Senator Lodge and unanimously adopted on May 17, 1920, officially recognizing the Greek claim to the entire territory; and finally, the resolution of the United States Senate unanimously adopted on July 29, 1946, reading as follows:

It is the sense of the Senate that Northern Epirus (including Corcyra), where a strong Greek population pre-



dominates, should be awarded by the Peace Conference to Greece and become incorporated in the Kingdom of Greece.

Security Dictates Restoration

Third, for plain *security reasons* Northern Epirus should be restored to Greece. Such restoration would adjust her frontier with Albania in a manner guaranteeing her security from a second invasion like the one taken place in October, 1940, at the instigation of the Italian Fascist hordes.

The present *boundary line*, as shown in the map, is a winding one giving to Albania, just parallel to the frontier, the great trunk road from Aghioi Saranta to Korytsa, and thus permitting easy movement of troops. Tepeleni, the ancient gateway into Epirus, dominates the approaches to the Janina plain—less than thirty miles from the frontier—down the Voynusa River on the east and the Drinos River on the west. As the campaign of 1940 proved, the Greek Army based at Janina was at an enormous strategical disadvantage at the opening of the campaign. The Korytsa plateau, on the other hand, constitutes a very important base for a thrust into Greece, allowing large-scale operations against Florina, the occupation of which would immediately imperil Kozani and Salonica.

Northern Epirus is the cradle of the Greek race and must be ultimately returned to Greece in honor and in part payment for all her people who gave their lives in the last 30 years for the defense of their motherland.

TRIP THROUGH A HEALTH CENTER

By Robert Thomas

Staff Writer of the Greek War Relief Assoc., Inc.

Saboteurs are still at work in Greece. Health saboteurs. Throughout the country health conditions are appalling. Malaria, tuberculosis and a wide variety of other diseases are wiping out Greek lives by the tens of thousands. The death rate is ghastly when compared to any civilized standard.

Walk down any road in Greece today and you'll meet ambulant sick men and women. Walk into any Greek home—most of which are unbelievably squalid—and you'll see at least one desperately ill person. Walk into one of the very few community Medical Health Clinics and you'll see disease-ridden people eagerly awaiting all too infrequent medical attention.

In answer to the devastating dearth of medical facilities in Greece, *Greek War Relief* has come forward with a comprehensive, far-reaching program. The plan is built around 160 rural Health Centers to be established at strategic locations. Radiating from these, like the spokes of a wheel, mobile clinics will operate deep into the almost inaccessible hinterlands. To further supplement the program and provide adequate hospitalization, 50 rural general hospitals and sanatoria will be constructed at key points.

Rural Health Centers

The rural Health Centers will furnish a service which in Greece has always been all too inadequate but now is almost wholly lacking. Adequate diagnosis, so necessary to combat disease and obtain a favorable prognosis, will be the centers' first aim. Hand in hand with the diagnostic service will go an intensive health education program designed to make Greeks health conscious. The third, and not the least important, part of the Health Centers' job will be education in prevention and sanitation.

Actually, the Health Centers will offer a complete public health service including sanitation work. They will give immediate medical relief, will provide public nursing service and dental service, and will cooperate in the control of communicable diseases and in sanitary services. They will provide laboratory and X-ray diagnosis for the community, will assist the local authorities in a program of public health education and will make available ambulance service when needed. Special emphasis will be placed on pre-natal care and infant and pre-school hygiene. Where conditions make it necessary, the Health Center will furnish free medi-

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AWAITING THEIR TURN

Patients awaiting their turn for examination and treatment before a Greek War Relief Association out-patient community clinic in Damastas, Crete. Many of these people walk many miles to see the doctor. Some of them are so sick that they should be in bed. Still, they come to be treated for all sorts of ailments. The Greek War Relief Association is planning to expand this out-patient clinic program by allocating a large sum from its current campaign for \$12,000,000.



INSIDE A GWRA CLINIC

The patient being examined and treated in the GWRA out-patient community clinic in Damastas, Crete, has travelled on foot a long distance to see the doctor. He will go back to his village happy and fortunate that he was able to see a doctor to treat his injured hand. Thanks to the health program of the Greek War Relief, he fears no complications. In order for this program to continue, the current campaign for \$12,000,000 must be successful. Make your contribution count!

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A GWRA MOBILE CLINIC

Here is a GWRA mobile clinic high in the mountains of Crete. In order to reach this village the vehicle had to pass over dangerous and almost inaccessible roads. The people of the village are standing anxiously about awaiting the clinic's doctor and nurses. GWRA's 1947 \$12,000,000 fund-raising campaign is now under way. The plans for 1947 include the construction of 40 permanent medical health centers, the feeding of more than 1,200,000 school children, and the feeding, clothing, and housing of more than 375,000 war orphans. In this Association's program, Crete will receive its full share.

cines and supplementary feeding for children and nursing mothers.

To get some idea of the tremendous need for such a health service, one must know that there are only 152 small hospitals in all of Greece. In these hospitals there are less than 21,000 beds to service Greece's 7½ million population. To make matters worse, there are less than 7,000 physicians and



CANDIA'S CITY HOSPITAL

This 150-bed City Hospital in Candia, Crete, is large and fairly modern. It is maintained by the municipality but receives patients from all over Crete because no other hospital is functioning. The building stands on a fine healthy site and is spacious and clean. However, this institution is badly in need of financial support. The food is terrible and is not even suitable for healthy individuals. In addition, there is no surgeon at all and operations are performed only under the most urgent circumstances. The Greek War Relief Association proposes to make it the finest hospital in Crete.

only 600 registered nurses.

To further understand the appalling conditions in Greece one should know that certain huge areas have no hospital facilities at all. There, if a person becomes ill, he must walk or be carried great distances to get any kind of medical attention. And when he gets there, that attention is, 90% of the time, usually inadequate.



"OPEN AIR" SANATORIUM

Due to lack of building materials, this sanatorium is not even complete, yet it houses these tubercular patients! The elderly woman at right is a volunteer worker, a substitute for a nurse. To cope with the drastic shortage of registered nurses, Greek War Relief Association every year sends a group of trainees to England's famed Queen's Institute for complete advanced study. Doctors, too, are trained in an effort to build a competent and adequate system of preventive medicine in Greece. Do your part now. Help!



TUBERCULOSIS VICTIMS

Forced to lie in miserable surroundings because of lack of hospital space, these Greek men are victims of one of the most vicious scourges—tuberculosis! In Greece today, there are 550,000 persons suffering from this disease, thousands of whom are dying or destined to die! Help them get well and live. Support the health program of the Greek War Relief Association by contributing to its current campaign for \$12,000,000.00. You will thus help alleviate the terrible hospital situation that exists in Greece today.

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How A Center Will Operate

Consider, for instance, an individual, deathly ill, riding a bony old horse, if he has a bony old horse, 150 miles to get medicine and treatment. Or let's take an imaginary trip behind the scenes in one of the proposed medical centers, 20 of which are to be completed before the end of 1946.

The benches in the waiting room are crowded with 30 or more people. The nurse, at a desk behind a railing, is talking to a weary, emaciated woman who is carrying a thin, undernourished child with the facial expression of a little old man.

The nurse makes out a case history and then escorts the woman and her baby across the hallway past a dental office where the dentist is working on a Greek peasant's wife. They enter a mother-child clinic which lies in the corner of the building and is flanked by the dental clinic and the physician's office. This clinic is equipped with dressing rooms and an examination table for mothers. It also has dressing cubicles and weighing scales for infants.

Just as the smiling efficient doctor enters, a mobile clinic which has been converted into an ambulance tears past the window into the ambulance port. The ambulance swings around, backs into the emergency entrance and unloads a Greek farmer who collapsed in his fields. Attendants carry the man into a spic-and-span 12-bed emergency hospital.

Two nurses scurry around, get the sick man undressed and in bed and bathed. And now, while the unconscious farmer awaits the arrival of a physician for diagnosis, let's go back to the mother and child.

Center's Efficient Activity

In the meantime, the doctor has found that the two-year-old baby is suffering from a bad case of scabies and near death from malnutrition. The mother is wasting away with active tuberculosis. Of course, the doctor immediately decides that it will be necessary to separate the mother and child. He makes out the necessary papers. The tearful woman is taken to the converted mobile clinic still waiting in the driveway and driven off to one of the newly constructed *Greek War Relief* sanatoria. The child is placed in a GWRA representative's car and taken to one of the new children's hospitals for treatment. Meanwhile, the rest of the Health Center is full of activity. Three rooms further down the hall, patients stream in and out of the thoracic clinics. An X-ray assistant is taking pictures of their lungs as rapidly as possible. Remember that over 150,000 Greek people are suffering from active tuberculosis. And it is absolutely necessary to catch this disease in its early stages in order to assure any hope for recovery.

In the next room, the pharmacy is dispensing medicine and drugs to people as they present their doctor's prescriptions. On the other side of the X-ray room, patients can be seen entering the general clinic where diagnoses are made. The scene throughout the Health Center is one of clean, efficient activity.

Center's Mobile Clinic

Outside, one of the mobile clinics attached to the hospital backs up to the service entrance to replenish its supplies. The doctor and the two nurses assigned to the clinic enter the center



PATIENTS FORM LINES

These patients have come a long way to see a doctor. Young and old, they are waiting patiently outside a GWRA out-patient community clinic, somewhere in Crete. It is their only hope of getting well—by consulting the doctor and being treated by his capable care. In all of Greece, there are slightly more than 5,000 practicing physicians with the distribution of one to every 500 persons in the city and one to every 1,304 persons in the country. There are less than 600 graduate nurses. The health program of the Greek War Relief Association provides for 474 such out-patient community Clinics in Greece.



FINE LAD WILL GROW OLD

Held by his anxious mother, the little fellow is being examined by the doctor in one of the GWRA out-patient community clinics in Crete. They have walked quite a few miles from a neighboring village to avail themselves of the services of this clinic, maintained through the generosity of the American people. In 1945, more than 75 per cent of the children were undernourished. There are large numbers of cases of typhoid, diphtheria and pleurisy. Tuberculosis and infantile paralysis run rampant. Infant mortality is known to be the highest in Europe. Can we afford ignore the GWRA \$12,000,000 current campaign? Give now!



A GOOD MEAL AT NOON

Children line up outside a country school in Greece to have a warm noonday meal. They are a few of the 1,200,000 school children being thus fed by the Greek War Relief Association. This meal makes their school work more interesting; it helps them grow strong and healthy. Between the age of 5 and 12, children are in the greatest danger of having their growth stunted if an adequate diet is unavailable. The future of any country is tied up with the health of its children. It will be a bright future for the children of Greece if we make the current WGRA \$12,000,000 campaign a success. Join now!



CHILDREN BEING FED

Providing warm noonday meals for 1,200,000 school children of Greece is one of GWRA's major programs. These children depend on this meal. They have little else. That is one important reason why Greek War Relief Association's 1947 \$12,000,000 Fund Raising Campaign **MUST** be successful. Funds raised will also enable GWRA to clothe, feed, educate and house 375,000 orphans and maintain a health system which will be enlarged to provide 40 Mobile Medical Units, 474 Community Clinics and permit the building of 40 Rural Health Centers.

California Joins Campaign Officially

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PROCLAMATION

The basic philosophy of our democratic way of life was conceived centuries ago in ancient Greece. More recently, during World War II, it was defended heroically by the people of modern Greece. So overwhelming were the sacrifices of the Greek people in the cause of freedom that the Greek nation lies in pitiful ruins today. Its people are lacking in the elementary tools with which to help themselves. Because of the destruction and devastation which has riden their land, the Greek people are desperately in need of financial and material assistance from the outside world.

To aid these heroic people whose forebears gave to the world the great principles upon which modern democracies have been built, I, Earl Warren, Governor of the State of California, recommend that the people of California support the nationwide drive for Greek relief and do hereby prescribe the week January 12-18, 1947, inclusive, as GREEK WAR RELIEF WEEK.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 8th day of January, A.D., one Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Seven.

Earl Warren

Governor of California

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James M. Egan
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and report to the physician in charge. They will be here perhaps one day, when they will again start out on their scheduled trip into the back country.

During the past week, the personnel of this mobile clinic discovered many suspected cases of active tuberculosis. They sent these people into the Center for a complete check and diagnosis. They also found many cases of malaria and other diseases. Where possible they merely left medicines and instructions for the care of these patients. However, when they discovered dangerously sick persons or surgical cases, they converted their clinic to an ambulance and transported the patients to the GWRA Health Centers, hospitals or one of the sanatoria.

Now this busy day in the clinic is drawing to a close. Activity in the Center gradually slows down. The staff retire to their quarters for dinner. But many of the patients do not go home. They mill about in front of the Center, eating hot lunches, and wait for the educational movie and lecture that are to be given in the Center's waiting room some time in the evening.

Center's Educational Services

Later, as the lights grow dim and the film on disease prevention flashes on the screen, an orderly, interested crowd watch and listen intently. The film shows them, and the doctor tells them, about how to clean up their homes, their water supplies, and other spots dangerous to good health. He also

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THE STORY OF THREE GIRLS AND THEIR MOTHER



Nicholas Perogramvrakis was killed in the Italian war in Albania and left his wife Popi and his three little girls (Marika, 11; Tsiachia, 9; and Anna, 6) unprotected and without means of subsistence. These three small children, as most of the children of Crete, are suffering from malaria and enteric disturbances. They borrowed their Grandma's little donkey and set off from their village, Kato Asites, reaching St. Myron in 4 to 5 hours, where there is a permanent dispensary of GWRA. After an arduous trip over mountain trails, they reached the GWRA dispensary where they will be examined by Dr. Xenikakis, the resident doctor. He will prescribe for them the proper medicine to combat their malaria. To this clinic patients come from all neighboring villages.



explains certain fundamentals in the early recognition of disease.

After the movie is over and the doctor is through with his talk, the heretofore quiet group becomes a social gathering. However, their conversations do not run to trite gossip; they are concerned with the elements of good living newly learned this night.

This then brings to an end a probably typical day in one of Greek War Relief's coming Health Centers. The terrible need for these Centers cannot be questioned. Disease in Greece is shortening the life span of Greeks by more than 15 years. Greek babies are dying at four times the rate that is necessary to maintain a population level.

It is true that the Greek nation has never been one of exceptional health. In fact, the famous essayist, Roland Ross, says that Greece was never defeated by foreign armies but was beaten by the malarial parasite introduced to the country during the Persian invasion. He further states that the decline of Athenian splendor coincided with one of history's most insidious epidemics. So we might conclude that disease is the scourge that has repeatedly laid the Greek nation low.

Prevention and Diagnosis

The Greek War Relief is not concerned with history or with past record. Rather it is concerned with a very long-reaching view of the future. It knows that to rehabilitate Greece it must bore into the underlying causes for Greek prostration. Of all these causes the deplorable health conditions of the Greek people is foremost.

The fact is that hospitals never stop epidemics. Nor do they lessen the disastrous affects of disease upon the Greek people or their social structure. Education, prevention and rapid diagnosis form the real heart of the problem. And Greek War Relief is determined to solve this problem through its Health Centers in cooperation with mobile clinics and hospitals.

CONTRIBUTE TO THE GREEK WAR RELIEF CAMPAIGN TODAY. HELP SWELL THE \$12 MILLION FUND NOW. TOMORROW WILL BE TOO LATE FOR GREECE!

Salonica's Anatolia College Needs You

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The blessings of the Greek Orthodox Church are given the current nation-wide campaign for Anatolia College, in a letter being sent to all Greek-Americans by Archbishop Athenagoras. "... knowing full well of your own responsibilities, I commend to your attention Anatolia College of Salonica," the Archbishop comments.

Anatolia is an American college operating under a Massachusetts charter on the northern border of Greece. Boston offices of the college are located at 14 Beacon street.

As honorary chairman for the one million dollar drive for expansion and rehabilitation of Anatolia, Archbishop Athenagoras says in his letter, "Food, shelter, clothing—these are vitally important, but no less immediate is the need of a solid framework for the education of our future leaders."

"Anatolia College ranks among the most important contributions this country can make to Greece. As I have personal knowledge of this college and personal contact with and esteem of all who are united and working in this institute, I urge you to do your best in patronizing and helping this campaign," he adds.

Hundreds of Anatolia graduates now hold key positions both in the United States and in Greece. Among them are Dr. Thanos Aghnides, Greek Ambassador to London and former acting-chairman of the Greek delegation to the United Nations; and Dr. Raphael Demos, Alford professor of philosophy at Harvard University.

The Anatolia College campaign theme is, "Through the Vision of Youth Comes Hope for the World of Tomorrow."

POST-WAR GREECE

By C. L. SULZBERGER

C. L. Sulzberger is the well-known writer of The New York Times. What follows is not only timely but cruelly candid and penetrating as well—for both Greece and the Great Powers. The Truth Is Out!

Realization of the United States' vital interest in Greece has been growing gradually since the Casablanca conference, when President Roosevelt consigned to Prime Minister Churchill control over the conduct of Allied military and political strategy in the eastern Mediterranean.

It has taken Britain's present economic crisis to force a realization in Washington of how urgently important to United States interests is the eastern Mediterranean in general and Greece in particular. But the United States Government has been working toward acceptance of this fact for many months.

Under the curious machinery of United States diplomacy, so-called visiting "experts" had to be sent to the field before policy could be crystallized. But Lincoln MacVeagh, the United States' able and far-seeing Ambassador to Athens, had been plugging at the idea for a long time. He began even before he was able to transfer his "émigré" embassy from Cairo back to liberated Greece.

Mr. MacVeagh first of all sought to persuade the White House to push through the Joint Chiefs of Staff a project for a combined Anglo-American force to liberate Greece that would have been commanded by an American general. This failed.

Talked with Roosevelt

On one of his trips home Mr. MacVeagh actually saw Mr. Roosevelt—not long before his death—to press the urgency of the Greek problem.

However, United States apathy regarding Greece continued. Unfortunate phrasing by Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., then Secretary of State, in his exposition of United States neutrality in the Greek civil war gave the impression to the insurgents that they could rely on United States backing. And the American press appeared largely favorable to the rebel viewpoint, on the ground that it represented republican interests as against monarchic interests.

Meanwhile, it became increasingly evident that the Left-Wing Eam coalition in Greece, while advocating many praiseworthy reforms, was working in close harmony with what appeared to be an over-all Soviet political strategy to obtain dominance over all the Balkans.

The Churchill-Stalin agreement of May, 1944, which gave the Soviet Union *carte blanche* in Rumania against Britain's *carte blanche* in Greece, was being upset by Eam activities aided from Slav bases to the north. Carefully concealed guerrilla training went on in Bulgaria and Yugoslavia; supplies were parachuted into Greece and arms were smuggled over the border.

Furthermore, the Soviet-British deal on Yugoslavia became a joke. The British were supposed to have a zone of influence in western Yugoslavia and the Russians a zone in the east; the British were to train Marshal Tito's air force and navy while the Russians trained his army. But soon British missions were not even allowed in Yugoslavia.



Post-War Greece—Her railroads a heap of rubble

Italian Arms for Elas

The British, meanwhile, had muddled their end in Greece. Brig Christopher Woodhouse, chief of the British MO-4 (special operations) mission in Greece at the time of the Italian armistice, advised the Cairo headquarters of Gen. (later Field Marshal) Henry Maitland Wilson against permitting the principal Italian division in Greece to surrender its arms to the Eam forces. However, Cairo decided that this would be unjust and unwise. Thus the Elas, the army of the Elas, acquired its first big amount of equipment.

After the beginning of the Greek civil war in December, 1944, makeshift Athens governments let matters drift from bad to worse. Corruption, ineptitude and inefficiency played into the hands of the reassembling Leftist forces. After the return of King George, outside help to the Leftists from Russian puppet countries—Bulgaria, Albania and Yugoslavia—increased.

Mr. MacVeagh worked hard to get a United States demonstration of real interest in Greece and the eastern Mediterranean. He suggested to President Truman that sizable units of the Pacific Fleet return to the United States through the Mediterranean after the end of the Japanese war, stopping off at Turkish and Greek ports. This scheme was not adopted, but eventually the battleship *Missouri*, then the carrier *Franklin D. Roosevelt* and then smaller fleet units did pay courtesy calls, not only in Greece but all the way from Jidda on the Red Sea to Istanbul on the Sea of Marmara, at the entrance to the Bosphorus.

A Great Power Frontier

It thus became clear to the Russians that a great power frontier between zones of interests was being established along the northern borders of Iran, Turkey and Greece. United States diplomacy supported all three countries firmly, and the Russian-sponsored Azerbaijanian regime in Iran collapsed under the weight of this counter-balance.

But Britain, as a result of the Casablanca agreement, was still "in charge" as far as actual geographical presence went. United States lend-lease had been cleared to Turkey by the British, and the British had supervised the training of the Turkish Air Force and establishment of air bases in Turkey. British troops remained in Greece.

The expense of this commitment was too much for Britain to bear, and militarily she was not in any position to support it should a real crisis develop. In January, 1946, Field Marshal Viscount Alanbrooke, retiring chief of the British Imperial General Staff, recommended (from a strictly military viewpoint) that British troops be withdrawn from Greece.

It has been evident for months, however, that the Greek Army itself is not strong enough to insure stability, and main-

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Post-War Greece—Her installations left in ruins

tain order. Nor, apparently, were the British well enough supplied to furnish proper equipment.

Mistakes Made by Greeks

The Greeks themselves have made the situation more difficult and the Athens Government has piled up mistakes. Presentation of Greece's border claims at the Paris peace conference was confused and inept, with parallel and differing claims for the same areas being submitted by different Government bodies. The claim on southern Albania has not yet been settled, and may well be discussed at Moscow.

No government is perfect. One of the chief virtues of a democracy, however, is that its defects are always visible and under democratic processes can be pointed out and corrected. The Government of Greece is not perfect. Nevertheless, it represents 85 per cent of the members of the Greek Parliament who were chosen in an election last year. Foreign observers, including 692 Americans, considered this election to be a fair expression of the views of the Greek people.—President Truman.

The Greeks employed philhellene or half-Greek Americans to handle propaganda, and it was unsatisfactory. The Greeks also utilized pressure on Senator Claude Pepper, through the Greek-American sponge-fishing colony of Florida, to force through the Senate resolutions that really did not commit United States policy at all. James F. Byrnes, Secretary of State at that time, was irritated and nothing was accomplished.

Now the presence of Mark W. Ethridge and Paul W. Porter in Greece is bringing home to Washington once again, and with redundancy, many of the things Mr. MacVeagh has been reporting on for months. That, combined with Britain's economic crisis, is forcing development of a real policy.

The British hope that when their troops—which Washington would like to keep in Greece for a while—are withdrawn a permanent United Nations commission can be established in northern Greece to insure continued stability on the borders.

The United States' interest in Greece is not mere sentiment. Greece controls eastern Mediterranean strategy. Should Greece turn Communist, Turkey would be politically outflanked and could no longer resist a pressure that already is onerous. Without Turkey, Iran would go under.

The United States has a powerful concern in the Middle East because in that area is Saudi Arabia and in Saudi Arabia there probably is more oil than in the United States' proved reserves.

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Free Enterprise In Greece

Of twenty-two nations surveyed by correspondents of *The New York Times*, Canada appears to be the only one in which private enterprise can be said to be functioning today with anything like the freedom from government controls that obtains in the United States.

The prospects for the survival of the competitive free enterprise system outside the Western Hemisphere seem covered with uncertainty in view of the growth of nationalization under various forms of socialism and communism.

The tendency is apparently toward moderate exercise of government controls in Britain, the western areas of the Continent and the Pacific and toward extreme application of government control in the Soviet Union and its satellites in eastern Europe, with the notable exception of Greece where business men hope for a revival of private enterprise when the country becomes more settled.

The report on Greece follows:

SLOW PROGRESS IN GREECE

By A. C. SEDGWICK

SALONIKA, Greece, March 1—Industries in Greece are approaching their pre-war levels, but at a rate that is far from satisfactory.

This country, thoroughly devastated by the war and by enemy occupation, still knows no peace. Larger armed forces than the nation can afford must be kept up to cope with rebellious elements and to stand in readiness lest Greece's northern neighbor States, in sympathy with these rebellious elements, make a formal attack.

Greek business men express confidence that once the security problem has been solved enterprise will go full speed ahead. Now, however, there are not sufficient raw materials and machinery nor is there enough foreign currency with which to purchase raw materials. Internal communications were broken during the war and are only partly mended. They are now being continually attacked by guerrilla forces. The existing harbor facilities make loading and unloading a complicated and costly affair.

Factors in Price Rise

In general there is no cheap transport. All this leads to a rise in prices to the extent that they are out of line with world price levels.

This can be remedied only by large-scale rehabilitation. However, if this were done with capital within the country financial experts believe that it would lead to immediate inflation.

Industrial workers are comparatively well paid. Trades unions are not developed and are constantly influenced by political considerations. One peculiarity of the Greek industries at present is that although minimum and maximum wages are fixed by the Government, rates are raised in many cases by the employers to avoid labor troubles and to check the inflationary trend. Individual agreement between the employer and employee takes the place of collective bargaining.

It is considered doubtful if any majority Government could enforce nationalization except by force. Present tendencies indicate the reaffirmation of the belief in free enterprise despite the advocacy by almost all political parties of controls in one form or another.

Apart from textiles, chemical fertilizers and tobacco, which is not officially recognized as an industry, all the industries are in the hands of individuals or companies content with an unimpressive turnover. They feel that if security is established and foreign capital is made available to them they will expand to greater limits.

Greece is mainly agricultural. However, there are no great landowners and the farms rarely exceed seven and a half acres. No capital is invested in land.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO . . .

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The cover of this number, reproduced below, showed three features differing in form but related in content. The center represented a Souliote woman, holding her infant child in one hand and a dagger in the other, ready to plunge from the precipice into the abyss below. The work of the great French artist Duquesne, it portrays the fortitude of the women of Souli, who joined their men during the struggle of 1821 resolved to live free or die rather than live under subjection.

"Sitting on the edge of the precipice," wrote the editor, "her little one innocently huddled to her bosom, this Souliote mother, by lot the last surviving member of the compact, looks upon the hundreds of her brave sisters who to their plighted word were true even unto death. She shall not break faith, and like a true Souliote hurls herself and her little charge upon the rocks below."



The feature to the left is a monument erected at Messolonghi to the memory of all Philhellenes who had espoused the cause of Greek freedom and upon its altar laid their very lives. Messolonghi, like Souli, is another spot where freedom had a rendezvous with death during that war of Independence, and the grateful little city commemorating the centennial of Greek Independence, gathered some relics of that fierce struggle—old cannon shells, rocks from its own bosom, and affectionately put them together in token of appreciation to the heroes from other lands who fought and died for the cause of freedom. Col. Jonathan P. Miller, of Vermont, was, it is believed, among those who made this last sortie in an attempt to raise the siege of Messolonghi.

The feature to the right shows an unfinished sketch by John Elliott of Dr. Samuel G. Howe, when a young man of 23, in 1824, just at the beginning of his career, after having been graduated from Brown University and Harvard medical school, turned away from the beaten path of his profession, and alone and against the advice of his parents and his friends, embarked on a small sailing vessel for the Mediterranean, landing near Navarino and reaching Tripolitza in the winter of 1824-25.

In March, 1825—122 years ago—he wrote to his father, "I have clothes enough to last a year and at the end of that time, if not before, I shall probably put on the Greek dress." He put it on, "and in memory of his wearing of the uniform

you all know as that of the Evzone," wrote his daughter Mrs. Maude Howe Elliott, "my husband, John Elliott the artist, made several portraits of him, one of which is in Brown University, another in the Ethnological Museum in Athens."

Dr. Howe still stands at the head of a long column of American Philhellenes who loved and worked for Greece. We are confident that there will be more of these splendid people to defend and expound the just claims of Greece today.

Greeks Always Struggled for Freedom

In his message, Supreme President Booras commented on the Hellenic Independence, an independence that "did not merely mean birth of a new nation, or the attainment of independence by an unknown people, but it meant the resurrection of the glory and majesty of renowned Hellas, with all its tradition and grandeur. It meant more than this, in that it brought victory to the Christian standards and forever banished from Europe the power of the Mohammedan invaders. It was another glorious episode in the history of Little Hellas in its continuous struggle to preserve and spread civilization and

Peace and freedom are not easily achieved. They cannot be attained by force. They come from mutual understanding and cooperation, from a willingness to deal fairly with every friendly nation in all matters—political and economic.—President Truman.

to uphold the standards of Christendom before the onslaught of Asiatic invasions.

"It was the same spirit," he continued, "that brought victory to the Hellenic standards at Marathon and Salamis, the same spirit that encouraged the march of the ten thousand Greeks, the same spirit that brought victory to the campaigns of Alexander the Great; the same spirit that brought forth supreme sacrifice of the Hellenic nation on the walls of Constantinople in the struggle of the Cross against the Crescent, the same spirit that preserved, unaffected, the Hellenic race, its history, its language and its religion, in four long centuries of enslavement. It was that spirit therefore, that prompted the brave patriots of 1821 to raise the standards of the Cross and proclaim the independence of the fatherland. And so it came to pass that after years of struggle and sacrifice on the part of this handful of heroes, a small part of the Hellenic homeland was internationally recognized as an independent state.

"And today," concluded Supreme President Booras, "the Greek people, under the banner of modern Hellas, are building up the glory and renown of their country. The same sun that brightened the columns of the Acropolis of old, shines over the enterprising city of Athens. The same air of old refreshes the hearts of her inhabitants. The same earth that enriched the Golden Age of Pericles, fertilizes the progress of the modern nation. Her schools and colleges produce the same crop of intellect and mind as those of old. Her leaders and statesmen are not surpassed by any in the entire world. In science, arts and mechanics she is progressing most remarkably."

Modern Hellas Sons Come to US

This piece on the anniversary of the Greek War of Independence was accompanied by an article, "A Century of Progress in Greece," contributed by Eliot Grinnell Mears of Stam-

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ford University. He reviewed the despotic rule of King Otho, the extent of public works during the premiership of Charilaos Trikoupi in 1885-1895 and the catastrophic results of the war of 1897.

"Greece," wrote Dr. Mears, "was forced to accept the receivership of the great lending powers, who appointed the International Finance Commission to take over the collection of certain taxes: in order to guarantee the service of the foreign loans. These taxes, accompanied by a crisis in the current industry in 1893, caused the first wave of emigration to the United States, mostly from the Peloponnese and the islands, which kept increasing until by 1912 300,000 people had left Greece for America. Most of the emigrants were men of military age who found the Eldorado pictured by the steamship agents much more attractive than the dull life they were compelled to lead in Greece with the added prospect of rising taxes and two years of compulsory military service. Thus the large excess of female population in Greece became gradually greater, and the use of women and children in industry, as well as on the farms, began to increase. At the same time, Greece began to be enriched by large remittances from these emigrants to their relatives in Greece, and American influences which are very evident in present-day Greece began to permeate the country."

The author concluded with a short review of the economic progress of Greece immediately after the Balkan Wars of 1912-1913, and painted a fine picture of that great statesman, Eleutherios Venizelos, who guided his little but glorious nation through many a triumph and whose influence dominated both domestic and foreign affairs during all his active life—from 1911 to 1936. "It was to his adroitness and diplomacy," Dr. Mears concluded "that Greece owes most of her territorial gains under the peace treaties of World War I." Were Greece today to have a statesman of the stature of Venizelos at the helm, she would easily be riding at the top of the wave!

The first part of the issue included three more general articles on Greece: "Greece and Her Neighbors," by William Miller; "Knowledge of the Greek Language Is Imperative," by Milton L. Davis; and "One of The Tragedies of Humanity," by Nicholas A. Antonius.

Ahepa's Fourth Excursion to Greece

This issue announced the final plans for the fourth excursion of Ahepans to Greece on SS "BYRON," which was to leave from Boston on April 7th and arrive in Piraeus in 17 days, or ten days before Easter. Fraternity news ranged from one end of the country to the other. Joliet Chapter No. 131 celebrated its fifth anniversary; Santa Barbara Chapter gave a banquet; Tulsa Chapter No. 13 held a charity jubilee for the benefit of the undernourished school children; Vermont Chapter initiated Congressman Ernest W. Gibson; James Whitcomb Riley Chapter No. 232 sponsored an essay contest; and El Paso Chapter No. 273 initiated Judge A. J. W. Schmid, United States Commissioner.

The issue concluded with installation news of the 1932 officers; the monthly report from Greece, and the announcement that the Sons of Pericles of New York and New Jersey had organized a basketball league.

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The issue opened with an editorial bidding *Bon Voyage* to the Ahepans comprising the Fourth Excursion to Greece, which, in the words of the editor "bids fair to become an annual institution. No less worthy and significant than any of our other activities is this pilgrimage to the Motherland." He went on to explain the need for such an annual pilgrimage addressing the "new argonauts, seeking not the Golden Fleece, but a mother's tender embrace and a father's lov-

ing kindness, to you pilgrims of the fourth Ahepa Excursion, we bid katevothion."

The editor went on to explain that "another less sentimental benefit resulting from these annual pilgrimages is the promotion of better trade relations between Greece and the United States." And finally, that a third advantage "is a reciprocal goodwill between the people of Greece and America." Continuing along these lines, James J. Davis, United States Senator from Pennsylvania, complimented the Order of Ahepa "for having conceived and sponsored the idea, which will further strengthen the ties of understanding and goodwill that already bind the United States and Greece."

Modern Greeks Appraised

Professor William R. P. Davey of Syracuse University contributed an article titled "The Greek Language and Literature," testifying to the fact that modern Greeks "have entered into that glorious heritage from the Greek past and have been, and are, doing their part to preserve it and to hand it on to future generations."

Rev. T. J. Lacey, the late untiring member of Delphi Chapter No. 25, commented on "The Church Which Is Nearest Neighbor to the Orthodox," by stating that "a very significant sign of the times in the religious world is the growing fellowship between the Eastern Orthodox churches and the Anglican communion. This found concrete illustration in the presence

We are the giant of the economic world. Whether we like it or not, the future pattern of economic relations depends upon us. The world is waiting and watching to see what we shall do. The choice is ours. We can lead the nations to economic peace or we can plunge them into economic war.—President Truman.

of a group of Orthodox prelates at the recent Lambeth Conference in England." His conclusion was that, "The Greek and Anglican Churches represent a common life, a common spirit, a common fidelity to the Nicene creed, the common possession of an apostolic ministry."

"The Influence of Greek Literature on Modern Civilization" from Columbia University Course in Literature; "Why Study Greek?" by Helen Lingas, and "The Greek Way—Ancient and Modern Athletics" by Charles J. Demas concluded this part of the issue.

Ahepa Forges Ahead

Fraternity news, as usual, ranged far and wide. At a dinner-dance sponsored by Solon Chapter No. 5 of Savannah, Georgia, Supreme President Booras declared that "the real purpose of the Order of Ahepa is to instill a sincere love of the United States of America, and respect for its Constitution, its Flag and its citizenship." Flint Chapter No. 141 of Flint, Michigan, initiated Mayor William H. McKeighan, another devoted Philhellene, Governor A. Harry Moore of New Jersey and Supreme President Booras attended the fifth annual entertainment and ball of Hudson Chapter No. 108.

The issue concluded with its monthly report on "News From Greece," an article on "The Usefulness of Our Societies in the United States," and a review of the public finances of Greece, all written in Greek.

In these first post-war years, in the beginning of the atomic era, and with the inauguration of the United Nations, for which our people have so great a responsibility, enlightenment and leadership of future American citizens are the overwhelming needs. Teachers provide that enlightenment and leadership. They must be men and women of the highest talent if our civilization is not to suffer serious loss.—O. C. Carmichael, Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.



Fraternal News

ORDER OF AHEPA

He Is In Fine Company



Supreme President Booras is handed a contribution of \$10,300 from Vermont Ahepans toward our hospital drive

BRATTLEBORO, VT. — Vermont's two United States Senators and its Governor became last December members of our Order at a special meeting of the Vermont Chapter No. 244 with 20 other candidates. Senators George D. Aiken and Ralph E. Flanders, and Governor Ernest W. Gibson were duly initiated before an audience of more than 200 representatives from various parts of New England, including Supreme President Harris J. Booras of Boston, who welcomed the new members and complimented the Vermont Chapter for its excellent record.

The ceremonies were conducted by John S. Caraphil, District Governor for Vermont, Maine and New Hampshire, assisted by James Sardonis of Nashua, New Hampshire, past district governor. John Goutas of Bellows Falls, President of the Vermont Chapter, presided.

Mr. Booras outlined the aims of Ahepa as being philanthropic, civic and charitable, stressing particularly this country's debt to Greece, which suffered as a result of the war and still needs relief. The Supreme President took occasion to outline the campaign of the Greek War Relief to raise \$12,000,000 with which to build a number of hospitals in Greece.

Following the initiation visiting delegates and invited guests to the number

of more than 100 enjoyed a dinner served in the Latchis Hotel blue room. At the exercises that followed Gus G. Corsones of Rutland acted as toastmaster, the speakers including the Supreme President, Senator Aiken, Governor Gibson, Nicholas Bardis, who headed the local committee of arrangements, President Goutas, W. E. Hanson, president of the Windham National Bank of Bellows Falls, Town Manager Philip White, and H. C. Rice, editor of the *Brattleboro Reform*. Greetings also were extended by visitors from Manchester, Portsmouth, Nashua and Keene, N. H., as well as from numerous towns in Vermont.

They Contribute to Hospital Drive

A feature of the proceedings was the presentation to the Supreme President of a check for \$10,300 raised among the people of Vermont as part of their contribution to our 1946 national hospital fund. The committee in charge of this campaign included Bardis, Goutas and Corsones.

In his after-dinner address, Supreme President Booras made a stirring plea for fair treatment of Greece in the boundary disputes now before the United Nations for settlement, pointing out the necessity of protecting its northern borders not alone in recognition of the

heroic role Greece played in delaying Axis advances at the outbreak of World War II, but also as a guarantee against future aggression.

In the picture, reading from left to right, are shown: Nick Bardis, Governor Gibson, Senator Aiken, President Goutas, Supreme President Booras, Senator Flanders, District Governor Caraphil, and Toastmaster Corsones.

We congratulate our members from New England who contributed to this event and hope that other chapters will emulate their example, especially in taking into our folds such distinguished representatives of our Federal and State Government.

Honored by His Fellow Students

KEARNEY, NEB.—John C. Mitchell of *Grand Island* Chapter No. 167, also serving as Athletic Director of District No. 15, has been awarded the distinguished service student of "The Debater's Magazine" for December, 1946.

The award based on speech and campus activities of members of the national fraternity is made on the quarterly basis and entitles the winner to a personal writup and picture published in the magazine.

John, a senior at the Teachers College, is described as "the shortest outstanding speaker, measuring just five feet, two inches tall." His outstanding work first as a freshman when he walked off with the Nebraska collegiate debate championship until his top honor rank PKD Province of the Plains in 1946 is described. Also mentioned are his "dollar-a-year men" activities when he served the United States treasury department as student aid defense securities promotion specialist and traveled in 1944 in that capacity, speaking to colleges and high schools in the middle west.

His 1946 re-election as student council president at the college broke one of the outstanding traditions on the campus.

The above is taken from the *Kearney Daily Hub*. We feel proud at the achievements of John C. Mitchell and are sure that in the years to come we shall be hearing more often about him. Congratulations.

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FROM MONTREAL MAYOR'S RECEPTION (left to right): L. A. Lapointe, Director of Municipal Departments; Edward Stamos, past president, and one of the founders of Mount Royal Chapter No. 7 C.J.; President Andreas E. Manioudakis; His Honor Mayor Houde; C. D. Tsipuras and Stephen Foundas, Chapter officers.

MONTREAL, CANADA — Accompanied by the untiring president of Mount Royal Chapter No. 7 C.J., Andreas E. Manioudakis, and other Chapter officers, Supreme President Booras and his party were officially and cordially received at the City Hall of Montreal by Honorable Camillien Houde, Mayor of Montreal.

Supreme President Booras had gone to Montreal in conjunction with the Ahepa Hospital Drive in the Dominion of Canada, which was concluded last December. He was the official guest and the principal speaker at a banquet held under the auspices of Montreal's Chapter on the evening of November 21, 1946, at the palatial Windsor Hotel. Heeding

the Supreme President's appeal, Canada's Ahepans and their friends contributed for our Hospital Drive the large sum of \$17,800.

Mayor Houde paid a tremendous eulogy to the Order of Ahepa and what it stands for and invited the Supreme president and his party to visit him at the City Hall the next day.

Veterans Take Over

TULSA, OKLA.—The biggest year in the history of Tulsa Chapter No. 13 is now in the making under the guidance and leadership of World War II veterans. Theodore Bereolos, youthful President, in an interview stated that "not only will the principles of our Constitution be followed, but the good record that Tulsa Chapter has acquired throughout the years will be preserved by the new officers. The 100 per cent membership for which Tulsa Chapter is noted," continued Mr. Bereolos, "will be maintained; community activities sponsored by the Chapter will be continued; the auxiliaries will continue to be supported, and a well rounded sports program will be put into effect as soon as possible. With the help and cooperation of all the members, this will be the greatest year in the history of our Chapter."

Vice-President Nick Andrew, a vet-

eran with overseas duty, also said, "It was a rough time over across the big pond and many a day I wished I was home with the folks. Back now, I understand my part as a citizen of the community. Each Greek community should have a good Ahepa Chapter. Ahepa is vital in the building of good citizens, the instilling of the good American spirit and the preservation of the Greek traditions and ideals for which our people strived so hard to maintain throughout the centuries."

Other officers include James Pistas, Secretary; Andy Christ, Treasurer; Gus Andrews, Chairman, and Steve Prayson, George Nichols, and Paul Mihos, members of the Board of Governors.

For the first time since 1941, all newly elected officers were publicly installed in a colorful public ceremony held last January at the St. George Community Hall. Members of the community, their families and friends attended.—*The Roundup*.

Combined Installation and Dance

MIDDLETOWN, O.—A combined installation of Middletown Chapter No. 209 and Chrysa Chapter No. 100 of the Daughters was held last February in the auditorium of the Y.M.C.A. under the direction of District Governor Constantine Gatsos, of Cleveland, who served as the Installing Officer. The ceremony was highlighted by an impressive candlelight parade by the members.

The newly installed officers for Middletown Chapter No. 209 are: George P. Poolitsan, President; Nick Coston, Vice-President; George Comminos, Secretary, and George Manos, Treasurer. The officers of the Daughters' Chrysa Chapter No. 100 are: Mrs. Peter Laras, President; Miss Dena Eliopoulos, Vice-President; Mrs. Chris Pappas, Secretary, and Mrs. Gus Valen, Treasurer. Visiting members included groups from Dayton and Cincinnati.

The annual combined Grand Ball was given at the Manchester Hotel under the joint sponsorship of *Middletown* Chapter No. 209 and *Chrysa* Chapter No. 100 of the Daughters, for the benefit of the Hellenic Orthodox Church of Middletown. As master of ceremonies President Poolitsan introduced the various officers and presented delegations from Dayton, Cincinnati, Springfield, Hamilton, Columbus and Oxford. Gus Valen, the representative of the Greek War Relief, announced plans for the current campaign and urged everybody to contribute for its success.

During the evening a number of native folk dances thrilled the guests and Christ Karras, of Richmond, Indiana, who has recently arrived from Cyprus, sang several popular Greek songs.

Assemblyman Initiated

MODESTO, CAL.—Last December *Modesto* Chapter No. 246 initiated eight new members, among whom was Assemblyman Ralph M. Brown, an outstanding citizen of California.

Ralph Brown has for many years been a friend of the Greek people in and around Modesto. During the United Nations Conference in San Francisco, when the Honorable John Politis, representing Greece, was invited to speak before the California Assembly, the invitation was made possible by a resolution submitted by Assemblymen Ralph M. Brown, Alfred W. Robertson, Thomas J. Maloney and Bernard A. Sheridan (see *THE AHEPAN*, July-August, 1945).

The initiation ceremony was conducted by District Governor George Bezaitis, with the assistance of Past District Governors George J. Christo, William Panagos, and Jim Nitson. It was an impressive ceremony and it will live long in the memories of the members who attended.

Past Presidents Honored

MONTREAL, CAN.—Five past presidents of *Mount Royal* Chapter No. C.J. 7 were honored at an overflowing meeting of the Chapter in Congress Hall last January.

These five honored Ahepans were Peter Agetees and Edward Stanos, who founded the Chapter 17 years ago; C. D. Tsipuras, Basil Bishikos and A. E. Manioudakis.

Tribute was paid to these five men for their wonderful work in building up the Chapter as a fraternal progressive association by Supreme Governor Timothy Bass, Chapter President Costas Halikas and Percy Papadiamantis.

We join in the congratulations and best wishes of their fellow members.

Forthcoming Convention News

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Plans for the 21st National Convention at Los Angeles this coming summer are in full swing, we have just been informed by E. Jack Fostinis, Chairman of the National Convention Executive Committee. "The various committees are operating smoothly and doing a grand job," Jack wrote us. "Every Chapter in California has volunteered to assist the *Hesperia* Chapter No. 152 in making our next national convention the finest and greatest in Ahepa history. 'We'll give our best — and a little bit more' is the slogan of our people in California."

Besides Jack, the Executive Committee consists of Dr. S. James Vamvas and Dean Soles, *Vice-Chairmen*; Peter Peterson, *Executive Secretary*; Nick Mitchell, *Treasurer*, and Stanley Pann, *George Pappas* and *George Brotsis*.

Further particulars in our next issue.

Executive Secretary Installs

BALTIMORE, MD.—The installation of the 1947 officers of *Worthington* Chapter No. 30 was held last January with Executive Secretary Arthur H. Lalos serving as the Installing Officer. He did an excellent job. The following will serve the Chapter in 1947: Robert G. Contos, *President*; Theodore Papapavlos, *Vice-President*; Peter G. Diamond, *Secretary*; and John Panos, *Treasurer*.

District Governor Nicholas P. Brous, with appropriate remarks, made the presentation of the retiring past president and past presidents of the Auxiliaries. Retiring President Anderson presented his successor, President Contos, with a gavel in recognition of his excellent work as Chairman of the 20th National Convention held at Baltimore last August. In turn, President Contos presented the chairman of the various committees of the Convention with appropriate gifts for their efforts in behalf of the Order.

The meeting also featured the presentation of a trophy to the local Chapter of the Sons for having won the District Basketball Tournament for the second successive year.

A delegation from *Washington* Chapter No. 31, headed by President Spyros

Versis, attended in full force. Refreshments and dance followed.

Youth Takes Over

ATLANTA, GA.—Old timers of *Atlanta* Chapter No. 1 have finally found their chance to relinquish the reins of their Chapter to younger people, thus giving them the opportunity to work for the Order with fresh vigor and new enthusiasm.

George Gerakitis, a dynamic young Atlanta businessman and football coach, is heading the new officers, who include Charles Alexander, *Vice-President*; John V. Priles, *Secretary*; George Dody; *Treasurer*; Angelo Nickas, *Chairman*, and John G. Campbell, Angelo Dody, and George A. Sparks, and Victor Poulos, *members of Board of Governors*.

The new officers have made the solemn pledge to carry on the policies of their predecessors and keep their Chapter among the first and best in the nation and in their district. We wish them the best of luck.

A Combined Installation

DURHAM, N. C.—The combined installation of the newly elected officers of *Durham* Chapter No. 277, and *Sir Walter Raleigh* Chapter No. 10 was held at the Shrine Club last January.

The meeting was opened by President Gus A. Sunas, who introduced the officers and the honored guests. Then the District Lieutenant Governor of District No. 3, Harry Pappas, of Greensboro, installed the newly elected officers. Following the installation, Past President and now Vice President Gus A. Sunas of *Durham* Chapter acted as toastmaster.

Attending the ceremony were Victor S. Bryant, former member of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina; Wilbur Royster, Chairman of the Greek War Relief Association of North Carolina; V. Dabron, Field Marshall of the Greek War Relief Association; District Marshall Simopoulos from Lynchburg, Virginia; the President of the Greek Community of Durham, John Regas; the President of the Adelpheia Association, Nick Zoumplis, and the President of the Greek-American Young Ladies Association, Miss Helen Sunas. The Reverend Stephanis of Raleigh, said the prayer at the conclusion of the ceremonies. Then refreshments were served and dancing followed.—*J. Keranakis*.

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George Pappas

ATLANTA, GA. — George Pappas has been active in Ahepa's work ever since he joined the Order through the Atlantic City Chapter. He is now continuing the grand work as member of Atlanta Chapter No. 1.

His outstanding Ahepa record is matched by his business achievements. He has been associated with leading hotels such as the Raleigh Hotel in Washington, D. C., the Ambassador Hotel at Atlantic City, the Sea Wain Country Club and the Hempstead Country Club of Long Island, New York, and others. He was recently promoted to catering manager of the Atlanta Bilt Hotel.

George Pappas is happily married and has a son who is serving as a major in the Army Air Forces.

A Combined Installation

OMAHA, NEB.—The biggest social event of the year took place last January, when a formal public installation of the 1947 officers of both local chapters of Ahepa and Maids of Athens was held. Spotlight of the evening was a candlelight ceremony, symbolizing the aims of the Maids.

Past District Governor Nick Jamson of Grand Island gave, as installing officer, the oath to the following newly-elected officers: (for Ahepa) William Nicks, *President*; George Payne, *Vice-President*; Tom Polyzois, *Secretary*; Gus Pseros, *Treasurer*; Ernest Sideris, *Warden*; and Steve Abariotes, *Chaplain*.

(For the Maids) Helen Petrow, *Worthy Maid*; Toula Kazakes, *Loyal Maid*; Polly Abariotes, *Secretary*; Joanna Kaminos, *Treasurer*; Marina Gugas, *Delphis*; Panayota Sinos, *Phylax*; Annie Moustakes, *Messenger*; Nellie Kais, *Sentinel*; Connie Polyzois and Helen Sideris, *Muses*. For their Advisory Board: Mrs. Paul Kazakes, *Chairman*, Mrs. P. Constantine and Mrs. Bill Davis.

Dancing followed with refreshments. —*The Roundup*.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Impelled by repeated letters and telephone messages, Supreme President Harris J. Booras wishes to make the following announcement for the general information of all concerned:

Neither he, nor any member of his family, nor anyone of his relatives, is in any way connected or interested in any of the companies, agencies, or business houses, that bear the name "Booras" and advertise extensively in various newspapers and magazines.

Further, neither he, nor any member of his family, nor any one of his relatives, has in any way, manner or form any direct or indirect financial interest in anyone of these commercial ventures.

Wichita Ahepans Installed

WICHITA, KANS.—The Air Capital Chapter No. 187 held its annual installation of officers last January at an open meeting held at the Steffen's Hostess Room.

The newly elected officers for 1947 are: Harry Janopoulo, *President*; George Leber, *Vice-President*; James Poulson, *Secretary*; Gus Balafas, *Treasurer*; The Board of Governors is composed of Arthur Thodis, *Chairman*, Dr. C. E. Boutros, Nick Chiclogan, Samuel Stathis, and Paul Nikakis.

Entertainment was furnished by Steve Xidis and Steve Congas and refreshments were served by wives of members. The installation turned out to be one of the best in years, leaving everyone confident that the Ahepa in Wichita will have one of its finest eras for quite some time.—*The Roundup*.

A Children's Party

KANKAKEE, ILL. — On December 22, 1946, a Christmas party was given for all children under 12 years of age from our community. Gifts were distributed by Chris Cotsonos, who acted the part of Santa Claus. The gifts were purchased from the proceeds of two smokers held under the sponsorship of Kankakee Chapter No. 345.

Wives of members assisted by serving coffee and cake to the parents of the children. It was agreed that the party was a great success and should become an annual affair for the children.—*Leo N. Cotsonos*.

Senator Knowland Joins Ahepa



Honorable William F. Knowland

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—The people of California have made a wonderful decision by sending back to the United States Senate young and ambitious William F. Knowland. They elected him last November by a landslide.

All Ahepans are proud of his success. For Senator Knowland is a member of Oakland Chapter No. 171. A World War II veteran, he started out as a Buck Private and was discharged with honors as a Major.

Senator Knowland saw action in the South Pacific theater of war and made a fine record for himself. After the war he was appointed Senator by Governor Earl Warren of California, to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Hiram Johnson. He ran for re-election and was returned by a tremendous majority.

In electing Senator Knowland to the Senate, the people of California made a splendid choice. Their faith in him will be more than fulfilled. He comes from a pioneer family of the West and is publisher of the *Oakland Tribune*. The best wishes of the 21st District and the entire Ahepa Domain go with him.—*George J. Christo*.

News from Brooklyn

BROOKLYN, N. Y. — The newly elected officer of Brooklyn Chapter No. 41 and *Aphrodite* Chapter No. 7 of the Maids were duly installed last January in a combined ceremony at the Knights

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of Columbus Building. As installing officer, Supreme Treasurer Georgiades did a masterful job. He was assisted by District Governor Bettie Collinas and Lt. Governor Pauline Tombakos, of the Maids.

The newly elected officers for Brooklyn Chapter are: Theodore Zolotas, *President*; Nicholas Vassilakos, *Vice-President*; Michael Anargeros, *Secretary*; Gregory Coutoupis, *Treasurer*.

Those for the Maids are: Lee Aletras, *Worthy Maid*; Mary Kentroti, *Loyal Maid*; Mary Petkosen, *Secretary*; and Athena Lage, *Treasurer*. Mrs. Nicholas Scourby, Mrs. George Anton and Mrs. Nicholas Demas accepted to serve as Advisers.

Past President Gus Nicholas for 1945 and 1946 was presented with a jewel by newly elected President Zolotas. The ceremony was highlighted with the presentation to Supreme Treasurer Georgiades of a check of \$200, representing proceeds of a dance sponsored by *Ahrodite* Chapter on behalf of the Ahepa Hospital Drive.

The meeting was concluded with refreshments and a dance.

First Ethnic Citizen



Tim Bass
Supreme Governor for Canada

We have the honor to present our Supreme Governor for Canada, Tim Bass, who was accorded the distinction of being awarded by Canada the first citizenship certificate of an Ethnic Group on January 10, 1947.

That month Canada's 12,000,000 inhabitants became Canadian citizens. This redundant event resulted from the fact that although they pay Britain no taxes and govern themselves by a parliament and premier of their own choosing, Canadians have always been British subjects. An act of the Canadian parliament established that all Canadians

should receive, by proclamation, on January 1 the privilege that both Eire and South Africa already have and that Australia may presently acquire.

The new *status quo* was signalized by a solemn ceremony at Ottawa at which 12 subjects, representing all Canadians, became sub-citizens, and 12 immigrants, representing all newcomers, received their papers. The entire event was also celebrated by a "Citizenship Week."

Supreme Governor Bass came to St. Louis, Missouri, in 1905, from Kaissari, Corinth, Greece. In 1912 he moved to Brandon, Manitoba, Canada, where he established himself in business as confectioner and restaurant operator. In addition, Tim now operates a wholesale grocery department known as the Olympia Grocery, Ltd. He joined the Order of Ahepa in 1932. After serving as officer of his Chapter, he was elected District Governor of District No. 24 in 1935. He was elevated to the Supreme Lodge at our last Convention in Baltimore, Maryland.

Congratulations, Tim, *kai eis anoteru*. With men like you serving Ahepa we cannot fail.

Special Announcement

The *Airborne Ahepa Excursion* to Greece is on its way. The flight was made in a super-airliner of the Trans-Continental World Airlines named "The Star of Ahepa." The "pilgrimage" left Boston, Massachusetts, on Monday, March 31, 1947, at 11:00 P. M., and arrived in Athens on Wednesday, April 2nd, at 8:00 A. M. It is headed by Supreme President Booras and other dignitaries of our Order.

The return flight is scheduled to leave Athens on May 7th, 1947, at 4:00 P. M., arriving in Boston on May 9th, at 3:00 P. M.

Appropriate receptions are being planned in Greece for the 100 members who made the trip. We shall fully report this 1947 Airborne Excursion of the Order of Ahepa to Ancient Hellas in our next issue.

Other Installations

SALT LAKE CITY, U.—The installation of the 1947 officers of *Beehive* Chapter No. 146 took place at the annual banquet last January. P. E. Athas acted as *Installing Officer*, Nicholas Strike as *Captain of the Guard*, and P. S. Marthakis and Andrew Batestas, as *Honor Escorts*.

The newly elected officers are: Chris G. Tryfon, *President*; Chris A. Politz,

Vice-President; Paul G. Koulis, *Secretary*, and Louis P. Cairo *Treasurer*.

A New Hermes Man

NEW YORK, N. Y.—At their last initiation in February, *Hermes* Chapter No. 186 initiated a new group of neophytes in the Ahepa domain numbering 40. Among them is Leo Ginas, who as former private first class participated in a number of campaigns in the Pacific Theater of War attached to a medical detachment, assigned to the 31st Infantry Division.

Time and again Leo looked in vain for evidence of native medicine men and witch doctors in the 18 months he spent with the 167th Infantry in British and Dutch New Guinea, the Netherlands East Indies and the Philippines.

Proof of the so-called backward people's faith in modern medical science could be found every day as they thronged the aid stations with requests for relief, usually conveyed in the sign language. Like the horse doctor who couldn't ask his patient where it hurt, the medicos were handicapped at first but soon discovered that the cases generally fell into two categories—malaria and skin diseases.

On one occasion Leo was assigned to a company guarding the little island outpost of Rao off the East Indies. He found himself the only "doctor" in the place. In addition to his regular duties of tending to the infantrymen, Leo found himself with a large native clientele. He made diagnoses and even performed minor surgery.

After "office hours," our good brother took his kit and journeyed to neighboring villages to treat those too ill to walk. The natives showed their gratitude with gifts of fruit and vegetables, necklaces and bracelets made from sea shells and beautiful hand-carved ebony canes.

"I don't believe I ever lost a patient," Ginas said. "And if there were any complaints I couldn't understand them, we got along very well together."

Leo Ginas entered the Army in December, 1942, and went overseas in March, 1944. He was awarded the Southwest Pacific Theatre and Philippine Liberation ribbons, two battle stars, the Bronze Invasion Arrowhead, the Combat Medical Badge and the Good Conduct Medal.

We congratulate our *Hermes* brethren for enticing into their ranks a member of such a distinguished record of war service. We feel certain that with his contribution, and that of the other new members, *Hermes* Chapter will soon go to town!

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House Speaker Martin congratulated by Supreme President Booras for his untiring efforts on behalf of the just claims of Greece at a recent reception in Washington. Many notables attended.

THE NATIONAL JUSTICE FOR GREECE COMMITTEE

Last February at the urgent invitation of our Supreme President Booras, representatives of all national organizations of Americans of Greek descent convened in Washington and decided to form *The National Justice for Greece Committee* to succeed the *Justice for Greece Committee*, which for the last two years has been defending in this country and abroad the just claims of Greece on behalf of the Order of Ahepa.

The purpose of the new committee will be "to utilize every possible legitimate means and efforts in order to assist Greece in the attainment of her just national rights and demands, as well as in all her other equitable needs." Its membership consists of representatives of all recognized national American organizations.

The committee will be acting through its newly constituted officers as follows: A president, representing the Order of Ahepa, a chairman, representing the G.A.P.A., a vice-president, representing the Pan-Epirotic Federation, a treasurer, representing the Pan-Arcadian Federation, and a secretary representing the Sterea Hellas Federation.

The Board of Directors consists of the duly authorized representatives of the following organizations: Order of Ahepa, Order of G.A.P.A., Pan-Arcadian Federation, Pan-Epirotic Federation, Pan-Eliaki Brotherhood, Pan-Cretan Union, Pan-Ionian Brotherhood, Pan-Messinian Federation, Pan-Macedonian Association, Sterea Hellas Federation, Pan-Chiaki Association, Federation of Micrasiatic Societies, and Pan-Thracian Federation.

These officers and directors will serve for the term of one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Thus, the new executive officers of *The National Justice for Greece Committee* consists of: Supreme President Harris J. Booras, President; Supreme President of G.A.P.A. Dr. George Gavaris, as *Chairman of the Board*; Dr. Fotios Kyritsis, Supreme President of Pan-Epirotic Federation, as *Vice-President*; Louis Christopoulos, Supreme President of Pan-Arcadian Federation, as *Treasurer*; and George A. Generalis, representative of Sterea Hellas Federation, as *General Secretary*.

The first resolution passed by the new committee was to assist the people of Greece in attaining their just claims in Northern Epirus by incorporating that much disputed territory to Greece at the earliest possible moment.

Attending the meeting and voicing their complete sympathy and cooperation were Archbishop Athenagoras and Metropolitan Panteleimon.

In order to defray the expenses of the new committee it was decided and held on March 2nd a national celebration in all Greek Orthodox Churches in the land, during which celebration a special offering was made by those attending.

All members of the Order of Ahepa, for years now agitating for the recognition and attainment of the just claims of Greece, are in complete accord with the newly elected officers of *The National Justice for Greece Committee* and are confident that their goal will be crowned with success. We know that all Ahepans in the United States and in Canada will join this latest effort to see Greece finally rewarded for her valiant efforts on behalf of her Allies during the last war.

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Received February 4, 1947.

AHEPA AUXILIARIES

SONS OF PERICLES



Junior Order of Ahepa

A Son Is Honored By His Mates



President Topolos presenting Jim Baxes with a wrist watch

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—A local boy has made good. Last fall Jim Baxes was acclaimed the most outstanding young baseball player in the United States in a nation-wide tournament sponsored by the Hearst publications. He is a powerful batter and a smooth-fielding second baseman.

In recognition of this unique achievement, the *Golden Gate* Chapter of the Sons held a banquet at the Derby Restaurant of San Francisco. The program was broadcast over the local radio station KGO and the ABC network by Ira Blue, ABC sports announcer, who acted as master of ceremonies. He interviewed Jim Baxes and then introduced Chapter President John Topolos, who explained the work of Ahepa. City Supervisor George Christopher presented Jim Baxes with a beautiful wrist watch, and toastmaster Ted Theodus presented Jim with the Lou Gehrig Memorial Trophy.

Prominent Ahepans attended the banquet as guests of the Chapter, along with five members of the San Francisco Seals Baseball Club: Joe Sprinz, Neil Sheridan, Frank Seward, Ed Stutz and Bill Werle. Bob Brachman, represent-

ing the *San Francisco Examiner* also attended.

Sons Active in Athletics

WORCESTER, MASS.—The *Worcester* Sons basketball team played the *Brockton* Sons last December and won 43 to 30. Playing before a capacity crowd, the game featured S. Milonas, of Brockton, as the highest scorer with 15 points, and G. Soter, of Worcester, the next best with 13 points. Refreshments and dance followed.

Continuing their successful efforts to become the champions of the District, the *Worcester* Sons eked out a 31 to 29 victory over the *Lowell* Sons basketball team. Likewise, refreshments and dancing followed.

The League standing as of last December was: *Boston*, one victory; *Brockton*, two defeats; *Lowell*, one defeat; and *Worcester*, two victories.

Veterans Administration is operating 29 mental hygiene clinics and has contracts with 39 private clinics for the treatment of veterans in its preventive medicine program.

A Gala Occasion

ATLANTA, GA.—The newly elected officers of *Adelphi* Chapter No. 86 were installed in a gala affair at the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel last October. As their guests of honor the Sons had invited those of their fellow members who had just returned from the armed forces. Supreme Governor George Cotsakis administered the oath of office and District Governor of Sons' District No. 1, Andrew P. Marinos, acted as master of ceremonies.

The following were installed to serve for the 1946-1947 term: Steve E. Alexander, *President*; Chris A. Alexander, *Vice-President*; Arthur C. Poulos, *Secretary and Treasurer*; Anthony Dinos, *Master of Ceremonies*; Steve Marinos, *High Priest*; John Economy, *High Guardian*; John Marinos, *Inner Guardian*; George Colevins, *Outer Guardian*; John Stamos, *Assistant Secretary*, and Lino Dinos, *News Editor*.

Following the installation, newly installed President Steve E. Alexander presented the Sweetheart of *Adelphi* Chapter, Miss Aglia Carberis. Refreshments and dance capped this gala affair.

Taxes of Olden Times

"The taxpayer is, of all human beings, the most incurably selfish. If he hears that a new tax has been imposed, the only thing in which he is interested is its effect on himself."—Robert Lynd.

"When there is an income tax, the just man will pay more and the unjust less on the same amount of income."—Plato.

"The schoolboy whips his taxed top; the beardless youth manages his taxed horse with a taxed bridle and a taxed road; and the dying Englishman, pouring his medicine, which has paid 7 per cent, into a spoon that has paid 15 per cent, flings himself back upon his chintz bed which has paid 22 per cent, and expires in the arms of an apothecary who has paid a license of a hundred pounds for the privilege of putting him to death."—Sydney Smith.

"Everything seems to be coming down except taxes."—Philadelphia Public Ledger (1857).

"The people are taxed with everything that is namable, and yet the expenditures are greater than the income. There is no end to the extravagance of Congress."—Albany (N. Y.) Argus (1873).

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He Received a Trophy



Named "Son of the Year"

LANCASTER, PA.—The members of J. M. Pikolas Chapter No. 129 thought so well of their fellow member, Arthur N. Moshos, that they named him the "Son of the Year" at a banquet held last January. They lauded his civic activities and thanked him for his services to the Chapter as its Secretary. In recognition they awarded him a trophy. The presentation was made by Leon Agourides and Gus Chaknos, Advisers of the Sons. Arthur is a veteran and a graduate of the Franklin and Marshall College.

The banquet was attended by Executive Secretary Arthur H. Lalos, Dr. Theodore A. Distler, President of Franklin and Marshall College, District Governor Karas, and George Mitchell.

With the return of most of its members from the armed forces, the Chapter is forging ahead and promises to have a very successful year. Starting with an annual spring dance last year, the Sons organized a basketball team that furnished many thrilling evenings to the Lancaster community ball fans. Last summer the Sons and the Maids combined to give a number of socials climaxed with an annual picnic and athletic events. The banquet closed last year's activities with a bang.

A "Big Three" Event

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—The "big three" event of Venus Chapter No. 102 last Christmas was the holding of a social at the home of Bertha Meleos, the announcement of the betrothal of Helen Diamondouras to Peter Mandris of London, Ontario, and the collection of three yards of material from each member as a contribution to an orphanage in Greece.

Bingo and other prize-winning games, accompanied by various refreshments, contributed to the evening's entertainment. Helen Diamondouras and another recently-engaged member, Sister Cockinos, were presented with gifts from their friends.

HELP GREEK WAR RELIEF CAMPAIGN

MARCH-APRIL, 1947

Accidents Killed 100,000 in 1946

Auto Fatalities in Lead; Deaths in the Home Were Next

Accidents in 1946 cost this country 100,000 dead, 10,400,000 injured and \$5,600,000,000, the National Safety Council reported recently. This toll was 4 per cent greater than that of 1945, which claimed 95,918 lives.

The council said that the final figure was significant as indicating an increasing measure of control in the last month of 1946 over the rising post-war accident rate. It noted that in the first four months of the year the motor-vehicle death toll alone was up 45 per cent. The operation, since last May, of the President's Highway Safety Conference, which promoted a concerted safety campaign, was credited with keeping the toll in the year's final months no higher than in 1945.

Fewer Children Killed

A decrease of 8 per cent from 1945 in deaths of children 5 to 14 years old was taken as apparent evidence of the effectiveness of safety education among this school-age group, and, further, this is the only age group to show a decrease.

A breakdown by five classifications gave the following accident picture, in terms of fatalities:

Motor Vehicles—33,500 in 1946 against 28,076 in 1945, up 19 per cent.

Home (Civilian)—34,000 against 33,500, up 1 per cent.

Occupational (Civilian)—16,500 against 16,500, no change.

Public (Civilian, Not Motor Vehicle)—17,000 against 16,000, up 6 per cent.

Military Personnel—2,100 against 5,500, down 62 per cent.

One in Thirteen in U. S. Hurt

The 10,400,000 injuries brought a disabling injury to one person in thirteen in the country.

The economic loss, covering all accidents, included wage losses, medical expense and overhead costs of insurance for all accidents, production delays and damage to equipment and property.

By age groups, deaths of children under 3 years old increased 4 per cent; 5 to 14 decreased 8 per cent; 15 to 24 up 12 per cent; 25 to 44, higher by 5 per cent; 45 to 64 up 5 per cent, and over 64, an increase of 2 per cent.

Falls accounted for 27,300 deaths, about the same as in 1945. Burns killed 10,200, 8 per cent more than in 1945. Drownings rose 2 per cent from 1945 to 7,300. Fatal firearms accidents soared 24 per cent to 3,100, probably due, in part, to war souvenirs.

Traffic Deaths Up 19%

The toll of traffic fatalities, while 19 per cent above that for 1945, was 6,500 below the all time high of 39,969 for 1941.

In addition to fatalities, there were about 1,500,000 non-fatal traffic injuries. Property destroyed was put at \$750,000,000, with the over-all cost, including medical expenses and similar items, set at \$1,650,000,000.

New York City had the worst record in a list of fourteen cities of more than 500,000 population in point of the numbers of deaths per 10,000 registered vehicles, the figure being 11.2, as against 3.2 for Milwaukee, Wis., the city in this class with the best rating.

Chicago was second last, with 484 deaths and a 9.4 rate.

Of thirty-five cities of 10,000 or more to complete the year without accident, New Britain, Conn., was the largest to achieve this distinction. Watertown and Lockport, N. Y., and Middletown, Conn., were others.



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JAMES CHIFLAKOS

Sales Representative

Brother James Chiflakos, a good American and a loyal Ahepan with more than two decades of Ahepa service, is in darkness.

He lost his eyesight.

He now needs our help.

All Ahepans and businessmen in general are urged to place their orders for flour in carload lots, assorted flour or otherwise, with Crete Mills which Brother Chiflakos represents now for years.

Appeal to your jobber or broker and tell him to order a carload of flour from the Crete Mills of Crete, Nebraska, for account of Brother James Chiflakos.

This would not be an act of charity. It would be an act of humanity and brotherhood.

James Chiflakos needs help, not charity. Let us be kind to him and do business through him. It costs us *nothing*. It means everything to him.

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They Gave a Ball



Resting on Their Laurels

SALEM, MASS.—Set in the beautiful ballroom of the Hawthorne Hotel, where standard epergnes of flowers presented a beautiful picture, the members of *Alceste* Chapter No. 66 held their *Mistletoe* Ball last December. Nikki Contos (fourth from the left), served as general Chairman; she was assisted by Kitty Paganis, Stella Stathos, Anna Takis, Nikke Selavounos and Athena Damas, shown in the picture. Among the patrons and patronesses were Mr. and Mrs. Spiros Velonis, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tranos, Mr. and Mrs. John Tranos, the Misses Margaret Demas, Dessie Dadasis, Angelica Rentounis, Tina Lefthes, Emily Balliotis and Dora Mouzakis.

This ball was conducted for the purpose of presenting a gift to the community church of *St. Vasilios*. The orchestra was led by Steve Chires, recently returned from overseas duty.

New York Auxiliaries Installed

NEW YORK, N. Y.—In the presence of numerous Ahepans and friends a grand Combined Installation of Ahepa's *Delphi*, *Upper Manhattan* and *Estia* Chapters in conjunction with Auxiliaries *Evyklia* Chapter of the Daughters and *Castalia* Chapter of the Maids was held on January 17th.

After the meeting was called to order by retiring *Delphi* President Polites, District Governor George Dimas proceeded with the installation ceremony.

The 1947 officers of *Evyklia* Chapter were installed by District Secretary Helen Barbatsuly, assisted by George Kastrinos, District Advisor to the Daughters, and Michael Loris, past district governor. They are Angela Hart, President; Betty Bosonakis, Vice-President; Dorothy Angels, Secretary, and Alexander Long, Treasurer.

The 1947 officers of *Castalia* Chapter of the Maids were in turn installed by District Governor Bettie Coffinas, assisted by Lt. Governor Pauline Tamboras.

We congratulate the newly elected officers of both Auxiliaries and wish them joy, health, and an active year.

Making Friends



Executive Secretary Lalos with the Maids

NATIONAL CONVENTION HQTS.—It is true that our Executive Secretary is still a bachelor but it isn't true that he dislikes or avoids entanglements. In spite of his many official duties at the Convention, Arthur found time to visit around and be with friends. "And the Maids," as he puts it, "are my special preoccupation and my main relaxation." He is devoted to them as he is devoted to the Sons.

Here he is with Canton, Ohio, Maids, reading from left to right: Elpinickie Vaitis, Mr. Lalos, Betty Georgiades, president of *Victoria* Chapter No. 73, and Nicholet Vaitis.

More than 40,000 veterans are operating their own businesses with G.I. loans guaranteed by Veterans Administration.

Around 65,000 veterans are applying monthly for admission to Veterans Administration hospitals or homes.

Gift-Bearing Maids



To Cheer Up Convalescing Veterans

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The members of *Muses* Chapter No. 22 did not forget the convalescing veterans at the Walter Reed Hospital and last January brought their generous gifts to them. They are shown above sorting their presents (from left to right): Mary Triantis, *Past Loyal Maid*; Alexandra Dakas, *Muse*; Mary Demas, *Past Corresponding Secretary*; Evelyn Pavlos, Evelyn Panagakos, *Treasurer*; and Demetria Panagos, *Worthy Maid*.

This mission of mercy was organized by the American Red Cross, which gave a tea to all participating groups, among which the local Chapter was represented by the above Maids.

An Impressive Record

LANCASTER, PA.—The 1946 activities of the local Chapter of the Maids was both varied and extensive. Following the installation of officers, the Maids gave a Valentine Dance to entertain the servicemen; a Spaghetti Supper to raise money for the Red Cross; a Skating Party to get better acquainted; a Mother's Day Tea to honor their elders; a Theater Party, a Bowling Party, a number of Swimming Parties and Hikes, a Halloween Dance, and a Thanksgiving Day "Victory Party" in honor of returned servicemen and servicewomen. Most of these parties were combined with the local Chapter of the Sons.

In addition, the Maids are issuing a bi-monthly magazine entitled "Delition," which is sent to the boys still in service. We hope and trust that these activities will continue, thus bringing pleasure and happiness to all our people of Lancaster and suburbs.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE



Ahepa Senior Ladies Auxiliary

They Appeal For New Members



The Grand Lodge of the Daughters of Penelope

This year our Daughters have launched an ambitious campaign to acquire 10,000 new members. The drive will continue through June 30, 1947, when prizes will be awarded to Districts, Chapters, and members bringing in the largest number.

We take great pleasure in presenting our *Senior Ladies Auxiliary Grand Lodge* for 1946-1947. (Left to right) seated: Grand Treasurer Mary Aroney,

Grand Secretary P. S. Karagianis, Grand President Poppy Mitchell, and Grand Vice-President G. May; standing: Grand Governors C. C. Mrazek and Tresa Hatzopoulos, Member Lodge Marie Petros, and Grand Governors Isabel Masters and Betty Kallelis.

They invite our Daughters to join in the campaign and make it a complete success by bringing in 10,000 members by June 30, 1947.

All Out For Charity

HOLLYWOOD, CALIF. — *Melita* Chapter No. 119 has again been proven to be a most active chapter. Our charitable activities must be setting a goal for others to follow.

Several large bags of clothing were shipped to New York early in December for distribution in Greece. A pre-Christmas party raised funds for two of our local charities. In addition, members donated a generous supply of toys for the Ruth Home for Children—in addition to the annual check from the Chapter. Then, fifty boxes were packed with numerous individual gifts for veterans at Birmingham Hospital at Van Nuys, California, and books

were sent to the Birmingham Library.

The New Year brought the call for the *Greek War Relief*. Again our Chapter was ready with its donation on the opening day of the drive in the Los Angeles area.

Melita Chapter has been taking an active interest in the entire *El Camino Real* District with members attending the various installations in cities of southern California, and a dozen members going to Bakersfield for the District Conference last January. This delegation was headed by President Margaret Cardoso, Vice-President Pearl Zafiris, Secretary Penelope Boukides, and Past President Isabelle Masters, now one of our Grand Governors.—*Myra Tellegen*.

New Chapters

Displaying commendable vigor and enthusiasm the Daughters have organized since our last Convention the following Chapters:

Dione Chapter No. 143, in New London, Connecticut;

Aglaia Chapter No. 144, in Portsmouth, New Hampshire;

Latonia Chapter No. 145, in Aurora, Illinois, and

Phoebus Chapter No. 146, in Tucson, Arizona.

Grand Secretary Helen Karagianis has been instrumental in the organization of the first two Chapters. Helen and her associates are doing their utmost to spread the organization of the Daughters far and wide in all New England states. Last January she participated in a combined installation of the newly elected officers of the local Chapters of Daughters and Maids in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Congratulations. Keep up the good work.

A Christmas Party

AKRON, O.—The annual Christmas party of *Themis* Chapter No. 28 was held last December at the Ahepa Home. The party was attended by both Ahepans and their families.

President, Mrs. George Poulos, was in charge of the program. Jeffrey and Anthony Economou were heard in a piano and violin duet and Ralia Calogerakis rendered several solos. The sextet from the Greek Orthodox Church choir sang Christmas carols under the direction of Solon Anastos.

Mrs. Peter Giovas was in charge of decorations, assisted by Pauline and Margaret Vasil. Ralia Calogerakis, and Mrs. Frances George. Refreshments—*Greek pastries*—were served.

An Impressive Installation

WATERLOO, IOWA — *Marathon* Chapter No. 91 held their annual installation ceremonies on January 20, 1947, in the Lodge Hall, to which the public was invited. A large crowd gathered to witness this inspiring event, which has become a tradition with *Marathon* Chapter.

The officers, in formal attire, executed intricate patterns which were truly

beautiful and lent much to the dignity of the work. The Governor of District No. 14, Mrs. Letha K. George, acted as installing officer; Lucille Gouzous sang "My Task," and following the oath to the new officers, Kopie George sang "The Lord's Prayer."

The evening was concluded with a lovely lunch served from a table covered with a lace cloth and decorated with service of silver with an arrangement of figurines, candles and yellow and white chrysanthemums and pompoms. Retiring President, Mrs. Ethel Gartelos, poured. Dancing followed.

JOIN THE 1947 TEN THOUSAND NEW DAUGHTERS' CAMPAIGN. IT'S ON NOW!

They Held a Conference



Overjoyed at Their Success

BAKERSFIELD, CAL.—Last January a District Conference of *El Camino Real* District No. 20 was held with officers and delegates from the various Chapters of the District attending in full force. The business sessions of the Conference were conducted by District Governor Kay Brotsis, of Chapter No. 43 of Los Angeles; Lt. Governor Lily Mikos, of Chapter No. 103 of Santa Barbara; District Secretary Rosemaere Kordoses, of Chapter No. 43 of Los Angeles; District Treasurer Connie Paios, of Chapter No. 94 of Ventura, and District Marshal Pauline Harris, of Chapter No. 84 of Bakersfield. The members of local Chapter No. 84, headed by President Dorothy Mellas, served as hostess. The program included a Greek Night, a luncheon, a banquet and a dance.

Attending the Conference were Grand National Treasurer Mary Aroney from Los Angeles; Grand National Governor Belle Master from Hollywood, and District Governor Effie Poulos, of District No. 21 of Northern California. In addition, 400 Ahepans, Daughters and their families attended these gala occasions.

Over 63,000 World War II veterans are studying farming right on the farm under two Federal laws administered by Veterans Administration.

A Fine Group of Daughters



Some of the members of Myrina Chapter

DETROIT, MICH.—Since last fall *Myrina* Chapter has been a veritable beehive, the energetic Daughters standing still only long enough to pose for a picture. (Left to right), seated: Effie Costaris, Helen Johnides, Angeline Partelis, Secretary Julie Thomas, President Pauline Stevens, District Secretary-Treasurer Constance Chambos, Treasurer Helen Kiriazis, Kay Masters, Priestess Sylvia Lontorfos, and Victoria Nellas. Standing: Helen Vaptisma, Lula Kokas, Bessie Vasilas, Athen Hantsakos, Minerva Chalapis, Angeline Demos, Helen Poulos, and Helen Bikos.

A Combined Installation

HEMPSTEAD, N. Y.—Last January the newly elected officers of *Theodore Roosevelt* Chapter, in conjunction with those of the local Chapters of Daughters and Maids, were duly installed. The installation ceremony was conducted by District Governor George Dimas of *Empire* District No. 6, assisted by Mrs. George Kastrinos and Mrs. Helen Barbatsuly, District Officers for the Daughters, and by District Governor Bettie Coffinas and Lt. Governor Pauline Tombakos, of the Maids.

The newly elected officers for *Theodore Roosevelt* Chapter are: George Tsairis, *President*; Homer Piakis, *Vice-President*; Gus Demetriados, *Secretary*; and Peter Langis, *Treasurer*.

Those for the Daughters are: Mrs. Helen Piakis, *President*; Mrs. E. Strategas, *Vice-President*; Mrs. Dorothy Chronis, *Secretary*; and Mrs. Matina Potamos, *Treasurer*.

Those for the Maids are: *Ida Pappas*, *Worthy Maid*; *Mary Stratos*, *Loyal Maid*; *Anna Mustaka*, *Secretary*, and *Ida Stratos*, *Treasurer*. Mrs. Anna Chamousis, Mrs. Helen Barbatsuly and Mrs. J. Mahares, consented to serve as Advisers.

Following the ceremony, refreshments were served to all present.

Following a large initiation last fall, the Daughters held an informal dance at the "Ahepa Temple" and then organized a Thanksgiving Feather Party, at which turkeys, food baskets, wines, and candy were given as prizes. The net proceeds of \$257 were donated to the building fund of the local Ahepa Chapter *Alpha*.

They capped these events by their second annual Yuletide Ball held in the Fountain Ballroom of the Masonic Temple. This proved one of the most successful affairs in the Detroit community. They are now planning a combined spring cocktail party and fashion show. They are also co-editing, with the local chapter, the monthly *Michigan Ahepan* and are competing with Ahepans one night a week in bowling.

Myrina Chapter is thus out to prove it is an all around group of active Daughters. Their record is proof of the pudding. We heartily congratulate them.

Arizona Conquered

TUCSON, ARIZ.—Thanks to the cooperation of the local Chapter and the organizing efforts of Grand President Poppy Mitchell, *Phoebus* Chapter No. 146 was formally organized and instituted last December at the regular meeting place of the Order of Ahepa, the Knights of Columbus Hall.

In the presence of many Ahepans and their families, the Grand President, assisted by Kay Brotsis, Governor of District No. 20, who came from Burbank, California for the occasion, installed the following officers of the Chapter: Dina Panos, *President*; Ann Pappadeas, *Vice-President*; Rose Psiris,

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Secretary; Della Pangot, Treasurer; Marie Diamos, Chairman, and Georgia Polson, Carolyn Seimenis, Rosa Kerson, Katherin Macris, members of the Board of Governors; Thalia Panos, Priestess; Katherine Panos, Warden; Mary Nikas, Captain of the Guard; Sally Klene, Inside Sentinel; Nina Karabias, Outside Sentinel; Zoe Panos and Ephtherpe Panos, Flag Guards.

Present at the meeting were Peter Stevens, District Governor, and George Brotsis, Lt. Governor, of Southern California's District No. 20. They reported on their plans and preparations being made for the forthcoming Los Angeles National Convention. The installation ceremonies were followed by refreshments and dancing.

Daughters Forging Ahead

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—Under the sponsorship of Ahepa's San Diego Chapter No. 223, and through the efforts of Past District Governor Lena Simitzi, a new Daughters' Chapter was organized last year called *Tiresias* Chapter No. 142. The initiation of 16 charter members took place at the District Convention of District No. 20.

NEW LONDON, CONN.—Under the sponsorship of Ahepa's New London Chapter No. 250, a new Daughters' Chapter was organized and called the *Dione* Chapter No. 143. The initiation of 23 charter members was conducted by District Governor Irene Marinake, of District No. 7, assisted by Sophia Regas, Ann Speliopoulos, Mary Topodas, Julia Petrides and Evelyn Holaris. A degree team from Springfield, Massachusetts, helped in the initiation.

The following were installed as officers of the Chapter: Chrysanthie Constantine, President; Mary Brachas, Vice-President; Mary Ganacoplos, Secretary; Helen Brachas, Treasurer; Mrs. Maria Orphanides, Chairman, and Mrs. Helen Panos, Mrs. Lucy Halikas, Helen Ballassi and Mary Atchallas, members of the Board of Governors; Mrs. Sally Ballassi, Captain of the Guard; Helen Maurodis, Warden; Mrs. Helen Patterson, Priestess; Mrs. Annie S. Constantine, Inside Sentinel.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the proceedings were open to the public and refreshments were served by the Ahepans of *Winthrop* Chapter.

"Americans traditionally regard taxes as a burden and a waste if not an outrage. . . . They will have to . . . begin to think about taxes the way they have been taught to think about insurance. You pay now in order to avoid calamity later."
—Stuart Chase.

Modeling Goes Well

AKRON, O.—A Thanksgiving Benefit Card Party and Style Show was held by the members of *Themis* Chapter No. 28, with Ahepans and their families attending as guests.

The highlight of the evening was the modeling of original hats created by Daughters. Creations such as "June Wedding" by Helen Mikalos; "Police Gazette" by Christene Kleines; "Birdies in the Spring" by Mrs. Katherine Giovas; "Housewife's Nightmare" by Mary Konstantinopoulos; "Carmen Miranda" by Mrs. Ann Nichols; "Christmas Eve" by Mrs. Lucille Van Doros; "Freedom in Relief" by Mrs. Frances George; "Last Rose of Summer" by Mrs. Anna Barlas; "Lollipops" by Ann Haikalas, and "Lost Week-End" by Mrs. Anna Syracopoulos, were modeled and greatly enjoyed.

Mrs. Katherine Giovas directed the style-show; musical accompaniment was provided by Chrisa Jameson.

Installations

AKRON, O.—On January 23, 1947, Pauline Nichols, District Governor of District No. 11, installed the newly elected officers of *Themis* Chapter No. 28: Pauline Paffilas, President; Frances George, Vice-President; Lucile Van Doros, Secretary; Helen Mikalos, Treasurer; Frances Poulos, Chairman; Lucile Chakonas, Kathryn Giovas, Emily James and Colletta Vasil, Members of Board of Governors; Olga James, Captain of the Guard; Mary Konstantinopoulos, Warden; and Sophie Vasil, Priestess. Goldene Economou, Lillian Carpas, Aneta Allen, and Mary Gonis assisted in the installation ceremony. Participating in the candle ceremony were lamp bearer Frances George and maidens Lucille Van Doros, Mary Economou, Eva Zaras, Lillian Carpas, Kathryn Giovas, Mary Konstantinopoulos, Ralia Calogerakis, and Billie Tsannis.

BOSTON, MASS.—The newly elected officers of *Orion* Chapter No. 130 were installed last January at the Ahepa Home, with Ashelen Senopoulos, President of the local *Athens* Chapter No. 24 acting as the installing officer.

The newly elected officers are: Alice Mehos, President; Diana Theophiles, Vice-President; Angie Yakes, Secretary; Eugenia Anastos, Treasurer; Mrs. Nancy Angelopoulou, Chairman, and Mrs. Helen Crane, Nicolette Demeter, Katherine Zantos, and Bertha Kyriakos, members of Board of Governors; Marina Pappey, Captain of the Guard; Demetra Koulouris, Priestess; Anne Dravis, Inside Sentinel, and Anne Demeter, Spirit of Penelope.



Waving flags against a clearing sky, expressing world's hopes for peace

This year the American Red Cross needs \$60,000,000 to carry out its vital responsibilities for:

Continued service to veterans and their families.

Continued service to the men in army and navy hospitals, to those serving with the occupation forces overseas, and to their families.

Continued service to the community—disaster service, blood donor service, first aid, water safety, accident prevention, nurse's aide, and other health, welfare and educational services.

Experience during past campaigns has shown how vitally important the support of every citizen is to the success of the Red Cross appeal. This year the problems of thousands of veterans confront us. The morale of soldiers lying in military and veterans hospitals must be maintained. So, too, must that of our occupation forces. Disaster relief and other year-round activities must be kept at full strength.

The American Red Cross, the representative of the people of the United States, carries out its vast program of mercy and community services through the generous support and cooperation of the people. How well the Red Cross does its job depends on you! When you contribute to the 1947 Red Cross Fund, you become a member of a great working family—a family of American neighbors pledged to help each other in time of need.

Through your Red Cross you can lend the veterans a hand, aid the disaster victim, bring cheer to those in hospitals and in lonely Army camps overseas. Through your Red Cross you can help improve the general health and welfare of your own community and extend aid to peoples of other countries through their Cross societies.

When you contribute to the 1947 Red Cross Fund, you become a member of a great family of neighbors, pledged to help each other in time of need!

Make history with the Marines. Travel to the four corners of the globe with America's finest military organization—the United States Marines.

LETTERS to



The AHEPAN

"Beloved Pan, and all ye other gods who haunt this place, grant that I may become beautiful within, and that whatever of external good I possess may be bound to my internal purity; let me account the wise man rich; and of wealth let me have only so much as a prudent man can bear or employ."—Socrates.

Special Message of Supreme President Booras He Pleads on Behalf of Greek War Relief Campaign

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

The Greek War Relief Association is now mobilizing the Greek American communities throughout the United States in preparation for its campaign for \$12,000,000. As I wrote you in my first circular, on October 7th, pursuant to the mandate of the Ahepa Convention, it is our sacred duty and trust to make the success of this campaign our first consideration during the next three months.

Ahepa has a large interest in this campaign. \$500,000 of the first funds collected will be earmarked for projects to be selected by Ahepa. Six of the health centers to be erected by the Association shall be designated as Ahepa Health Centers. The Greek War Relief Association has also agreed to participate on a fifty-fifty basis in all other hospital projects selected by Ahepa in accordance with our agreement with the Greek War Relief.

By joining forces with the Greek War Relief Association in its health program, Ahepa can thus double its contribution to the Greek people. The success of the Association's campaign is therefore vital to the fulfillment of the hospital and health center program approved by the Ahepa Convention.

On behalf of the Supreme Lodge and as your chosen Supreme President, I urge that Ahepa leaders and Ahepa members throughout the country fully cooperate and vigorously exert all their power, influence and labors to fulfillment of the Association's goal of \$12,000,000. In installing officers, District Governors should make this campaign one of the primary items on the agenda; Ahepa chapters should offer their services to the Greek War Relief Association representatives; in short, Ahepa must be, as it always has been, the backbone of the Greek War Relief Association which has rendered such great service to the suffering people of Greece.

In closing, I repeat the fervent appeal I made to you in October: Remember! Ahepans, that busy as we may be in our own enterprises, if we want to help reconstruct and bring back Greece to life, THIS IS THE TIME TO DO IT and not one or two years from now. And if we are all

fully united, Ahepa, Greek War Relief and all other organizations, we will not only raise Twelve Million Dollars but much more.

HARRIS J. BOORAS,
Supreme President.

Washington, January 15, 1947.

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Ambassador Dendramis Thanks

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

I have been following with keen interest your magazine and wish to convey to you my sincere congratulations for its artistically excellent and extremely interesting presentation.

I wish to thank you in particular for the enlightenment of the American public on the true position of Greek affairs and the real picture you give of Greece.

Propaganda from internal and external enemies of Greece is sowing confusion in the minds of Americans of Greek descent and Americans in general. Your efforts go a long way toward bringing the truth to them.

V. DENDRAMIS,
Ambassador,

Permanent Greek Delegation to
the United Nations.

New York, January 28, 1947.

Pleads for Devastated Greece

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

As a native and long-time resident of Greece, I am taking the liberty of writing to you in the interest of the effort of the Greek War Relief Association to raise a \$12,000,000 fund in the United States for Greek public health and child-welfare activities.

I was graduated from Tufts Dental School in 1924 and for twenty years I have had a practice in Athens, serving the American Embassy and the American colony also.

Your readers know how Greece has always fought for the right. They know in the last terrible war how the Greeks so successfully repulsed the hordes of one Axis power and resisted at a terrible price the legions of Hitler.

We have a million and a half homeless men, women and children; 375,000 war orphans now living in overcrowded and ill-supported orphanages or in abandoned hotels; two million undernourished children whose growth has been stunted and who are substantially underweight; two and a half million persons suffering from tuberculosis and chronic malaria. One out of every three Greeks is a victim of these dread diseases.

I feel sure that America will oversubscribe the \$12,000,000 sought, so that public health and child-welfare programs can be executed in time to help us rehabilitate ourselves.

JOHN BERBERELLIS, D.M.D.
Athens, Greece, Feb. 7, 1947.

National Headquarters Explain

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:
We gladly send you the following information:

1. A Chapter must remit to the National Headquarters an annual per capita tax of \$4.00 for each member in good standing. The per capita tax is \$4.00 irrespective of the amount your Chapter charges for dues.

2. The initiation fee sent to the National Headquarters with each membership application is \$10.00 irrespective of the amount your Chapter charges as an initiation fee. The only exception to this rule is as follows:

(a) Servicemen and Honorably Discharged Veterans of World War II are eligible for membership into the Order of Ahepa under a special initiation fee of \$10.00. Out of this \$10.00 fee, \$5.00 are sent to the National Headquarters together with the membership application and \$5.00 retained by the Chapter. However, if the Chapter so chooses, it may waive its portion of the initiation fee and just charge \$5.00, which is sent to the National Headquarters.

3. The transfer fee paid by members seeking transfer is retained by the Chapter to which he is transferring.

The dues and transfer fees are the same for all members including Veterans.

ARTHUR H. LALOS,
Executive Secretary
Washington, February 14, 1947.

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Cimon Diamantopoulos

Cimon Diamantopoulos, Ambassador of Greece to the United States since 1940, was stricken and died of a heart attack last December while discussing his nation's problems with Prime Minister Tsaldaris, who came to New York to plead the cause of Greece before the United Nations.

The late ambassador collapsed at the suite of Mr. Tsaldaris in the Hotel Plaza, at a time when his experience and counsel were most needed in presenting the just claims of Greece before the Big Four, then meeting in New York, and the United Nations Assembly at Flushing Meadows and Lake Success.

In addition to the Prime Minister, present at the time were Ambassador Dendramis, Press Chief Kyrrou, and four other officials of the Government. Archbishop Athenagoras administered the final rites of our church to the deceased diplomat. A solemn funeral service was held at the Greek Cathedral in New York with the Archbishop officiating.

"I am shocked," said Prime Minister Tsaldaris at the time, "by the sudden death of Ambassador Diamantopoulos. His passing is a great loss, to my country, particularly at this critical hour. He died while conferring with me and my associates on problems of our dear Hellas. He was a good soldier and Greece mourns his loss."

President Truman sent a message of sympathy to the King of Greece and Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson in a statement declared that the United

States had lost a true and sincere friend in Cimon Diamantopoulos.

The late Ambassador was born in Smyrna. After attending the local schools, he went for graduate studies to the Universities of Athens and Paris. He entered the diplomatic corps of Greece in 1910 and served at Monastiri, Cairo, Belgrade, London, Constantinople and Ankara. He came to Washington as Ambassador in 1940.

Cimon Diamantopoulos served his country and his people well. He was a sincere and true friend of the American people. He was held in great respect by the officials of our Government in Washington. His tact and his experience helped Greece through many difficult times. As Prime Minister Tsaldaris said Ambassador Diamantopoulos died like a "good soldier." *Aionia Tou H Mnimi.*



John Diamandis

John Diamandis, a prominent member of Ahepa and of the Greek community of Tarpon Springs, Florida, passed away on December 15, 1946, at the age of 57. Born in Halki, the Dodecanese Islands, he went to study in Athens and then returned to Halki to become the director of the local school there. He came to Tarpon Springs in 1907 and ever since served his community and his country.

John joined our Order among the first and served his local Chapter as president and as secretary for many years, giving of his time and of his integrity freely and repeatedly. He also served for many years as president of the Greek community, the local Cham-

ber of Commerce, the Halki Society, and the local Sponge Exchange.

One of his dreams for which he worked incessantly was to see the Greek Cathedral built and toward that end he obtained at our Syracuse National Convention a donation of \$3,000. There was nothing that John would not do if it served a good purpose. Ever since its organization, he served as the local representative of the Greek War Relief and exerted every effort to forward its work.

"It is impossible for me," writes John K. Douglas, a friend and collaborator, "to name all the things that John Diamandis stood and worked for on behalf of the Greek people in general. He fought for democracy and freedom of the Greek people, and it was his ambition that they some day adopt a constitution along the same lines that our American way of life follows."

Funeral services were held at the St. Nicholas Cathedral, his dream, and the trustees of the community served as honorary pallbearers. For the first time in its history, all expenses of the funeral were borne by the Greek community. He is survived by his widow, a son, two daughters, one brother and two sisters.

Ahepa has lost a valiant son; the Tarpon Springs community a most energetic member; the nation a worthy citizen. We mourn the passing of John Diamandis and wish *Aionia Tou H Mnimi.*

Our Bond Campaign Successful

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

The current Savings Bond Campaign our magazines are carrying only started last Fall and yet already there is tangible evidence of its tremendous sales effectiveness.

Since September sales of Savings Bonds have climbed steadily and redemptions have dropped month by month. A general summary of the direct sales effectiveness of this campaign is given in the attached letter from Elihu Harris, Director of Advertising of the Treasury Department.

Magazines are participating in the campaign because it is an important public service. It is doubly gratifying to be able to perform such a service and at the same time get such a striking demonstration of the sales power of magazines.

Thank you again for the part you are playing in this work.

A. E. WINGER, *Chairman,*
Magazine Advertising Committee,
The National Publishers Association, Inc.

New York, January 13, 1947.



"We will never bring disgrace to this, our City, by any act of dishonesty or cowardice, nor ever desert our suffering comrades in the ranks. We will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the City, both alone and with many; we will respect and obey the City's laws and do our best to incite a like respect and reverence in those above us who are prone to sin and to set them at naught; we will strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty. Thus in all these ways we will transmit this City not only less, but greater, better and more beautiful than it was committed to us."—Oath of the Athenian Youth

THE GREEK CRISIS

Since last January a United Nations Commission in Greece is investigating the Greek Government's charge that its northern neighbors—Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania—have been giving refuge to, training and equipping Greek Communist bands, who have been carrying on a sort of minor civil war in the frontier areas and other isolated sections of the country. According to the Greek Government this illegal interference in Greece's domestic affairs is preparatory to a possible coup by one or more of these northern neighbors instigated by the Soviet Union and directed at the seizure of the warm-water Mediterranean port of Salonika.

On the other hand, a United States Mission is examining the economic conditions in Greece as they bear upon the reconstruction and development of the economy of the country. It is considering and will shortly report to our government on the extent to which the Greek Government can carry out reconstruction and development through effective use of Greek resources and on the extent to which foreign assistance may be required.

In the Greek Government's recent note to Washington, "For Greece to survive she must have, first, financial and other assistance which will enable her immediately to resume purchases of food, clothing, fuel, seeds, and the like that are indispensable for the subsistence of her people and that are obtainable only from abroad; second, the financial and other assistance necessary to enable the civil and military establishments of the Government to obtain from abroad means of restoring in the country tranquillity and a feeling of security indispensable to the achievement of economic and political recovery; third, aid in obtaining financial and other assistance that will enable Greece and the Greek people to create means for self-support in the future."

In viewing these tragic facts bearing on the case of Greece—the last fortress

against the oncoming political tide from the East—our government in Washington is faced with the dilemma of shouldering heavy international obligations that are bound to involve grave risks if we do, and assuredly equally grave risks if we don't. World leadership implies great responsibilities. The case of Greece is the crucial test.

THE MARCH OF AHEPA

Reports reaching us from all over the land plainly show that our Twenty-fifth Anniversary Drive is gaining momentum.

Supreme President Booras' clarion call for twenty-five thousand new members had hardly been sounded throughout the breadth and the length of this wonderful land of ours when applications began pouring into Chapters from members who took up the good work with enthusiasm and zeal. The slogan, "Every Member Get at Least One New Member" is dominating the thoughts of Ahepans, Chapters, Districts.

It may well be! For in a few months we shall be celebrating our Twenty-fifth Anniversary, we shall be celebrating twenty-five years spent in teaching the tenets of our national constitution, in spreading the gospel of brotherhood and service, in building the future of tomorrow for Americans who claim Hellas as the land of their origin.

With a rostrum which embraces the President of the United States, outstanding leaders of our nation, and thousands upon thousands of loyal and patriotic Americans claiming membership in eight hundred Chapters and Auxiliaries, our great fraternity, the Order of Ahepa, is marching on with pride in the past, assurance in the present and confidence in the future.

In the words of our Supreme President, "from infancy to manhood—from 1922 to 1947—the Order of Ahepa has written a most enviable and a most glorious history in the annals of Amer-

ica's fraternal, patriotic, educational and charitable life."

Ahepa is doing its part. Ahepans may, with pride and admiration, point to its achievements. They know that their work is fair. This year 1947 will remain indelible in our memory and in the memory of all who will come after us. Ahepa Marches On!

THE GREEK WAR RELIEF

Whatever the agreement between the United States and Great Britain will be concerning the shattered economy of Greece, the need for relief, reconstruction and rehabilitation in that unhappy land will continue to be great. Since October, 1940, the Greek War Relief Association—an association organized and supported mainly by Americans of Greek descent on behalf and for the benefit of the people of Greece—has valiantly and admirably been carrying on a work of mercy that has no parallel in the history of Greece.

It was truly provident that we should be here to be able and ready to help in the Greek survival since the Axis struck Greece down in 1940. Now that the UNRRA is leaving the field, we must close our ranks and solidify our efforts. We need twelve million dollars to carry on in the year ahead.

Western civilization owes Greece a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid. Only yesterday, as in ancient times, she stood fast against the forces that sought to destroy it. Today she is exhausted, devastated, starved. She is engaged in another unequal struggle.

The last spark of resistance has been largely kept alive by our continuous gifts. Along with private efforts, an efficient and irreplaceable organization—the Greek War Relief Association has been built in the last six years and a half. It reaches into every phase of Greek civilian life. It feeds the starving, clothes the ragged, nurses the sick. Above all, it seeks to save the children.

Join the current campaign of the Greek War Relief Association today.

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ANNIVERSARY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

It was just a quarter of a century ago that AHEPA was an infant organization, wrapped in swaddling clothes. Since then it has developed through a healthy, robust infancy into a vigorous, virile manhood.

But AHEPA is still growing!

At twenty-five years of age, it stands on the threshold of a period of glorious opportunity and achievement. All it needs is the will to attain, and AHEPA has that will!

Entering a period which may well be its golden age, AHEPA is opening up its arms to welcome new brothers into the Fraternity.

As a vibrant, expanding organization, it is seeking fresh blood, new spirit, reinforced effort.

It is calling upon YOU—each Brother—to push forward the boundaries of the AHEPA domain and to help in its growth. The Twenty-fifth Anniversary AHEPA Membership Drive is on. It will continue through June 30, 1947.

Make this drive your personal responsibility. Consider it a point of personal pride to celebrate this milestone by bringing new members to your Chapter.

Here is a CHALLENGE to every Brother, Chapter, and District to participate in a vital phase of our Fraternity's growth—the TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!

A MESSAGE TO ALL AHEPANS

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THE AHEPA MESSENGER

NEW YORK, N. Y.—During the last 16 years—quite a record—the Metropolitan Chapters have been publishing the "Ahepa Messenger" twice a month, until this year when they made it a monthly publication. This monthly of eight pages is serving all Metropolitan Chapters—12 in all. It prints their communications and all directives from the Supreme Lodge and carries other news. It helps in the various drives and brings together the widely scattered activities of this great metropolis.

The "Ahepa Messenger" is run by the presidents of the chapters or their representatives through a publication board and an Editor. This year the Chairman of the Board is Kimon A. Doukas, President of *Delphi* Chapter No. 25, who also serves as Editor; George Cashot, of *Upper Manhattan* Chapter No. 42 serves as Associate Editor; Paul Prodromidis, President of *Long Island* Chapter No. 86 and Nicholas J. Stevason, President of *Coney Island* Chapter No. 200 serve as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

Compare!

The "Ahepa Messenger" is received by 1,900 Metropolitan Chapter Ahepans, who pay six cents per copy each. This gives us food to think and cause to wonder. The "Messenger" of eight pages sells for six cents because it costs so much to publish. THE AHEPAN of forty pages beautifully illustrated and published on a national basis sells for eight cents only for the simple reason that each member contributes that much and no more.

As we know, from each member's per capita tax of \$4.00 the Headquarters withholds only fifty cents for the purpose of defraying the expense of publishing our national magazine. It doesn't seem fair, it doesn't sound reasonable. Yet, that's the truth. As a matter of fact, the fifty cents share of THE AHEPAN in the \$4.00 per capita tax of each Ahepa member hardly meets the mailing expenses of our national magazine and the engravers' bills. The balance must be found somehow, somewhere.

It is hoped that the delegates to the next National Convention will in their wisdom do something about it—if we still wish to publish a national magazine worthy of our Order, worthy of us!



KEARNEY, NEBR.—We are in receipt of the fifth number of the "Roundup"—the newsletter of District No. 15, serving Bridgeport, Grand Island, Lincoln and Omaha, Nebraska, Kansas City, Missouri, Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Wichita, Kansas. It is being published with the expressed purpose "to keep the members of District No. 15 informed of activities in the District and the chapters which comprise it, in the hope that the result will be a better understanding of the functions of Ahepa. The publication is devoted to the task of creating an even greater spirit of fellowship and devotion among all Ahepans and their families."

The "Roundup" is edited by John Mitchell, Athletic Director of the District, with Bill Peterson, serving as its Business Manager. It reports on all Ahepa activities of the District and like its fellow Ahepa publications it serves the interests of Ahepa in that territory. We wish the "Roundup" a long life.



"Where do we go from here?"

AHEPA MENTOR

SEATTLE, WASH.—The Ahepa District No. 22 have since 1933 been publishing the "Ahepa Mentor," a monthly publication of eight pages at 75c a year. It serves as the medium of communication between the following thirteen chapters: *Grays Harbor* No. 179, of Aberdeen; *Mt. Baker* No. 255, of Bellingham; *Mt. Rainier* No. 262, of Chehalis, Kelso, and Longview; *Cascade* No. 256, of Everett; *Port Angeles* No. 272, of Port Angeles; *Juan de Fuca* No. 177, of Seattle; *Mt. Olympus* No. 180, of Spokane; *Olympic* No. 178, of Tacoma; *Apple Blossom* No. 263, of Wenatchee; *George E. Phillies* No. 299, of Yakima; *Mt. Hood* No. 154, of Portland; *Gladstone C.I.* No. 6, of Vancouver, B. C., and *Victory C.I.* No. 16, of Victoria, B. C.

The "Ahepa Mentor" is this year being edited by George Cotronis, who also serves as Printer. Tasia Morisse serves as Advertising Manager. It carries a lot of social news among Ahepans and their friends and seems to be a nicely set-up paper.

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ON ALL YOUR ACTIVITIES.

The Michigan Ahepan

DETROIT, MICH.—Serving Ahepa and its auxiliaries in *Automotive* District No. 10, the "Michigan Ahepan" is another monthly of four pages. We have just received the March issue, No. 5, Volume 1. Its purpose is "to promote fraternal comradeship and perpetuate the Order of Ahepa." It carries local activities and has a number of short but thoughtful articles.

The "Michigan Ahepan" is priced at 50c per year—exactly the per capita tax we pay for our national magazine. But what made our heart quiver with envy was the staff of this little publication. Hear ye, hear ye! George D. Zegolis, general manager; Minerva Chalapis, editor-in-chief; Athena Hanzakos, society editor; Bessie Mavroganes, feature editor; Helen Vaptisma, coordinator, and the following reporters: Wm. Collins, Nick Preketes, James Bayes, Pauline Stevens, George W. Keros, Nicholas Loucke, Rev. J. M. Merkouris, Bertha Poulos, Wm. Nicolau, Nicholas Barris.

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THE FRONT COVER:

World War II went through Greece like a cyclone. It left ruins, chaos and political unrest. But what is worse, it left behind 375,000 orphans. They are alone in the world, wandering about in search of home and food. The picture admirably portrays the bewilderment, the sadness, the despair these hapless children feel. Their only friend is a dog—and even he must experience the pangs of hunger. We highly recommend the story on page 17. Remember that \$80 will give one of these orphans complete foster home care for a period of one year. Indeed, "so little can do so much."

AIRBORNE EXCURSION:

The world's first airborne excursion was completed by the Order of Ahepa. Supreme President Booras reports on page 11. He will make a fuller report at our forthcoming convention.

OUR NATIONAL CONVENTION:

Preparations are being made by our good friends in California for the "grandest national convention" ever held by our Order. The itinerary of our special convention train is fully reported on page 37. Read it carefully and make your train and hotel reservations immediately. Bear in mind that the saying "first come, first served" is more true these days than ever before.

GREECE:

We especially recommend the feature article on Greece on page 5, by the New York Times' able European correspondent Raymond Daniell. It gives a true picture of what is going on in that much-tried country, plagued today by poverty, bad administration and what is most pathetic, guerrilla warfare. In connection with this article, we give a summary of the Porter Mission's recommendations on page 24.

AHEPA HOMES:

Bark in 1932, Alpha Chapter No. 40 and Icaros Chapter No. 163 of Detroit acquired a home, the first Ahepa Home in the country. Since then other chapters came into possession of their own buildings. But large metropolises, like New York, Chicago, San Francisco and other cities are still in the planning stage. We call your attention to *Fifteen Years Ago* on page 27, contrasting Detroit's fait accompli and New York's plans.

AN AMENDMENT:

When just going to press, Mother Lodge George Polos invited our attention to a proposed amendment at the last convention in Baltimore about Supreme Lodge candidates declaring their candidacy by filing a petition signed by ten full votes by Wednesday noon of convention week the latest. For one reason or another this amendment was not passed. However, it is an admirable proposal and its consideration by the delegates is suggested.

This is one of many other national problems that must be taken up at the forthcoming convention. Delegates should familiarize themselves with the wishes of their constituents and come to Los Angeles fully prepared to do the serious work expected of them. They must bear in mind that a great deal depends on them concerning past mistakes and future growth of our fraternity. Indeed, everything depends on whom they elect to serve on the Supreme Lodge for 1947-48, and what recommendations and resolutions they pass before they return to their chapters.

OUR ANNIVERSARY ISSUE:

We make these observations as this is the last issue of THE AHEPAN before convention time. The next issue of July-August will be our 25th anniversary special issue covering the work of the Order of Ahepa during the last 25 years. Special announcement is found on page 28.

Incidentally, the delay in the publication of this issue by a whole month was due to the desire of our Supreme President to include a report on the excursion to Greece.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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Gus Chumas and Jim G. Pyrros. Wow! Enough to organize their own chapter. But it's really a carefully edited paper and we wish our friends a long and merry life.

AHEPA HERALD

CHICAGO, ILL.—The Ahepans of District No. 13 have been publishing the "Ahepa Herald," a monthly sheet, now in its 11th year. It is directed by Peter A. Karteroulis, as Editor, and James M. Meziloun and Nicholas G. Rekas, as associate editors. The "Ahepa Herald" is "devoted to the service of the entire 13th District of the Order of Ahepa. Its editorial policy is non-partisan, non-political and independent of any group." So runs its official inscription in the masthead.

The "Herald" is rich in Ahepa news and reports all installations, initiations, meetings and other events of our numerous Chicago members. We note that it is priced at ten cents a copy which compares favorably with the eight cents per copy of THE AHEPAN. This again gives point to our contention that THE AHEPAN is published at a minimum, very minimum charge to our members throughout the United States and in Canada.

Becomes Associate Editor

It has just been announced that Nicholas G. Rekas joined the editorial staff of the "Ahepa Herald" as associate editor. Formerly with the *Chicago Daily Times*, Nicholas brings to one of our most important Ahepa publications both experience and training in journalism. He is well known for his efforts on behalf of many worthwhile projects, among which is the recent Ahepa National Basketball Tournament. He believes that "individuality is the salt of common life. You may have to live with a crowd. But you do not have to live like it nor subsist on its food." We wish Nicholas and the "Herald" a long life of cooperation and success.

AHEP-A-GRAM

BALTIMORE, MD.—For many years the members of *Worthington* Chapter No. 30 have been publishing the "Ahep-A-gram," a mimeographed sheet of eight pages serving Baltimore Ahepans and their auxiliaries, *Plato* Chapter of the Sons, *Alcmene* Chapter No. 27 of the Daughters, and *Daphne* Chapter No. 49 of the Maids.

The present Editor of the "Ahep-A-

Gram" is E. S. Vandora, under the direction of Chapter President Robert G. Contos. It is in the form of a mimeographed combination of communications and social news.

AHEPA TRAVELER

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—The *Golden Gate* District No. 21 has for two years been publishing the "Ahepa Traveler," which was originally intended for the information and guidance of our boys in the armed services of our country. Its slogan has been: "Wherever you are—whatever you're doing—take a minute off and drop us a line."

Under the able editorship of Past District Governor George J. Christo, the "Ahepa Traveler" is destined to cut an impressive niche in our Ahepa publications. We wish them a long life in the service of our great fraternity.

Pleads for Greek War Relief

The Greek War Relief treats its sick and the war wounded through its hospital units which are established throughout Greece. It clothes those who are without clothing. Can anyone with heart not feel for such a worthy cause? Let's not forget the gallant heroes of the Albanian Mountains. Let's bind their wounds, feed their orphans and widows, so that Greece may always be the outstanding example to freedom-loving people, so that her people can always say and practice that one hour of freedom is preferable to forty years of slavery.

GEORGE J. CHRISTO,
Editor, *The Ahepa Traveler*.

TRI - STATE NEWS

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND—We are in receipt of a copy of the "Tri-State News" which made its appearance last December as the official organ of *Northern New England* District No. 9. It is run by the District headed by District Governor John S. Caraphil, of Manchester, New Hampshire.

It is too early to comment on this newly arrived "baby" of Ahepa publications but we feel sure that it will grow into a substantial publication to serve the interests of our Northern New England Ahepans. Local papers are needed just as much as our national magazine. They fill a limited yet just as important need—in recording and disseminating local activity for the general information of all our members.

We wish the "News" a long and successful life. We have one little suggestion. They should somehow insert in the title the all important word "Ahepa."

AHEPA COURIER

Leading Ahepa and Its Auxiliaries in Every District No. 2

MIAMI, FLA.—Since last year the Ahepans of District No. 2 have been publishing a worthy bi-monthly called the "Ahepa Courier" under the editorship of C. A. Lazarou, assisted by M. A. Rakis and John Filaretou, as associate editors. The September-October 1946 issue was dedicated to *Miami* Chapter No. 14, the largest Chapter in the District, and the following issue was dedicated to *Socrates* Chapter No. 6, of Jacksonville.

It is a worthy publication and we wish our fellow-in-arms good hunting and more "Couriers" in the years to come.

No Comments!

The March-April, 1947, issue of THE AHEPAN, the official Ahepa publication, is out. Well written and carefully edited, it contains interesting and informative articles by Supreme President Harris J. Booras, New York Times correspondents A. C. Sedgwick and C. L. Sulzberger, Managing Editor Doukas, Hanson W. Baldwin, Robert Thomas and others. A good reporting job on Ahepa activities, challenging editorials, and good pictures make this publication one of the best Greek organizations magazines in existence in this country. —*The National Herald*, April 27, 1947.

Try This Game

If you take the trouble—although trouble is not really the right word—to wander through THE COLUMBIA ENCYCLOPEDIA making a collection of United States place names you can make a game, as we have, out of grouping them. For example, What Cheer, Iowa; Social Circle, Ga.; Harmony, Pa.; Friendship, N. Y.; Humansville, Mo.; Helper, Utah; and Loyal, Ky. Or: Wink, Tex.; Sleepy Eye, Minn.; and Wake Forest, N. C. For business men: Plain Dealing, La.; Commerce, Ga., Okla., and Texas; Deal, N. H.; Enterprise, Ala. and Ore.; Export, Pa.; and Emporia, Kan. For geometricians: Oblong, Ill.; Circleville, Ohio; and Crossville, Tenn. For farmers: Hominy, Okla.; Rye, N. Y., and N. H.; Rice Lake, Wis.; Wheatland, Pa.; and Clover, S. C. There is a Frostproof in Fla., a Somerville in Pa. and S. C., and Winters, Tex. For geographers: North East, Md. and Pa.; Due West, S. C.; and Meridian, Idaho and Miss.

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If you care to let us reprint parts of your worthy publications concerning activities of your Chapters and Districts, please put us on your mailing list.

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Shadows over the Parthenon—"In its ancient birthplace, democracy is threatened by forces from within and without"

GREECE—SYMPTOM AND TRAGEDY

By Raymond Daniell

European Correspondent, The New York Times

High above Athens is the Acropolis with its Parthenon, gracious and majestic monument of an earlier age. From there the Bay of Salamis can be seen, a blue sheen under a pink dappled sky. All around are relics of the ancient past, pressing in upon one's consciousness as reminders of how much our Western civilization owes to Greece.



Raymond Daniell

Almost at one's feet is the Areopagus, the eternal rock, from which St. Paul is said to have preached his first sermon to the Athenians. Behind and below is the Theatre of Dionysius, where the plays of Aeschylus and Euripides were performed. Nearby are the Acropolis

and the Agora, where Pericles and his friends used to meet and where democracy was born five centuries before the birth of Christ. In Hellenic history, it has been truly said, democracy is half as old as time.

But today in Greece, which has known Roman, Frankish and Turkish conquest and survived them all, democracy is threatened by forces from within and without. After the long, bitter, ruinous Italo-German occupation, Greece finds herself

stripped, devastated and ruined. She is torn by civil strife and, at the same time, threatened by her northern neighbors.

Many symptoms of her internal illness are to be seen in Athens, with its countless reminders of Greek, Roman and Byzantine cultures and where one can take a figurative walk backward through the centuries from the modern Grand Bretagne Hotel to the beautiful Temple of Theseus.

It will take more than the injection of dollars to put things right, as the British have learned to their sorrow. Nor will the cure be effected speedily.

It is at once the symptom and tragedy of our time that here in its ancient birthplace "democracy" has lost its meaning, although the principle for which it stands still burns brightly in the hearts of many Greeks. But the Communists and their Leftist followers have so usurped and discredited the word that a Greek who is asked if he is a "democrat" is apt to reply with a surprised expression that certainly he is not, he is a "Populist" or "Royalist" or "Liberal."

The language used by politicians sounds peculiar, too, in the ear of one accustomed to the more placid politics of Britain or even the United States. One who favors a constitutional monarchy becomes a "Monarcho-Fascist," and anyone who is the slightest bit left of center, of course, is the opposite—an "Anarcho-Communist."

Paradoxes of Life

One of the first things a visitor to Athens observes is that taxi drivers have painted two extra zeros on the metal parts



Antiquities of Greece with the Acropolis in the background

of their meters which register legal tariffs. That is merely so that the mechanical parts of the meters can keep pace with financial facts.

The next thing that strikes one is the vast quantities of cheap American motion picture and adventure magazines which drape and obscure the news kiosks, which, in the center of the city, average about three to the block. The shops are full of luxury goods, such as have not been seen in London since the war began, and all imported since liberation with borrowed funds, to be sold at inflated prices to the well-to-do.

The reason for this anomaly in a land of hunger is not hard to find. A part of eighty million pounds sterling which Britain lent to Greece has been used to import expensive articles like radios, wrist watches and cosmetics, instead of wheat, fats, clothing and shoes, so desperately needed in the country outside the capital. The same thing will happen to American dollars unless we devise some more effective method of controlling their expenditure than the British have done.

The truth is there is no effective control of imports and the Government has been unable to resist the pressure of business interests for importation of articles which bring high prices and handsome profits, such as new American automobiles, British bicycles and pure silk. There is no rationing of food and price controls are a joke. There is no confidence in the currency and all rents and large contracts provide for payment in gold, which the Government has to import to sell, with results that have been ruinous for its foreign exchange. Legally, the exchange is fixed at 5,000 drachmas to the dollar, but the black market price ranges from 7,000 to 8,000.

Prime Minister Maximos gets a salary of 1,000,000 drachmas monthly, but he says he spends 250,000 of it on coffee to entertain his official visitors. The chief justice's salary is equivalent to \$180; the chief of the Government department gets \$128; a lieutenant general, \$76. A man's suit costs the equivalent of \$240 and an ordinary meal in the taverns ranges from 20,000 to 30,000 drachmas. Prices generally are twice and three times those of London or New York.

False Facade of Prosperity

It is not uncommon for an employe of the greatly overstaffed civil services to have a job on the side. He has to in order to live. But the result is that he puts in a couple of hours' work for the Government and then goes off about his own affairs, to the great impairment of efficiency. One consequence is that orders of Ministers sometimes are held up for days, or so diluted before being passed on that they become meaningless when finally issued.

The black market in exchange has brought an influx of dollars. Formerly it was the custom of Greeks who had acquired wealth abroad to send dollars or sterling checks to relatives here. This way the Greek Government gained foreign currency, but lately the checks have ceased coming and actually dollar or pound notes are sent in, with the result that the Athens

black market operator then mails dollars to buy commodities which will fetch him a high profit and insure a quick turnover. The only way to stop it would be a postal censorship, which this Government is reluctant to impose as "undemocratic."

Such deals as these, of course, are illegal and cost the Government as much as \$15,000 a day in lost foreign exchange. All this helps to provide Athens with a false facade of glittering prosperity, but it is only that. Outside, in the provinces and in neighboring Piraeus, the most abject poverty and squalor are seen. Despite vast quantities of scented soaps of almost every known brand, there are vast numbers too poor to buy them.

Twenty months ago clothing, textiles and shoes worth \$13,000,000 began arriving at Piraeus. Most of the 6,000-ton shipment remains unopened in the warehouses. Months of effort to have it released and distributed were fruitless and only in the last days of last March did it begin to trickle out at the rate of 500,000,000 drachmas' worth a day, through retail shops which collected 3 per cent from the Government for disposing of it.

The British proposed that it be released at one-third of cost to poorly paid civil servants, of which there are some 80,000, but they encountered only excuses for delay, whereas the real reason is that if it were put on the market it would force down prices of privately owned stocks in the shops.

Some idea of the state of Greek politics can be gained from the fate of Kyriacos Varvaressos, banker and economist, now an executive of the International Reconstruction Finance Corporation, who, as Deputy Prime Minister from June to September, 1945, attempted to balance the budget. He imposed controls over imports and rationed twenty-five basic commodities. He established income tax schedules and succeeded in narrowing the gap between expenditures and revenue to 25 per cent. Both the extreme Right and extreme Left made common cause against him—the former because his policies were hurting profits, the latter because, in restoring economic sanity, he was reducing social unrest, so necessary for the achievement of their aims.

Politics Plague Greece

Not all Government departments are inefficient, nor is the present chaotic state of affairs within the power of anyone to correct immediately. The administration of the country's finance has been reasonably well handled since the appointment of an American and a Briton to a five-man Currency Control Board, where unanimous decision is required. The British, who have learned from experience, say that similar veto power must be held by Americans over imports if present abuses are to be corrected.

Government spokesmen say, with a considerable degree of truth, that there is no use imposing a rationing system or try-



American army jeep on main street of a town in Greece



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Though still young, Greek children feel sad and serious



Makeshift shack on ruins of 400 homes in Kalavryta

ing to collect taxes until there is enough to distribute a minimum to all, and until communications are restored to something like normal. At present there is no communication by rail or road between Athens and Salonika, and all over the country men and women desert their village homes at night to seek safety from Rightist and Leftist bands which pillage and murder in an unending vendetta, living off the country and UNRRA supplies when they can loot them or get them some other way.

For Greece's trouble is not only economic. It is hard to say which is the gravest trouble or which must be brought to a halt before the other is cured. It seems that there can be no sound economy in Greece until the bitter feuds which divide the people of the same family can be reconciled and conciliated.

Officially the Government has declared war on all hands, whether of Left or Right, but in practice it seems somewhat less than impartial. For instance, recently, when a Rightist leader slew some Communists, he was extolled by Government spokesmen as a "hero," but when he in turn was slain by Communists, General Zervas, Minister of Public Order, said: "We will answer terrorism with terrorism ten times as strong, disaster with disaster ten times as strong, and slaughter ten times greater."

The Government points with pride to the statement that it represents 85 per cent of the legal loyal parties, to the amnesty it offered the rebels who would give up arms and surrender, and it claims to believe wholeheartedly in democracy. But those who question this are not all Communists. Themistokles Sophoulis, former Prime Minister, who refused to join the coalition, declared that the Government is "stifling civil liberties." The 87-year-old leader asserted that thousands of Greeks have been exiled to islands without trial on mere police denunciation, and said that the civil service was being purged of political opponents of the regime and coercion was being used in the army against reading anything but approved party newspapers.

Civil Strife Continues

Sophoulis also ridiculed the Government's claim to represent 85 per cent of the people, pointing out that, while it was true that it represented that much of Parliament, it was probably representative of less than half the people. Besides the Communists, who may represent 15 per cent of the 7,000,000 population, he said his own party represented 20 per cent, and half a dozen smaller parties represented together about as much more.

In his view Greek public opinion has undergone a radical change toward conciliation since the 1946 election was held. He advocated an early election.

If tempers have really cooled it is not noticeable. The bitterness engendered by the 1944 civil war, Leftist excesses and Rightist reprisals have gone deep. In all, there are about 12,000 rebels in the hills.

There are three main groups of these guerrillas of Leftist persuasion. There is one of about 600 in the Peloponnesus, another of 1,200 in Thrace, with the rest scattered from the Pindus Mountains to Olympus. Rightist bands are even less numerous, but there is little prospect of any wholesale acceptance of an amnesty because of fear of vengeance by the townsfolk, and the reservation that all those guilty of "common law crimes will be punished," since nearly all the bandits have in fact committed such crimes.

In such an atmosphere of political dissension and economic chaos, fearing invasion by stronger northern neighbors, all Greeks except the extreme Leftists breathed easier after President Truman's speech, which they take to mean a guarantee of the integrity of their frontiers, as well as a pledge of economic help, which it is generally conceded will have to be far greater than originally proposed to do much good.

General reaction to President Truman's proposals is to accept them as a just reward for the long struggle against their latest invaders—the Italians and Germans. The more cynically minded smile and say that if the United States is terrified of Russia, she no doubt is willing to pay her frontier guards lavishly. For the concept of America here is based on Hollywood movies largely and consists of a picture of a land where everybody owns a sleek, shiny car, a lavish home and generally makes a million dollars before he dies.

There Is Still Hope

Among the extreme Right, American intervention in the domestic troubles of Greece has encouraged extravagant talk of an imminent war with Russia, and on the March day when the nation celebrated its liberation from the Turks in 1821, Royalist groups sang songs in which there was a warning to Stalin that "Truman and the atom bomb will make dust out of you."

One immediate effect of the Truman speech was to check the run on gold sovereigns. The day after the speech, the market changed from a seller's to a buyer's. Instead of buying sovereigns, the public began selling them and the price dropped from around 135,000 drachmas to 124,000 drachmas.

Since then the banks have bought back almost 30,000 sovereigns.

Although the present situation is grim and full of dangers, the future is not all black. Before the war, income from exports—oil, fruit, minerals and tobacco—almost enabled the country to make ends meet. American experts believe the pre-war production can be doubled with modern methods and machinery. Only about one-third of the country consists of arable land, however, and less than 10 per cent of the people are engaged in industry.

Another factor which may help is that, with security, rich Greeks who formerly kept their capital abroad may bring it home and submit to taxation. Peasants and retailers likewise have been hoarding gold sovereigns in fear of foreign invasion and the necessity for flight. With the release of this money and the flow of goods and services, the desire to work, which is not very strong right now, may return. It must, if Greece is to recover and stand on her own feet when her present troubles are over.

Monarchy vs. Communism

When King George died and Paul ascended the throne there was speculation whether some elements of the coalition Government might withdraw and whether there might be a general amnesty for political prisoners and outlaws as a gesture of conciliation from the throne.

There is not much chance that Paul will open his reign with a gesture of reconciliation to the warring elements of his people. A source close to the palace said that whatever the wishes of the new monarch might be, he would have to be guided by the advice of his Premier and the Cabinet.

Probably less than half the Greek people favor the monarchy in principle. Much more than half, however, are willing to accept it in practice, not because they loved George or love his successor, but because they hate communism more. To many the crown stands as a guarantee of security against that threat. That is why large numbers of republican Greeks voted for George's return and will not lift a finger to depose Paul. Transcending all else in Greece today, except among extremists of the right and the left, there is a desire for peace and tranquility after the long years of war, the occupation and civil strife.

Within the limits of his constitutional prerogatives King Paul has a great opportunity to serve his country and re-establish the prestige of the monarchy. George was an embittered, lonely man. He kept pretty much to himself and lacked qualities of personality that make for popularity. Paul, on the other hand, while not brilliant, has gifts that in other circumstances might have made him a successful automobile salesman. His wife has charm, wit, social graces and ambition. That she will use them all to entrench the monarchy cannot be doubted.

Of course, Queen Frederika was a German princess, the daughter of the former Duke of Brunswick and granddaughter of the late Kaiser William II. She grew up in Nazi Germany until 1938, when she married, and there are some in Athens who hold that her views are not at all that the Queen of a constitutional monarchy should be.

Nevertheless, she has attained a certain degree of popularity in the smart set of Athens. The devotion of the new King and Queen to their children has won the admiration of the humbler folk. Paul has made a point of cultivating friendships among officers of the army. These may prove not a negligible factor in future events, for if American help is not forthcoming, is inadequate or is withdrawn, a military dictatorship as an alternative to communism is extremely likely.

Greeks Forget and Forgive

There is no Greek blood in Paul; there was none in George. But neither that nor the Nazi background of the Queen is likely to prove a handicap to him. There is probably no peo-



ROYAL VOW — Greece's new monarch, Paul I, takes the oath of office, administered by Archbishop Damaskinos (left) before the National Assembly. At right, Queen Frederika Louise.

ple in Europe with a greater capacity to forget and forgive than the Greeks. Their closest ties in Europe today are with Turkey which for centuries was hated as the Irish hated Britain, and for similar reasons. The Greeks' greatest diplomatic efforts are devoted now to a rapprochement with Italy, which attacked them so wantonly early in the war. Nowhere else in Europe has there been such toleration for collaborators with the enemy. Hardly anyone has been punished for treason or profiteering during the occupation.

To understand this it is necessary to delve into the recent past. Before the Italian attack and the German invasion Greece was ruled by the Metaxas dictatorship, as ruthless and cruel a totalitarian regime as existed on the Continent. Incredible as it may seem to many outsiders, the occupation was liberation from another tyranny. Not that they welcomed the Germans. The Greeks are far too proud and patriotic for that, but the German occupation freed them from a dictatorship of their own and gave them hope of ultimate freedom.

At the same time it prevented them from dealing with their own tyrants as they might have done had they freed themselves. By the time the Nazi-Fascist yoke was removed there were more immediate and urgent grievances than those of the Metaxas regime. But before they got around to punishing the traitors and profiteers of the occupation era another event distracted them.

This was the bloody December rebellion of 1944. About 60,000 persons in Athens alone were killed in the fighting or murdered in cold blood by the leftists in a bid for power. This caused such bitterness and lasting hatred that all thought of punishing wartime traitors vanished and was replaced by the determination to even the score for more recent wrongs. Thus the punishment that in other countries was directed against those who had betrayed their people to the enemy was diverted in Greece to those who after the liberation tried to seize power by force.

The Germans no longer are among the Greeks, but the Communists are, and they are the inheritors of the stored-up hatred of many years of dictatorship, occupation and civil war.

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THE BRITISH RETREAT IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

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Of immense effect on the deliberations in Moscow is the recent official announcement that Great Britain is no longer able to maintain without American help her military and economic foothold in Greece.

The British are seeking to withdraw from Greece. They want to get out of Palestine. Mr. Bevin told the House of Commons that Britain's economic condition made impossible "what we would have liked to do" about Italy. The present display of weakness will not help to break the stalemate in negotiations to hold on some terms her strategic position in Egypt.

What this amounts to is a British retreat from the Mediterranean. If Britain withdraws support from the present wobbly and backward-looking Greek regime, a *désaveuement* long demanded by liberals and left-wingers in this country and England, it will not mean that Greece will become independent and democratic.

Any one who has followed the testimony of the contentious witnesses before the U. N. commission investigating the situation must be convinced of at least one thing. Quite aside from the internal political struggle between the EAM and the parties in power, it is clear that the *Yugoslavs, abetted by Albanians and Bulgarians, are working to incorporate Greek territory into a reconstituted Macedonia which will be one of the Federated Republics of Yugoslavia.*

The rebels have their own grievances, but it is beyond question that they are being exploited by the neighboring states, satellites of Moscow, in order to break the resistance of the remnant of the Balkan peninsula outside the Soviet orbit.

If the freedom of the Greek people to go about their private affairs in calm security is suddenly removed, we Americans feel that our freedom is threatened too. This is the measure of how close-knit the world has become.—
Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg.

The Greek Position

"Greece was never a German satellite," Alexis Kyrrou, Greek spokesman, reminded the commission. Greece alone among

the occupied countries did not send a single soldier to fight against Russia. Economically and politically weak as it is today, riven as always by factions, it was not morally weak during the war. Among all the small countries, it holds the record for resistance to the Axis. Instead of being a point of conflict between its great allies, it should be a point of unity.

We are coming to the aid of all the Greek people, in the hope that we may enable them to meet a trying period and to help them establish a unified, stable and peaceful Greece. It is as simple as that.—Secretary of State Marshall.

It deserves to be helped by all.

As things are, however, if Greece is abandoned by the West, it will be lost to the Western world. And with Greece drawn into the Soviet sphere Turkey cannot withstand the pressure she resists now only because the national will is stiffened by Western support. If Turkey goes, the argument over the Dardanelles is purely academic. Italy, her idle, hungry and disillusioned hosts already responding to Communist agitation, is next in line.

The British have been spending money they did not have, holding on to positions they could not maintain, against a general international settlement. The present crisis, partly the result of a world-wide uncertainty that has kept the forces of recovery in suspense, is the final proof that the overall settlement should have been undertaken *à*st. The waiting, the protracted disputes over minor treaties, have made conditions worse in Europe and poisoned the atmosphere in which the German peace must be negotiated.

Based on Miscalculation

Washington should not be as startled as it is by the public disclosure of British weakness. All that is revealed now was laid on the table during the painful discussions over the loan. It was not taken into account, however, in making the treaties for the satellite states. The United States would almost certainly have made a stronger stand on the Italian settlement if our representatives had not assumed that the British were more interested in the future of Italy than we were and would continue to be the strongest power in the Mediterranean. All our peacemaking to date, in fact, has been based on that miscalculation.

The American Government has been asked if it is willing to assume a great part of Britain's commitments in the Middle East, cradle of Western civilization and today more than in the

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past, perhaps, the strategic center of the world. Not only the request but the timing worries Washington. Why was the step taken just as the Foreign Ministers are about to attack the central problem of the peace? Is it to notify Americans that the German settlement must be made with a view to the long-term involvement of the United States in its consequences? Is it a warning that this country must decide, in the light of its own interests and in terms of the effect on its own future, whether or not Europe is to be dominated by Russia? Certainly Britain has drastically reduced her influence at Moscow, for it was never clearer that the strength of any nation in international conferences is exactly measured by its strength at home.

Congress is beginning to see these days what it means and what it costs to be the decisive power in the world. *We are asked to do in Greece what the British have been trying to do—keep it and the eastern Mediterranean from being annexed to the Soviet empire.*

We are asked to succeed Britain—not as an empire, for the traditional empire is finished; not in competition with communism; not even in a struggle against Russian expansion, except as that struggle is part of the age-long fight for a balance of forces against world domination. The British question merely underscores the change in that balance. It reveals to the American people what is more apparent to others—that *the hour has come when the course of history depends on our choice.*

Decorated by Greek Government



Robert B. Chipperfield

The Greek Government has recently honored Representative Robert B. Chipperfield, member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for the work he has performed on behalf of Greece while inspecting first-hand the work of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

Representative Chipperfield's impression is that Greece deserves most of the aid that the United States has been expending on any of the war-stricken nations. After his visit, he declared that "While this Congress must not throw money away, a gallant ally that has sacrificed so much and has fought under tremendous odds as a bulwark of democracy is worthy of consideration. As a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, I will be most favorable to any appropriation for the post-war reconstruction of Greece. It is time," concluded the Congressman, "that the United States Government diverts some funds for the rehabilitation of those countries that have been and will continue to be our friends."

In recognition and appreciation of the interest so shown by Congressman Chipperfield on behalf of Greece, the Greek Government has bestowed upon him the *Cross of Grand Commander of the Greek Order of the Phoenix.*

The Order of Ahepa, mindful of its duties toward that little country that gave so much to so many, applauds the action of the Greek Government and most heartily congratulates the Congressman from the Fifteenth District of Illinois. He was first sent to Washington back in 1938 and we hope he will stay there as long as he wishes.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Franklin D. Roosevelt has now received two years into history; far enough to give us some perspective on him, not far enough to be a cold figure on a monument. We remember some of his lighter aspects—the cockily tilted cigarette in its long holder; the genial give and take of some of the press conferences; the boyish interest in the sea; the almost equally boyish zeal for politics considered as a game. We may recall points on which we differed with him, particularly in the field of domestic policy. Few could be in 100 per cent agreement all the time with this volatile, versatile, impulsive man.

We may remember, too, with sadness the way in which the Presidential office wore him down: the buoyant person of 1933, so vigorous that his physical handicap was all but forgotten, passed by degrees into the pale warrior of the Yalta Conference, wearied by responsibility, grieved by the deaths of so many of those whom he in constitutional theory and in bold fact commanded, faced with the necessity of decisions and compromises.

But neither gaiety nor courage, neither devotion nor endurance, would have availed to keep his memory green if he had not been right on the main issue of his time. He saw, earlier than most, the dreadful issue that faced this nation. When he said, "I hate war," we know he meant it. When he said that he did not plan to send American boys overseas we know he meant that, too. But the time came when the question was whether we should fight overseas or in defense of

Never had men—all men—felt as they now feel the need to bear a part in the entire renovation of the world. The war has left the vanquished desperate and the conquerors unsure. There is absent now even that false jubilation that sprung up in some cities when the first World War terminated. The reason for this is that we are undergoing a spiritual crisis which the victory of our armies has not resolved. The words of an eminent thinker of a former day are now pertinent: "We, the civilizations, know now that we are mortal."—President of Mexico Aleman.

our own shores.

Some may still argue that he could have sidestepped that question. He could have betrayed the Chinese and accepted the overlordship of Japan in the Orient. He could have betrayed European civilization and accepted the rule of the beast on the Continent and in Britain. He need not have sold our over-age destroyers, leased the Atlantic bases, urged the Lend-Lease system, undertaken an armed defense of our rights to go upon our lawful errands on the high seas. If his leadership had been of that kind he might have confused and delayed American armament and American thinking until it was too late. We might have kept out of the war until our friends were disposed of. We might still be at peace—if it could be called peace—while a victorious Germany, Italy and Japan made ready to destroy us.

Franklin Roosevelt understood our people and our destiny. He led us where we had to go and where, in spite of the horrors of our journey, we wanted to go. He laid the foundation for our participation in a new organization to keep the peace. It would be foolish to try to rank him among our Presidents, greater than this one, not so great as that one. But he was a man for his time, overcoming a physical handicap as other great Americans overcame poverty, meeting the requirements of an office which demanded that its occupant, whether a great man or not by natural endowment, act greatly.—Delphi Chapter No. 25 of New York.

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The STAR OF AHEPA blazes the way to link America and Greece as next door neighbors

BY HARRIS J. BOORAS

Supreme President, Order of Ahepa

At three o'clock in the morning of April 1st, 1947, the super-airliner of Trans-World Airlines, named "STAR OF



Harris J. Booras

AHEPA," took off from Boston, the new Athens of America, for old Athens, the renowned capital of glorious Hellas. Twentyfour excursionists, headed by Supreme President Harris J. Booras, were welcomed by Boston's Ahepans and given a farewell party on the evening before the departure. With the blessings of the entire Bay State District, headed by its untiring District Governor Fred A. Kyros, the excursionists finally assembled at the Boston airport where the air-

liner was christened by the Dean of the Greek Cathedral of Boston, Rev. Coucouzes.

The argonauts of Ahepa, amidst the cheer and good will of thousands assembled at the airport, finally took off and a few hours hence found themselves in Newfoundland. After a brief stop in this land, which was blanketed with heavy snow, the "STAR OF AHEPA" blazed its course over the broad Atlantic, and approximately seven hours later landed on the coast of Ireland. Then it was a matter of hopping off at the various capitals of Europe, such as Paris and Rome, before the excursionists could realize that they were over Grecian land.

One cannot imagine the emotion and feeling of all of us when we beheld the glorious land of Hellas from whence liberty, democracy and civilization set forth to conquer the world. Yes, with tears in our eyes, we beheld this extraordinary spectacle. Mingled with the emotion one could hear exclamations: "There are the blue waters of the Ionian Sea"; "Now we are passing over Zante"; "Behold Mt. Taegetos with its snow-capped cliffs"; "There is Phaliron Bay"; and "Now Athens unfolds itself before our eyes."

With a uniform outburst of tears, the pilgrims beheld the glorious Hellenic capital, with the hill of the Acropolis majestically arising from the bosom of the city. Our plane circles the city several times and we all try to distinguish the various historic spots and buildings that seem to look up to us and give us an expression of deep welcome. Finally we land at the Hassani airport. It is now Wednesday, April 2nd, 10:30 A.M., approximately thirty hours after our departure, that we land on Grecian soil! This unbelievable occurrence, for we now realize that no longer do distances separate us, but that we are next door neighbors.

Upon our arrival, we are received by the highest officials of the government and of the City of Athens, as well as by thousands of people assembled to welcome the first official visitors, in the form of argonauts, from the shores of the United States. Upon the official exchange of greetings and felicitations, we again witness most touching scenes. Mothers, sisters and brothers and other relatives embracing their dear ones

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BOSTON—Ahepans boarding Star of Ahepa for Greece



ATHENS—Excursionists arrive at Hasani Airport



ATHENS—At the laying of cornerstone for Ahepa Hospital (left to right): Vice-premier Tsaldaris, Mrs. Booras, Premier Maximos, His Eminence Damaskinos, Supreme President Booras, District Governor Frangos, Mayor Patsikas

from America whom they had not seen for many, many years. The custom officials facilitate our clearance promptly and we are now on our way to the Grande Bretagne Hotel, which acts as the official headquarters.

The King's Death

We learn of the death of King George while we are in Paris and, consequently we arrive while the entire nation is in a state of deep mourning. Consequently, all official receptions and programs are suspended. In accordance with custom, we proceed from the airport to the Royal Palace in order to express our condolences upon the loss of their much lamented king; and then we finally settle at our quarters. As fate would have it, we participate in all the official funeral ceremonies and processions, which are indeed most unusual and most impressive. On the date of the funeral, when the Supreme President marched in the funeral procession, the streets are thronged with thousands upon thousands of people from all over Greece.

Coronation of King Paul I

The next few days we are given the opportunity to be the official guests of the government at the coronation of His Majesty King Paul I, one of the most extraordinary ceremonies ever witnessed, in the Chamber of Deputies. One hundred and ten cannon boom the ascension of the new king to the throne, with the streets lined with thousands of people and with most impressive detachments of *Ezzones*.

Never did these Ahepa pilgrims from America expect to be full participants, firstly, in ceremonies attendant with the death of a king, and secondly, with the coronation of a new king. This shall certainly remain an unforgettable spectacle in our memories. Above all, it must be emphasized that Ahepa was honored by being given the fullest official recognition in all these royal ceremonies.

Easter

With the approach of Easter, most of the excursionists leave

for their towns. With all the poverty and destruction that prevail, nay, even with the mourning into which the nation was thrust because of the death of their king, the spirit of Easter was fully displayed in the old-fashioned style as we knew it.

On Good Friday, when the Epitaph is borne through the streets of Athens, we witness the ceremonies from the balconies of the Grande Bretagne Hotel. This is the most extraordinary religious procession nowhere else to be found. There you behold the Epitaphion of the Cathedral with a full guard of *Ezzones* and other military units, marching through the streets of Athens, with thousands of Christians holding lighted candles following the procession. This procession is headed by the Prime Minister and all his Cabinet, the Metropolitan of Athens and all the Bishops and clergy, with the students of colleges and universities and finally, with a deep procession of thousands of the faithful.

Needless to add that on Easter Holiday, the traditional roasting of lambs on the spit, with all the niceties that go with an Easter festival, is fully displayed not only in the capital, but in every little city and hamlet. An Easter in Greece, after many years in the United States, is one of the greatest revelations to a human heart that had been born in Greece and had tasted this sort of life in his youthful days.

General Receptions

Without many comments, we enumerate the following receptions held for our benefit:

1. A banquet in honor of the excursionists by the Greek-American Society of Athens at the Acropole Palace Hotel. It was attended by the Prime Minister and the entire Greek Cabinet, the Ambassador of Canada, the Charge d'Affaires of the United States, the Mayor of Athens and many other dignitaries of the capital.

2. The Supreme President tendered a cocktail reception to the publishers of the various newspapers in Athens, which

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turned out to be one of the largest ever held in the capital. It may be added that tremendous publicity was given to Ahepa by all the newspapers and their eulogies and editorial comments displayed the highest appraisal and gratitude to Ahepa.

3. The Medical Society of the City of Athens, with about four thousand members, gave a reception in honor of the Supreme President and the Ahepa Committee and proclaimed the Supreme President as the Honorary President of the Society.

4. Receptions were also given by the President and Dean of Athens University and the President of the Academy of Athens.

5. The Legal Society of Athens also tendered a reception and conferred upon the Supreme President the honorary membership of the Society.

6. A reception was also given by the Most Reverend Metropolitan Damaskinos, which was attended by many dignitaries.

7. It may be added that both Mr. and Mrs. Tsaldaris, General Napoleon Zervas, General and Mrs. Gonatas, as well as most of the Cabinet officers, gave separate receptions in their homes in honor of the Ahepans.



ATHENS—Mayor congratulates Honorary Citizen Booras

8. The Acropolis was illuminated during the night in honor of the excursionists and special visitations were made on the historic hill.

9. It would be an oversight not to add that hundreds of committees, representing various societies and institutions, as well as hundreds of individual citizens, called on the Supreme President.

10. The former Mayor of Athens and Governor-General of the capital, Mr. Costas Cotzias, also tendered a most elaborate reception at his home in honor of the excursionists with the fullest participation on the part of the most outstanding citizens of the capital.

11. On Sunday, April 13th, by special arrangement, the Supreme President addressed the entire Hellenic nation over Radio Athens for about twenty minutes. His speech received overwhelming comment and praise throughout the nation and thousands of telegrams and letters were received at his hotel. In fact, the Supreme President's address made such a great impression that committees were sent from various smaller



ATHENS—Ahepa's homage to Unknown Soldier

cities to invite him to go to their respective cities and address the population.

12. On April 17th, the Supreme President, accompanied by the excursionists, took occasion to lay wreaths in the name of Ahepa, one at the tomb of the unknown soldier and the other at the memorial of the Philhellenes.

Reception at City Hall

On April 19th, official receptions were held at the City Hall, which were fully attended by thousands of citizens. The Ahepa visitors were received by Mayor Pitsikas and the entire City Council, together with the heads of all the municipal departments and all the employees of the municipality. After the exchange of official greetings, the Mayor announced that by the unanimous decision of the entire City Council the Supreme President was elected as an Honorary Citizen of Athens, and that this honor was conferred for the first time upon any person of Hellenic heritage. The Supreme President acknowledged this extraordinary honor as a tribute not to himself, but the Order of Ahepa and to all of Hellenism in America.

After the ceremonies the Supreme President, accompanied by officials, visited the municipal hospital, as well as various other Athenian institutions.

Visitation to King Paul

On April 22nd, the excursionists paid an official visitation to His Majesty, King Paul of the Hellenes. After the exchange of official greetings and the taking of photographs, His Majesty expressed his gratitude, as well as that of his people, to all Americans of Hellenic descent for their great contributions to the Greek nation during the most trying days of its history. The King, who possesses a most pleasing personality and also

ATHENS—Ahepans received by H. M. King Paul I





ATHENS—Laying cornerstone for Ahepa Hospital

displays a most captivating smile at all times, and who, by the way, is coming to be a most popular leader of his people, showed great interest in all matters pertaining to the Greek-Americans and particularly was gratified to know of the tremendous contributions and accomplishments of the Order of Ahepa. He also expressed himself most devotedly and with unbounded gratitude toward the United States of America and its people for all the love, concern and affection that they have shown for the heroic people of Greece.

Before departure from Greece, the Supreme President had a private audience with His Majesty, which lasted almost one hour, where many problems and many important subjects were discussed. It may be added that the Supreme President had lengthy private audiences with Prime Minister Maximos, with all the members of the Cabinet individually, and also appeared at a meeting of the entire Cabinet for more than an hour.

Laying of Cornerstone of Athens Hospital

April 23rd shall remain as one of the most impressive and historic days in the annals of the Athenian capital, for on that day there assembled thousands of people at the lot allocated for the Ahepa Hospital in order that the symbolic cornerstone may be laid. There, within the full view of historic Acropolis Hill, Mt. Lycavitos and other shrines, the Supreme President in the name of the Order of Ahepa placed the cornerstone of the Ahepa Hospital as an expression of tribute and respect to the brave Hellenic people. District Governor James Frangos, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, acted as chairman of the ceremonies, in the presence of Past Supreme Vice-President Frank Pofanti and C. G. Paris, Treasurer of the Ahepa Hospitals Trust. Every member of the Cabinet was present, including the Ambassadors of the United States and Canada, as well as

SALONICA—University honors Supreme President



the Mayor and the entire City Council, together with the Most Reverend Metropolitan Damaskinos.

After the official dedication by the Supreme President, the American and Greek anthems were played by the municipal band; Prime Minister Maximos delivered a most impressive eulogy to Ahepa and all Hellenism of America; and then followed brief talks by Vice-Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs Constantine Tsaldaris, Minister of Health M. Kotsianos, and Mayor of Athens Pitsikas. It may be added that the Athenian press reported in the most eulogizing terms this most benevolent act on the part of the fraternity.

Salonika, Capital of Macedonia

Finally, by a chartered plane, the Ahepa argonauts proceed to Salonika, arriving there on April 24th, where they were received at the airport by all the officials, as well as by thousands of people. The Governor of Macedonia, K. Rodopoulos, travelled with the excursionists on the plane as a measure of



SALONICA—Supreme President accepts University degree

honor and respect. Upon arrival, the excursionists were given a most elaborate reception by the Greek-American Society of Salonika, of which they were all made honorary members, with the Supreme President being recognized as Honorary President. Both Mayor Constantinou and Governor Rodopoulos placed official cars at the disposal of the excursionists. Receptions were had at the Governor's mansion as well as at the City Hall and by the Municipal Council.

Honorary Degree Conferred

The next day, Friday the 25th, at eleven o'clock, the excursionists proceeded to the university grounds where, accompanied by the Governor, the Mayor, the entire City Council and the venerable Metropolitan Genadios, they were received at the campus of the university by 26,000 students who gave a most cheering and resounding welcome to the visitors. At the entrance of this very fine university, they were received by the President of the university, Professor Vogiatzides, and his entire faculty, and were led into the very spacious auditorium which was thronged with people. There, in a most impressive, most colorful and most touching ceremony, by unanimous decision of the faculty of the university, the Supreme President was conferred upon the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. This is another great tribute to Ahepa, most generously expressed by the entire population of Northern Greece.

Laying of Cornerstone of Salonika Hospital

Immediately after these unique ceremonies at the university, the Chamber of Commerce tendered an official luncheon in



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honor of the excursionists. In the evening of the same day, it seemed that the entire population of the capital turned out to the university grounds where, in the name of Ahepa, the Supreme President laid the symbolic cornerstone for the Ahepa Hospital, which will be attached to the university for healing as well as for medical instruction. Needless to add that the religious ceremonies, which were superintended by Metropolitan Genadios, many outstanding leaders of Northern Greece expressed respects and eulogies to this great fraternity.

An unusual historic occurrence was witnessed before the Supreme President laid the cornerstone in that a rooster was sacrificed as a goodwill measure, a thing which had been handed down in the customs of the Macedonian Province from antiquity. After the ceremonies the President and the faculty of the university tendered an official dinner in honor of the excursionists and warm expressions of greetings were exchanged.

The next day, the excursionists visited many historic sites and particularly the great church of St. Demetrios, the protector of the city. This church is one of the earliest ever erected and has suffered many destructions, but now it is being slowly reconstructed. Within these sacred walls one finds great mozaic works and ikons, as well as catacombs; and above all, the tomb of St. Demetrios.

And finally, after a farewell luncheon given by the Mayor, the excursionists repaired to the airport and returned to Athens. We cannot resist stating that the welcome and cordial-

SALONICA—Mayor expresses gratitude to Ahepa



ity extended to us in the Macedonian capital was most genuine and most impressive and we shall never forget it.

Banquet in Honor of Excursionists

On May 5th, at the Grande Bretagne Hotel, Vice-Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs Tsaldaris tendered a banquet in honor of the excursionists, which was attended by the Prime Minister and his entire Cabinet. In a most impressive eulogy, Mr. Tsaldaris praised most highly the aid and the contribution of Ahepa and of Hellenism of America to the Hellenic people, and officially expressed the gratitude and appreciation of the entire Hellenic nation.

To all these addresses and eulogies the Supreme President responded in the most appropriate manner, stating that "We, Americans of Hellenic descent, do not deserve, nor do we accept your expressions of gratitude and appreciation for what we have done. For all that we have performed in behalf of the heroic people of Greece cannot measure up to one million-fold of the victory you have given to the world and to the great sacrifices and sufferings that you have undergone to preserve liberty and democracy in this sacred soil where democracy was born. Not only you, Hellenes, have turned the tide of battle and by your bravery contributed conclusively to the great victory of civilization, but since then, and particularly after your liberation, you have again written a nobler Marathon in the pages of your glorious history by repelling the march of a new and more vicious ideology which is known as Communism."



SALONICA—Orphans accept donation by Athens Chapter

Farewell Banquet by Ahepa

Finally, on May 10th, in a most elaborate banquet given by Ahepa, attended by the Prime Minister and his Cabinet, other leaders of Greece, by the Mayor and the City Council, U. S. Ambassador Lincoln McVeagh, Minister of Canada General LaFleche, the officers of the Greek-American Society, the President of the *Voule*, as well as many other outstanding personalities, the warmest farewells and exchange of cordialities were recorded. All the leaders of the political parties of Greece spoke in the most vivid and eulogizing terms to Ahepa and its great and tremendous work in behalf of Greece. To these eulogies was added the voice of our Ambassador, Lincoln McVeagh, who characterized Ahepa as one of the greatest American organizations, which not only does so much patriotic and philanthropic work at home, but also never fails to extend the fullest of assistance to the suffering heroic Greek people.

Ahepa's Agricultural School

Most of the excursionists left as scheduled on May 10th, but the Supreme President remained another week in order to conclude a few matters. Accompanied by the Treasurer of the Ahepa Hospitals Trust, Brother C. G. Paris, he took occasion



PIRAEUS—City welcomes and fetes Ahepans

to visit Loutraki, Corinth, and finally the town of Velos where the Ahepa Agricultural School is found. This school, which comprises five buildings and has something like sixty-five acres of fertile land, had been officially presented to the Hellenic nation by Brother Booras, who had visited Greece in 1934 as Supreme President and as the head of the then excursion to Greece.

The town-folks of Velos received us with open arms and we were tremendously impressed with the progress that the school has made. For there the children of the farmers are given education for two years in the most practical requirements of agriculture. The entire province of Corinthia blesses Ahepa for this great contribution which now has come to be recognized as the most outstanding agricultural school in the entire Greek nation. This is another project for which Ahepa may be justly proud and which has cost the fraternity a well-worth-while investment of approximately \$100,000.

Impressions of Greece

This historic and brave nation, after destroying the myth of Axis invincibility and turning the tide of battle, underwent the severeness of oppression and reprisals by the conquerors. These savage conquerors destroyed whole cities and towns, laid waste all their fields and butchered or starved the entire nation. In this sad spectacle of inhumanity, it may be added that entire forests were uprooted, roads and bridges and airports were destroyed and even churches and monasteries were profaned. But, with all that, with all the misery, hunger and death, the Greek people did not lose their spirit, but with unyielding determination they fought on, resisting the oppressors and eagerly awaiting for the day of their liberation. Finally that day came, but no sooner were the church bells of freedom sounding than a more vicious and catastrophic enemy tried to establish its iron sway over these unconquerable people.

The nation found itself in what outsiders termed a civil war. But it was not a civil war at all. It was a systematic, pre-arranged attempt of communism, with the fullest aid from communist neighbors on the northern border of Greece, to seize the Hellenic homeland and make it a part of the communist empire of the U.S.S.R. Under the leadership of their government, the Hellenes fought this savage attack almost single-handed, with the exception of a few thousand Britishers who were there to assist them. As a result greater and more savage destruction was wrought upon the nation by these would-be Slavic conquerors who had attracted into their ranks a few Greeks indoctrinated with the communistic ideology. The repelling of this well planned communistic coup d'etat is another glorious episode in the history of Greece and historians will record it as another great Marathon; for the march of

communism was stopped and democracy and freedom were defended and preserved in the land where they were born!

Had the Greeks yielded, as did the Yugoslavs, the Bulgarians and other Balkan countries, the march of communism would have inundated the entire Mediterranean and Turkey, the Dardanelles, the Near East and the Suez, as well as the Adriatic, and even Italy, would have been easily engulfed. Greece stopped this march with great sacrifice and great slaughter; and deserves, nay, even is entitled to the fullest credit and consideration by her allies and her friends. It is indeed a blessing that our great President Harry S. Truman, and the United States government have finally officially recognized the fact that the battle of Greece is the battle of democracy itself and that the borders of this little brave nation are our own bastions of safety.

Ninety-eight percent of the Hellenic people, a people that have preserved their customs and ideals throughout the centuries, love their freedom and their country and are ready to die for it, as they have done in the past. These ninety-eight percent despise communism and all that it stands for. Indeed, not only in the cities, but in the towns and hamlets, they display an unconquerable spirit and have an unyielding hate for communism and for the misery and destruction that it suddenly brought upon their little nation. Their spirit is now one hundred-fold better with American aid and American security coming to them. With this aid and security, these enterprising, heroic people will speedily rebuild their nation. With all the poverty and destruction, they have not lost their character; the same smile, the same cordiality, the same love and respect of family and the same outstanding noble characteristics of the race are displayed everywhere.

One cannot but admire, respect and love the Greek people for what they have done and for their determination at present to rebuild and reconstruct their impoverished nation. They deserve the fullest assistance, for it is now that they need the greatest helping hand from those that love and admire them, and particularly from those, like most of us, who possess noble Hellenic blood in our veins. *Zito i Ellas!*

THE STORY OF A LITTLE GIRL

Little Theano, age 12, joyfully displays some of the foods from her family's newly arrived \$12.75 Greek War Relief Association food package. Her family consists of her grandmother, Maria Damianos, her mother, Theodora, a widow, and two sisters. Her father was recently killed in an accident and their government pension is insufficient to cover their needs. They live in abject poverty. The food package contains 35 lbs. of staple American foodstuffs, sent by an unnamed American benefactor, and has specific instructions for the foods preparation. Keep the stream of food packages open. Give today! Contribute to the current campaign of the Greek War Relief Association of \$12,000,000. Make another little girl happy.



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U. S. ENVOY DEFENDS POLICY TO HELP GREECE



Ambassador Lincoln MacVeagh

Speaking in Boston last March, Lincoln MacVeagh, United States Ambassador to Greece, declared that "the preservation of democracy in the land of its birth [Greece] is undeniably linked with the defense of democracy throughout the world."

"Elements deliberately seeking to exploit" Greece's weakened condition for their own gains have "sabotaged the welfare of her entire people," he declared. The envoy did not name these elements.

Turning to the proposal of President Truman to extend financial and other aid to Greece, he said:

"The paramount needs of Greece today are two; the removal of fear of violence that stifles initiative and freedom of action and the reconstruction of the national economy as a firm foundation for future progress. The program proposed by President Truman is designed to enable the Greek people to achieve both objectives."

Mr. MacVeagh noted that "some critics" interpreted the President's plan to send American military technicians and financial and economic advisers to Greece as "intervention." He declared that "just the opposite is the case."

"The Greek Government," he continued, "has requested our assistance along this line, and furthermore, there are many precedents in international affairs."

The Ambassador also took note of criticism that the program would be supporting "a reactionary government."

"Believe me," he declared, "our policy is not aimed at supporting any Government except the Government the people may themselves choose when tranquillity and security are restored."

GOVERNOR DEWEY FOR GREECE

ALBANY, N. Y.—Thomas E. Dewey, Governor of New York and one of the principal contenders for the Republican presidential nomination of 1948,



Thomas E. Dewey

has flatly endorsed President Truman's policy of aid to Greece. Last March, the Governor issued a proclamation designating March 25th as Greek War Relief Day.

Declaring that "the civilized world owes a lasting debt to the gallant and unconquerable people of Greece," Governor Dewey praised the Greek people "as a brave bulwark against tides of oppression which would engulf the world." He urged the people of the State of New York to join in the campaign for relief funds, which among other things will take care of 375,000 war-orphaned children. This help is necessary, he said, to help the Greek people "to recover from the ravages of war, meanwhile resisting the forces of armed and ideological aggression."

The original text of the proclamation is reported below:



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By Margaret Thompson

Field Director, Greek War Relief Association

Under its orphan support program, the Greek War Relief Association is helping the lost children of Greece by placing them in homes and providing them with clothing, medical care and educational supplies. Eighty dollars will support one orphan for a whole year. The program deserves universal approval. Help the orphans of Greece.

One of the most tragic problems confronting a war-torn and devastated Greece is that of her orphans. During the four years of enemy invasion and occupation, 375,000 Greek children saw their parents killed, their homes destroyed and their security shattered.

In Greece's overcrowded, ill-equipped orphanages before the war, there was room for only 10,000 of these youngsters. The remainder were dependent upon the charity of friends or relatives, themselves hard-pressed to find food for another mouth, or they were left to fend for themselves in a poverty-stricken, chaotic world. The experiences they endured during World War II have left scars which can be erased only by giving them the affectionate protection of family life.

The Greek War Relief Association under its orphan support is helping the lost children of Greece as rapidly as funds permit. Every effort is being made to place them in homes where they will receive the love and attention so vital to a child's welfare. If a surviving parent or relative is able to care for a child with a little financial assistance, the Greek War Relief provides a monthly food allowance. Clothing, medical care and educational supplies for the orphan are also contributed by the Association.

The Program in Operation

The Greek War Relief and the Ministry of Welfare of the

Greek Government are working in close financial and administrative cooperation in carrying out the orphan project. It is estimated that \$120 will give one orphan complete foster home care for a period of one year. Of this sum the Greek Government contributes \$40 and the Greek War Relief \$80.

Drama, in northeastern Greece, was selected by welfare workers for the first Greek War Relief orphan support project. Successive German and Bulgarian occupations devastated this Macedonian region, leaving scores of villages completely destroyed and the inhabitants slain or dispersed. In a total population of 106,000 there are 9,000 orphans.

During August, 1946, the program operated only in Drama and Kozani. By October, the project had been extended to Piraeus, Chios and Mytilene. In those areas 1,250 boys and girls are now being supported in foster homes.

On March 15th of this year the Greek War Relief authorized its overseas office to initiate orphan support projects in the following districts: Serres, Xanthe, Cephallonia, Ioannina, Kilkis, Crete, Elias, Magnesia and Messina.

Welfare Staff

Miss Dorothy McKay, who has served as the Association's child welfare specialist since the liberation of Greece in 1944, started the Drama-Kozani project with the assistance of UNRRA welfare workers.



"Only a crust of bread left," grandma tells them



Eager to finish schoolwork and share noonday meal



Ragged and barefoot—typical of 375,000 war orphans

Since it is the policy of the Greek War Relief to recruit its operating staff in Greece, one of Miss McKay's first responsibilities was the training of Greek welfare personnel. She initiated an intensive training program in which each Greek staff employee was given instructions in the following subjects:

- a. Qualifications of good investigator.
- b. How to register the children, classify them according to need, secure information about each individual child.
- c. Analyzing community resources in order to determine what facilities are available to meet the need of the children.
- d. Investigating homes before placing the children.
- e. Visiting the homes, and the proper way in which to discuss the problems of the child who is to be placed there.
- f. Consultation with the priest, teacher, doctor and other community leaders.
- g. Standards for selection of foster parents and homes.
- h. Keeping accurate records of the children, each home visit that is made, and all expenditures.

AID FOR CHILDREN URGED

Mrs. Ruth Kelso Renfrow of St. Louis, extension secretary of the foreign and territorial clubs of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, recently returned from an inspection tour of Europe. She was accompanied by Mrs. Florence Spencer Duryea, director of women's activities for the Near East Foundation.

"Conditions in Greece are extremely difficult," Mrs. Renfrow said. "The need for food is absolutely tragic." She declared that the Greek people "very definitely" needed help from the women's clubs and said unless this relief were continued "children will starve to death."

i. Relations between the Greek War Relief Association and the welfare employees of the Greek Government—how to obtain full cooperation; the responsibility of the Association for the proper administration of project.

Following intensive training, 13 Greek welfare workers were sent into the field under direct supervision of the Association's welfare staff.

Organizing An Area

When an area is selected for the orphan support program, a Greek War Relief Association welfare specialist goes to the community with her Greek welfare assistant. She consults

with the Greek Government staff of the Welfare Center and they work closely together in registering the orphans and classifying them according to the greatest need. Homes are then selected and after the child is placed in a home, visits are made at regular intervals to make certain that the child is receiving satisfactory care.

In addition to the home visits made by the staff, a welfare committee is set up which includes community leaders such as the priest, the president of the national bank, a doctor, a school teacher, etc. Medical examinations are given all chil-

The recovery of Europe has been far slower than had been expected. Disintegrating forces are becoming evident. The patient is sinking while the doctors deliberate. So I believe that action cannot await compromise through exhaustion. New issues arise daily. Whatever action is possible to meet these pressing problems must be taken without delay.—Secretary of State Marshall.

dren and, insofar as funds are available, every effort is made to provide well-rounded care of the child.

An employee of the Greek War Relief remains permanently in each area where the project is in operation to insure that high standards for the care of the orphans are maintained.

This Greek War Relief orphan support program has been in operation for seven months and has proved so satisfactory that the Greek Government and leading Greek welfare workers are urging its rapid expansion. It is not only providing care for the unprotected children of Greece, but it is also setting up sound standards which will have an enduring value in all communities where the program operates. The Greek Government has clearly indicated its concern in the project by appropriating \$600,000 as its financial share for 1946 and 1947.

A Case History

The Association has just received a report which tells more eloquently than any words how much the orphan program means to the people of Greece. This story of a family who has been helped shows very clearly how a comparatively small amount of money and wise guidance mean the difference between degradation and starvation and building for the future.

On July 17, 1946, a small, thin, tired woman came to the office of the Welfare Service asking assistance. She was bewildered and did not know what to do. Her sister, Mrs. Constantinides had died two days before of childbirth and left not only the 2-day old baby but 3 other children—John 6, Demetra 8 and Menelaos 11—unprotected and without a home. The

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Nurse taking children to GWRA mobile medical unit for checkup



Orphans make a few pennies selling water and running errands

family had lived in Prosotsani, a small village near Drama; the mother had hoped to be admitted to the Municipal Hospital of Drama and so had brought the entire family to her sister's in Drama. The hospital was full, she could not gain admittance and therefore she was not able to have the special care she needed.

The aunt of the children was very fond of them, yet she had 3 children of her own and could not afford to take on the responsibility of 4 more mouths to feed. Money was given immediately for the children's food, to relieve the burden on the aunt and to allow time for careful investigation and planning for the children.

The voice of Greece today speaks to America across 2,500 years. Greek art, sculpture, architecture, drama, these speak to us steadily, making our daily lives richer. The great Greek philosophers, historians, statesmen, all these speak to us eloquently, daily, as we try to make our own great democracy function more perfectly.—Assistant Secretary of State Benton.

The School reported that Menelaos is a bright, clever boy but both the teacher and aunt added that he is undisciplined and difficult to manage. Application was made for his entrance to the Drama Orphanage—he himself said he would like to go there. He will have the benefit of group discipline, regular schooling and the beginning steps of a trade. He will also be able to see his brothers and sister frequently and visit his aunt.

After careful investigation, a good foster home was found for the baby, the foster parents want to adopt him as soon as possible. John and Demetra will remain with the aunt who is happy to care for her sister's children with the assistance of the Welfare Service. Each time the visitor goes to the home, the aunt sincerely expresses her gratitude for the help given to her—not just the material help to the children, but the help in working out a plan for the children, in giving her the much-needed understanding and reassurance at a time when she did not know what to do or which way to turn.

In addition to money given for food, the children were examined by the GWRA doctor in Drama, were given GWRA clothing (they were literally in rags) and are thereby able to attend school regularly. In October, they were also given a food

parcel. Life no longer looks as black to these children as it did a year ago!

You can help other orphans by giving generously to the Greek War Relief Association's orphan support program. Remember that \$30 will give an orphan complete foster home care for a period of one year.

HORROR OF HUNGER

By DR. AVELHEID WAWERKA

Former Director of Vienna's Children's Clinics

Hunger is numbing.

You are sitting at your desk with a patient, and suddenly you find you cannot keep your attention on what the child's mother is saying. You sit there until your strength creeps back and then you work a little longer. Or you are standing up, and suddenly you have to sit down.

It is pitiful to see the old—people who once thought they would spend their last years with their children and grandchildren around them. When they walk they stay near the wall and press their hands against it for support. They move like ghosts, for the young must be up and about to get food any way they can.

The papers say there will be flour and the people wait, but the flour does not come that day, or the supply gives out before their line is reached. You can live on flour. You brown it, add water, and it makes soup. That is what the women are doing as they bend over the little fires along the sidewalk.

The hunger is worse than the cold. You can do something about the cold. You can find something else to put over your shoulders or wrap around your feet. Or you can go to bed and stay there. You can wait the cold out, for there is a beginning and end to cold, but there is no end to hunger.

And being hungry you do things you never thought you would do. You send your children out to trade on the black market. You don't ask questions about where food comes from. You eat it, and hope no one will come in with whom it ought to be shared. Adversity does not bring out the best in people, not when it is a question of who shall live and who shall starve.

You see the children grow thinner, day by day. Those who can go to school have it a little better than their younger brothers and sisters, for there is a feeding program of sorts, or was when UNRRA was bringing in help. But the children cannot always go to school. They must take turns wearing the shoes or the overcoat. "Juvenile delinquency" is a way of saying boys and girls are hungry. They take as they can. The girls have their own way of getting along. Young as they are, they come to terms early, as hungry people everywhere come to terms. Sometimes their mothers have to come to terms.

You practice medicine without instruments, without drugs, without supplies, often without hot water. But the prescription in most cases would be simple if it could be filled: food. A doctor's world, like everyone else's world in devastated Europe, comes down to that one word: food.

GREEK WAR RELIEF IN ACTION

The American public today is, perhaps, the best informed group in the world about political and economic conditions in Greece. Information services for the past six months have described what problems the modern Greek must face in his daily life. Public opinion has so crystallized along these lines that Congress is taking action by approving a large loan for the general rehabilitation of the country. These funds will be expended mainly for the reconstruction of highways, bridges, port facilities, basic industries—and the military.

It is too early to say just what sum will be devoted to relief activities among the sick and hungry. Day-to-day reports reveal that close to 85 per cent of the country's school children have tuberculosis in one stage or another. Among adults, more than 550,000 cases of active tuberculosis have been discovered by Government and Greek War Relief specialists, aided by such modern medical techniques as the mass-radiological clinics at Athens and Salonika. Another 2 million persons suffer from malaria and typhus. If the stricken happens to be a laborer, he may lose from 75 to 100 working days because of these chronic illnesses.

If we compare New York City to Greece, each having approximately seven and one-half million persons, we find that medical records for the city in 1946 list 7,360 reported cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and 1,053 cases of malaria. To



USED AS HOSPITAL

Built in 1915, this army barrack is now used to house tubercular patients in Salonika! Just one terrible example of the critical hospital shortage in Greece today. Greek War Relief Association must raise in 1947 \$12,000,000. These funds will make possible the construction of 40 permanent Health Centers and a 256-bed general hospital; they will help to maintain 474 community clinics and operate a fleet of Mobile Medical Units—modern "Hospitals on Wheels."

Greek Students Here

Four young Greeks came over to this country last January for graduate studies. Their aim is to aid in the reconstruction of their devastated land. They were brought here under the auspices of the Greek War Relief Association, which seeks \$12,000,000 to continue its activities for the Greek people. The goal in New York is \$2,600,000.

Miss *Paraskevi Strongyli* will study agricultural bacteriology at the University of Maryland. A graduate of Salonika University, she is on a two-year leave of absence from the Greek Ministry of Agriculture.

Miss *Soteria Pasmajoglou* will seek a master's degree in physical chemistry at Clark University. She had worked in the Nicolaos Kannelopoulos Institute in Piraeus.

George Zizicas, an instructor at the Athens Engineering University, will go to the University of California. He is especially interested in design of bridges.

Miss *Katina Sideri*, assistant to the Professor of Pharmaceutical Chemistry at Athens University, will study at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.

combat these cases New York City had more than 142 public and private hospitals and homes, 22 community health centers, 64 child health stations and 21 tuberculosis clinics. In addition, there were available 120 dental clinics, 21 eye clinics, and 5 cardiac clinics for school children.

Any survey of hospital and health facilities in Greece today shows a great deficiency when compared to the numerous facilities offered by America's largest city. It was for this reason alone that Greek War Relief rather early in its operations began planning a coordinated program of health services. During the early period of relief following liberation, the As-



CLINIC AT WORK

Here in the village of Kertesi, a G.W.R.A. Community Clinic is shown at work. While the doctor gives an aged woman some advice on home hygiene, a trained nurse and her two volunteer aides check the progress made by a little patient. In order to maintain its system of preventive medicine, which includes the operation of 474 similar clinics throughout Greece, Greek War Relief Association opened its 1947 drive last January to raise \$12,000,000. Give today! Help swell the tide of donations!



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A CROWDED MATERNITY HOSPITAL

This maternity hospital in Salonika, Greece, was built to accommodate 60 patients, now houses 120! Every available bit of space is used. The Greek War Relief Association is endeavoring to ease this appalling situation by constructing modern spacious hospitals, health centers and clinics. Its current campaign, if successful, will go far toward restoring the health of Greece.



A "MODERN" HOSPITAL LAUNDRY

Typical of most, is this laundry in the Laikon General Hospital. Formerly a tobacco warehouse, this hospital has no modern laundry devices; it must depend entirely on the long, arduous labors of these volunteer workers. The Greek War Relief Association plans to equip all its hospitals and clinics with proper laundry facilities. Send in your contribution today! Help now!

sociation rushed into the field mobile medical units. Today, 23 such units operate throughout rural Greece. Monthly records on file show that these hospitals on wheels treat more than 50,000 patients free each year.

Clinics and Health Centers Needed

Following this initial stage, Greek War Relief established a network of one-room community clinics. Today, there are 474 of these havens where the sick can come for free treatment. Reliable estimates show that each month more than 1,000 patients receive medical care at these centers.

Yet, health specialists agree that such emergency measures as mobile medical units and community clinics cannot keep pace with the diseases that spread through a war-devastated land. The goal of modern medicine today is to (1) treat the sick, while (2) controlling and stamping out disease areas within the community. To do this job, Greek War Relief enlisted the aid of America's foremost hospital planners and preventive-health specialists. Together they worked out the specifications for Greek War Relief proposed Health Centers. The building, itself, has two wings: one, a small 15-bed emergency hospital; the other, a preventive health wing equipped with dental, maternity and tuberculosis clinics where the community may learn the essentials of personal hygiene.

The current fund-raising drive of the Association emphasized to Americans and especially to those of Greek descent that if this ambitious program were to succeed in Greece every person must give generously.

So far, the fund-raising drive has met only with moderate success. No doubt, many persons felt that funds from a government loan would care for the needs of the Greek people; others were of the opinion that they should make their gifts directly to friends or relatives. As praiseworthy as these thoughts may be, they contain a degree of error. Persons sending packages or other gifts to Greece today cannot send the most vital gift needed by every Greek—regardless of his walk of life. They cannot send a doctor on a call, if there is no doctor in the community; they cannot provide a hospital bed, if no hospital exists. And yet, these are the services thousands

of new mothers require not only during childbirth but for proper child care afterward. This is the service, too, required by almost three-fourths of the Greek population who find themselves so handicapped in earning power that they cannot afford private medical services or hospital facilities.

Hospital Work Has Begun

To date, the Association has made great headway in the purchasing of basic medical supplies and equipment for the eventual construction of its Health Centers. Late last year, supplies for an 1,800-bed hospital were purchased complete from the U. S. Government and shipped to Greece. Additional purchases have been made regularly to fill out not only the balance of medical supplies required for the proposed centers, but tons of building materials—unobtainable in Greece—have been purchased in America and Canada and stockpiled in Greek War Relief warehouses overseas awaiting the word to start construction.

Excavation work has started at Tripolis on the jointly-sponsored Pan Arcadian-Greek War Relief hospital. At Chryssoupolis, excavating has begun on the first Greek War Relief Health Center foundation. Because of the rising spiral of prices in Greece, the inability to make secured contracts with builders, work has been progressing slowly. It is much better that the Association plan carefully and take each step with the greatest thought today than to rush in and build under unfavorable conditions.

John Kokkins of Kokkins and Lyras, New York architects, has recently returned to New York after a two-month survey of sites and contract conversations in Greece. His report was most optimistic, listing several communities where sites for centers have been given to the Association or are under consideration. He also checked building contracts with the view toward the earliest possible construction.

At this stage of the fund-raising drive, it is difficult to state just how many centers will be constructed during the next few months. Much will depend on the response of our friends throughout the United States in contributing funds to carry this overall program to completion.

U. S. Economic Mission Reports ON GREECE

By PAUL PORTER
Chief of the Mission

Last January an economic mission was sent to Greece by our State Department for the purpose of examining the economic conditions and determining what outside assistance the country needed toward recovery and reconstruction. The summary of its findings given below points up the needed government reorganization of Greece.

The people of Greece have an opportunity to move forward to an era of reconstruction and internal peace. Alternatively, if the present policies of drift and expediency are continued, they will result in economic disaster to all her people and perhaps forfeit for a generation Greece's chance to rebuild and to establish a stable economy. The American Economic Mission to Greece has attempted to discover what foreign aid is needed and what internal economic and administrative measures must be employed if Greece is to move forward.

We have examined problems of governmental organization, budget expenditures and revenues, export potentialities and import requirements, monetary and credit policies, reconstruction and development, and many other related matters. Our analysis of the economic aspects has not been easy; they are closely related to and substantially affected by political, military psychological considerations. From an intensive study of Greece's current problems and a survey of her future potentialities, we have reached conclusions as to how the economy can be placed on a reasonably self-sustaining basis.

First, however, it seems appropriate to consider certain broad factors which have operated as preventatives to economic progress since Liberation. There is the inescapable conclusion that in spite of \$700,000,000 in foreign assistance, Greece during the past two years has merely managed to survive. There are exceptions, of course, but, in general, economic conditions have improved but little over those prevailing at the time when the Nazi forces were expelled from the country.

Bitter internal strife and the rapid rate of turnover of the Governments have created a climate of insecurity and instability that has prevented any rational planning. Since the war, there have been seven changes in the Greek Government. No government has been able to develop an effective economic policy and to inaugurate necessary controls. Those controls which have been attempted have failed as a result of various causes, among which is the lack of effective government machinery for impartial administration. Partly because of these factors, private capital instead of devoting itself to reconstruction and development has been much preoccupied with schemes to hedge its risks, outside the Greek economy.

Security Problem Acute

The security situation has had a direct effect upon the economy. Not only has this discouraged the desirable repatriation from abroad of sizeable amounts of private Greek capital, but the civil strife of December 1944 stimulated social and political tensions of such bitterness and intensity that the masses of the Greek people have from that time lived in a perpetual state of fear. The succeeding governments have not been successful in ameliorating this situation and hence there is lacking the national unity which is so clearly a prerequisite to a program of economic reform and recovery. Operations of organized bands of guerrillas and fear of invasion from the North have resulted in the maintenance of military and police forces numbering in the neighborhood of 150,000. This has been a tremendous drain upon the resources of the country and the primary cause of the budget deficit, even though the foreign exchange requirements for military expenditures have thus far been met by the British. Greece has such limited resources that she cannot maintain alone armed forces of their present size.

The psychology of certain elements in Greece has operated as a serious impediment to recovery. There has been a sense of helplessness, and in some quarters a feeling that because Greece suffered so much during the war, it is now entitled to the care of its richer Allies. There is the widely held view that external factors in Greek problems are so large that individual efforts are futile. The lack of confidence among government officials and the people in the ability of Greece to save itself financially and the belief that it must depend on aid from

abroad has contributed to an appalling inertia. In this unhealthy psychological state, Greece simply has not been able to apply to its own problems the determination and resolute action essential if she is to meet the critical issues she now faces.

Disparity in Living Standards

There exists a wide disparity in the living standards and income throughout all Greece. Profiteers, that is traitors, speculators and black marketeers thrive in wealth and luxury, a problem with which no government has effectively dealt. At the same time, the masses of people live on a bare



President Truman appealing to Congress for aid to Greece



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subsistence. The profiteers are relatively few in number and their aggregate wealth, if divided among the population, would effect little improvement of general living conditions, nevertheless, their luxurious manner of living in the midst of poverty serves to embitter the masses and to underline the hardships of the poor. There is a vast amount of concealed unemployment with some 20 percent of the population employed by or partially dependent upon the State. The substandard levels of existence of the civil servants, indigents, pensioners and other dependents is an important contributory factor to the political and social tension which characterizes Greece today. Since Liberation no effective measures have been taken to provide useful work for the employables among this large group of the population.

Foreign observers in Greece generally agree that the past two years have failed to register a progress toward stable recovery commensurate with the foreign aid given. The time bought by UNRRA relief, by the free sale of gold and by other devices of expediency has not been utilized. The various Greek Governments, lacking in strength, have been able to accomplish little. UNRRA, zealous of its mandate to avoid intrusion in internal affairs, was not always successful in prevailing upon uncertain and hesitating officials to program more effectively the distribution of relief and reconstruction supplies. The British Economic Mission, operating under the terms of the London Agreement of January 1946, was similarly unsuccessful. The Currency Committee, operating under the authority of Greek law, has performed a useful function during the past year, but there is a basis for the conclusion that its earlier policies were of such a conservative and rigid character that reconstruction and development were actually inhibited.

Internal Pacification Needed

Thus, two and one-half years after the Liberation, Greece finds herself on dead-center in spite of substantial foreign aid and competent foreign advice. The Mission has sought to analyze the causes of the failure of recovery processes to get underway so that the mistakes of the past can, if possible, be avoided and so that the assistance forthcoming from the United States will not simply be used to compound previous errors.

Internal pacification and resolution of the border disputes are the two most important needs in Greek recovery. It is obvious that the existing state of widespread violence affords an unsuitable climate for economic development.

It is hoped that the United Nations Commission which was investigating the troubles on Greece's northern borders while this Mission was studying the Greek economy will be able to

recommend means of eliminating at least a part of this problem. With this settlement should also come an effort on the part of those opposing political elements in Greece interested in the maintenance of Greek independence to compose their differences and work for the common benefit of the country. Until the internal political tensions are relieved, Greece's economy cannot revive.

The Mission has considered means of meeting the principal economic difficulties of the country. This involves placing on a self-sustaining basis an economy which has always been weak. Greece has a total area of approximately 50,000 square miles. Of this, less than 20 percent is arable. The standard of living for the vast majority of its 7,500,000 population has always been dangerously low even though there has been foreign borrowing. National income, measured by Western standards, has always been low—one of the lowest in all Europe. Industrial development was only beginning to become a significant factor in the late 1930's, and at its peak bore to the economy only a fraction of the importance of the country's primitive agriculture.

Foreign Assistance Imperative

Greece today faces a desperate economic crisis—one that she cannot meet alone. Even considering UNRRA goods undistributed or left in the pipeline and goods to be provided under the post-UNRRA relief program, there will be widespread suffering unless substantial foreign assistance is forthcoming. The dimensions of this current crisis can best be shown by the following facts:

(1) The tentative estimated Greek budget, including the expanded military establishment, indicates a deficit of \$290,000,000 for 1947, or about three times the amount of currency now in circulation.

(2) Reserves of unrestricted foreign exchange by the end of 1946 were too meager to insure import of Greece's minimum needs, necessitating a severe restriction of basic imports in the absence of immediate outside assistance.

(3) Pressures on the retail price level are severe and further marked increases are indicated unless there are immediate corrective measures.

(4) Wage demands are accumulating as a result of the foregoing factors, adding the threat of wage inflation to the prospect of budget inflation.

In short, it appears that in the absence of substantial foreign assistance and the adoption by the Greek Government of strong control measures, another round of extreme inflation with all of its disastrous economic, and political consequences is a certainty.

It is, therefore, apparent that there exists a need for immediate steps if inflation is to be prevented. Recovery and reconstruction in Greece cannot be based upon the present unstable economic foundations. While the Mission's earlier inquiries were directed towards the ascertainment of minimum relief requirements during the post-U. N. R. R. A. period and in addition the development of measures whereby the Greek economy could make the maximum use of her own resources, the Mission has more recently considered the problem on the assumption that the United States Government would contribute very substantial amounts for the restoration of the economy of Greece, and that American technicians would advise the Greek Government on economic affairs. In this way it is hoped that the first steps can be taken whereby the economy of Greece could be restored to a sound level in order that the Greek State might survive as a free and independent entity devoted to democratic principles.

Overall Reorganization Recommended

For the period from April 1, 1947 to July 1, 1948, it is estimated that a minimum of \$300 million outside assistance in addition to UNRRA, post UNRRA relief, and surplus property imports will be required. This estimate represents in the

**TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
OF AHEPA, GREETINGS:**

I have just returned from our immortal motherland and I bring to you the greetings, embraces and expressions of gratitude of all the Hellenic people, from the King of the Hellenes and the Prime Minister and all his Cabinet Ministers, down to the humblest worker of field and shop. To tell you that they merely love and respect Ahepa is insufficient; for truly they hold us in the highest esteem and in the warmest spot of their heart.

Greece, wounded and destroyed, is now trying to recover, particularly with the great spirit and enthusiasm they received because America is coming to their aid. As soon as security is established and substantial American aid comes in, please be assured that the nation will speedily be on the road to recovery and reconstruction. Do not be afraid of them now; they are an indomitable race of giants and nothing can kill their spirit or their determination. Greece has lived through the ages because of this indomitable and glorious spirit of its people, and, accordingly, she will now emerge triumphant and on the road of progress and happiness.

Cornerstones for Two Hospitals

In accordance with our commitments to our donors and with the full decision of the Ahepa Hospital Trustees, as well as the Supreme Lodge, the Ahepa Committee, headed by your Supreme President, lay symbolic cornerstones for two new hospitals of two hundred beds each, one in Athens and the other in Salonika. At the ceremonies not only thousands of people were present, but also Metropolitan Damaskinos, the Prime Minister of Greece and his entire Cabinet, and many distinguished officials. Thus Greece wholeheartedly approved and endorsed our action and expressed to us its un-

bounded praises and gratitude. The entire matter now remains for execution, for Ahepa must proceed and cannot change its plans any more and thus create misunderstandings and displeasures. These commitments we have sacredly and openly made to the entire Hellenic nation and we must now proceed with our work.

By the mandate of the last Convention, agreements were entered into with Greek War Relief whereby GWR shall undertake to act as our agents and technicians in building these two hospitals as well as duplicate the money that will be required. In addition, because at the request of GWR we suspended our drive much earlier, we expect that GWR shall immediately place the sum of \$500,000 in a joint account with Ahepa for the above purposes and any balance remaining to be used for health centers. In addition, further, and in accordance with our agreement with GWR, we have selected six sites for medical centers, which will be erected and paid for in full by GWR and which shall bear the name of Ahepa with the names of donors appearing in these smaller institutions, as well as the two large hospitals.

We had previously notified Greek War Relief officially about our final decisions, and we have now again officially notified it of our definite plans and commitments in Greece. We shall fully expect that GWR, within a reasonable time, shall keep its part of the contract and shall proceed as our agents to make all plans for the erection of these projects.

I may add that many important matters have come to my attention while in Greece, all of which I shall disclose at the Ahepa National Convention where important decisions must be taken. I shall in the near future send to you various reports and suggestions on other important subjects that await our attention.

Feted and Honored in Greece

While in Greece, as a recognition and tribute to Ahepa for its work for the hospitals and particularly for our activities in our Justice for Greece movement, your Supreme President was honored with the Honorary Citizenship of Athens, with a degree of Doctor of Philosophy by the University of Salonika, and with many other degrees and recognitions. These overwhelming tributes were not intended for my person but as a measure of respect to our great fraternity which has never stopped sincerely and enthusiastically working for the cause of Greece.

I know, my dear Brethren, that a few people criticized your leader in that there has been too much activity in behalf of Greece. I know that we have many problems here, but those problems shall always be with us. We have always attended to them and shall always attend to them in the future. We have indeed plenty of time for average problems, but the case of poor, yet glorious Greece, is now before us and it is now that it deserves our attention. To us they turn for aid and assistance as well as encouragement and enthusiasm. We cannot afford to shrink from this very noble and sacred obligation by leaving them to their fate and not exerting our level best to assist them and to alleviate their sufferings. They deserve all that and much more, not only from us, but from all their friends and allies. Noble Greece is entitled to a better fate, for she earned it on the field of honor as well as on the field of contributions to humanity and civilization.

Harold J. Booras

Supreme President.
Washington, May 23, 1947.

judgment of the Mission the minimum aid which should be provided. When it is considered that during 1946, the total of UNRRA and British military subsidies was over \$300 million, the total amount estimated may be too conservative. However, the Mission has operated on the assumption that the Greek Government with the assurance of this amount of support will adopt and enforce economic policies which heretofore either have not been put into effect or having been proclaimed were evaded. In making wise use of this outside aid and in the development and implementation of sound economic policies, American personnel will be needed. An American Recovery Mission should go to Greece.

The uncertain political and economic conditions have caused producing groups in Greece to lack faith in the strength and stability of their government and of their economy. The devastation wrought by the War, the civil strife of December 1944

and three successive devaluations of the drachma have obviously further destroyed confidence. Therefore, if the Government of the United States is going to assure the future of Greece, a continuing program is required. This program should not be limited in concept to a single year. It is emphasized that this program of recovery and restoration should envisage a period of about five years. It is hoped that direct American financial assistance will not be necessary after June 30, 1948, but the program should be continued in any case whether under American auspices or under the United Nations. It is impossible to forecast whether at that time the financial burden can be turned over to an international agency. The mere declaration of such intentions would do much to revive confidence and make easier the adoption of stringent measures that will be necessary to achieve the immediate stability needed for reconstruction and development.

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FIFTEEN YEARS AGO . . .

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The frontispiece of this issue pictured the Honorable the Chief Justice and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States "from whose judgment there is no appeal except to the Bar of Humanity." They were Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes, Justice Willis Van Devanter, Justice James Clark McReynolds, Justice Louis Dembitz Brandeis, Justice George Sutherland, Justice Pierce Butler, Justice Harlan F. Stone, Justice Owen J. Roberts and Justice Benjamin N. Cardozo. Not one of those learned men sits today on the bench; most of them have passed away, among whom Harlan F. Stone, who also served as chief justice.

Great as is the dignity of the Supreme Court, it does not lack its human touches and humorous incidents. Editor Achilles Catsonis, who included an article on the court, related the following:

"In the early days there was in Washington a famous boarding house where members of the Court lived. Having given some thought to prohibition even in those days the judges agreed that they would not drink wine at their meals except when it was raining. The great Chief Justice Marshall one day sent Associate Justice Story to the window to find out if it was raining. Story replied that it was not and there was no cloud to be seen. But Marshall had to find some way out of the predicament so he assumed a judicial frame of mind and declared that the Supreme Court had jurisdiction over the entire territory of the United States, and since no hour ever passed that it did not rain somewhere in the United States, it was raining within the jurisdiction of the Court at that moment and therefore he said, 'Let us have our mavrodaphne.'"

"One other incident will serve to illustrate that the preservers and expounders of the Constitution are human beings as well. Mr. Justice Day was a very small man, weighing hardly 100 pounds. His son was a giant in stature and a lawyer. He had occasion to appear before the Supreme Court while his father was on the Bench. When it was learned that Day, the lawyer, was the son of Day, the Associate Justice of the Court, one of the Justices leaned over to Justice Day and said, 'Your son seems to be a block off the old chip.'"

Pan Metron Ariston

Commenting on the danger of hyperbole, the editor analyzed two Greek apophthegms and advised his readers to follow them and thus prove to others that we have learned something from our ancestors. One of them is "pan metron ariston," which freshly paraphrased means "the golden mean is the best," and the other is "methen agan," which again paraphrased means "avoid extremes." Making an honest effort to follow such wise advice we cannot fail to create a habit of mind fruitful of excellent results. Try it.

The late Henry Morgenthau, former Ambassador of the United States to the "Sublime Porte" and former chairman of the League of Nations Commission for the reconstruction of Greece urged our people to keep up their courage and learn frugal habits if they expected to survive the then severe depression. For having exerted prodigious intellectual and physical efforts toward the rehabilitation of a million and a quarter refugees who had flocked overnight into Greece following the Asia Minor debacle in September, 1922, Henry Morgenthau had been honored many times by the grateful Greek people. He was, among others, honorary citizen of

Athens. The Greek people may do well to heed today his advice of 1932 and thus emerge victorious over the ruins of World War II.

The Reverend Thomas J. Lacey, late member of *Delphi* Chapter No. 25 of New York, contributed an article on "Social Heredity in Greek History." He argued that the entirely and exclusively Hellenic character of all features physical and intellectual of the Greeks today is striking, unique in history and affords proof of the intensity of the national vitality of the sons of Hellas.

Dr. Lacey, who was well-known to every Ahepan throughout the breadth and length of this land, argued that: (a) there is among the Greeks of today the same passion for local autonomy; (b) the type of mind that found satisfaction in the politics of the city-state comes to the surface today in the election turmoils, the intensity of feeling and violent discussions; (c) the love of disputation that made Greece such fertile soil for the Sophist movement is as strong today as in Homeric society, where discussion was a leading factor in everyday life. "Ahepans," he wrote, "are true sons of Hellas in the tendency to discuss details at great length in lodge meetings. Early adjournment is rare. Debate is prolonged. We are veritable 'seribibi' clubs that don't break up until morning!" How true, how true!

Proceeding further with his analysis, Dr. Lacey found that (d) the individualism we knew so well in classic times confronts us today; (e) commercial enterprise is as characteristic today as in antiquity and Greek energy seeks an outlet everywhere from the Transvaal to the United States; (f) no less prominent today are the centripetal forces that were present in ancient life, and racial pride in the implicit belief in Hellenic lineage is pronounced; (g) the Greek language has persisted in unbroken continuity from prehistoric times, and finally, (h) the Greek Orthodox Church is a unifying force.

Continuing in Greek Character

"Thus," concluded the late Rev. Lacey, himself being an Episcopalian:

"It is clear that in these broad outlines Greek character today has unbroken continuity with the earliest type, but this by no means exhausts the parallel. The similarity extends to countless little customs, traditions and habits that have survived from classic days. Even the general reactions of the people are unchanged. Numerous are the instances of fickle, unreasoning, violent, popular reactions in ancient times. The attitude of the public mind that exacted summary and drastic measures against those responsible for the Smyrna disaster is in no wise different from the attitude toward Lesbos in B.C. 428, toward Melos in B.C. 426, and toward the admirals after Arginusæ in B.C. 406."

This learned article was followed by another written by Dr. Norman Goodrich and titled "Philosophy Begins With the Greeks—But It Should Be More than 'Greek' to Us." Citing an incident between a freshman and the president of the College, he quoted the latter as remarking sharply to the student: "Young man, if you will study Greek, their language and history, you will find that in spite of radio, telephones, airplanes and automobiles, there has been very little 'new stuff' in the world of thought and experience since the Greeks."

Dr. Goodrich proceeded to explain that:

"So far as philosophy is concerned, it practically begins and

almost ends with the Greeks. As a matter of fact, there has been hardly a new philosophy since the Greeks. Thales laid the foundations for physics, basing his conception of reality on water, and several of his pupils, Anaximander and Anaximenes, gave impetus to astronomical science, as well as geology and biological theory. Pythagoras linked mathematical formula with mysticism, lending the science of geometry with religious conviction.

"Heraclitus reduced existence to the principle of eternal flux, continuous change, which thousands of years later developed into the theory of evolution, expounded by Spencer and other thinkers; while Xenophanes, another early Greek philosopher, laid the beginnings of skepticism in his savage attack upon the established Greek gods and all 'systems' of thought. Heraclitus was also the father of modern monism.

The Greeks Brilliant Thinkers

"Parmenides, a brilliant thinker, rejecting the dualism of Pythagoreans and the monism of the Heracliteans, formulated the idea that reality is causeless, changeless, indestructible, endless—a perfect sphere with no beginning and no end. The Eleatic doctrines concluded with Melissus, and, as a whole, were based upon logic, and logic arrives at the conclusion that the world is an unalterable unity in which time, change and motion are illusions. But the philosophy of illusions gave rise to the sophists and the skeptics, and more directly started the philosophic revolt of Democritus, Empedocles and Anaxagoras, who evolved the ideas of mechanism, materialism and pluralism."

"Thus, Greece," concluded Dr. Goodrich, "was at that time the most cosmopolitan world-center in existence, receiving the impress of the ideas of all races and all men. The whole Mediterranean world was in ferment—political, social, religious and moral. Revolutions and counter-revolutions swept the Greek cities as the masses in response to the democratic tendency bid for power, and succeeded or failed. In this atmosphere it was inevitable that human thought should rise to new heights; that new ideas should kindle and glow with sparkling intensity."

Detroit's Ahepa Temple



Turning to local Ahepa matters, this issue contained one of the most significant events in the early days of our Order.

Our Anniversary Issue

The next issue of The AHEPAN for July-August will be a special issue commemorating the 25th Anniversary of our Order—July, 1922 to July, 1947. It will be beautifully illustrated; it will include special write-ups for our 350 chapters; it will trace the growth and expansion of the Order of Ahepa; it will present brief sketches of the Sons of Pericles, the Daughters of Penelope and the Maids of Athens.

The forthcoming issue of July-August will be something to cherish for all time to come. It will circulate just before our National Convention.

one that would cause pride and joy to every Ahepan heart today—if repeated locally. It announced that Alpha Chapter No. 40 and Icaros Chapter No. 163 had dedicated their new Ahepa Temple—the first temple erected by Ahepa chapters anywhere.

The dedication was a solemn affair. Nearly 2,000 people were present to witness the ceremonies. Reverend Ioakim Papachristu officiated. At a signal from A. C. Lingon, Past President of Alpha Chapter, who presided, the color guard presented the club with the American and Greek flags; and Father Papachristu and a group of choristers began chanting the solemn tunes of the liturgy.

"This Temple," said Father Papachristu, "is not to be conceived as a clubhouse but as the Acropolis for the Greeks of Michigan and neighboring States. It is to be the seat of Hellenic-American culture and to be dedicated to the service of true patriotism and to the dissemination of the highest ideals of Hellenism and Americanism."

"The Temple," wrote Brother Lingon, "is valued at approximately \$50,000. It is a solid stone and brick structure, built on a lot measuring 33 x 150 feet. It is built on the style of an English castle, with very expensive oak and mahogany interior finishing. The entire decorations are of a modernistic type.

"It is a three-story building. On the upper story is the auditorium, having a seating capacity of 400 persons and equipped with up-to-date fraternal furnishings. Provisions have been made for a motion-picture machine. The floors are of the hard oak finish. The main floor is partitioned in two, one side for the men and the other for the ladies, both having libraries, sitting rooms, parlors and refreshment rooms. The basement has been especially constructed and arranged for a dining room, with a seating capacity of 250. All the lighting fixtures are of modernistic type. Parking facilities adjoin the property."

Brother James A. Demoplos gave further information about the Temple:

"Perhaps it would be proper at this time to state how the building was financed and carried through, so that other Ahepans may profit by our experience. Both local chapters elected four members from each chapter, constituting the Board of Trustees, who in turn formed the Ahepa Temple Association, Incorporated. An equal amount was contributed by the treasuries of both chapters, and then nonprofit-sharing shares were subscribed to by the members. The building is assessed by the city assessors in the value of \$28,000. We were most fortunate of course in making an exceptional purchase because of the desire of the owner to dispose of the property to an organization of our kind. Therefore, \$9,000 was the purchase price, along with a reasonable contract bid, and various donations were made, thus bringing the cost to \$6,000, making a total of \$15,000.

"The Temple is used by Ahepans only and at all times. On course during the evenings on special occasions it will be rented to other Greek societies.

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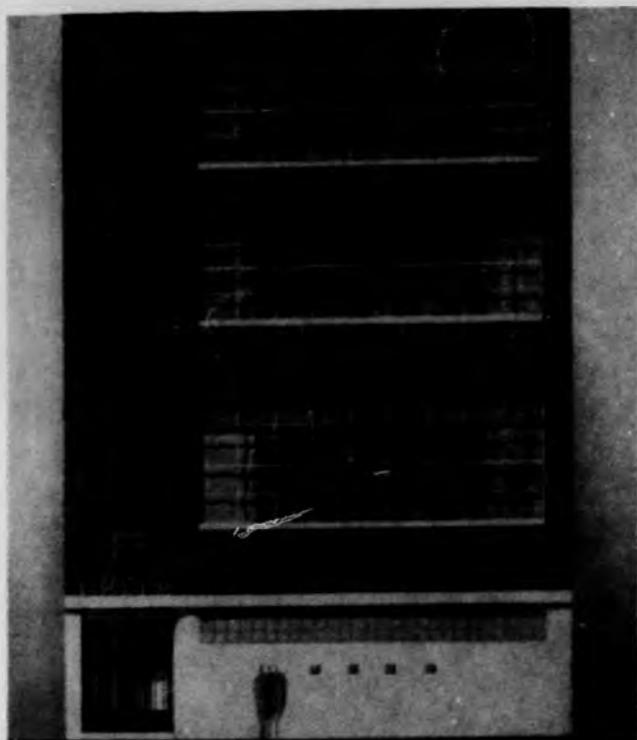
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"Incidentally, I might mention that I read an article some time ago concerning the youth of Greek descent and their problems. I think those problems certainly would be solved by having a Temple of this kind and it would be a most fortunate thing for the Ahepa at large if such edifices were constructed throughout the land, especially where the chapters are strong."

Ahepans of New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, to mention a few of our large centers of Ahepdom, what have you been doing all this time? When do you plan to begin building your Temple, your Home, your Center?

NEW YORK AHEPANS ON THE MARCH!



PROPOSED AHEPA HOME FOR NEW YORK CITY

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

Enclosed please find a sketch of the Proposed Building to serve as our Ahepa Home for New York City. It was prepared at the request of friends agitating for such a home which, all things considered, is indispensable as a minimum requirement for the growth and development of our Order in the Metropolitan District.

The Proposed Building which is shown on a hypothetical city lot, will be four stories high with the ground floor containing the Main Lobby, Lounge, Restaurant and Bar. The second and third floors will house meeting rooms and offices. The fourth floor will have facilities for athletic activities.

Exclusive of the land cost, which depends on location, the construction cost is estimated to amount upwards of \$150,000.00. This estimate depends on the subsequent requirements as to the width and depth of the structure.

KOKKINS & LYRAS,

Architects,

Members of Delphi Chapter No. 25.

New York, May 8, 1947.

MAY-JUNE, 1947

Now that the great majority of our people are prosperous and well-to-do, are you going to let it go? Let us have your reply, now!

The issue concluded with fraternity news, among which we mention the inductions of Harry H. Woodring, then Governor of Kansas, and of George White, then Governor of Ohio, and the appointment of Ted Puloopoulos, son of A. C. Puloopoulos of Omaha, Nebraska, to the Annapolis Naval Academy. Ted must by now be a captain in our Navy—does any one know?

Archbishop Athenagoras Honored

June
1932

This issue opened with an address delivered by His Eminence, Archbishop Athenagoras, to Syracuse University students on May 12, 1932.

His visit to Syracuse was under the auspices of the *Philomathians*, Hellenic Society of Syracuse University. Archbishop Athenagoras, who had recently arrived in this country to head our Church, was lavishly honored by the University and the leaders of our community in Syracuse. In addressing the students, he said:

"My dear students, you have, indeed, the power to create life. You are life itself. The law of death, this beautiful and necessary law which destroys and again creates anew, is functioning only as regards the individual. For the whole it is not existent, but it serves to maintain and keep this whole in perpetual youth. In this rejuvenation, the youth, an everlasting expression of the manifestation of life, are at the same time the pioneers of life. Descend from your spiritual heaven," concluded our eminent clergyman, "you students of the illustrious American universities and colleges, grasp the initiative of a cooperation between the youth of all the world. Fly upon the sinful, tired, tried humanity. Give a lesson to the governments, even to the churches. We are all waiting for you as the abiding shepherds. The light is breaking, the day will dawn."

The issue continued with an address titled "America Lives" made by Dr. A. G. Crane, President of the University of Wyoming, before the members of *Cowboy Chapter No. 211* of Cheyenne, Wyoming, who concluded with these wise words: "American government is alive and the proof of its vitality is its growth, its adaptability to changing conditions, and that these changes can be brought about by orderly procedure established as a basic law of the land."

Dr. L. H. Cleasby, Professor of Classical Archaeology and Latin at Syracuse University, contributed his illustrated lecture to the *Philomathians* titled: "An Archaeological Cruise in the Aegean," by which he proved that the most precious legacy of Greek art "is that divinely restless spirit which drives man forward in the pursuit of beauty, that through this beauty he may better comprehend the depth of his own being."

Hellenism and Americanism

Charles A. Webb sketched a portrait of Warren R. Austin, then newly elected Senator from Vermont and now representing the United States at the United Nations Organization. This is what the Senator had to say about the Order of Ahepa:

"The order of Ahepa, with its objective of blending true Hellenism with Americanism, and its specific undertaking to teach the Constitution of the United States and explain the forms of government in this country to its members, and especially with its undertaking to cause its members to become naturalized citizens of the United States of America, is one of the most praiseworthy organizations ever formed by a distinct race of people who have adopted this country for their Government and for their home.

"The principles of Ahepa are opposed to the dangerous propaganda of communists and others who would destroy the institutions found necessary to keep government free. The

principles of Ahepa are in support of a strong government in which the law rules."

Rev. William Chauncey Emhardt, counselor on Ecclesiastical Relations Protestant Episcopal Church and member of *Hercules* Chapter No. 26 of Philadelphia, wrote on "Anglican and Orthodox Cooperation," in which he significantly said: "From the discordant elements in modern Hellenic life the world is slowly realizing that the true worth of Hellenism perseveres as an accommodating and vital factor in current history." Some day, when we shall have more room in these columns, we must reprint the entire article, which is full of gems of wisdom and advice.

The Course of Greek Immigration

The inimitable Father Lacey of *Delphi* Chapter No. 25 again contributed an article this time on "The Romance of Greek Immigration to the United States." No writer on Greek immigration can afford to miss what our late brother had to say on our beginnings in this country. "Greeks," he wrote, "are a comparatively recent addition to the complex stream of American life. In 1848 only one arrived in New York. Ten years later only two are reported. At the close of the Civil War there were less than 100 in the United States. In 1886 our consul to Greece says that there is no emigration to the United States or any other country. In a decade the entire situation was reversed. In the single year 1914 we received 35,832 Greeks. This change dates from 1891, when the failure of the currant market struck at the heart of this national industry and drove the sons of Hellas, like Argonauts of old, to seek their fortunes in other lands.

"The stream kept moving. Greeks were found in the mines at Sunrise, Wyoming. They established a prosperous community in Salt Lake City. They pressed on to California. They early felt the lure of the South. The earliest community was established in New Orleans in 1867 by cotton merchants and from its inception the minutes were kept in English. The newer stream established strongholds in Norfolk, Birmingham, Atlanta, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, and throughout Florida. The census of 1900 credits Florida with a Greek population of 98 persons. Today there are 1,200 Greeks in Tarpon Springs alone.

"The first comers from Greece were males. In 1903 our consul reports that thousands from Sparta have sought homes overseas. Some villages have sent all their able-bodied men. Married men left wives and children at home. In 1905 women began to arrive. The women do not work outside the home, are never found in sweatshops, industry or domestic service. The lad supports his sister until she is settled in life. The women are first-class housekeepers. Their homes are clean and comfortable. The girls in some measure hold aloof from society and the tradition of the homeland is still strong."

This is another article that we should some day reprint in a current issue. Such articles by Ahepans no longer in our midst should be reprinted from time to time for the sake of old timers to remember past glories and for the sake of new members to know what a glorious record this great fraternity possesses. Perhaps it will not be amiss if we begin thinking of making our national magazine monthly—and this is up to our forthcoming convention.

Fraternity News

Among fraternity news, the members of *Worthington* Chapter No. 30 were proceeding with plans and arrangements for the national convention that was held that year in Baltimore—and was held for the second time last year. *George Dimas* contributed the news of his chapter, *Upper Manhattan* No. 42, as the then assistant secretary. He has since become president of his chapter, district lodge officer, editor of the "Ahepa Messenger" and finally District Governor. Good going, *George!*

There were initiations galore, installations of officers, and new chapters for the Sons and the Daughters from one end of



The Leader of Our Church Congratulates the Chief of Our Nation

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Last February the Great Holy Cross of the Knights of the All-Holy Sepulchre, together with a piece of "holy wood from the Cross of Christ," was bestowed on President Harry S. Truman. This was the gift of His Beatitude Timotheos, Greek Patriarch at Jerusalem. The presentation was made by his Eminence Archbishop Athenagoras, head of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America.

The Archbishop explained to the President that, through the presentation, Mr. Truman has become Commander in Chief of the Christian Society of the Holy Sepulchre, Inc., which has 300 chapters in the United States.

The Patriarch of Jerusalem sent the gifts to Mr. Truman in recognition of his leadership in "what you do to relieve the suffering peoples, among whom the Greek nation is the first, in your devotion to the church, in your high example in family life, and in love to your venerable mother."

We feel proud and happy at this singular honor conferred upon our most distinguished fellow-Ahepan. President Truman became a member of the Order of Ahepa at an official ceremony held at the White House in Washington on March 25, 1946—exactly a year ago. And we take this opportunity to thank him publicly for all his efforts in behalf of the suffering people of Greece—the little country that gave so much to so many.

this great country to the other. The *Winston-Salem* Ahepans had won the marching prize, while *Chester* No. 79 of Chester, Pennsylvania, continued with a series of lectures dedicated to the cause of education. The issue closed with seven pages in Greek, including "News from Greece" and a story by our late *Elias Zanetis*.



New

PAWTUCKET, N. J. — A grand slate of new officers was elected at ceremonies held at the Holy Sepulchre Church last night. The new president is *Officer Athanasi J. Kostas*, and his officers are: *Vice-President: S. J. Kostas; Chain of the Guard: S. J. Kostas; Secretary: Charles*

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CHICAGO, ILL. — A grand and magnificent *Aragon* Chapter was installed at its portals to admit their guests. The installation was presided over by *Mor. Ahepans, Daughters* were installed.

The meeting was presided over by *Louis Contos, of B. C. O. I.*, who in turn was elected *officer*, under whose leadership *many* became a *District Governor* and *Officers of Ahepa*. *Anelia Learakos*, *District Governor* *Kostas*, *District Governor* *S.*



Fraternal News

ORDER OF AHEPA



A Colorful Installation



New officers congratulated by Installing Officer Joannidi

PAWTUCKET, R. I.—An all-war veteran slate of newly elected officers for Olympia Chapter No. 121 was installed at ceremonies held at the Hellenic Orthodox Church last January. Installing Officer Athanasio Joannidi congratulated the new president, Constantine Kanelakos, and his officers for 1947 (reading from left to right) Henry J. Ganosel, Vice-President; Spiros Lazouras, Captain of the Guard; Andrew A. Manickas, Secretary; Charles Skoutas, Treasurer;

and Charles Fetekake, Warden.

It is the first time in the history of the Chapter that all officers are younger members of the community and all veterans of the recent war. Athanasio Joannidi, Secretary of *Sophocles* Chapter No. 106, of Providence, was assisted by William Panaretos, Past President of *Olympia* Chapter No. 121.

Following the installation refreshments were served and a dance concluded the event.

Mass Installation

CHICAGO, ILL.—The beautiful and spacious *Aragon Ballroom* opened wide its portals to admit some 2500 Ahepans and their guests who came to participate and observe a mass Ahepa District Installation. More than 200 officers of Ahepans, Daughters, Sons and Maids were installed.

The meeting was opened by Chairman Louis Contos, of *Woodlawn* Chapter No. 83, who in turn called on each District officer, under whose guidance the ceremony became a tremendous success. District Governor Anton installed the officers of Ahepa, District Governor Amelia Learakos the Daughters, District Governor Kopan the Sons and District Governor Sophie Prodomos the

Maids.

The event was witnessed by the highest dignitaries of Ahepa living in and around Chicago: Supreme Counsellor Ritsos, Supreme Secretary Giovan, National Athletic Director Conteas, Grand President Poppy Mitchell of the Daughters, Lt. District Governor Tsoumas, District Treasurer Papageorgiou and many others. Consul General of Greece Anthony Poupouras and Rev. Carfopoulos of *St. Andrew* also attended. John Harris served as captain of the guard and Louis Paris and James Pappas as flag bearers.—*The Ahepa Herald*.

Construction is underway on nearly \$37,000,000 in contract awards for new Veterans Administration hospitals or for additions to existing hospitals.

Remember These Rules

The attention of all Ahepans is called to the following rules which must be strictly adhered to:

1. Remember to ask the permission of your presiding officer if you wish to address the meeting.
2. Remember to rise when you address the meeting.
3. Remember to salute the flag and give the sign when you enter a chapter meeting in progress.
4. Remember to be brief and courteous in your chapter meetings.
5. Remember to attend your chapter meeting twice a month.
6. Remember to remit your dues to your chapter secretary.
7. Remember to notify your chapter secretary whenever you change your address.
8. Remember to send a post card to your editor whenever you change your address.
9. Remember to notify your Sickness and Welfare Committee whenever you hear of any brother sick or in distress.
10. Remember that your chapter expects you to propose at least one new member before June 30, 1947.

It is the strict and honest enforcement of these rules by everyone of us that has made and will continue to make AHEPA great.

Barbecue After Initiation

SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.—Last March *Santa Barbara* Chapter No. 243 held an initiation ceremony at Pismo Beach for eight new members, among whom the distinguished citizens of Pismo, City Judge Bert Smith, and investment broker John F. Schofield, led the parade.

The initiation was attended by visiting guests from Ventura who came in a chartered bus to partake in an elaborate barbecued steak dinner with plenty of Pismo Beach clams that were served to over 100 guests. Among them were Rev. Constantine Genis, who expressed the thanks of everybody for the untiring efforts of the local Ahepans to organize a Greek church and a Greek school in Santa Barbara, past district governor George Ellis and Judge Smith.

CLOTHING YOU DO NOT NEED
WILL SAVE LIVES IN GREECE



COMBINED INSTALLATION: Ahepa Dignitaries and Guests at Installation Banquet.

ALTON, ILL. — Last February the members of *Alton* Chapter No. 304 and the Daughters of *Thalia* Chapter No. 118 held a combined installation at a banquet attended by 200 members and guests. As guests of honor were Supreme Secretary Giovan, District Governor Anton, Mrs. Nellie Zaharies and Mrs. S. G. Salaban, Daughters of *Cynthia* Chapter No. 110, of St. Louis, Missouri.

The new officers of the Daughters are President Verna Maggos; Vice-President Irene Kodros; Secretary Hilda Bavas and Treasurer Dorothy Tsimpris. Appropriate gifts were presented to the retiring officers headed by Stella Poulos. Dancing followed the banquet to the music of Harry Tsimpris and his orchestra.

Members and guests are shown in the picture (from left to right) Seated:

Steve Couplous, Daughters U. Tsimpris, S. Nicolou and S. G. Salaban, past president Poulos, President Maggos, Nellie Zaharies, Irene Kodros, Mrs. N. A. Bavas and John Maggos. Standing: Nick Taratsos, William Tsimpris, President Bavas, Andrew Millas, past president Souris, District Governor Anton, Rev. D. S. Vainikos, Supreme Secretary Giovan, A. T. Tsoumas, Harry J. Karros, Harry Rosinos and Andrew Tavlos.

The Saga of an Ahepan and a State Legislator

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. — We present Anastasios N. Chrissis, also known as Thomas N. Christie, a member of the State Legislature of Minneapolis, past president of *Demosthenes* Chapter No. 66, and past District Governor of District No. 14. His is the success story of an immigrant boy who by honesty, integrity and perseverance has gotten on in this world and is destined to reach the highest strata of our society.

Thomas was born in 1899 in Acrata, Egialias, Greece. When only 15, he came to Dilworth, Minnesota, and immediately went to work for the Northern Pacific Railway. Three years later he moved to Minneapolis seeking better opportunities and improving himself. He enrolled in Minnesota College, graduating with distinction and honors, and then took post-graduate accounting at the University of Minnesota, attended night law school, and studied political science. In 1927, after various positions with local companies, he organized his own insurance agency with accounting service and today he is considered a successful businessman.

Although well occupied with his business, he found time to engage in government activities and fraternal endeavors. Identifying himself with the Democratic Party he served successively as Ward, County, and Third District Chairman, served in various committees, and finally went to the Chicago National Democratic Convention as delegate-at-large.

Last year he was drafted by his many friends to run for the State Legislature of the Third District and was successfully elected. Thomas N. Christie en-



Thomas N. Christie

joys thus the distinction of being the first American of Greek birth to be elected to the Minnesota Legislature.

His fraternal interests took him through the various offices and organizations of the local community, which he has been serving well. He is a charter member of *Demosthenes* Chapter, which he has served three times as its president. He was elevated to various District offices topping it all with the office of the District Governor. He worked for the Greek War Relief, the Ahepa War Bond Drive, the Red Cross,

and other communal organizations.

We congratulate Thomas N. Christie for his achievements and wish him the best in life. We are more than certain that we shall be hearing about him again. His record reflects credit to him and fills our hearts with pride.

Greet The Maple Leaf

HAMILTON, ONT.—The members of *Maple Leaf* Chapter No. C.J. 3 believe that they have a unique organization which should be duly publicized. They write that within a radius of 100 miles of Hamilton is concentrated nearly one-seventh of Canada's population. This is the most industrialized area of Canada and includes the "Garden of the Empire" in Niagara Peninsula.

The members of the chapter are scattered around some 12 cities, yet they manage to enjoy well attended meetings. The cities which furnish membership to the *Maple Leaf* are: Owen Sound, Guelph, Elmira, Kitchener, Stratford, Hespeler, Preston, Galt, Brantford, Hamilton, St. Catharines and Welland.

The 1947 officers who have the destinies of their chapter in their hands are: President Peter Grammar, Vice-President Bill Papadopoulos, Secretary John Policron and Treasurer Sam Anthony. Our correspondent concludes by inviting all our members to visit Canada and "whenever in southern Ontario, just stop in any of the aforementioned cities and meet a brother Ahepan. He will be glad to see you and make you feel at home."—Bill Papadopoulos.

They Honor Their California Senator



Ahepan Knowland Surrounded by Grecian Beauties



Senator Knowland Greeted by Fellow Ahepans

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—In our last issue we announced that California's Senator William F. Knowland was inducted into the Order of Ahepa through

the efforts of the members of *Oakland* Chapter No. 171. This was an outstanding achievement of the chapter, as well as of the entire District headed by District Governor George Bezaitis.

The initiation of the Senator was attended, besides the district governor, by Lt. Governor Demetreades, District Treasurer Anastas, District Marshall Demetrakopoulos, and past District Governor Panagos. He was welcomed on behalf of the Supreme Lodge by Supreme Governor William Petros, past Supreme Vice-President Theodore Andronicos and past District Governor James D. Nitson.

On behalf of the Daughters, District Governor Effie Poulos made a welcoming speech and a group of young Daughters dressed in beautiful Greek costumes acted as the reception committee. They are shown in the picture (left to right): Argerie Golfes, Katherine Vlahandreas, Kay Zografos, Joyce Bezaitis and Joyce Cason.

The affair was graced with the superb playing of Mary Barbis, a distinguished piano artist and a Daughter well remembered from our last Baltimore National Convention where she played for the delegates and their guests. She was warmly applauded by those present, including Senator Knowland who congratulated Mary personally.

The Senator was very happy with the whole initiation proceedings and many times expressed his thanks and his appreciation. He is shown in the picture with the following Ahepa dignitaries (from left to right): past president Sardel, past District Governor Panagos, Chapter Secretary Tripodes, past Supreme Vice-President Andronicos, Senator Knowland, District Governor Bezaitis, Chairman of Arrangements Markos, and Lt. District Governor Demetreades.—*George Bezaitis.*

Veterans In The Forefront

AKRON, O.—The members of *Goodfriendship* Chapter No. 63 followed in the footsteps of other chapters by elevating to the highest offices returning veterans and younger members who have been taking an active part in the affairs of their chapter. The older members of the chapter are now resting on their laurels and giving all their support to their youngsters in all local activities.

Last March a smoker was held at the *Ahepa Home* and combat films were shown. District Governor Gatsos, as well as guests from Cleveland and Canton, attended and had a very good time.—*Fred Constantine.*

Veterans' Administration estimated the nation's veteran population on February 1 at 18,277,000, of whom 14,341,000 were World War II veterans.

Delphi Honors Past Presidents

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Last March 31st, *Delphi* Chapter No. 25 held a combined initiation with *Estia* Chapter No. 326. *Delphi* past presidents occupied all the stations: John Dounoucos, presiding; A. G. Georgiades, acting as vice-president; E. D. Polites, as chaplain; Harry Papps, as warden and prosecuting attorney, and P. Vouchelas as captain of the guard.

The room was full of Ahepa dignitaries and visiting members: District Governor Dimas; *Hermes* No. 186, President Mousmoules, past President Paulson and their delegation; *Brooklyn* No. 41, President Zolotas, *Long Island* No. 86, President Prodrromides and *Bronx* No. 175, President Ypsilanti and their delegations. They all addressed the assembly.

Supreme President Booras expressed his regret that he could not attend, as well as past presidents Syran and Amoss. Secretary Avlon was at the organ; Vice-President Angelos and Warden Frangos acted as sentinels; Elias Kontanis took moving pictures.

Nick Mousmoules, Gus Paulson and their delegation officially honored *Delphi* and past President Vouchelas for sponsoring *Hermes* Chapter, giving Peter a nice jewel in appreciation. Thereafter, members and guests journeyed to the Spaghetti Center for refreshments, featured by delicious wine donated by Nick Vasilaros. The meeting was in all respects a great success.

This was followed last April by *Delphi's* annual *Pashalino Glendi* held at the Cathedral, with *Castalia* Maids serving as hostesses. A large family gathering partook of all the delicacies that E. D. Polites' Committee had prepared and left at midnight with joy in their hearts.

Tri-City Installations

SCHENECTADY, N. Y.—Last March Supreme Treasurer Georgiades and District Governor Dimas journeyed to Schenectady to conduct combined installation ceremonies of the 1947 officers for *Albany* Chapter No. 140, *Trojan* Chapter No. 306, and *Schenectady* Chapter No. 125. They were assisted by District Secretary Leon J. Marketos, past president Peter Giftos, and past district governor John Perdaris.

The meeting was held in the auditorium of the Hellenic Community Church. Supreme Treasurer Georgiades was the honored guest and the principal speaker of the evening. He emphasized the brilliant role that our Order played during the last war and appealed to the large audience to work on behalf of Greece for the recognition of just claims. He also outlined the program of the Greek War Relief Campaign

and urged everyone present to participate actively in its current campaign.

The meeting was concluded with the traditional Greek *glendi* and a spirit of festivities was clearly reflected in the faces of all Ahepans and their guests.—*George Dimas.*

IMPORTANT NOTICE To All Ahepans!

Members who are six months in arrears in the payment of their dues to their Chapters are listed as delinquent. As such, they are not entitled to receive THE AHEPAN. Therefore, those who have not paid their current dues of 1947 will be taken off our mailing lists on June 30, 1947. Send in your dues now.

Their 23rd Anniversary



Toastmaster Gerros Cutting the Cake

HAVERHILL, MASS.—The members of *Acropolis* Chapter No. 39 celebrated their 23rd anniversary at a dinner given in their chapter hall, with Col. L. B. Von Spach, former UNRRA representative in Greece and now field director for Greek War Relief Association as their honored guest.

Angelo Colocousis, first president of the chapter, reviewed the work of the members for the last 23 years and all the drives they conducted during the war. Col. Von Spach spoke of UNRRA activities in Greece and the program of the Greek War Relief now that UNRRA is out of the picture. Past Presidents Katsirubas and Sovas also spoke with warmth and appreciation for the perfect cooperation of the members of the chapter.

Shown in the picture are (from left to right): first president Colocousis, Col. Von Spach, Toastmaster Nicholas C. Gerros, and President Katsirubas, whose wife made the cake which was served to 150 guests.

At Jack Dempsey's cafe one prize fighter bragged to another: "Once I fought Jack and had him awfully worried in the third round—he thought he'd killed me!" —*Hy Gardner.*

New Chicago Chapter

CHICAGO, ILL.—In south Chicago a new chapter was recently organized by returned servicemen. Their initiation and installation ceremonies last February were conducted by Lt. Governor Thomas Tsoumas. The degree team of *Pullman* Chapter No. 205 under the leadership of George Pappas participated.

The co-founders and organizers of the new chapter are Sam C. Maragos and Thomas Mishos of *Woodlawn* Chapter No. 93. Present at the ceremonies were Supreme Secretary Giovan, District Marshall Andrews, District Recording Secretary Limberis, and many Ahepa dignitaries of the Chicago area.

At a subsequent meeting last March additional new members were initiated, with past Supreme President Nomikos and Governor Anton participating. We extend to our new brothers in Chicago our best wishes.

District Conventions

DISTRICT NO. 13.—The annual convention of the District will be held in Appleton, Wisconsin, on the 12th, 13th, and 14th of July.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—The 15th Annual Convention of *Power* District No. 4 is scheduled to be held on June 29th, 30th and July 1st. Among the events are included a picnic, a banquet and a dance.

DISTRICT NO. 6.—The 11th Convention of *Empire State* District No. 6 will take place at Jamaica, Long Island, on June 29th and 30th, July 1st and 2nd. As headquarters for the Convention will serve the Whitman Hotel. Chairman of arrangements is past District Governor Nicholas Nicholas and general chairman past District Secretary George Kastrinos. The sponsoring chapters are: *Long Island* No. 86, *Queensboro* No. 97, *Theodore Roosevelt* No. 87, and *Estia* No. 326.

DISTRICT NO. 15.—The annual convention of District No. 15 is scheduled to be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on June 15th, 16th and 17th. The officers and members of *Oklahoma City* Chapter No. 240 are busy making plans for the entertainment of their visitors. They are ably assisted by the Daughters of *Persephone* Chapter No. 17 and the Sons of *Leonidas* Chapter No. 125.

"We are taxed twice as much by our idleness, three times as much by our pride and four times as much by our folly."—*Poor Richard's Almanac.*

"The thing generally raised on city land is taxes."—*Charles Dudley Warner.*



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MAY-JUNE, 1947

They Contributed Unsolicited



Gave Proceeds of First Dance to Ahepa Hospital Drive

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—The students of Greek descent enrolled at the University of Pennsylvania gave a dance and donated the proceeds to our Ahepa Hospital Drive. The check of \$1,100 was handed to Past Supreme Treasurer Paris of Baltimore, Md., who attended the event.

These ambitious and generous students made this gift on their own without any solicitation and should be warmly congratulated. President Ted Singelis, of Epsilon Phi Sigma, is shown handing over the check in the presence of Members of the Society and local Ahepans.

Ahepa Attracts Young People

PITTSBURG, CAL. — During 1946 *Contra Costa* Chapter No. 259 initiated 21 candidates representing the younger generation, through the efforts of past President Tom Kolevis. The initiations were fully attended by Ahepa dignitaries among whom were District Governor Bezaitis, Lt. Governor Demetreades, District Secretary Berdalis, and District Marshall Demetrakopoulos.

The following are the newly elected 1947 officers for *Contra Costa* Chapter No. 259: Tom Lathos, Jr., *President*; Peter Stursis, *Vice-President*; Peter Spagopoulos, *Secretary*, and James A. Demetrakopoulos, *Treasurer*.

The officers of *Arethusa* Chapter No. 37 of the Daughters for 1947 are: Pauline Lagiss, *President*; Sophia Kolevis, *Vice-President*; Patricia Demetrakopoulos, *Secretary*, and Kay Demetrakopoulos, *Treasurer*.

Both initiations and installations were followed with refreshments.

MEMPHIS, TENN.—The 1947 officers of *Memphis* Chapter No. 7 are Nick Papageorge, *President*; Jerre G. Duzane, *Vice-President*; John Zepatos, *Treasurer*, and Nick Capadalis, *Secretary*.

President Papageorge has served his Chapter for six terms in the last ten

years—quite a record! Vice-President Duzane was recently discharged, after four years of service with the Counter-Intelligence Corps of the Army. Before leaving to serve his country he served his chapter as Vice-President.

District Governor Initiates

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.—Last February District Governor Dimas conducted initiation ceremonies for *Poughkeepsie* Chapter No. 158 at the local Hellenic church. He was assisted by chapter officers. At the completion of the ceremony, the District Governor presented citations of honor to past president Drivas and past secretary Bliziotis for meritorious performance. He also complimented President Antonakos for the excellent manner in which he conducted the meeting. The meeting was concluded with the traditional *glendi*.

A Dance For Relief

PORTSMOUTH, N. H.—Last April the Daughters of *Aglaia* Chapter No. 144 gave their first annual ball for the benefit of the Greek War Relief Association. It was a great success and a substantial sum was forwarded to the current relief drive.—*Filomeny Zaharoolis*.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

To All Chapter Secretaries:

The Secret Ritual of the Order of Ahepa has been revised. Enclosed are six copies of the new Ritual.

The Rituals are the property of the Chapter and are to be used in conducting the meetings and other Ritualistic work of the Chapter. They are to be turned in after every meeting, and are to be passed on from one administration to another.

Please destroy all copies of the old Ritual. The old Ritual is secret as much as the new one. Therefore it should not be permitted to go outside the chapter room. Old copies of the Ritual must be destroyed.

Arthur H. Lalos,
Executive Secretary.

Washington, Mar. 8, 1947.

New Born Chapter

NEW YORK, N. Y.—On April 21st, sixteen leading citizens of the Borough of Richmond, Staten Island, joined the great Ahepa family by acting as charter members for newly born *Staten Island* Chapter No. 349. They were initiated at a gala ceremony with 16 new members of *Hermes* Chapter No. 186 at the Grand Opera House on 23rd Street, New York, where 24 years ago Ahepa was first welcomed in New York. For it was in 1923 when great *Delphi* was born.

An overflowing gathering of Ahepa dignitaries and members came to witness the inspiring event. *Hermes* past president Sakell opened the meeting. The initiation ceremony was conducted jointly by our inimitable and inexhaustible District Governor George Dimas and genial past Supreme Governor Jim Veras of Scranton, Pa. The meeting was closed by that indefatigable president of *Hermes*, the sponsoring Chapter, Nick Mousmoules, who introduced Supreme Vice-President Helis, Supreme Treasurer Georgiades, visiting Chapter Presidents Tsairis, Prodromidis, Tsoukalas, Sarafian, Zarcadoolas and Doukas, past Supreme President Alfango and father Papanikakos of *St. Eleftherios*, who led the assembly in the singing of *Christos Anesti*.

We congratulate our dear *Hermes* and its dynamoes Nick Mousmoules, Gus Paulson, et al, who were responsible for this thrilling and unforgettable event. We extend our best wishes to our new star, *Staten Island*.—*The Ahepa Messenger*.

"The subjects of every state ought to contribute toward the support of the Government as nearly as possible, in proportion to their respective abilities; that is, in proportion to the revenue which they respectively enjoy under the protection of the state."—*Adam Smith*.



Meet the 21st Ahepa National Convention Executive Committee

All Roads Lead to Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, CAL.—“More than ten thousand Ahepans and guests are expected to attend the 21st Ahepa National Convention in Los Angeles, August 17th to 23rd,” writes E. Jack Fostinis, Chairman of the National Convention Committee. This figure is based on reports coming in to Convention Headquarters from all over the country.

“Most of our people,” Jack continues, “have not taken a real vacation in many years. Holding our National Convention in Los Angeles affords an excellent opportunity to take that much-needed vacation. Whether you come for a rest or to ‘do the town,’ you’ll find here exactly what you want. For those who wish to relax and forget the cares and responsibilities of home and business, there are the miles and miles of smooth, sandy beaches, beautiful parks and lakes, palm trees and eternal forests of flowers, orange groves and snowcapped mountains—all within the city limits of this magic city. In the same day you can spend the morning at the beach, skiing and tobogganing in the afternoon and, on the way to your hotel, stop and pick some oranges for your supper’s dessert. Beaches, mountains, orange groves, winter sports, hunting, fishing—all within 60 miles from the Los Angeles City Hall.”

For those who want to “do the town” there are the finest and most famous night clubs in the country. Ciro’s Mocambo, Tracadero, Brown Derby, Beachcomber’s, Tom Breneman’s, Earl Carroll’s, Coconut Grove, Florentine Gardens, Morocco, etc. These are not

ordinary night clubs, but nationally and world famous night spots of stage and screen stars. And, in traditionally Hollywood fashion, you go to them “as you are” (no dressing up) and their prices are unbelievably reasonable. (Dinners from \$1.50 to \$2.50, with no minimum or cover charge.)

“Hollywood offers a glimpse into the new world. . . . (Hollywood is not another city as many people think. Hollywood is just a district or neighborhood of Los Angeles) . . . it is the Broadway of the West. Motion picture theatres, motion picture studios, radio centers, see your favorite stage, screen and radio stars, watch them broadcast your favorite show, tour the movie studios and see your favorite star at work. . . . See the magnificent homes and estates of the movie colony . . . all this, and much more . . . is Hollywood.

“And if you want to see a Rodeo—a real wild west show with bucking broncos, steer roping, etc.—we have that, too,” continues the siren voice of Los Angeles Ahepdom.

If all this is not enough, the Convention Committee has prepared an elaborate and full program for its guests—a program just chuck full of things to do and places to go. “You are going to be our guests,” the chairman of the committee vows, “and we shall see to it that every one of our visitors will have the most enjoyable week ever spent. We want you to feel that the time and money spent to come to Los Angeles was well spent . . . we want you to have no regrets . . . we want to make no apologies . . . and, therefore, the convention committee really is going the limit, both in

time and money . . . for all your pleasure and the success of the convention. So, will you come out and enjoy the GRANDEST and FULLEST week of your life with us? We are waiting for you!”

The members of the 21st Ahepa National Convention Executive Committee are shown (left to right) seated: Executive Secretary Peter Peterson, Chairman E. Jack Fostinis, and Vice-Chairman Dean Soles; standing: Stanley Pann, Treasurer Nick Mitchell, Vice-Chairman S. James Vamvas, George Pappas and George Brotsis.

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OF THE

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Los Angeles, California

August 17-24, 1947



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National Headquarters.

Dear Members and Friends:

Arrangements have been completed for the operation of a special train to bring as many of our delegates, alternates and their families and friends as possible to our National Convention to be held in Los Angeles, Calif., in August. This train will consist of first-class air-conditioned sleeping cars, air-conditioned de-luxe lounge and dining cars and will in every way provide for a most comfortable journey.

Our special train will operate via Denver, Royal Gorge of Colorado, one of the most scenic points en route across the U.

S., then on over the Rocky Mountains to Salt Lake City, Utah, where a full day will be spent in sightseeing, then on to Las Vegas, Nevada, one of the few remaining typically western towns, from where a side trip will be made to visit Boulder Dam, one of man's greatest engineering feats.

I hope you will arrange to send in your request for reservations on this train, using the form attached to this itinerary, as soon as possible so that a railroad representative may contact you and assist in arranging your trip.

Looking forward to seeing you in California.

HARRIS J. BOORAS,
Supreme President.

OFFICIAL ITINERARY

Lv. Washington, D. C.	Penna RR	1.25 PM Mon. Aug. 11th
Lv. Baltimore, Md.	"	2.12 PM Mon. Aug. 11th
Lv. York, Pa.	"	3.42 PM Mon. Aug. 11th

Lv. Boston, Mass.	NYNH&HRR	12.30 AM Mon. Aug. 11th
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Members from Providence, New Haven, Bridgeport, Northern New England, Worcester, Springfield and Hartford proceed directly to New York City joining party there.

Lv. New York, N. Y.	Penna RR	1.25 PM Mon. Aug. 11th
Lv. No. Philadelphia, Pa.	"	2.49 PM Mon. Aug. 11th
Lv. Harrisburg, Pa.	"	4.34 PM Mon. Aug. 11th
Lv. Pittsburgh, Pa.	"	9.47 PM Mon. Aug. 11th
Lv. Columbus, O. (Note)	"	1.42 AM Tues. Aug. 12th
Ar. St. Louis, Mo.	"	8.35 AM Tues. Aug. 12th

Lv. Albany, N. Y.	NYC RR	5.10 PM Mon. Aug. 11th
Lv. Syracuse, N. Y.	"	8.00 PM Mon. Aug. 11th
Lv. Rochester, N. Y.	"	9.27 PM Mon. Aug. 11th
Lv. Buffalo, N. Y.	"	10.55 PM Mon. Aug. 11th
Lv. Cleveland, O. (Note)	"	2.20 AM Tues. Aug. 12th
Lv. Detroit, Mich.	"	11.30 PM Mon. Aug. 11th
Lv. Indianapolis, Ind.	"	6.45 AM Tues. Aug. 12th
Ar. St. Louis, Mo.	"	11.30 AM Tues. Aug. 12th

(NOTE) If special cars originate at Cleveland and Columbus, O., they will be ready for occupancy at 10.00 PM night of August 11th and attached to train as it passes these points at times shown above.

Lv. Chicago, Ill.	Alton RR	11.59 PM Mon. Aug. 11th
Ar. St. Louis	"	7.41 AM Tues. Aug. 12th

On arrival of sleeping cars from the above points all cars will be consolidated at St. Louis, Mo., in Union Station, and our train will operate from there as follows:

Lv. St. Louis, Mo.	Mo. Pac. Lines	1.50 PM Tues. Aug. 12th
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We travel west from here following the Meramec and Missouri Rivers for a distance of 125 miles through Jefferson City, the capital of the State of Missouri, during the afternoon.

Lv. Kansas City, Mo.	Mo. Pac. Lines	8.00 PM Tues. Aug. 12th
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At both St. Louis and Kansas City members from those cities and adjacent points will board our special train.



Royal Gorge—Colorado Rockies

Ar. Denver, Colo.	D&RGW RR	1.30 PM Wed. Aug. 13th
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At this point arrangements for entertainment have been made by the local Denver chapter and we will occupy our sleeping cars in Denver Union Station overnight and continue on from Denver as follows:

Lv. Denver, Colo.	D&RGW RR	9.30 AM Thurs. Aug. 14th
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Ar. Royal Gorge, Colo.	D&RGW RR	1.18 PM Thurs. Aug. 14th
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On arrival at the Gorge, one of nature's most scenic attractions, our train stops for ten minutes where we may detrain and view the scenic beauties of this natural wonder of the Rocky Mountains. Our train passes through the Gorge on a hanging bridge suspended



The six-spired Mormon temple and dome-roofed Tabernacle, Salt Lake City

from the lower walls of the Canyon directly over the river. More than 1,000 feet above the rails at the top of the Gorge is seen the world's highest suspension bridge. This route via the Royal Gorge is the one known as that which takes you "Through the Rockies Not Around Them."

Lv. Royal Gorge, Colo. D&RGW RR 1:28 PM Thurs. Aug. 14th
We continue on west over the Rockies crossing the Continental Divide at Tennessee Pass, 10,240 feet above sea level, where the waters divide and flow east to the Atlantic and west to the Pacific Oceans. Then we travel on down the western slope of the Rockies during the afternoon and we pass through beautiful Glenwood Spring in the early evening.

Ar. Salt Lake City, Utah D&RGW RR 7:05 AM Fri. Aug. 15th
On arrival here special buses will meet our party and we will be transferred for breakfast which is arranged at one of the hotels here. After breakfast we leave on a sightseeing tour by Utah Motor Co. busses for a tour of the city which is accompanied by the impressive story of the founding and building of this beautiful and historic city; the trip takes you along a portion of the Old Mormon Trail, dips into several beautiful canyons, through exclusive residential sections, the business district and homes of Brigham Young and early pioneers—returning at noon for the organ recital at the world-famous Mormon Tabernacle. Luncheon is arranged to be served at one of the hotels after which we again leave in our same busses for a trip to Saltair Beach on Great Salt Lake passing huge copper mills and smelters before arriving at Saltair Beach. Here a stopover is made for a refreshing dip, for those so desiring, in the buoyant waters of the lake where "You Cannot Sink," returning over a diverse route to Salt Lake City, passing a salt refinery, America's third largest air-field, the Jordan River and through the northwest part of the city, directly to our train.

Lv. Salt Lake City, Utah Un. Pac. RR 6:00 P.M. Fri. Aug. 15th

Ar. Las Vegas, Nev. " 8:00 A.M. Sat. Aug. 16th
Our party will stop here for the day, Las Vegas being one of the few remaining typically western towns, and we leave at 9:00 AM for a delightful motor trip to Boulder Dam via Henderson and Railroad Pass on highway 93, with short stopover made at Boulder City to view the official National Park Service motion pictures taken during construction of the Dam. On our arrival at Boulder Dam the National Park Service Guides will take our party for a tour through the Dam, one of the very interesting and educational highlights of this trip. Boulder Dam is one of man's greatest of engineering feats. Our return trip from Boulder Dam is via Lake Mead Highway to Henderson. Here is located the largest magnesium plant in the world, built during the war to replace British magnesium production. We will have luncheon at the El Rancho Vegas Hotel, one of the finest resort hotels on the famous "strip" south of Las Vegas. After luncheon the balance of the day until departure is left free to the members of the party in Las Vegas which will permit of shopping, visiting various casinos in the town, and anything else which might interest our members.

Lv. Las Vegas, Nev. Un. Pac. RR 9:00 PM Sat. Aug. 16th
Ar. Los Angeles, Calif. " 8:30 AM Sun. Aug. 17th

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS DURING STOPOVERS

As outlined in itinerary during period of stopovers at Salt Lake City, Utah, and Las Vegas, Nevada, from which latter point side trip is made to Boulder Dam, there have been arrangements already made for us which will include the following: Transfer from station to hotel on arrival at Salt Lake City for breakfast. Sightseeing trips both morning and afternoon as described in itinerary with stop for organ recital at Mormon Tabernacle, and transfer back to special train. The cost of the breakfast and luncheon is not included in the arrangements made.

Motor transportation from Las Vegas, Nev., to Boulder City, Boulder Dam and Lake Mead as described in itinerary. Guided tour of the Dam and luncheon at El Rancho Vegas at Las Vegas. Cost of the luncheon is included in the trip. Members of the party will be free at Las Vegas after luncheon until departure of special train for Los Angeles.

The cost of arrangements for sightseeing at Salt Lake City and Las Vegas, Boulder City and Hoover Dam, including luncheon at El Rancho Vegas Hotel, also the per capita charge for stopover of air-conditioned sleepers at Denver, Salt Lake City and Las Vegas, and the per capita charge account occupancy of cars and parking of cars at Denver will be \$17.70. This amount to be remitted to Agent at time of issue of railroad and Pullman tickets.

RAILROAD ROUND TRIP FARES ALSO PULLMAN FARES ONE WAY

The following table shows the round trip first class rail fares from points as indicated in left hand column to Los Angeles, Calif., also Pullman fares for accommodations of the type shown for the trip one way to Los Angeles via the route of our Convention Special Train; these Pullman rates also include occupancy of cars with baggage during stopover periods.

From	Round trip 1st Class	Lower Berth	Upper Berth	*Compartment for 2	*Drawing room for 2 or 3
Washington, D. C.	\$145.40	\$29.55	\$22.50	\$83.20	\$104.00
Baltimore, Md.	145.40	29.55	22.50	83.20	104.00
York, Penna.	144.70	29.55	22.50	83.20	104.00
Boston, Mass.	159.85	31.85	24.25	89.55	112.05
New York, N. Y.	153.35	31.00	23.60	87.25	109.75
Philadelphia, Pa.	148.55	30.40	23.15	85.50	107.45
Harrisburg, Pa.	143.00	29.55	22.50	83.20	104.00
Pittsburgh, Pa.	128.85	27.55	20.95	77.40	97.05
Columbus, Ohio	119.50	26.05	19.85	73.40	92.45
Albany, N. Y.	148.75	30.40	23.15	85.50	107.45
Syracuse, N. Y.	140.70	29.00	22.05	81.50	102.85
Rochester, N. Y.	136.05	28.40	21.60	79.75	100.50
Buffalo, N. Y.	132.20	28.40	21.60	79.75	100.50
Cleveland, Ohio	121.20	26.95	20.50	75.70	95.90
Detroit, Mich.	117.65	26.95	20.50	75.70	95.90
Indianapolis, Ind.	110.25	24.90	18.95	69.95	87.80
St. Louis, Mo.	94.20	23.50	17.85	65.85	83.20
Kansas City, Mo.	83.20	20.60	15.65	57.80	72.80
Chicago, Ill.	99.35	24.10	18.30	67.65	85.50
Denver, Colo.	66.45	15.65	11.90	43.00	55.45

*The rates shown for compartment and drawingroom in above table are for the entire room and not per person in a room.

(NOTE) All the fares quoted above are those in effect as of May 31st, 1947. The ICC having recently granted permission for an increase in railroad fares to take effect about June 15, 1947, the correct fare in effect at time this party moves will be given you by your local railroad agent.

The rates shown are subject to a Federal Transportation Tax of 1% now in effect.

(NOTE) Those joining this special train at Denver and traveling through to Los Angeles will remit \$12.00 to cover the cost of special arrangements made at Salt Lake City and Las Vegas, Nev., also Boulder Dam, and the occupancy of cars by passenger's baggage during stopover periods.

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AHEPA AUXILIARIES

SONS OF PERICLES



Junior Order of Ahepa

Basketball Tournament

DISTRICT NO. 3—The Sons of Pericles organized a basketball tournament for the entire district No. 3. Teams came from Baltimore, Washington, Charlotte, Winston-Salem and Greensboro.

Charlotte won over Washington by 40 to 25. Baltimore drew an easy victory over Winston-Salem by 39 to 18. High scorers for Charlotte were Pete Milliones and Mike Plumides, with 17 and 13 points respectively, and for Baltimore, Chris Varallan with 15 points. Subsequently, Charlotte was defeated 21 to 18 by Baltimore, and Winston-Salem had an easy time with Washington by 43 to 9. Nick Hondros, of Winston-Salem, scored 28 points.

On the second day of the tournament Winston-Salem eliminated Charlotte by 56 to 26. Greensboro lost to Washington by 40 to 31.

In the finals, Baltimore defeated Winston-Salem for the crown after the latter had handed Baltimore a set-back of 28 to 24. Baltimore won by 38 to 30 and thus was awarded the trophy donated by *Marathon* Chapter No. 2 of Charlotte, N. C. At a banquet attended by the players and guests, District Governor John Plumides made the presen-

tation. The three-day affair was climaxed by a dance following the banquet.—*John Plumides.*

The Sons Basketballers

DETROIT, MICH. — The Sons of Pericles basketballers of our city are a battle-tested, determined group that can be counted on to give any team a hard tussle. Coach Pete Pavoris is to be commended for the excellent job he has done this season, taking lads who had never played together and molding them into a well-knit, scrappy outfit.

The Sons finished their Recreation League schedule last February at Burroughs, losing to L. Club, 36-34. It was a nip and tuck battle all the way with neither team able to open up a sizeable lead. J. P. and J. G. Pyrros provided the Sons with a "1-2 punch," tallying 11 and 10 points, respectively. S.O.P. led 20-18 at halftime. The loss was their fourth in league play against as many victories.

Sundry Notes

Jim Piculas, a member of the Sons, played this season with the Detroit Times quintet that won the Recreation League Class D Title. The presence of Slim Jim in the S.O.P. lineup could have

brought them the Class C Title. Three of the four Sons losses were by two points or less and were due to lack of reserve strength. Piculas was the difference between a championship team and an also ran . . . J. P. and J. G. Pyrros sparked the Tappan Mongrels to the Tappan House title for the second straight year. This outfit featured Don "Iceman" Frayer, 6 feet 5 inches center who starred in Massachusetts prep circles last year. The Mongrels have won 36 of 39 contests while capturing three titles in the last two years . . . The Sons met the Ahepa squad three times in scrimmage this season and whipped the older cagers decisively in each encounter . . . Jim Piculas, Jim Economy, and J. G. Pyrros saw service with the St. Constantine five that won the Michigan Orthodox League Championship. Nick Christy played with the runner-up St. Nicholas team.—*The Michigan Ahepan.*

"The art of taxation consists in so plucking the goose as to obtain the largest amount of feathers with the least possible amount of hissing."—*Attributed to J. B. Colbert, French Minister of Finance.*

"In constitutional states liberty is compensation for the heavy taxation; in despotic states the equivalent of liberty is light taxes."—*C. L. de Montesquieu.*

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ORDER OF AHEPA—CONVENTION SPECIAL TRAIN

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I am planning to attend the National Convention of the Order of Ahepa in Los Angeles, California, August 17-24, 1947. Kindly make reservations for me as follows:

Lower berth(s) Upper berth(s) Compartment(s) Drawingroom(s)

There will be _____ persons in my party and we wish to join special at _____
On the return trip from Los Angeles we will desire to include the following points:

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MAY-JUNE, 1947

A Holy Relic



A Greek Flag Brought to Us

NORWOOD OHIO — In September, 1945, John D. Cretan, past president of *Liberty* Chapter No. 127, was told that an air force lieutenant had just returned from Greece bringing along an old Greek flag. John met the lieutenant and this is what he learned from him.

When the Germans began retreating from Athens, a Greek soldier took down a swastika from the Government Building and in its place raised the Greek flag. Two German snipers shot him dead and hauled the flag down. At this point, a British paratrooper intervened, killed the snipers and carried the flag away as a souvenir. When the American lieutenant went to Athens for a visit, he met the paratrooper who turned the flag to him. Unexpectedly, the American officer returned to the States and brought the flag along.

"When he told me this incredible story," writes John D. Cretan, "I offered the lieutenant any price to buy the Greek flag, but he refused. He said that the flag was more valuable to me than to him; that no money could repay him for the satisfaction of turning it over to me and through me to the Order of Ahepa for safekeeping."

We congratulate our good brother John and assure him that this flag will remain with the Order of Ahepa forever. He is shown in the picture with Supreme President Booras holding this relic reverently.

An Impromptu Visit

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—Last February District Governor Bezaitis and District Secretary Berdalis made an impromptu visit to *Golden Gate* Chapter No. 150, the oldest member of *Golden Gate* District No. 21. On their visit the

two officers found already attending Supreme Governor Petros, Lt. Governor Demetriades and Past Supreme Governor Peterson.

The meeting was a gala affair with many dignitaries, past and present, attending. They were welcomed by President Panagiotakos and his officers and members, who were glad to enjoy the presence of their leaders in their midst.

The District officers continuing their visitation went next to a meeting of *Pacific* Chapter No. 235 where again they found Supreme Governor Petros, Past Supreme Vice President Andronicos, Past Supreme Governor Boudoures, Past Presidents Mike and Tom Barbis of *Oakland* Chapter No. 171, and many other dignitaries of Ahepa. They were received by President Saribalis and his officers.—*The Ahepa Traveler*.

District Activities

GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT NO. 21 —The members of *Modesto* Chapter No. 246 must be congratulated for having taken into their fold State Assemblyman Ralph Brown, well remembered since the San Francisco International Conference of 1945. He was then instrumental in presenting to the State Legislature the Greek delegates at elaborate ceremonies attended by the Governor of the state and other state officials.

Thanks to the efforts of our members we have re-activated *Redwood* Chapter No. 269 in Eureka, California, and plans are in the making to re-activate *Roseville* Chapter No. 231.

Last April we gave a State banquet attended by many state officials and other local government dignitaries. In the last three months the District Chapters have initiated 150 new members. We hope that by June 30 we will be in the forefront of chapters seeking the honor of having initiated the largest number of members into our Order.—*George Bezaitis*.

Ball and Entertainment

READING, PA.—On the last day of April the officers and members of *Wm. Penn* Chapter No. 61 celebrated the 25th anniversary of our Order with a ball and entertainment and fittingly enough donated the proceeds to the current Greek War Relief campaign. Organized through the efforts of Mother Lodge George Polos in 1925, the chapter has given ample proof of the devotion and fellowship and particularly of the sacrifices of its members to assist in many worthy causes.

The chapter is moving steadily forward under the very capable leadership of Dr. Geo. E. Paskopoulos and his fellow war veterans. "The many royal benefices from the kindly hearts and

labors of our brothers in worthy causes are dedicated equally to Ahepans and friends of Ahepa."—*Geo. Pasayotis*.

A Double Celebration



Former Sgt. C. D. Chrissos

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Two events have recently gladdened the hearts of the friends of Constantine D. Chrissos, past Secretary of *Delphi* Chapter No. 25. He has been promoted to the position of Shorthand Reporter for the Board of Special Inquiry, Immigration and Naturalization Service, U. S. Department of Justice. The board conducts hearings on all aliens entering this country. Constantine became a Federal employee back in 1940 and has been with the Immigration Service ever since, except for thirty months' duty with the Army as a Technical Sergeant, of which sixteen months were served overseas as Court Stenographer for Supreme Headquarters. He holds the Gregg 175 word per minute medal and the 190 word per minute New York School of Shorthand medal.

While in Paris, Constantine vowed that one day he would marry a French girl. He had his wish. Last April he was engaged to Miss Louise Arcamuzi of Corona, whose mother was French. Both hail from the Dodecanese. Congratulations and best wishes.

Their 21st Anniversary

CHICAGO, ILL.—In June, the members of *Woodlawn* Chapter No. 93 are celebrating their 21st anniversary with an elaborate dinner-dance at the Morrison Hotel. *Woodlawn* is known throughout the Ahepa domain as a "Blue Ribbon" chapter and has a long and distinguished record. Few other chapters can boast of having had so many of their members attain high positions in our Order. We wish them well.

"There went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed."—*Luke II:1*.

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BROCKTON, MASS.—The ship of *Persephone* growing by leaps and bounds. Last March they held for seven new Maids served deliciously in February the Party consisting of 100 Maids and refreshments. Last March the Sons played a basketball game. The Maids made more than a party after boys who played given for all visits from Boston, W. Lowell, Cambridge. Activities were clinched in a tournament held in 28th, which was a success. Soon after East musical with a prize raffle, and refreshments they sold "snacks" to their guests.

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UPSTATE NEW YORK.—Time out from their Governor Bettie C.erson Pauline Tom state to visit the 1 Maids and to confer with members about With temperate weather, the Maids gave meetings to welcome two district officers. Coffinas stressed the organization in a charged greater cooperation, and note the great progress by the Maids through the District.

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HARRISBURG, PA.—The *Tau Pi* Chapter organized a basketball game in a league with E. A. Having names with success. In addition to their games, they have gone to the low one-act plays at the Hall Auditorium. O



Maids and Sons Together

BROCKTON, MASS.—The membership of *Persephone* Chapter No. 90 is growing by leaps and bounds. Last March they held an initiation ceremony for seven new Maids, after which they served delicious refreshments accompanied by modern and square dancing. In February they gave a Valentine Party consisting of games and dancing, with refreshments galore.

Last March the local chapter of the Sons played a basketball game which the Maids made more interesting by organizing a party after the game for the boys who played. Such a party was given for all visiting teams of the Sons from Boston, Worcester, Pawtucket, Lowell, Cambridge and Alumni. These activities were climaxed by a basketball tournament held in Worcester on March 29th, which was a complete success.

Soon after Easter, the Maids gave a musical with a program of local talent, a raffle, and refreshments. During the evening they sold a number of "knick-knacks" to their guests.

District Officers Visit

UPSTATE NEW YORK—Taking time out from their busy lives, District Governor Bettie Coffinas and Lt. Governor Pauline Tombakos journeyed upstate to visit the local chapters of the Maids and to confer with both officers and members about future plans.

With temperature registering below zero, the Maids gathered at the various meetings to welcome and entertain the two district officers. District Governor Coffinas stressed the importance of our organization in community projects, urged greater cooperation among all chapters, and noted with satisfaction the great progress being accomplished by the Maids throughout the Empire State District.

Salute to the "Trojans"

HARRISBURG, PA.—The Maids of *Tau Pi* Chapter No. 55 have organized a basketball team and have participated in a league at the local Y. W. C. A. Having named themselves "Trojans," they have played a number of games with success.

In addition to their athletic endeavors, they have gone in for acting, by teaming with the local Sons and giving one-act plays at the Chestnut Street Hall Auditorium. Our best wishes.

A New Chapter



The Charming Members of Delta Phi

SIoux CITY, IOWA—Through the wonderful cooperation of the members of the sponsoring chapters *Sioux City* No. 191 of the Order of *Ahepa* and *Aphrodite* No. 37 of the Daughters, a new chapter of the Maids has been organized recently in Sioux City christened *Delta Phi* No. 92. Though the members have not had much opportunity to show progress, their plans for the future are elaborate and ample. They tell us that we must expect great things from them. We are waiting.—*Georgia Pappas.*

Active In Social Service

FLINT, MICH.—The Maids of *Thalia* Chapter No. 36 have been most active recently in community activities.

They donated \$200 for a hospital bed in Greece, sponsored a drive for a Veterans Plaque, helped the drive for a new \$4,000 pipe organ for their church, donated \$50 to the Greek War Relief campaign, helped the various campaigns of the local Y.W.C.A., and are planning a more active program for a full participation in all community affairs.

With such worthy Maids *Ahepa* is marching on!

A Halloween Party

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio—Members of *Chrysa* Chapter No. 100 held last year a Halloween Party for their families and brother *Ahepans*, honoring the children of the community. Games, contests, and dancing highlighted the occasion to the enjoyment of both children and adults. The entire affair was in the capable hands of Irene Valen, *Chairman*; Catherine Mardas and Frances Revelos, *members.*

Active Maids

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Since last Christmas the Maids of *E. P. E.* Chapter No. 65 have been holding a number of activities. They gave a formal Christmas Dance which proved to be a wonderful affair for themselves as well as for their guests.

Last February they attended an open meeting of *Camden* Chapter No. 69 with other auxiliaries helping to make the meeting a success. They also gave a Greek War Relief dance with the proceeds going to the current drive. Likewise, they contributed \$80 for the adoption of a Greek orphan. Good girls!

They Gave a Barn Dance

CAMDEN, N. J.—Last March the Maids of *Demetra* Chapter No. 33 gave a barn dance at the Camden Youth Center for members and their friends. It was a unique success. The proceeds went toward their home fund.

Dressed in dungarees and plaid shirts, they danced to American, Greek and barn music. They served sandwiches, doughnuts and cider—"for a hillbilly atmosphere." Three prizes were given: two live baby chicks, for first prize, a rabbit, for second, and what went to the most original and the funniest dressed guest, a little baby pig tied up in a large pink bow, for third prize.—*Catherine Theodoris.*

Dowry for Greek Princess

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *AHEPAN*:
The allocation of \$40,000 (£10,000 sterling) by the Greek Government as a dowry for Princess Catherine is a disgrace. That money would buy, for instance, milk for 200,000 starving Greek children.

One is forced to come to the conclusion that the Greek Government is more interested in a gift for one person than it is in helping its starving children, and also that it wants to drive its people to communism.

RUTH UNDERHILL

New York, April 8, 1947.

Help Greece!

Greece is not a rich country. Lack of sufficient natural resources has always forced the Greek people to work hard to make both ends meet. Since 1940, this industrious, peace loving country has suffered invasion, four years of cruel enemy occupation, and bitter internal strife.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE



Ahepa Senior Ladies Auxiliary

A Daughter Scores a Triumph



Mary Barbis

OAKLAND, CAL.—It is not often that we can combine both art and charity. But this is the case of Mary Barbis of *Echo* Chapter No. 4, who gave a brilliant performance before a large and enthusiastic audience last February on behalf of the Greek War Relief Association at the Oakland Auditorium Theatre. Her playing brought forth a young pianist of great promise in a program that even a more mature artist would have played with pride. Mary showed poise, brilliance and technical competence rare in one so young. Her musical intelligence was noticeable throughout her interpretations which were both convincing and authoritative. Her program ranged from Bach and Scarlatti to Beethoven and Chopin.

This professional debut of Mary Barbis was preceded by solos with the Young People's Symphony Orchestra at the Woodminster summer concerts, a solo recital in Berkeley, and many appearances at the Pacific Musical Society, the Etude Club of Berkeley, the Berkeley Women's City Club, the Twen-

tieth Century Club, and others. She has studied with Elizabeth Simpson, has been a music major at the University of California, and a member of several musical clubs in San Francisco and Berkeley.

The February benefit concert was sponsored by *Oakland* Chapter No. 171 and *Echo* Chapter No. 4. Commenting on the performance, the *Ahepa Traveler* said that "the cause of the Greek War Relief is thankful to Mary for the tremendous time and effort which she rendered so unsparingly; the Hellenes of the Bay Area are grateful for the manner in which she promotes the Hellenic name, and the local Ahepa chapters can take pride and joy in claiming such a talented and charming asset in their ranks."

Mary is by choice, tradition and family connection an ardent member of our fraternity. Both her parents have been presidents of their respective local chapters and many members of her family have for years been active in Ahepa matters. We publicly thank Mary for everything that she is doing to promote the Hellenic name and congratulate their parents for having reared such an accomplished artist.

New Chapters

In our last issue we announced four new chapters of the Daughters numbered 143 to 146. We are now pleased to announce nine more chapters organized by our enthusiastic Daughters and local loyal Ahepa members. They are:

Zephyrus Chapter No. 147, Marysville, California, under the sponsorship of *Marysville* Chapter No. 228. District Governor Effie Poulos, of District No. 21, presided over the initiation of 26 charter members.

Thisbe Chapter No. 148, Nashua, N. H., February 9, 1947, under the sponsorship of *Gate City* Chapter No. 35. Helen D. Karagianis, Grand Secretary, presided over the initiation of 25 charter members.

Xanthus Chapter No. 149, Wilmington, Del., February 23, 1947, under the sponsorship of *Wilmington* Chapter No. 95. Mary Tsouvalas, District Governor of District No. 3, presided over the initiation of 15 charter members.

Hellespont Chapter No. 150, Phoenix, Ariz., February 16, 1947, under the sponsorship of *Phoenix* Chapter No.

219. Kay Brotsis, District Governor of District No. 20, presided over the initiation of 43 charter member.

Amphitrite Chapter No. 151, San Bernardino, Calif., February 20, 1947, under the sponsorship of *Arrowhead* Chapter No. 320. Kay Brotsis presided over the initiation of 30 members.

Mantineia Chapter No. 152, Oak Park, Ill., March 26, 1947, under the sponsorship of *Oak Park* Chapter No. 104. Amelia Learakos, Governor of District No. 13, presided over the initiation of 21 charter members.

Aethra Chapter No. 153, Fitchburg, Mass., March 23, 1947, under the sponsorship of *S. D. Bicoules* Chapter No. 266. Sally Thompson, Governor of District No. 8, presided over the initiation of 20 charter members.

Rhene Chapter No. 154, Corona, N. Y., March 26, 1947, under the sponsorship of *Estia* Chapter No. 326. Jack Zarcadoolas, President of *Estia*, presided over the initiation of 25 charter members. This chapter was organized with the cooperation of District Governor Evelyn Mickles, Lt. Governor Joyce Kastrinos and the officers of *Estia*.

Chrysothemis Chapter No. 155, Roanoke, Va., March 23, 1947, under the sponsorship of *Roanoke* Chapter No. 137. District Governor Mary Tsouvalas presided over the initiation of 15 charter members.

A Valentine Party

BOSTON, MASS.—The Daughters of *Orion* Chapter No. 130 gave a Valentine Day party at the Boston Ahepa Home last February. They decorated the rooms beautifully and offered delicious refreshments to their guests. Anne Dravis was in charge of the decorations and Mary A. Kontanis in charge of refreshments. The party was both a social and a financial success.

Athens Team Helped

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The Daughters of *Eryklea* Chapter No. 36 donated twelve complete outfits to the Athenian Professional Soccer Team which has represented Greece throughout Europe. After receiving an urgent appeal from the members of the team, past president Helen Bakeris and the members of the chapter solicited the necessary funds to buy the outfits.—*Dorothy Angels*.

Luncheon

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Daughters of *Penelope* Chapter No. 11 gave last March a luncheon and fashion show at the Mayflower Hotel. The purpose of the luncheon was to collect funds for the Greek War Relief Association. The luncheon was witnessed by the press and the fashions, the flower arrangements, the custom-made fashions, the professional models, the music, and the service were all described by Miss Kritsidimas, a Bessie Latsios, a Margaret Williams, and Lena Latsios.

This show was later by a social at the home of Margaret Williams, where the partook of delicious refreshments. At an initiation the Chapter is with plans to near future. was followed by a luncheon at the restaurant.

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MIAMI, FL.—The Daughters of *Penelope* Chapter No. 52 has made a year of active officers, headed by Mrs. J. P. Dravis, Vice-President, Mrs. J. P. Dravis, Secretary, and Mrs. J. P. Dravis, Treasurer. They held an initiation ceremony, in honor of their new members.

Last February they held an affair at which the New St. Sophia Chapter was initiated.

New

MILWAUK.—The Daughters of *Penelope* Chapter No. 107 were active in the initiation of new members. The District Secretary, Mrs. J. P. Dravis, and the Treasurer, Mrs. J. P. Dravis, were present. The new members were Mrs. J. P. Dravis, Mrs. J. P. Dravis, and Mrs. J. P. Dravis.

Members of the Chapter were shocked and saddened by the passing of the late Mrs. J. P. Dravis. Last April a party in honor of the late Mrs. J. P. Dravis was held. The occasion was a stylish affair with refreshments and music.

Luncheon and Fashion Show

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The energetic members of *Hermione* Chapter No. 11 gave last March a delightful luncheon and fashion show at the Sapphire Room of the Mayflower Hotel for the purpose of collecting funds in the current Greek War Relief campaign. A select crowd witnessed the showing of new spring fashions, the latest hair styles, unique flower arrangements and new designs of custom-made furs, exhibited by professional models and directed and described by Miss Pearl Atkinson. The event was superbly managed by Mary Kritsidimas, assisted by Ann Willias, Bessie Latsios, Louise Kokenes, Margaret Willias, Frances Papageorge and Lena Latsios.

This show was followed a few days later by a social meeting of all members at the home of their president, Ann Willias, where they exchanged news and partook of delicious refreshments.

At an initiation held last February the Chapter inducted 22 new members with plans to induct some more in the near future. The initiation ceremony was followed by a party at the New Athens Restaurant.—*Margaret Willias.*

They Donate Funds

MIAMI, FLA.—*Adraste* Chapter No. 52 has made wonderful plans for a full year of activities. After electing their officers, headed by President Mary Johnson, Vice-President Mrs. George Karpnigis, Secretary Mrs. Chris Ekonomou, and Treasurer Mrs. George Stampelos, they held an installation of officers ceremony, followed by a luncheon in honor of their new officers.

Last February they held an annual affair at which they pledged \$500 toward the New Building Fund for their St. Sophia Church.—*Anastacia E. Johnson.*

News and Events

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—The installation ceremonies of *Hector* Chapter No. 107 were attended by Grand President Mitchell, District Governor Learakos, District Secretary Rummel and District Treasurer Chaconas. Refreshments and card games followed the installation of: President Sophia Shane, Vice President Theodosia Dinos, Secretary Georgia Bakiras and Treasurer Martha Romanos.

Members of the chapter were deeply shocked and saddened by the untimely passing of their beloved Elpiniki Demeter at the tender age of 36.

Last April the Daughters held a rush party in honor of fifteen neophytes who were initiated a few days later. On the occasion a style show was presented and refreshments were served.—*Georgia Bakiras.*

The New "Northern Winds"

MARYSVILLE, CAL. — Located in the northern part of California a new chapter by the name of *Zephyrus* or *Northern Winds* No. 147 was organized by District Governor Effie Poulos last January. The initiation and open installation of members and officers were two of the most beautiful events ever witnessed by Ahepans. Members and friends were assembled at the Civic Auditorium, with A'opa dignitaries present to lend dignity and charm to these events. Dressed in formal attire, and the Daughters wearing beautiful corsages, they participated in a solemn candlelight ceremony conducted by the *Artemis* Chapter No. 5, of Sacramento.

Congratulatory messages were wired to the Daughters by their Grand Treasurer Mary Aroney and Governor Kay Brotsis. The officers of *Zephyrus* are: President Cleo Efstrates, Vice President Hazel Nickolaou, Secretary Helen Marenakis and Treasurer Kally Marenakis. As officers of the local chapter of Ahepa, *Marysville* No. 228, were installed: President Tim Constantine, Vice President Peter Kerhoulas, Secretary Nick Kerhoulas and Treasurer William Alexander. Following the installation the Ahepans of *Marysville* served a very delicious turkey dinner to their guests. The event was climaxed by dancing.

A Mardi Gras for Charity

GALVESTON, TEX. — To help the Greek War Relief Association to reach its campaign goal of \$12,000,000, *Aeolus* Chapter No. 116 of the Daughters gave a Mardi Gras dance last February at their Greek Community Hall.

Most of the proceeds went to the fund. Everyone came in costumes of all sorts which added to the gaiety of the occasion. Both Greek and American dances took place, games were played and prizes were awarded to the most beautiful, original and funniest costumes. The Hall was arranged like a night club with chairs and tables and low lights. Food and drinks were served. The affair was a huge success and will be remembered by all for a long time.—*Tina Roumelos.*

They Gave A Play

ALTON, ILL.—The Daughters of *Thalia* Chapter No. 118 gave a dinner-dance on March 25th to commemorate Greek Independence Day and to assist the current Red Cross Drive. Members and guests were entertained at the Ahepa Home with a play under the direction of Verna Maggos. President Maggos spoke on "Greek Independence" and President Nick Bavas of *Alton* Chapter No. 304 discussed conditions in Greece today. Dancing followed until late hours.—*Stella Poulos.*

Grand President Honored

CHICAGO, ILL. — Grand President Poppy Mitchell was honored by her home chapter *Hellas* No. 9 at a dinner party last March at the Palmer House.

At this strictly home affair, as only members of the chapter attended, the Grand President was presented with silver dinnerware, which was in addition to that already presented to Poppy when on another occasion she was honored for her work in our fraternity. We join in the best wishes.

Organization Par Excellence

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Governor Mary Tsouvalas, of District No. 3, has been travelling far and wide calling on Daughters and leading the drive for more members.

In February, Mary Visited the Daughters of *Antikleia* Chapter No. 68 of Richmond, Virginia, to install their 1947 officers: President Christine Roupas, serving for the fourth consecutive term, Vice President Ethel George, Secretary Emma Bibos and Treasurer Fannie Gergondis. From Richmond Governor Tsouvalas journeyed to Wilmington, Delaware, and organized *Xanthus* Chapter No. 149. With the assistance of local Ahepans she installed its new officers: President Kathryn Royias, Vice President Stella Tarabicos, Secretary Betty Vlahos and Treasurer Chrystal Apotas.

Proceeding from there Governor Tsouvalas went to Roanoke, Virginia, to organize *Chrysothemis* Chapter No. 155 and installed their new officers: President Stella Munger, Vice President Bertha Roupas, Secretary Ethel Contos and Treasurer Bessie Vento. You are doing fine, Mary. Keep up the good work.

They Support an Orphan

CANTON, O.—Among their many and varied activities the Daughters of *Chloris* Chapter No. 40 are in the forefront of the current Greek War Relief Campaign. In addition to a donation from their treasury, they are holding a social each month. The proceeds support an orphan in Greece.

Last April, they held a spring formal dance which turned out to be a great success and their guests left with the best of memories. The officers of these energetic Daughters are: President Sophie Kourmoulis, Vice President Nellie Bourles, Secretary Despina Tremoulis and Treasurer Mary Elite.—*Joanne Manos.*

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LETTERS to



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"Beloved Zen, and all ye other gods who haunt this place, grant that I may become beautiful within, and that whatever of external good I possess may be friendly to my internal purity; let me account the wise man rich; and of wealth let me have only so much as a prudent man can bear in employ."—Socrates.

Challenge In Mediterranean Resisting Advance of Communism Over Responsibility

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

The President's address to Congress has been described as a decisive departure from the main course of American diplomatic history.

Our response to it depends upon how we are conditioned, how well informed we are with regard to the Communist backing of the armed minority which seeks to bring Greece under Soviet control; how gravely—from the standpoint of our own security—we regard the immense strategic area known as the Near East, a salient bridgehead connecting three continents: "the crossroads of world strategy"; how penetrating has been our study of the writings of Lenin and Stalin and how inevitable our conviction that the Politburo follows their lead in seeking world domination.

It depends upon whether we regard these men in the Kremlin as benign gentlemen or as despots striving tirelessly to extend their imperialistic control. (Their tactics appear to some of us no less strikingly like Hitler's War of Nerves than their pronouncements are like those of Mein Kampf.)

Either we must take action—which means we must pay a price for peace and security—or we must refrain from taking action—which means we must pay a much higher price.

MOVED TOO LATE

In ignoring Roosevelt's warning of 1937, the democracies moved too late to stop the totalitarian tyranny of the Nazis. Are we to ignore President Truman's warning of 1947 and again move too late? The bridgehead which must be kept out of Soviet control is Greece and Turkey. If that bridgehead is surrendered to totalitarianism there will follow the loss of Italy, of all the Middle East, and of France. How far the ever-advancing surge will reach we cannot foresee.

Have we the wisdom and the courage to meet this challenge? Or are we too infirm of purpose, too indifferent to the significance of this world movement, too lacking, in ourselves, in unity and cohesiveness and a positive faith? Are we perhaps too naive in our thinking?

We are under no illusion that democracy exists at present in Greece and Turkey. But we mean to aid their inhabitants to resist conquest by the armies of Tito and Stalin.

We know that the United Nations is impotent for that task. It has no military force. Even if it had, Russia could, and would, veto its use. We are taking no step in violation of the United Nations Charter, though Russia has already done so.

FREE TO CHOOSE

As the President has said, great responsibilities have been placed upon us by the swift movement of events. Paramount among these is that of bringing stability to the world. We are the only nation able and willing to assume such a burden. For this purpose we need friends grappled to us with hoops of steel. If we can prevent a communistic military coup in Greece and Turkey, their peoples will then be in a position to choose, of their own free will, the democratic way of life.

I have a letter from a peasant woman of Greece, written to a friend of mine, which says that a large majority of the Greek people voted for the monarchy because it was the only effective means of voting against the Communists, who were robbing and defiling their homes and even murdering their kinpeople.

It would indeed be gratifying if Americans could aid in effecting the realization of Byron's dream: "I dreamed that Greece might still be free."

CHARLES OGBURN.

New York, March 18, 1947.

They Raise \$400 for Greece

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

For the past two years our school has been interested in carrying on projects for the heroic people of Greece. We have mailed large quantities of clothing direct to the needy people of that country. Our last project was to have been the furnishing of school supplies to 1,100 Greek school children.

Mr. V. K. Hrisikopoulos, a prominent business man of this city and a very dear friend of the Corpus Christi schools, gave me a copy of your magazine, THE AHEPAN. After reading the articles in the magazine, we came to the conclusion that Greece needs medical supplies far more than school supplies.

The Student Council of Corpus Christi Senior High School decided to raise \$400 and send it to the Greek War Relief Association.

We would appreciate it if you would mention our project in a future issue of

your magazine. If you need additional information, please write us.

R. M. REEVES,

Council Sponsor,

Corpus Christi High School.

Corpus Christi, Tex., March 21, 1947.

A General Invitation

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

May we express through you, although somewhat belatedly, our appreciation for the honor our fellow-Ahepans have bestowed upon us by choosing our City to be their host for the 21st National Convention of our Order.

The National Convention Committee has been working ceaselessly during the past months in arranging the program and the many other details incident to a convention. All of our efforts are directed towards a single objective: Your enjoyment during your stay here in Los Angeles, which in turn assures a successful convention. The Convention Committee is sparing no efforts for the attainment of this objective.

California is known for its hospitality. We, therefore, extend to you and your families, a hearty invitation to come to Los Angeles, that we may have the pleasure of making that hospitality real to you.

E. J. FOSTER,

Chairman, Executive Committee.

Los Angeles, April 18, 1947.

Our Silver Anniversary July-August Issue

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

On July 22, 1947, the Order of Ahepa will be celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary. To commemorate this important event, a complete and factual history of the fraternity will be published in THE AHEPAN, for its July-August issue.

Our beloved Ahepa has a rich and mel low history and the entire membership, for the first time, will receive this unusual edition, done up in permanent volume of over three hundred pages for their library.

It shall be an edition that will depict the many accomplishments of our Order and will also contain a pictorial story of many important events.

Every chapter and district will be represented with a short historical sketch of each. They have been requested to have a picture of their officers, and members, if possible, taken and sent to headquarters together with a completed questionnaire. The big

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TO THE EDITOR:

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raphy shall accompany the picture in the memorial edition.

In order to publish such an important history, in permanent form given all the events and accomplishments of the Ahepa in one such volume, it will require considerable expense and each Chapter has been requested to contribute to defray the expenses of such a noteworthy project inasmuch as each member will receive a volume. Chapters with less than fifty members have been requested to send in Fifty dollars; those with over fifty members, one hundred dollars.

We do not believe it necessary to impress upon you the importance of this history as it affects each and every member. It will be the greatest medium of giving the true history of the Ahepa to the membership. Let us make it a 100 per cent coverage of all our activities throughout the Ahepa domain.

HARRIS J. BOORAS,
Supreme President.

Washington, March 31, 1947.

Greek Scientists Carry On In Spite of Difficulties

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

I have recently been to Greece as member of the United States Mission to Observe the Greek Elections. I wish to report that Greek scientists are half starved and in a pitiable condition. Yet they struggle heroically. Many of them are civil servants who receive about \$30 a month. Since a decent meal costs more than a dollar, this does not go far. Shoes cost \$20 to \$50; sugar 35 cents a pound (it has been as high as \$1.35).

For the Astronomical Observatory at Pentel, outside Athens, the Government appropriation for instruments and ordinary office supplies is \$250. The one computing machine that was worth anything was stolen in 1945. Daily visual observations of sunspots are made, but no photographs have been taken since 1945 for lack of plates. Irregular and long-period variable stars are still observed.

The scientists in the university need food, clothing, shoes, books, reprints, even paper, pencils and notebooks. The observatory has a five-inch transit circle, a refractor of 15.7-inch aperture and some older instruments. It needs a spectroheliograph, a spectroheliograph, an astrographic refractor (15 to 20 inch), and a Schmidt camera.

Packages, which under present regulations should not weigh more than eleven pounds each, should be addressed, "Greek War Relief Warehouse, Attention of Mr. D. C. Brodie, 420 East Fifty-fourth Street, New York 22, N. Y." The packages need be postpaid only to New York. Mr. Brodie will see to it that they are forwarded.

W. EDWARDS DEMING, PH.D.,
U. S. Bureau of the Budget.

Washington, April 5, 1947.

Ahepa Hospitality Praised

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

As the editor of the oldest official publication of the American Legion (since 1919), I was both delighted and pleased to receive my first copy of THE AHEPAN.

It was a surprise gift from Alex Geokan, one of the finest American citizens of Greek origin, whom I have been privileged to have as a guest in my home many times.

Anything appearing in your fine magazine relative to news of the American Legion posts in Greece, will, with your permission, be used if possible in my official monthly publication which circulates to 39,000 subscribers.

It has been my pleasure to attend several dinners, or rather banquets, of Spokane's Mount Olympus Chapter No. 180, while serving as Commander of the Spokane Post of the American Legion, back in the 1930's. Ahepa hospitality is one I shall never forget. It is characteristic of your fine race.

May I be among the many to congratulate you in the fine make-up of your magazine?

CY. HAWVER,

Editor, The Oregon Legionnaire.
Portland, Ore., April 15, 1947.

U. S. In World Role

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

HANSON W. Baldwin's "World Role for U. S." in your March-April issue should certainly impress all Ahepans with the powerful position the United States finds herself in the world today.

In the short time of 171 years, since the founding of our republic, the United States came out in top place internationally with its cultural and military might. Where there formerly existed a *Pax Romana* and a *Pax Britannica*, a *Pax Americana* can now take place stretching over all corners of the globe for centuries to come.

But maintaining and strengthening our hold in world affairs demands of all of us—true Americans—to lend full support to the President's policy for aid to Greece and Turkey, commitments, for the industrial recovery of Germany, and more important of all, for the stabilization of economic conditions at home.

In settling the housing shortage with more homes at reasonable rates for veterans, we can lessen the discomfort among families living with in-laws in crowded apartments. Meeting the present dearth of teachers in the public schools will help curb juvenile delinquency and prepare our youngsters with adequate training for responsibilities they must bear to-morrow. By greater production in our factories with wages commensurate to the work accomplished, there will be no scarcity of materials and threat of unemployment. Wholesalers, manufacturers, and trade unions can prevent another depression by cooperating with the

Newburyport plan for lower prices on consumer goods.

If we clean house at home and follow with astuteness our foreign policy abroad, we will never have to bow before totalitarian aggressors. For evil dictatorships can not master a strong, well informed citizenry that is bent on preserving and improving its American way of life at any cost.

JOHN C. BAIMAS,

Secretary, S. D. Bicoules Chapter No. 266.
Fitchburg, Mass., May 4, 1947.

Initiation of Veterans

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

Pursuant to your request for elaboration on the special initiation fee for veterans, please be informed that the Baltimore National Convention ruled that honorably discharged veterans who apply for membership into the Order of Ahepa within one (1) year from the date of the Baltimore Convention (August 23, 1947), or within one (1) year from the date of their discharge, are eligible to be initiated under the special initiation fee of \$10.00. This special provision will be in effect up until the 31st of December, 1947.

ARTHUR H. LALOS,
Executive Secretary.

Washington, April 25, 1947.

Eighty Dollars Will Support An Orphan for A Year

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

The Greek Independence Day Dinner which was sponsored by the Federation of Greek Societies is over. The purpose of the dinner was two-fold: first, to celebrate Greek Independence Day; second, to raise money to support the suffering orphans of Greece. The celebration was a success and on behalf of the Executive Committee I should like to thank you for helping to make it so. We now have the job of making the second purpose of the dinner an even greater success, and that is to help the orphans of Greece.

I need not tell you how desperate is the plight of the orphan children of Greece. I know of no more worthy and practical manner in which you can aid them than by giving for the support of orphans.

The program as it is now operating in Greece is not only caring for these tragic children but is also establishing sound welfare standards which will have a long range value for Greece.

Once again, may I reiterate the worthiness of the project and also the great importance of bringing assistance now! I know that you will respond to this call. As you know, \$80.00 will take care of one orphan for a full year.

GEORGE XANTHAKY,
Executive Vice-President.

Greek War Relief Assn., Inc.
New York, April 4, 1947.

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"We will never bring disgrace to this, our City, by any act of dishonesty or cowardice, nor ever desert our suffering comrades in the ranks. We will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the City, both alone and with many; we will respect and obey the City's laws and do our best to invite a like respect and observance to those above us who are prone to neglect or to set them at naught; we will strive unwearingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty. Thus in all these ways we will transmit this City not only less, but greater, better and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us."—Oath of the Athenian Youth.

AHEPA IS AHEPA— NO MORE, NO LESS

Speaking at the initiation ceremonies of our newly organized *Staten Island* Chapter No. 349 in New York last April, Supreme Vice-President Helis ably defended his scant participation in local Ahepa activities.

"In running the Greek War Relief Association, as its national president," he said, "I have been devoting all my time to this great organization and its gigantic program of raising \$12 million for the health of the people of Greece. Naturally, I have very little chance to attend meetings and to share in Ahepa organization much to my regret and disappointment." He assured his listeners that he was with them all the way and followed closely every Ahepa project and every Ahepa activity.

So far so good. But in concluding, Supreme Vice-President Helis made a very startling remark. "Ahepa is Greek War Relief," he declared, "and Greek War Relief is Ahepa." To this we take exception. For Ahepa never was and never will be but Ahepa. It cannot be compared with anything our people have organized in the past or are owning at this time. It cannot be merged with any other society for then it will cease to be Ahepa. All this is self-evident.

To begin with, our Order is a national fraternity based on three fundamental premises, namely, brotherhood, secrecy and obedience. It is organized according to a constitution nationally accepted and universally enforced. It provides for periodical changes in chapter, district and supreme officers. They are elected each and every year for a limited tenure by the entire membership or their duly elected representatives.

Every Ahepan, no matter what his wealth, or his education or his background, once duly accepted, automatically enjoys the unique privilege of electing his officers or being elected to any office, however subordinate or superior, within the entire domain of Ahepa. When Ahepa acts, it does not

call on volunteers. It calls on each and every one of its tens of thousands of members. They are bound by a solemn oath and obligation to support and defend the supreme law of the land in which we live and the constitution of our fraternity—both inexorably interwoven and blent in a harmonious whole.

We need not go any farther. For what the Order of Ahepa is or what it stands for has been stated, reiterated and reaffirmed time and time again. Ahepa is the *American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association* that was founded twenty-five years ago in Atlanta, Georgia. It is no more, no less. Any one who in any form or manner thinks or acts differently either misunderstands or misinterprets this great fraternity.

We have no reason to believe that Supreme Vice-President Helis does either. But we are prompted in drawing these lines lest some one else does!

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Anniversary and Attendance

The time is approaching. On July 26, 1947, we shall be celebrating our twenty-fifth anniversary. For it was on July 26, 1922—twenty-five years ago—that seventeen Americans of Greek descent providently met in the Greek school of Atlanta, Georgia, and organized the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association dedicated to patriotism, education and progress among our people sharing the same background and the same ideals.

Mindful of the responsibility and the privilege, our Supreme Lodge has proclaimed a drive to increase our membership and thus extend to many more the privilege of serving our fellowmen. So far, the membership drive is showing gratifying results. Hardly a day passes without one or more chapters throughout the breadth and length of this wonderful land of ours holding an initiation ceremony for newly accepted

members. Our fraternity is growing by leaps and bounds. This is not mere rhetoric; it is a fact easily ascertainable in our own metropolitan district.

In pointing out this wonderful achievement, however, we should pause and consider another matter equally important and equally urgent. It is the problem of "attendance." For few chapters, if any, can claim full attendance. Meetings of chapters situated in small cities may well show good attendance. Meetings, however, in large cities are marked by a very poor attendance—below the 50 per cent mark and often hardly more than 15 or 20 per cent of the total membership. Indeed, we know of Ahepans—so-called Ahepans—who have not been inside their chapter room for a long, very long time. They don't know the password; they have not seen the faces of their officers; they hardly keep themselves posted on the activities of their chapters, of their district, of their Order.

This is neither the time nor the place to go into the reasons that cause many—too many, from our point of view—of our members in New York City, for instance, to abstain from attending their chapter meetings. We invite our members to search their hearts and point out these reasons. But we must call the attention of every Ahepan that *payment of dues* is not enough. A meeting poorly attended can hardly deliberate with wisdom, can hardly reach good decisions. We must all pool our knowledge, our experience, our love for our fraternity. We must make it a point to attend at least one meeting of our chapter a month. And those who attend must make it their business to bring along another member.

Our Supreme Lodge slogan is "Every Member Get At Least One New Member." Our individual membership slogan should be: "Every Member Bring Along At Least Another Member." There is great happiness in companionship. A meeting well attended is a meeting beautiful to behold. Try it once and see.

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Endorses Truman Policy

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

It was a pleasure to hear from you again, and I hope I may see you while I am in Washington.

What Mr. Sulzberger has recently been writing—and he usually writes good dispatches—seems to me to provide, as you say, true, factual background. There is also a great deal more factual background of this kind and I believe President Truman should be supported to the limit.

I am not now in a position to write anything for your magazine as I am being kept very busy here in the Department. However, I am sure you appreciate my long interest in the magazine and in the whole brotherhood of Ahepa.

LINCOLN MACVEAGH,

U. S. Ambassador to Greece.

Washington, March 31, 1947.

Maids Object to Age Limit

There should be no restriction to unmarried girls otherwise qualified

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

Within a few weeks the Order of Ahepa will be holding its District Conventions all over the country in order to exchange opinions, ideas and to discuss mutual problems to promote the greatest good possible for the Order of Ahepa. These same Ahepans will a short time thereafter meet at the National Convention in Los Angeles, California, to further discuss ways and means for a better Order of Ahepa.

At the District Conventions, the Senior and Junior Ahepa Auxiliaries will take an active part, and they, too, will have their own Conventions at the same time and place as those of the Ahepa. The MAIDS OF ATHENS, Ahepa Junior Ladies' Auxiliary, will also convene to offer their opinions and suggestions to enlarge their Order.

Since assuming the office of District Secretary, and later that of District Governor of the MAIDS OF ATHENS, *Empire State*, District 6, I have made a thorough study of the problems and difficulties arising in our Order throughout the District and together with my fellow District Lodge Officers have dealt with same. However, there is one very important issue which we now wish to bring to your attention for a satisfactory solution on behalf of the MAIDS. It is hoped that Ahepans in the various districts will give this issue considerable and due thought.

The Question of Age

According to Article IV, Section 1, of our Constitution, a girl is not eligible for membership in the Order of Maids of Athens after reaching her twenty-first birthday. This same article, section 3, further

states that members are automatically graduated from the MAIDS upon reaching their twenty-fifth year of age.

We have come to the conclusion that our Constitution should be amended and that no restriction should be placed as to age. This new Constitution was adopted in January, 1944. Our old Constitution had no restrictions on age, and at this time we should very much like to see a correction in our present Constitution. The word MAID itself should and does imply an unmarried woman, *regardless of age*. When a girl is single she is a MAID. If it is the desire of a girl to become part of the Maids of Athens, such desire should not be crushed because she is over twenty-one. Numerous girls have approached us with the intention of joining our ranks only to be denied membership because they were over twenty-one years of age. In instances where girls have been initiated into a chapter, applications have been rejected from Washington thus placing the particular chapter in a rather embarrassing predicament. These same girls have been told to join the nearest chapter of the *Daughters of Penelope* but have refused to do so since the latter group consists of single girls along with married women. I, personally, have talked with these girls and have advised them to join our Senior Auxiliary but received a negative answer for the above mentioned reason.

Young Girls Prefer the Maids

Now, I ask you, if a young lady does not wish to become a member of the Senior Auxiliary as pointed above, and at the same time cannot join the Junior Auxiliary where will she go? Since she has expressed her desire to become part of the Ahepa family, shall we turn her away? We must admit that today there are numerous so-called "clubs" for a girl to join. There is no earthly reason why these girls should not be initiated into our great Order. We believe that a strong Junior Auxiliary is an asset to Ahepa.

If an unmarried girl wishes to join the Maids of Athens, let her feel free to do so, without an age stipulation. If she wishes to join the *Daughters of Penelope* and is over 21, again it is her privilege to do so. It should be optional.

Another question arises: If a Maid has reached her twenty-fifth year of age and she does not want to enter the Senior Auxiliary, must she be told to leave the Maids of Athens because she has reached the ripe old age of twenty-five? Of course not, but according to our Constitution the answer is in the affirmative. What is to be done?

We firmly believe that it is indeed necessary that a change be made in Article IV of our Constitution eliminating the age restrictions; the minimum age to remain as is (although a girl of fourteen or fifteen is still busy at school and very few girls have time for outside interests); and to permit a girl over 21 to decide which Auxiliary she wishes

to join without any restriction upon her choice. Undeniably, the Senior Auxiliary has sufficient material to choose from the married women, and they can readily understand our problem.

Better Legislation Needed

We are sincerely hoping that proper measures will be adopted in order that we may initiate new girls into our various chapters, who are twenty-one years of age or over and who have expressed a desire to join the MAIDS. A good member of the MAIDS OF ATHENS today will make a better member of the *Daughters of Penelope tomorrow*. Many girls in our District who have married are now looking forward to joining the Senior Auxiliary. That is the way it should be.

The above issue is being presented to you now that Convention time is approaching and hope that considerable thought will be given it by all Ahepans. We feel that Article IV should be amended to read "an unmarried girl of Hellenic descent be admitted to the Maids of Athens upon reaching her fourteenth birthday and continue membership as long as she remains unmarried, or until said girl desires to remain a member thereof."

On behalf of all the chapters of the Maids of Athens in District No. 6, I wish to avail myself of this opportunity to thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

BETTIE COFFINAS,

District Governor of District No. 6.
New York, May 24, 1947.

Los Angeles Calls to Us

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and your local members unite in extending to you a cordial invitation to attend the annual convention of the Order of Ahepa to be held in Los Angeles, August 17-25, 1947.

We hope you are arranging to come, as your local committee, headed by E. J. Fostinis, has arranged a splendid program for your enjoyment.

Come to America's playground—with its orange groves, its mighty Sierras, its peaceful coast line and blue Pacific; visit Hollywood, the motion picture capital of the world; see Huntington Library and Art Gallery, Griffith Park Planetarium; enjoy the romance of picturesque Olvera Street and old-world China City.

These and countless other attractions will make this visit one that will live long in your memory.

El Pueblo de Nuestra Señora La Reina de Los Angeles (the Village of our Lady, the Queen of the Angels) will be waiting to welcome you.

C. S. BERSEMYER, President,
Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.
Los Angeles, April 22, 1947.

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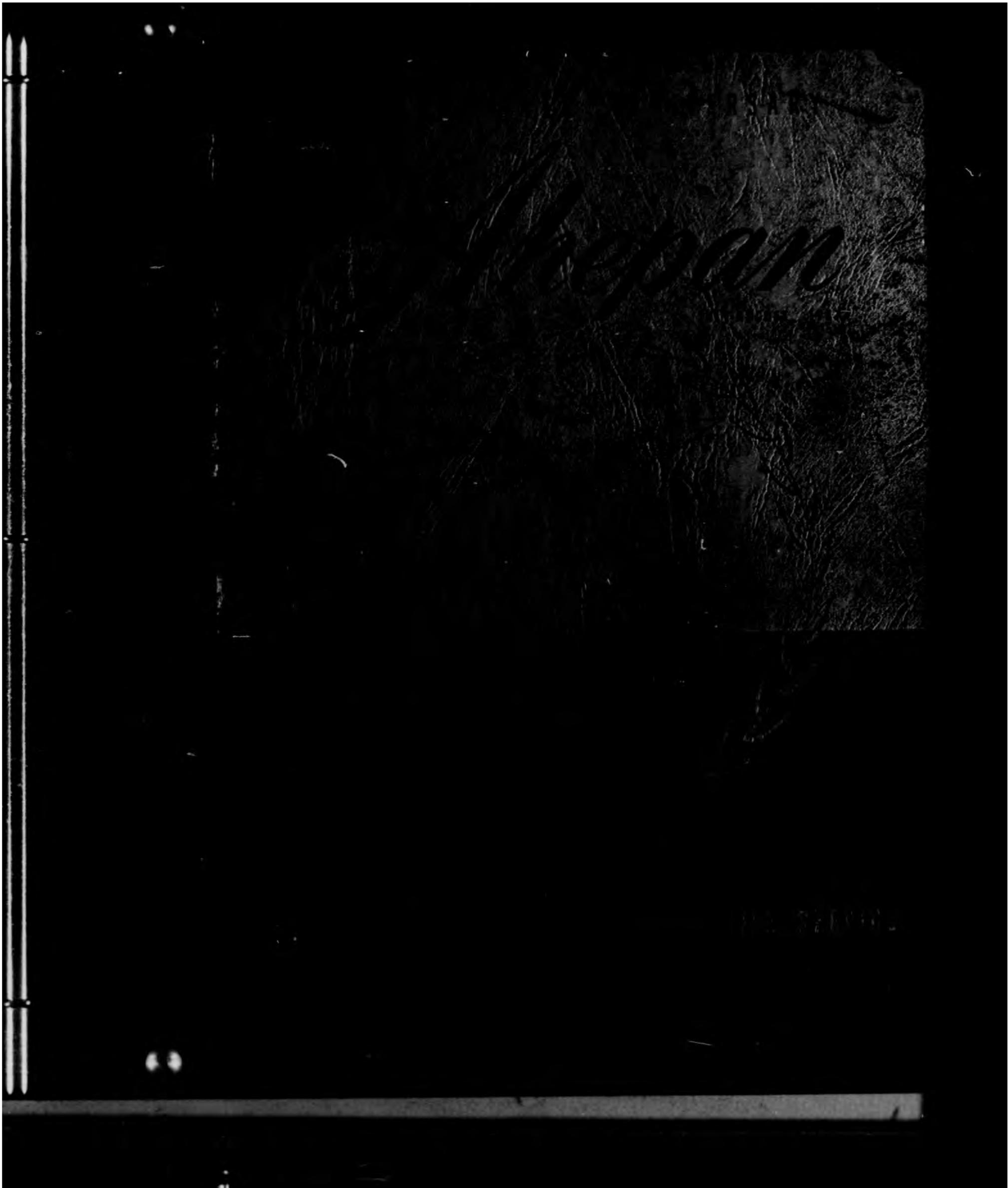
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CONSTITUTION OF THE ORDER OF AHEPA

PREAMBLE

We, American citizens of Hellenic descent, desiring to form, institute and perpetuate a fraternal Order and promote its objects and principles; to effect a perfect and harmonious understanding between ourselves and others; to inculcate loyalty and patriotism to and for the country in which we live; to stimulate the spirit of good fellowship and cooperation; and to aid in the solution of social and civic problems, do hereby establish and ordain this Constitution.

ARTICLE I

NAME

This Order shall be known as The Order of AHEPA.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTS

The Order of Ahepa, and every member thereof, shall always strive to teach, exemplify and achieve, the following Objects, Principles and Ideals:

A. To promote and encourage loyalty to the United States of America; allegiance to its flag; support to its Constitution; obedience to its laws and reverence for its history and traditions;

B. To instruct its members, by precepts and examples, in the tenets and fundamental principles of government, and in the recognition and respect of the inalienable rights of mankind;

C. To instill in every one of its members a due appreciation of the privileges of citizenship, and the sacred duties attendant therewith; and to encourage its members to always be profoundly interested and actively participating in the political, civic, social and commercial fields of human endeavor, and always to strive for the betterment of society;

D. To awaken in every member an abhorrence of all political corruption—the destroyer of free institutions—and pledge its members to do their utmost to stamp out from this country every trace and influence of this evil;

E. To arouse mankind to the realization that tyranny, wherever it may exercise its baneful power, is a menace to the life, property, prosperity, honor and integrity of every nation; and that the preservation of our liberties can be assured, only as this country becomes the Champion of Liberty and the Defender and Protector of all oppressed and downtrodden peoples;

F. To promote throughout the world, and especially in the United States of America, a better and more comprehensive understanding of the Hellenic Peoples and Nation, and to revive, cultivate, enrich and marshal into active service for Humanity the noblest attributes and highest ideals of true Hellenism;

G. To labor in every manner possible, and to utilize every means available for the perfection of the moral sense in its members; to promote good fellowship among them; to endow them with a spirit of idealism, common understanding, mutual benevolence and helpfulness; and to point out to them, in unmistakable methods, the advantages of education, the beauties of sacrifice and the deformities of selfishness;

H. To champion the cause of education; to support the American system of public schools and keep them free from religious prejudice; to promote and augment the educational advantages of this country; and to open, establish and maintain new channels for facilitating the dissemination of culture and learning; and

I. To resist, by lawful means and methods, any tendency towards a union between the civil Government and any church or religion, and to repel the interference of any religion in governmental affairs.

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Foreword

What is Past is Prologue

The above inscription may be found at the entrance of the Archives Building, in our nation's capital, and within the walls of that edifice lie the records of this great country, faithfully preserved and safeguarded. The rich history thus serves as a prologue to the future of this country.

This follows true with the *Ahepa*, for in commemorating the Twenty-fifth (silver) Anniversary of the founding of this organization, which is the world's largest of its kind, we look back upon its rich and fruitful history, its deeds and accomplishments, its joys and sorrows, as but prologue.

*Life is a story in volumes three,
the past, the present, the yet to be.
The past is written and laid away,
the present we are writing every day.
The third and last of volumes three,
is locked from sight, God keeps the key.*

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The Story

THE progress of an organization is no different from that of an individual, and the compelling force in either case is the desire of accomplishment, combined with that of fulfilling a need or purpose.

This is true of the Ahepa which was founded in the early years following the first world war because of an urgent need to present its case before the bar of public opinion, of which we want to tell you a story which we know you'll enjoy. It's a story something like the *Big Bad Wolf* and the *Knights of King Arthur's Court* who set out to find and slay the Bad Wolf, and champion the cause of goodness. Well, it took centuries of difference in time of the occurrence of the two events but somehow the ages got together and the Knights succeeded in getting rid of the Bad Wolf.

It's much like such a fairy tale because it had a message to deliver and goes on to sound like the romance of those gallant knights. But this is ahead of our story, let's start off with *Once upon a time*, July 26, 1922, is the exact time, eight men got together in a little schoolhouse down in Atlanta, Georgia, and decided they had a story of their own to tell.



The first Ahepa Convention held in Atlanta, Ga., 1923.

It so happened that these eight men were of Hellenic birth, having come to the United States from Greece some years previously and after having become naturalized citizens, they wanted all peoples living here to meet and become acquainted with the immigrant Greek, and his native born children, and to get to better understand each other.

It required an organization to put over this message and to bring about this social relationship, which thus far had been completely lacking; and so they formed themselves into a fra-



Statue of General Demetrius Ypsilanti, presented to the city of Ypsilanti, Michigan, during the fifth National Convention held in Detroit, August, 1927

ternal group, elected their first officers, incorporated under the laws of Georgia and chose the name Ahepa.

By way of explanation as to what the word *Ahepa* means, it is doubted if any Greek scholars can help you or that you can find it in any dictionary nor can any imagination of a fairy Godmother help you for it happens to be the first letters of the *American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association*. From the outset the word *Ahepa* was coined and it has thus remained, but it was at the Washington Convention that it became the official name of the fraternity.

Now then, they had an organization dedicated to a noble service, but that was all, so these eight persons, who constituted what they termed the *Supreme Lodge*, had to get out and put this idea over.

It Takes Determination

It's not easy to put anything over much less an abstract idea such as to tell other people how good the Greeks are and to tell the Greeks what their responsibilities and duties must be in their adopted country, but after all don't all stories follow the same pattern and with a nerve wracking determination, toil



The Supreme Lodge on visit to the White House in 1926



The 1928 Supreme Lodge visiting at the White House

and the burning of midnight oil, after financial troubles and struggles they set out on their thorny way.

But this isn't all. We must yet go back to the start of this story and show how these men thought and what they set as standards for all of us to follow.

They decided that an organization to be successful must have solid foundations and thus they set a solid enduring cornerstone, which time has shown was really a fine job.

The best way to determine the seriousness of their task was to set the high standard of citizenship or intention to become one a prerequisite to membership in the organization, and as a test of their earnestness they set about teaching the responsibilities and duties of each member toward the United States, just like the oath the *Knights* of old had to take to uphold chivalry and justice. As to how they succeeded in educating the people of this country in the delicate task of understanding the immigrant Greek is best attested by the high regard the Ahepa is held in all circles and by the Government itself.

After the first Convention which was held in Atlanta in 1923 the founders constituted the *Mother Lodge* of the organization, and now during its twenty-fifth anniversary we are happy in having the entire membership of the Mother Lodge intact.

During the twenty-five years many have been Ahepa's deeds and accomplishments and great has been the good it has done in all phases of charitable service, and much can be expected of it in the future, but surely we ought to feel our way through the years to understand how well they carried out their purpose.

Yes, during the first year they had a lot of trouble getting started, like any mission the *Knights* set out on they had a thousand and one things to do to get organized and just before



A group of Ahepans aboard ship during the 1929 excursion to Greece

starting time they would be in a state of merry confusion. But soon they were on their way and by the time the first conven-



The Supreme Lodge calling on President Calvin Coolidge in 1929

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Attendance during the Seventh National Convention held in Kansas City, Mo., 1929

tion came around they had spread the gospel of their story to thirty five cities and as it should be Atlanta was the first Chapter organized on August 24, 1922.

The governing body was named the *Supreme Lodge* and since it requires someone to guide and direct things they picked Nick D. Chotas as the first Supreme President; James Campbell, Supreme Vice President; Harry Angelopoulos, later succeeded by S. J. Stamos, Supreme Secretary; Harry Angelopoulos, Supreme Treasurer; and James Vlass, George A. Polos and George Campbell as Supreme Governors, all of them being the *founders* of the Ahepa.



The dedication of the George Dilboy Monument at Somerville, Mass., August 1930

and so on until thirty-five cities in the solid south were answering the call at convention time in Atlanta in October 1923. At this convention they transferred the headquarters to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Spanning the Nation

It was still a struggle and much too early to be able to predict what could happen, as in all good things it was an uphill climb. After all, they had a new idea and they had to put this idea over to a group of highly individualistic persons.

Does anyone imagine it is an easy task to convince a Greek, who was here in this country for a single purpose and who couldn't find time to devote any of his efforts or time to anything else to find time to serve some such nebulous thing as an *idea*.

Somehow tenacity and even financial hardships seemed to spur the idea further, you know, somewhat like the chivalry



Ahepans on parade in Athens during the 1930 excursion to Greece



Supreme Lodge received by President Herbert Hoover at White House, February, 1930

of King Arthur's day it spread like wildfire among his Knights and they soon had created the Knights of the Round Table.

Time sort of goes by, unintentionally probably but it does go by, and the second year had gone with the second convention being held in Washington, D. C., in September 1924. By now the idea had spread beyond the solid south and had gone as far east as Massachusetts, as far west as Chicago, Milwaukee and Muskogee, Oklahoma, and as far north as Michigan. The organization now was operating under a uniform system of procedure and practice, while at the same time the President of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, received the Delegates in audience, which was the first of what has become an annual pilgrimage by the Supreme Lodge during its mid-term meetings in Washington.

At the Washington convention some forty-nine chapters answered to the roll call and the headquarters was moved to



Presented to the Unknown Soldier and housed in the Museum at Arlington

the nation's capital, where it has since remained. From then on it seemed that times would be easier, the merry chase of acquiring members and chapters was on, and the Big Bad Wolf was now on the path of retreat. It looked as if the *Ahepa* had arrived, with the *idea* being accepted everywhere. Who said Greeks wouldn't listen. Now we were like little *Alice in Wonderland* finding so many things that thrilled us and which left us in a happy state of bewilderment; after all, we had the qualified persons who were interested in carrying this idea even further.

The first publications of the organization were issued giving a brief account of the *Ahepa* but centering mostly on individuals and their contributions to the progress of the fraternity. By now, the Big Bad Wolf was well on the way of being completely engulfed by the idea and the gallant Knights were in full swing of annihilating that ogre. The sun began to shine through the clouds of financial and organizational difficulties and we



The initiation into the *Ahepa* of the late Franklin Delano Roosevelt when Governor of New York

were happily embracing the future with confidence, and along came the third convention held in Chicago from September 23 to October 2, 1925. Judging from the length of the convention it had to allow plenty of time to all our orators and speakers. At this convention we had some 79 chapters on the fraternity's roster, we had spread to forty states, and so we had about covered all corners in which the Big Bad Wolf was lurking. This convention established the National Home Fund. From there we set our vision on to further accomplishments. About this time the various chapters started taking an active part in all civic and charitable activities of their localities, contributing generously to the Community Chest, American Red Cross, Tuberculosis Seal Drive and other similar organizations, and at the same time many Chapters adopted one, two or more fatherless children in Greece.

A Generous Host

This was the start of years of steady contributions to every good cause in local communities, national charities and even to help extended across the sea to Greece, the country with which we retained cultural ties and association. Approximately five thousand dollars were sent to the fatherless children of Greece, but much more than this sum was donated by the chapters to their local charitable campaigns. Slowly we were showing the public that the Big Bad Wolf, spreading his bigoted and intolerant preaching was just that, as the idea started just a couple of years before had made an inroad and achieved some recognition. We could now sit at a fancy ban-



The Supreme Lodge paying its respects to President Roosevelt in 1933



The Ahepa Agricultural School at Vello, Corinth, Greece, with the dedicatory plaque

quiet table and give vent to fun and laughter, just as the Knights of old.

Came another convention time and we now find ourselves in Philadelphia from August 30 to September 3, 1926. It seems they called these conventions by the euphonious name of convocations, and this one was the fourth in line, with 113 chapters answering the roll.

We were quite adept in taking a full week in debating and passing the weighty problems facing the organization, by reason of which we could boast of large attendance at these conclaves. The serene winds of fraternalism had now engulfed the breadth of the land and with the exception of one or two states we had entered every state in the union, with chapters in every large city in the country, and in some cities we now had two or more chapters.

A heavy tornado followed by an earthquake hit Florida and the first joint effort of helping our own members was responsible for sending approximately ten thousand dollars to help the stricken families of our brothers. Following the severe loss suffered by the Floridians they were wont to give up entertaining the sixth national convention which was scheduled to be held in Miami shortly, but as time has a way of doing, it healed all wounds and we were soon gathered in that city during August of 1927 to hold another of our conclaves. We were getting older and more mature now, and we had 151 chapters across the country. The Miami convention endorsed such projects as the Hellenic Y.M.C.A., the Athens College and the Mana Sanatorium.

Yes, we had progressed so well that we established the junior order which we called the *Sons of Pericles*, not that they were his sons but we liked being associated with those great heroes of centuries past, as this reminded us that we always had the idea to carry forth.

Detroit was next in line as convention city and so we entrained to that city in August of 1928 for our sixth national meet, where the Ahepa made a presentation of the statue of Demetrius Ypsilanti, who was greatly responsible for the freedom of Greece from the Turkish bondage of five hundred years, during its struggle for liberation from that country in 1821. To make this possible we dug into our pockets and contributed some five thousand dollars to erect this statue which adorns the city of Ypsilanti, Michigan. We now had 193 chapters. We were growing even faster now and had contributed thousands of dollars to the maintenance of Greek schools, the erection of Greek churches in many cities in this country, and our assistance to the Archdiocese of the Greek Orthodox Church and its Theological Seminary at Pomfret, Connecticut, ran well into the thousands. All this was still in addition to our regular annual contributions to the Community Chest, Red Cross and similar groups.

The First Excursion

With the Greeks being mariners from the beginning of time, and thrilled by the sea, we, their descendants, decided we ought to have excursions to Greece and took to the sea; and as the first sea voyage turned out such a great success, we made this an annual event. During the first excursion \$1,700 were given to Piraeus Hospital and \$2,000 to the Greek War Orphans.

We now had a monthly publication called *The Ahepa Bulletin*.

We began giving scholarships to worthy students of Greek extraction to assist them in completing their college work and thus become worthy citizens, and valuable assets in their respective communities. When Corinth, Greece, was destroyed by an earthquake we responded with contributions of over \$60,000, which sum was eventually used to erect the *Ahepa Agricultural School* in Vello, Corinth, Greece, and which was accepted by the Government of Greece and is still maintained and operated there.



Banquet held during Eighth National Convention, Boston, Mass., 1930

Kansas City was the seventh of our annual convention cities and we were soon meeting in the city that called itself the center of America, with 241 chapters on the fraternal books. At this convention, after considerable discussion, the present course of Ahepa's destiny was decided upon, which can be said set a true course for this fraternity of ideas and ideals to follow.

In May 1929 the first monthly magazine, *The Ahepa Magazine* was published with full length articles on all possible subjects made part of the policy of the editorial staff.

From there we set forth on another year of activities; in August, 1930, we find ourselves in Boston, Massachusetts, with a chapter roster of 267 answering present. At the

fraternity's expense of over six thousand dollars and with some

Dominion of Canada, making this an international organization. The excursions to Greece had now become an annual event



Parade scene during Eleventh National Convention held in Columbus, Ohio, 1934



Ahepa excursionists leaving the Metropolitan Cathedral of Athens during the 1934 excursion

10,000 Ahepans participating in a parade from Boston to Somerville, Massachusetts, with State and City officials and thousands of citizens having turned out to see the unveiling ceremonies, the Ahepa presented to the city of Somerville a bronze statue of World War I hero and posthumous Congressional Medal of Honor winner, George Dilboy. The Ahepa extended its jurisdiction into the

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August, 1932, finds us attending the tenth convention in Baltimore with some 301 chapters comprising the ranks of the Ahepa. The Ahepa had entered every state in the Union and Canada had now joined the cavalcade of Ahepa's march forward with chapters being established over the Provinces.

We thought by now that we were past the organizational stage and that we had arrived on the threshold of the fraternal world, for we had long since eliminated the Big Bad Wolf as a source of



The 1936 National Ahepa Banquet held in Washington, D. C.



The opening of the 1936 Convention held in St. Paul, Minnesota

trouble and our gallant knights could settle down and pursue their amorous quests, thus we decided we could have conventions every two years rather than annually as August of 1934 with a roster of 311 chapters.

Ahepa Scholarships

Scholarships had been one of our many activities and during the past few years we had contributed some fifteen thousand dollars to worthy students to continue their higher studies. Athletics

became a part of our activities and the senior organization sponsored many tournaments and athletic events for the juniors, *The Sons of Pericles*. Two years went by quickly and Columbus, Ohio, claimed the eleventh annual convention in August of 1934 with a roster of 311 chapters.

Chicago succeeded in playing host to the Ahepa again, ten years after its original role as host, so we returned to the windy city in August of 1935. This was quite a contrast to the first convention in 1925 which had 79



The North Building of the Ahepa Silver District Sanatorium, Albuquerque, N. Mex.



Supreme Lodge members with President Roosevelt, 1937



Ahepa excursionists attending ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Athens, Greece, in 1937

chapters wrapped up in our fraternal box. We had decided that we could now sponsor a hospital for surely it was time the fraternity could undertake a project of its own. The *Ahepa Sanatorium* was launched at this convention. After the thousands we had donated to the Florida-Mississippi Relief Fund, the Corinth Agricultural School, Ypsilanti Statue, Dilboy Monument, Athens Post of American Legion, Athens College Fund, Greek Y.M.C.A., Mana Sanatorium, Greek War Orphan National Museum in Athens, National Academy in Athens, Delphic Festivals, Ahepa Scholarships, Pomfret Theological Seminary, Greek Schools and Churches in the United States, we felt that the fraternity could well sponsor its own institution.



The 1938 Excursion to Greece

At this same convention the *Daughters of Penelope* and the *Maids of Athens* were adopted as the auxiliaries of the Ahepa.

Our efforts were also concentrated towards the raising of funds to begin operating the first national institution of the Ahepa, but this did not prevent the fraternity to rush financial aid to all the cities that suffered from the great flood of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers in the early part of 1937.

Another excursion was had with possibly the biggest number of excursionists to have gone on the Ahepa pilgrimages.

Syracuse, New York, was the 1937 convention city, and a worthy convention city it was following its many years of bidding for the convention. The Sanatorium was placed on

chapters while we now had 314 chapters in the United States and 16 chapters in Canada.

By now a week long convention had become a sort of ritual and we couldn't shorten the time even if we wanted; but with all this, the Constitution seemed to bear up splendidly after many onslaughts and proposed changes. The *Ahepa Emergency Fund*, commonly referred to as the *AEF*, was created by this convention, giving insurance benefits to the individual member.

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The organization, thus far, had amply demonstrated that, despite all else, it was a permanent institution in the lives of those who either migrated from the land of Greece or, having been born here were of Greek extraction, and the communities at large had come to respect and admire its broad principles and precepts. It had been a hard and upward climb; any undertaking of an educational nature must be so until it can prove by actual demonstration what it is trying to teach, and as we have stated so many times, the Ahepa was an *idea*.

The Greatest Organization

New Orleans, the Mardi Gras city, bedecked itself to entertain the fifteenth national convention. We had by now ac-

cepted the word convention rather than convocation which we had used in the early years of the fraternity. Ahepa could now claim the distinction that it was the oldest and the largest organization of its kind in the world, and certainly it was the best known. It had shown conclusively that unity and cooperation between people of Hellenic extraction could be a model of working efficiency when properly directed and supervised, and particularly where the paramount object was the advancement of the *idea* rather than the *person*.

Certainly selfishness enters into any enterprise and personalities are bound to inject themselves but it is to the credit of the structure of the fraternity and to the steadfastness of the individual member that all such have fallen and will continue to fall by the



The Supreme Lodge of 1939 paying their respects to the President of the United States



The Ahepa dedicates memorial flag-mast to Dr. Samuel Gridley Howe on campus of Brown University, Providence, during the Sixteenth National Convention held in that city, 1939



Scene from the National Banquet held in Washington, D. C., February, 1940



Scene from the 1942 National Banquet, Washington, D. C.

wayside as we travel along, intent on destroying bigotry and intolerance as personified by the Big Bad Wolf.

Providence, Rhode Island, had suffered from a devastating flood just a few months previous, but that in no way prevented it from entertaining the Sixteenth National Convention in August 1939, and there we took time to reflect on our past accomplishments and set our sights for the future for now we had reached our strongest point in membership, with 341 chapters in the Ahepa Domain. It could be argued that once our original plan had been completed, which could be called phase one, we should have changed our course and concentrated on phase two, but there still was much to be done and we continued our work as set by the convention.

March 1940 found the fourth National Banquet taking place in our nation's capital with more Senators and Congressmen in attendance than the previous banquet, as by



The 1941 Supreme Lodge visit to President Roosevelt

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Seattle, Washington, in the great northwest gave us one of the most memorable conventions ever held by the Ahepa in August 1940 marking the seventeenth meet, with 349 chapters being part and parcel of the fraternity.

The Greek War Relief was organized in this country to assist war-torn Greece, and the Ahepa gave material support to this worthy cause, helping in the raising of funds and sending of clothing.

The European War had been going on for some few months by now, and the Ahepa was watching with interest, as was the rest of the United States, the outcome of this struggle. In activities it was concentrating on a greater membership and greater solidification of the entire fraternity. Cincinnati, Ohio, beckoned as the convention city and we held the



Banquet by the Ahepa in honor of the late King of Greece, George II, held in New York City, June 20, 1942

eighteenth national convention in the Queen City in August 1941.

Due to the war in Europe the Ahepa excursions had been stopped for the time but the fifth National Banquet was held

in Washington in 1942.

Atlanta, Georgia, was the host city in a gala homecoming of Ahepa, recording the twentieth year of this now permanently established fraternity. It was a real homecoming with all of the founders in attendance, and if nothing else can be said of the fraternity it can at least point out that it did an outstanding service in helping destroy the legend of the Big Bad Wolf for it served as a sounding board both for its members and the public at large, in advancing tolerance and understanding.

By way of proof as to the success of these founding fathers, the first Atlanta convention boasted 35 chapters and now twenty years later in the same city were 351 chapters.

The War Years

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The Ahepa National Banquet held in Washington in 1946

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The Ahepa did an outstanding job in the sale of war bonds, during the various campaigns, selling over \$250,000,000. In March 1946 it held the sixth national banquet in Washington, D. C.

With special ceremonies at Hyde Park the Ahepa, by private contributions, presented to the people of the United States a bust of the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, which was called the *War President*.

Baltimore was the first convention city following the end of hostilities and it also proved to be one of the biggest ever held, marking the nineteenth convention. An appraisal was made of the work undertaken during the years when no convention was held and an accounting given to the fraternity, with 364 chapters now answering the roll call.

As an American organization it spoke in behalf of Greece at the Peace Conference and the United Nations.

In March 1947 the first airborne excursion to Greece was held and the primary undertaking of the Ahepa now was to build a hospital or hospitals in war torn Greece, for which it had raised over a million dollars.

As this commemorative issue comes off the press we are assembling in Los Angeles in the great state of California to pay our respects to the founders of this fraternity and to acknowledge the accomplishments which the years have brought from the efforts of each and every Ahepan.

We started this as a story but it is a story that is real and our narrative comes to a pleasing end, as the Ahepa shall con-



The War President



President Truman being initiated into the Ahepa by the Supreme Lodge at special ceremonies at the White House

tinue to serve despite any adversities that may come its way. It has travelled over a rugged road and the future should be no different as far as difficulties are concerned, for it has withstood trials and tests, and it shall always weather the storms of persons or groups because it has chartered a course of real service and it shall continue rendering such service.

With this the twenty-fifth, and what is described as the *silver* anniversary, the Ahepa can look back upon its many accomplishments with pride. In its years of service it has started some things without carrying them on to completion; it has also made some mistakes; but who among us can say that the national organization has not simultaneously done great good. It has spent millions of dollars for charitable causes by the national headquarters, which does not include what each individual chapter has given; it has sought out and championed every cause that elevates man to the exalted position he should occupy on earth, as intended by our Lord and Maker; it has sponsored education in its broadest aspects and has devotedly fought against movements intended to stop the progress of the world, and thus we can look to this *Ahepa of ours* which now consists of 369 chapters in the United States and Canada, and sincerely say it has rendered *twenty-five years of constructive service*.

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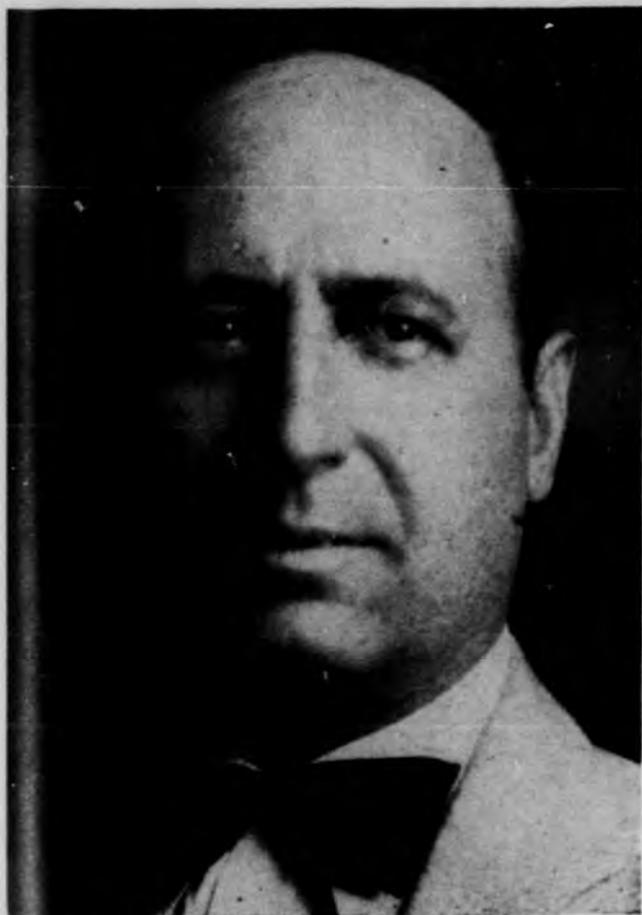
I feel it a great privilege and my good fortune in having been one of the organizers of this great fraternity of ours, and consider it an honor to have served as the *first* Supreme President.

To each and every Ahepan go my heartfelt thanks for the zeal and interest which has been shown by you in making the Ahepa such an outstanding organization. You deserve the highest commendation and praise, and my wish is to see the Ahepa continue on to greater accomplishments under your careful guidance.

NICK D. CHOTAS
Member, Mother Lodge
First Supreme President



Nick D. Chotas, Member, Mother Lodge



James Campbell, Member, Mother Lodge

I leave to the historian of the future whether or not some of the Mother Lodge members contributed sincerely and altruistically towards the position our order eminently holds.

JAMES CAMPBELL
Member, Mother Lodge
Supreme Vice President

I pay my respects to the other members of the Mother Lodge and to all the Ahepans, and feel proud in having been privileged in being one of the founders of this great organization. It is a source of real satisfaction.

However this may be, the greatness of the Ahepa would never had been realized had it not been for the zeal and sincere interest of the entire membership, for it is the individual member himself that has made this possible.

My sincere wish is that all shall enjoy the best of health for many years to come and that many of us shall celebrate Ahepa's fiftieth anniversary, and that our organization shall continue on to greater heights of accomplishment.

SPIROS J. STAMOS
Member, Mother Lodge
Supreme Secretary

AN IDEA THAT SUCCEEDED

BY H. ANGELOPOULOS
Member, Mother Lodge
Supreme Treasurer

To the hundreds of Ahepa chapters, the auxiliaries of Ahepa and to the thousands of members, I extend greetings.

On the Silver Anniversary of the founding of the Fraternity, I am happy to express by appreciation for your efforts, your support and your sacrifices. All of which was necessary to achieve Ahepa's greatness of today.



H. Angelopoulos, Member, Mother Lodge



Spiros J. Stamos, Member, Mother Lodge

The Hellene immigrant, previous to 1922, was misunderstood by the general public and not recognized as an important factor in the social and political life of this nation. As a reward to our honesty in business, our hard toil in making a living and our obedience to law, we felt there was a movement in process classifying the Greek an undesirable guest in the land, which movement culminated in public outbreaks against us in the southeastern section of the country.

There was an immediate need for organized and collective action. For months we discussed amongst ourselves ways for finding the best means of meeting the problem. These discussions resulted in a meeting which was the beginning of Ahepa. The men at this meeting were: Nick D. Chotas, James Campbell, George Polos, James Vlass, my brother John and myself. The decision of this meeting was to apply for a national charter by the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia.

In my capacity as the first Supreme Secretary I strived to convince the American public that the Greeks loved the country of their choice as their own and only needed time to become an integral and progressive part of the nation.

We were anxious to prepare for our families and children a place where they could meet on equal footing the citizens of their respective communities. To teach them to be proud of their Hellenic inheritance, which is also the basis of the American educational and political system, and to be rightfully proud of the land of their birth.

The vision of the founders has been realized. Our boys and girls are accepting the principles on which Ahepa was founded and are becoming members of our organizations. They are becoming leaders in their respective communities in all walks of endeavor and the prejudice of the minority of the early twenties has taken a back seat.

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THE GROWTH WAS NATURAL

BY **GEORGE A. POLOS**
Member, Mother Lodge
Supreme Governor

My first thought on the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Order of Ahepa is to extend my fraternal greetings and congratulations to the entire membership and to express my thanks and appreciation to those whose labor, love and loyalty contributed to its growth, expansion and development.

Secondly, it occurs to me the phenomenal favor with which the basic idea of the Fraternity was received and accepted by the Greeks in America is proof sufficient that the thought was not new or original with those of us who incorporated the Order and established its first *Supreme Lodge* in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Hellenic people everywhere keenly felt the lack of a national agency through which they could be held closer together in more frequent and systematic correspondence. Many of them dreamed of just such an organization as the Ahepa. When it was brought in their midst and properly presented to them they immediately recognized the living, working embodiment of what they thought and dreamed about for so long a time. No one needs to coax a thirsty man to drink when the water he craves is placed before him. Neither can the one who brings the water claim credit for the thirsty man's eagerness to drink the pitcher dry.

Another contributing factor to Ahepa's popularity was, and is, the pliability and malleability of its constitution, its system of government and purposes of existence. The Order was not poured in a mould and cast into an unbendable form. It was made adaptable to conform with the plan of every good purpose, to meet every emergency and to serve every need. This



George Polos, Member, Mother Lodge

feature made it possible for every member to fit his own ideas into the body politic of the Order to strive for the recognition and incorporation of his ideas, and to feel that the Ahepa is as much a part of his genius as he is a part of its membership.

My fervent hopes and prayers are that the democratic principles on which the Order was founded will endure and become stronger with age and that the future of the Ahepa will be as bright and glorious as its past.



George Campbell, Member, Mother Lodge

I believe in organizational work and in having respect for all peoples. Therefore, when the idea was conceived I was more than honored to be one of the founders and organizers of the Ahepa.

GEORGE J. CAMPBELL
Member, Mother Lodge
Supreme Governor



Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder

On the silver anniversary of the Order of Ahepa, it is indeed a pleasure to extend my congratulations and best wishes to the fifty thousand Americans of Greek descent who form the present membership of this splendid organization.

Founded in the City of Atlanta twenty-five years ago this month, Ahepa has grown with the passing years until it now supports lodges in all of the principal towns and cities of the United States. With constant loyalty and devotion to their adopted homeland, these local groups have made fine and lasting contribution to the social and economic development of their respective communities.

As Secretary of the Treasury, permit me to extend my thanks, and the thanks of all Americans, for the outstanding role played by the Order of Ahepa in the sale of United States War Bonds. More than a quarter-billion dollars worth of these securities were sold to investors as a result of the drive conducted through this organization—a splendid contribution, indeed, to the achievement of our recent victory.

I know that in the peaceful years ahead the Order of Ahepa will perpetuate the patriotic and progressive traits which have characterized its first quarter-century of service to the Nation.

JOHN W. SNYDER,
Secretary of the Treasury.

The expectations envisioned by the founders of your Order have been amply realized. As Americans you have, and are continuing to fulfill the responsibilities that go with good citizenship. You have contributed much toward keeping the flame of freedom burning here and over the world.

May the coming days hold for the members of your Order all the good things of life, and may the Order achieve even greater heights.

My warmest congratulations on its Silver Anniversary celebration.

TOM C. CLARK,
Attorney General.



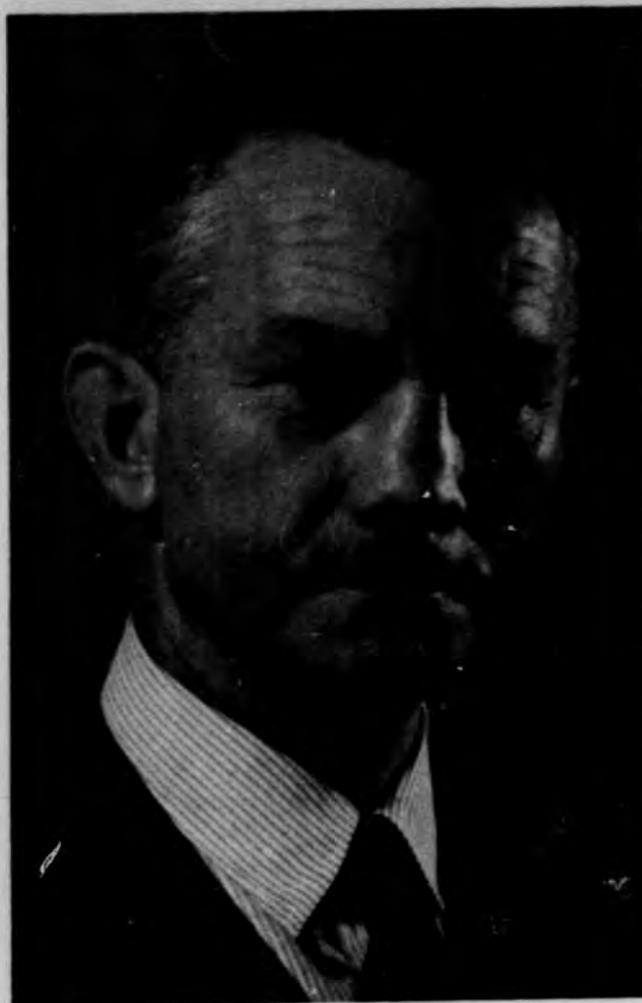
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On this twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Order of the Ahepa, my sincere wish is for the continued success of its activities and patriotic program.

JAMES FORRESTAL,
Secretary of the Navy



Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal



Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug

To the members of the Order of Ahepa I extend my congratulations upon the 25th anniversary of its founding, and also my sincere wishes for continued success in all its undertakings.

I know that you will continue to render the many valuable services to our country which have distinguished the record of your organization in years past.

J. A. KRUG
Secretary of the Interior



Secretary of Commerce W. A. Harriman

I am pleased to extend my greetings and my congratulations to the members of Ahepa as you celebrate a quarter-century of accomplishment in promoting harmonious understanding, loyalty to our National ideals and appreciation of the privileges and duties of citizenship.

The principles to which you are devoted comprise the very essence of democracy. This is as it should be, for it was from the philosophies developed by the ancestors of your members that mankind early gained the great concepts of liberty and freedom of the individual.

Those concepts now stand at a modern Thermopylae. The field can be held, it must be held, and it will be held, by the promulgation of democratic ideals; by the perfecting of harmonious understanding between ourselves and others; by the stimulation of a feeling of good fellowship and cooperation among all peoples and all nations. Your growth under these principles is the proof of it. Your example, particularly at this time, is a torch of hope to the troubled souls of mankind everywhere.

LEW SCHWELLENBACH,
Secretary of Labor.

I am pleased to send my greetings to the members of the Order of Ahepa on the 25th anniversary of its founding. The occasion gives me a welcome opportunity to commend your organization for the contributions you have made to the present good will and friendship that exist between the United States and Greece. I am happy to commend you for your past good works and am confident your future will be even more remarkable.

W. AVERELL HARRIMAN,
Secretary of Commerce.



Secretary of Labor Lew Schwellenbach

To the members of The Order of Ahepa, I send greetings. The traditions of the United States Navy reflect back to 1775 when the Continental Navy flew the Rattlesnake Navy Jack from the bow of the *Alfred*, upon whose decks John Paul Jones served as First Lieutenant. These one hundred and seventy-two years are a short period, indeed, compared to the earliest traditions of Sea-Air Power of our Western Civilization's heritage from the Hellenic race.

The examples set so long ago by Greeks have been epitomized by the fight of the United Nations in World War II against Axis aggression. In this fight, the Greek people have played the same courageous part that their ancestors played in the earlier life and death struggle for the preservation of Democracy.

To all of the Greek-Americans, who so faithfully served in the American Armed Forces—and to those on the home front who so sacrificially supported the Nation by purchasing over a half billion dollars of War Bonds to support the Armed Forces—The Navy expresses its gratitude and admiration.

C. W. NIMITZ,
Fleet Admiral, U.S.N.,
Chief of Naval Operations.



Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz



General Alexander A. Vandegrift

On behalf of the officers and men of the United States Marine Corps, it is my pleasure to salute the members of The Ahepa on the occasion of your Silver Anniversary.

The ideals of patriotism and good citizenship for which you stand are shared by all of us. They are the foundation that has made our country great, and we of the Marine Corps are happy to join you in pledging renewed devotion to these ideals.

GENERAL A. A. VANDEGRIFT,
Commandant of the Marine Corps.



Representative Charles A. Halleck

I congratulate the Order of Ahepa on its Silver Anniversary. It was my privilege to address your National Convention at Cincinnati some years ago and I was inspired by the fine and patriotic spirit shown there. I think your organization is indeed helpful.

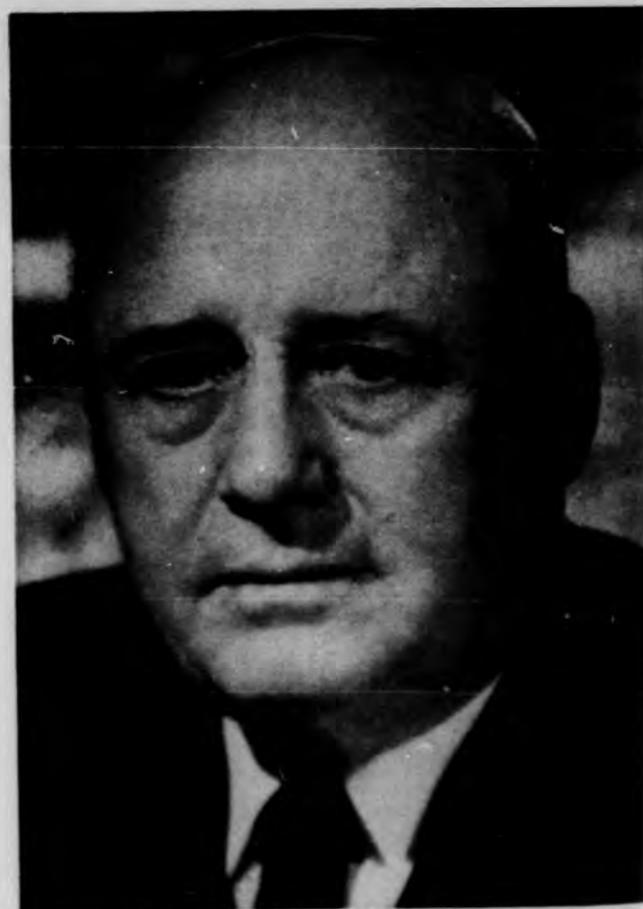
SAM RAYBURN
Member of Congress
Minority Leader of the House

I am happy to join the many friends of the Order of Ahepa in celebrating its Silver Anniversary. It has contributed much to our country through practical application of high ideals.

The radiance of fraternal good fellowship is not limited to the circle of approximately fifty thousand members of The Ahepa. During peace and during war your organization has been a channel for good, because of stalwart adherence to the principles of our Republic.

Now that your organization has reached its twenty-fifth anniversary it is a time for review of what has been accomplished. I salute The Ahepa on its Silver Anniversary and hope for its continued growth in well-doing throughout the years.

CHARLES A. HALLECK,
Member of Congress
Majority Leader of the House



Representative Sam Rayburn



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As the Representative of Greece in this great country, I take particular pleasure in extending my heartfelt greetings and congratulations to the Order of Ahepa on the occasion of its Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

The Members of The Order may justly take pride in the achievements of their organization, and in the knowledge that they have faithfully served the high ideals for which it was founded.

The people of Greece do not forget all that the Members have done to draw ever closer the ties that bind us to our common Mother Country, and it is my fervent hope that in the years to come the Order of Ahepa may continue its high mission of service.

VASSILI DENDRAMIS
*Ambassador of Greece to the United States
Permanent Delegate to the United Nations*

The Governors Send Their Greetings



Governor Sidney P. Osborn

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Order of Ahepa upon the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding. I am sure that you derive great satisfaction in reviewing the events of the past quarter century and the contribution made by the Greek American community to the unity of our nation.

This contribution was particularly marked during the years of war when so many young men of Greek American descent served in our Armed Forces and the members of your organization took part in war bond and charity drives.

With best wishes for the continued growth of your Order in the years to come.

EARL WARREN
Governor of California

I felicitate the Order of Ahepa on the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of the organization. It can be said with truth, that the organization now has a long life, as well as a useful one.

Of the many good and generous acts of the American Greeks, I think none has been better or more generally appreciated, than their undertaking to provide a hospital in the City of Athens for the needy people of Greece.

I have been very pleased to note that our Greek citizens of Arizona, including many members of the Ahepa Order, have more than subscribed their quota for this noble and worthy project. Also, I have observed with pleasure that our citizens of Greek ancestry in Arizona can always be depended upon to subscribe generously to any deserving public charity. They are fine citizens of our state.

SIDNEY P. OSBORN
Governor of Arizona



Governor Earl Warren

On the occasion of the twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of the Order of Ahepa, I extend warm greetings and felicitations to the officers and members and my congratulations personally, and on behalf of the people of Florida, for the many worthy accomplishments of the Order.

M. F. CALDWELL
Governor of Florida



Governor Millard F. Caldwell



Acting Governor M. E. Thompson

Let me join the other friends of Ahepa in expressing felicitations upon the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of your organization.

The work that you are doing in keeping alive the sacred memories and traditions, in inculcating a better understanding, and in stressing the devoted patriotism is most important in these days.

I hope that your Order will flourish as it so richly deserves.

With highest personal regards and all good wishes

M. E. THOMPSON
Acting Governor of Georgia



Governor C. A. Robins

The Twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Order of Ahepa is an occasion which calls to mind the organization's growth and accomplishments throughout past years. The record is gratifying.

I welcome this opportunity to extend my most cordial congratulations to all the officers and members of the Mother Lodge and the Fraternity, together with my best wishes for future usefulness and success.

DWIGHT H. GREEN
Governor of Illinois



Governor Dwight H. Green

On the twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of the Order of Ahepa, I should like, as Governor of the State of Idaho, to express my felicitations to the Ahepa and my best wishes for many more anniversaries of this excellent Order.

C. A. ROBINS
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It affords me a great deal of pleasure to extend greetings and good wishes to the Order of Ahepa, on the occasion of the celebrating of its Twenty-fifth Anniversary during July of this year.

I am very proud of my membership in this Organization, and the many friends I have made and associated with in Indiana in the Organization.

Allow me on this occasion to commend you for your high ideals for which your Organization stands, and for the great fight they have made and are making for a courageous people.

With sincere best wishes for continued success in future years.

RALPH F. GATES
Governor of Indiana



Governor Ralph F. Gates



Governor Robert D. Blue

I want to extend greetings to the Order of Ahepa and the Membership, who in July of this year will celebrate their Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

Consistent effort through the period of twenty-five years is bound to leave its mark, and that is one of the reasons that the Order today needs no introduction. The events of and following the recent war gave added incentive to still greater working, and the Order of Ahepa is to be congratulated for the part they played during this time.

ROBERT D. BLUE
Governor of Iowa



Governor Horace Hildreth

As Governor of the State of Maine I convey greetings and felicitations to the Order of Ahepa on the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of its founding.

The achievements of this organization are outstanding, and the thousands of members, who are Americans of Hellenic extraction, have built Ahepa into a really great fraternity.

The State of Maine is proud of its Greek citizens and of the worthy objectives and programs that they have initiated and accomplished.

With all good wishes to the Order of Ahepa in its service to our fellow-men.

HORACE HILDRETH
Governor of Maine

I am happy to have the privilege, through THE AHEPAN, to extend to Americans of Hellenic descent, the congratulations of the people of Maryland upon the attainment by the *Order of Ahepa* of its quarter of a century record of fraternal achievements.

WILLIAM PRESTON LANE, JR.
Governor of Maryland



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I am very happy to send the greetings of the Commonwealth as well as my warm personal wishes to the Order of Ahepa as it celebrates the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding.

Wishing you continued success in your commendable program.

ROBERT F. BRADFORD
Governor of Massachusetts



Governor Robert F. Bradford



Governor Kim Sigler

As Governor of Michigan, it is a pleasure to send greetings to the Order of Ahepa on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding.

Your patriotic efforts during the war, when the members of Ahepa made such a magnificent record of war bond sales and purchases, were an inspiration to all of us.

During this critical period when totalitarian ideologies threaten the democratic ideals which we in this country owe in large part to the Hellenic tradition, it is fitting to pay tribute to the men and women of Greek descent who have made such a rich contribution to the nation.

With best wishes, as you start your second quarter-century of service.

KIM SIGLER,
Governor of Michigan.



Governor Luther W. Youngdahl

It is indeed a pleasure for me to extend my congratulations to the Order of Ahepa on the occasion of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of its founding.

The progress made in the fulfillment of those most worthy aims and purposes of the Mother Lodge and the great fraternity itself is something in which all the officers and members can take much pride.

That a special issue of THE AHEPAN is to be issued in commemoration of this notable event in the history of the Order is particularly fitting; and that it will be carefully read and studied by all interested in continued advancement of those things so worth while that Ahepa represents is my sincere wish.

SAM C. FORD
Governor of Montana

My best wishes go to Ahepa on this twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding. I congratulate its many members throughout America. Your ideals of public service, vision and true humanitarian purposes make Ahepa an outstanding asset to our society.

Greece, the birthplace of democracy, has given to the world a priceless cultural and political heritage. Our citizens of Greek descent have made a significant contribution to the building of America. Ahepa has served nobly in maintaining the strong bond of friendship and understanding between the Greek homeland and America. May Ahepa continue to prosper and serve in the days ahead.

LUTHER W. YOUNGDAHL
Governor of Minnesota



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I am pleased to send greetings from Nebraska to the Order of Ahepa on its Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

We of Nebraska are proud of our four chapters and the splendid work they are doing. Our chapters have always been a constructive force in Nebraska and the United States and certainly they will continue to be so throughout these troublesome times in which we find ourselves.

VAL PETERSON
Governor of Nebraska



Governor Val Peterson



Governor Vail Pittman

It pleases me very much to have the opportunity on behalf of the people of the State of Nevada to extend felicitations and every good wish to the members of Ahepa on the twenty-fifth anniversary of your order.

The citizens of our Country and of my State can never forget the valiance—the courage—of the Greek Nation during the dark years of the war. We know there are no other people of the world who more earnestly desire the preservation of freedom and democracy and who have contributed more to this end.

American citizens of Hellenic descent have upheld in our grand Country all that we hold sacred. I commend you for your splendid citizenship.

You have my kindest personal regards and good wishes.

VAIL PITTMAN
Governor of Nevada



Governor Charles M. Dale

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to offer my congratulations to the Order of the Ahepa on the occasion of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of the organization.

The people of America have a great regard for citizens of Greek extraction. The whole Democratic world was inspired by the example set by the Greek nation early in the war when it so heroically resisted aggression.

The order of Ahepa has accomplished much good in a humanitarian way by helping those in need, and I want to extend to all members my sincere greetings and best wishes.

THOMAS J. MABRY
Governor of New Mexico

It is a source of great pride to me, as a member of the Order of Ahepa, to extend a greeting through the Supreme Lodge on the occasion of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of the organization.

The Order made its full weight felt on the side of the United States and her Allies during the recent war. Soon thereafter, the Order of Ahepa, which had established its reputation for patriotic and philanthropic activities, took the leadership in raising a two million dollar fund for erection of a one thousand-bed hospital in Athens, Greece.

This was but another demonstration of the true characteristic of Greek people everywhere, because they have always been known as lovers of freedom and helpers of their fellow men in need of assistance.

CHARLES M. DALE
Governor of New Hampshire



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I am happy to send warm greetings to the members of the Order of Ahepa together with my congratulations on the celebration of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of the organization.

In its quarter of a century of existence the Order of Ahepa has been outstanding among the patriotic and philanthropic organizations of our free Republic. You have been true to the human principles of extending help to those who needed it wherever they were. Your devotion to democratic ideals has been in every way expressive of the passion for freedom that the people of the United States share with the people of Hellas.

Those people at present are in sore need of help and I am deeply happy that the government of the United States is about to bring genuine aid to the stricken people of Greece. I feel very earnestly that it is to our interest as well as to others to help them achieve prosperity, security and true democracy.

THOMAS E. DEWEY
Governor of New York



Governor Thomas E. Dewey



Governor R. Gregg Cherry

My attention is called to the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Ahepa during July, 1947. I am pleased to be a member in good standing of Ahepa. Throughout my membership, I have found the Order fruitful with good fellowship, patriotic in its teachings and most constructive in its every endeavor.

Founded upon the motto *To arouse mankind to the realization that tyranny is a menace to life, liberty and prosperity*, such motto truly expresses the glorious history of Greece and establishes tenets of inspiration to liberty-loving people throughout the World.

I am happy to send you my personal and official greetings for a Happy Anniversary. I express the hope that many more quarter-centuries of useful existence will bless the progress of the Order.

R. GREGG CHERRY
Governor of North Carolina



Governor Thomas J. Herbert

It gives me great pleasure, as Governor of Ohio, to felicitate the Order of Ahepa, on the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of its founding.

I am familiar with its traditions of Hellenic culture which teaches understanding and respect toward the language, history and traditions of the Hellenic race and which also exemplifies faith in God and practices benevolence and mutual helpfulness in conformity with Christian teachings.

I congratulate the Order of Ahepa on its members and to the nation at large. I extend my best wishes for its continuance and growth.

THOMAS J. HERBERT
Governor of Ohio

I wish to take this means of felicitating the Order of Ahepa on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of this organization. May I extend to you my sincere good wishes for the continued success of your organization.

ROY J. TURNER
Governor of Oklahoma



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It is a distinct pleasure to offer congratulations and best wishes upon the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of this fine organization.

The *Order of Ahepa* is doing a very commendable work and has earned great credit for its high ideals and lofty purposes.

May I extend, on behalf of the people of Oregon, our best wishes for many more years of service to the people of the United States and of Greece, and our hope that the ties of friendship between the two nations will grow and prosper in a lasting era of peace, comradeship and mutual understanding.

EARL SNELL
Governor of Oregon



Governor Earl Snell



Governor James H. Duff

In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania thousands of citizens of Greek birth or ancestry are demonstrating their devotion to the principles that are the foundation of American life. To their credit, these citizens also retain love for the land of their forefathers and pride in its ancient culture.

On the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Order of Ahepa I am glad to express to the officers and members of that organization appreciation of their part in the advancement of Pennsylvania and of this Nation.

JAMES H. DUFF,
Governor of Pennsylvania.



Governor John O. Pastore

On the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the Order of Ahepa, may I extend on behalf of the people of South Carolina congratulations and best wishes for success in your future work. Your Organization has undertaken many worthwhile projects in the past, and I am sure that it will contribute greatly toward accomplishing that way of life of which America is capable and which we all so much desire. I commend your Organization for its work.

J. STROM THURMOND
Governor of South Carolina

From the very early days of recorded history, the ancient culture of Greece has shone through the centuries with undiminishing intensity, brilliantly illuminating the twisting highway over which mankind has struggled to attain the heights of true civilization.

The story of her people has left an indelible impression upon the broad table of knowledge and has been a glowing example of beneficial influence in training the youth of the world in the arts, sciences, and humanities.

Against tremendous odds, the superb courage of these valiant people in their heroic struggle to combat the imperialistic militarists who sought to destroy the peace-loving nations of the world, not only was an inspiration to the Allied Cause but moreover, proved that a real and indomitable love of freedom can never be mortally crushed under the wheels of the most ponderous war machine.

We are all deeply indebted to these brave people of Greece. We know how they have suffered from the ravages of war.

Accordingly, I take this opportunity to extend my congratulations and felicitations to the Order of Ahepa, whose members have long been recognized as possessed of civic loyalty, community pride and staunch patriotism.

JOHN O. PASTORE
Governor of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations



Governor J. Strom Thurmond

It is my pleasure to offer the congratulations of the people of South Dakota to the members of the Order of Ahepa on the occasion of their 25th anniversary. After years of war the hope of nearly the entire world is for real peace and freedom from want and fear and the members of this great organization have for a quarter of a century practiced brotherly love and helped to impress upon others their duty to democracy and good government.

GEORGE T. MICKELSON,
Governor of South Dakota.



Governor George T. Mickelson



Governor Jim McCord

On this, the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Order of Ahepa, I wish to extend felicitations from the people of Tennessee.

The high purpose to which your order is dedicated toward the relief of the distressed citizens of Greece has the commendation of all people throughout the world who are interested in the freedom and progress of all nations.

Because of the influence Greece has had in the architectural design of our public buildings, particularly in the Capital City of Nashville which is known as *The Athens of the South*, Tennessee has an unusual regard for the people of Greece not only for their magnificent resistance to the forces of oppression, but also for the contribution Greece has made to the cultural advancement of our state and nation.

My compliments to you upon the success of both Ahepa and The Ahepan.

JIM MCCORD,
Governor of Tennessee.



Governor Beauford H. Jester

I send you my sincere greetings and best wishes on your Twenty-fifth anniversary. Your organization is playing a leading part in the program to help your Mother Country—one of the cradles of Democracy. There is always strength in groups like yours that have been formed for worthwhile action, and wholesome fellowship.

I join you in this publication of THE AHEPAN that is issued in honor of the members of the Mother Lodge and the fraternity. May your cause live on and grow is my sincere wish.

BEAUFORD H. JESTER,
Governor of Texas.

Please accept my personal congratulations on this the 25th anniversary of the founding of your organization.

It is significant that we are celebrating here the 100th anniversary of the entrance of the first pioneers in the State of Utah. With best wishes.

HERBERT B. MAW,
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It is indeed a privilege and a pleasure to send my greetings to my brother Ahepans on their 25th anniversary. The tradition and loyalty of the Greek people of this country has served as a forerunner to our American way of life, and I might say without fear of contradiction that the Greek people all over the world are serving nobly and making sacrifices beyond human expectation so that *Democracy* may survive.

I salute you all and wish that I could be with you in person, but the arduous duties of this office make it impossible for me to attend your anniversary meeting. However, I do want to congratulate you all on your splendid service and loyalty to this country of ours and ask you to carry on for the betterment of people all over the world.

ERNEST W. GIBSON
Governor of Vermont



Governor Ernest W. Gibson



Governor William M. Tuck

It is a great pleasure for me to extend greetings and best wishes to the thousands of members of the Order of Ahepa on the occasion of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of this fine organization.

I earnestly hope the Ahepans will continue to observe and promote democratic ideals upon which the order is founded. Your order is making a very real contribution to the betterment of American society.

WILLIAM M. TUCK
Governor of Virginia



Governor Mon C. Wallgren

On behalf of the people of West Virginia, I take pleasure in tendering to the entire membership of the Order of Ahepa, my sincere congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of your fraternity to be observed in July.

We count among the fine assets of our State the approximately fifteen hundred members of this Order included in its seven chapters in West Virginia, and we are happy that they are West Virginians.

Many, if not most of the members of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, came to our shore from their ancient kingdom which cradled the culture of modern civilization, and we regard their coming as an enriching addition to our Country.

Wishing you continued success, and with highest regards.

CLARENCE W. MEADOWS
Governor of West Virginia

I am happy to have the opportunity to send, on behalf of the people of the State of Washington, a message of greeting and felicitation to the members of your fine organization upon the occasion of its 25th anniversary.

America has been fortunate in having among its citizens many groups such as yours, composed of peoples derived from other nations. These have become a vital part of our nation and our communities, and have contributed greatly to our national growth and strength. The Order of Ahepa is one of these groups, and a valuable one. Its members come from a courageous and intelligent country. In the long growth of civilization Greece made a contribution second to none, and its history is replete with incidents demonstrating its never faltering adherence to democratic ideals.

I wish for the Order of Ahepa continued increase in its membership and in its influence

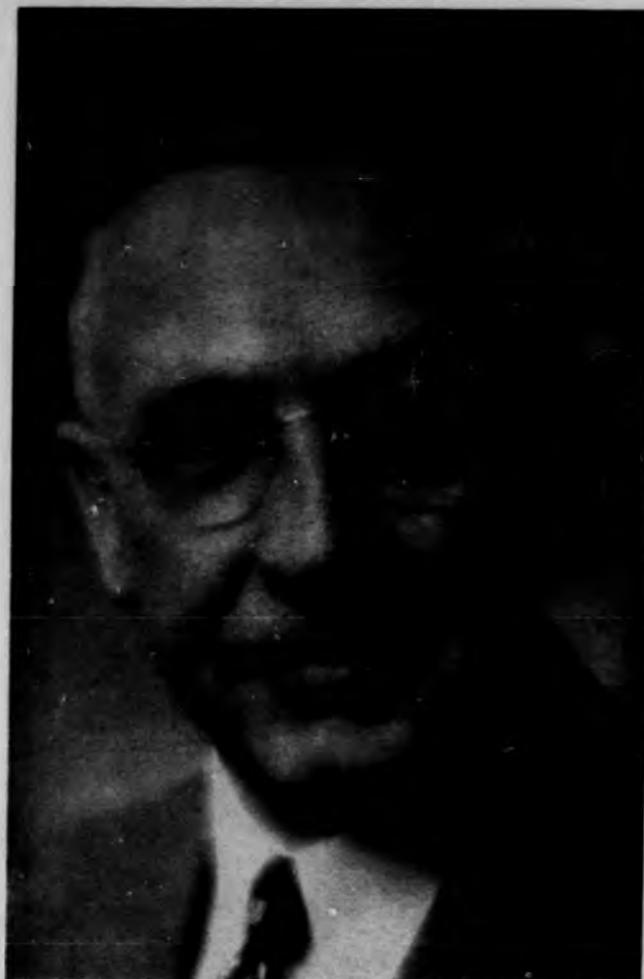
MON C. WALLGREN,
Governor of Washington.



Governor Clarence W. Meadows

It is a pleasure for me to extend greetings to the Order of Ahepa on the occasion of its Twenty-fifth Anniversary and to wish for Ahepa continued success in carrying out its splendid aims and purposes.

OSCAR RENNEBOHM
Acting Governor of Wisconsin



Acting Governor Oscar Rennebohm



Governor Lester C. Hunt

It is indeed a pleasure to send to the members of the Order of Ahepa, greetings and congratulations from Wyoming on the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of the organization.

Since its inception, the Order of Ahepa has developed into a highly respected and successful organization in the Nation and Wyoming, and we of Wyoming extend our very best wishes for its continued success.

LESTER C. HUNT
Governor of Wyoming

Twenty-five Years of Ahepanism



HARRIS J. BOORAS

BY HARRIS J. BOORAS
Supreme President

It came to pass that in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, on the twenty-sixth day of July, the cornerstone was laid, in the City of Atlanta, Georgia, for a great fraternal edifice. Up to that time, many attempts had been made to organize the Hellenic element in the United States, but without a great deal of success.

The life of the immigrant from the Hellenic homeland had been of about thirty years duration only, and his early trials, tribulations and hard labors, as well as his domestic and patriotic ties with the land of his birth, had somewhat deterred him from exerting any real serious endeavor in organizing on a permanent basis. For, indeed, the early immigrant came here as but a visitor, holding his ties and his dreams for a return back home. Consequently, this early stage of his career gave him no impulse nor opportunity for a permanent union.

A few, however, began to think in different terms as they viewed the great opportunities and blessings that were unfolding before them in this great American democracy. They decided that in this land of freedom and happiness lay their destiny and their future, as well as that of their dear ones; and so they began to bring here their families, and others would return and bring their brides. Thus, the idea of permanency finally began to reveal itself in the plans of the recently arrived immigrant from Greece.

Then, the First World War came and 67,000 American-Hellenes donned the American uniform and fought on the battle fields of France. Many lost their lives and those who returned realized that in America was their destiny, having purchased their rights to citizenship and its blessings upon the field of honor. So the war brought about a complete metamorphosis, not only to the valiant youth that went to battle, but also to those who awaited their return back home in the States. It was now felt that this was the land of their

choice, their life and their future and here they were to make permanent their abode. So they diligently assumed the task of establishing for themselves and their posterity a place of honor and a place of dignity under the American flag, mindful always of the grave responsibilities which their great heritage of noble traditions, high principles, and ideals imposed upon them.

Thus, the Hellenic immigrant settled down and went to work establishing communities, erecting churches and schools and so organizing himself with a view of a permanent stay in this great land. Ever mindful that he must preserve the sanctity of his family, his customs and traditions, his language, his religion, he realized that he must mould his life nobly and sincerely into the American way of life and under American standards and American traditions in order that he might receive the genuine respect, recognition and approbation of his fellow citizens. He enrolled in night-schools so that he might perfect himself in the language and the customs of America and proceeded to naturalize himself and become a good law abiding American citizen.

So, the American-Hellene of 1922 was more or less ready for a movement that would bring him together with his fellow citizens throughout the length and breadth of America under the roof of a great brotherhood. And so eight good men and true, genuine Americans of Hellenic tradition and descent, gathered in the Hellenic Orthodox church building of Atlanta, Georgia and proceeded to organize the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, known as the Order of Ahepa. How well did they enunciate the ever-steady and unwavering principles of this great fraternity in their first expression of organizing, as follows:

That the purpose of this association is to advance and promote pure and undefiled Americanism among the Greeks of the United States, its territories and colonial possessions.

to educate the Greeks in the matter of democracy, and government of the United States and for the general promotion of fraternity, sociability and the practice of benevolent aid among this nationality.

Giving the newly conceived organization patriotic and educational character they wisely provided that it always remain as a non-partisan and non-sectarian Order. And so, these venerable organizers, who are commonly known as the founders of Ahepa, after promulgating these noble principles of a great fraternal movement, on the 26th of July, 1922, proceeded and elected themselves as the first officers as follows: Nick D. Chotas, Supreme President; Harry Angelopoulos, Supreme Treasurer; Speros J. Stamos, Supreme Secretary; John Angelopoulos, Supreme Warden; James Vlass, George A. Polos, George Campbell and James Campbell, Supreme Governors. The articles of government provided for the creation of superior and subordinate lodges, (similar to District Lodges and Chapters of today). On the next day, July 27th, they officially signed the petition for a charter, which was finally granted by the State of Georgia on September 25, 1922.

Enough cannot be said about these noble pioneers of this great Order for they had faith and determination and succeeded, with great self-sacrifice unto themselves, to cause to be organized thirty two Chapters and initiated 1300 members by the time the first National Convention was called in Atlanta on October 14, 1923. From then on this fraternal procession began to grow with triumphant proportions, with Conventions held every year thereafter and with thousands upon thousands of members being initiated into the ranks of the brotherhood. And so today, twenty five years after its inception, the fraternity is blessed with an enrollment of three hundred and sixty five Chapters throughout the length and breadth of the United States and Canada and with a similar number of auxiliaries, in the Sons of Pericles, Daughters of Penelope and Maids of Athens.

The story that we shall now present, therefore, shall not involve itself with the organizational work of the fraternity, but we shall delve into the history of its accomplishments, its inventory of records and the prospectus of its future. It must be a story that sounds like a romance of patriotic, charitable and humanitarian endeavor; and so we proceed to tell it in the best possible terms.

I. Educational Work, etc.

(a) Self-Americanization

The first function of the Order was to devote itself to a true self-Americanization movement so that its members, as well as others of Hellenic descent, might be inculcated with the tenets and principles of American democracy, a true love and respect for American institutions, a knowledge and respect for American history and traditions and reverence and obedience to the laws and the Constitution of the United States. Moreover, it became obligatory that every man being initiated into the fraternity must be an American citizen or must pledge to become one at his earliest opportunity. And so the Chapters of Ahepa became forums of American education, with classes being organized in the form of night schools, for members, as well as others, to learn the true greatness of the American democracy and to appreciate the privilege and the responsibilities of American citizenship. Many speakers and lecturers were regularly invited to private, as well as open, meetings in Ahepa Chapters. Thus, Ahepa served as a great medium through which thousands upon thousands, who heretofore had no opportunity for education, could be enlightened and educated in

all these great attributes and principles that are known as Americanism. To such an extent was this great work recognized, that when applicants appeared in the U. S. Courts for admission into citizenship, they were immediately admitted by the presiding justices when it appeared on the application that they were members of the Order of Ahepa.

(b) Meetings, etc., media of education, development of prestige, etc.

Before the advent of Ahepa, there had been no real education of the Hellenic constituency in the proper manner and method of holding meetings, acting as officers, using parliamentary decorum, or in the making of public speeches. The Ahepa changed all this, for no sooner was a man initiated into the great mysticisms of the fraternity, than he received education and enlightenment as to conduct and mannerism in the orderly holding of meetings and to the appropriate parliamentary procedure required therewith. Gradually the member was urged for the wider use of the American language to make motions and participate in debates, and thus he unconsciously developed self-assertion and self-confidence in his style, in his decorum and in his ability to reason and speak his thoughts. Next, he was elected to an officer's post, from which he was given responsibility to learn and administer ritualistic work, as well as to plan out programs and work for his Chapter and his community.

Thus, by this constant attendance at meetings and participating in the work and the deliberations, listening as he did to speakers and lecturers, he constantly educated himself, and finally, by the selection of the members, he was elevated to the office of President of his Chapter. Thus, he displayed courage and assumed the duties which necessitated not only that he should learn the proper parliamentary procedure, but that he should also make public addresses, as well as appear before other civil and educational bodies in his community as a representative of his Chapter. He thus became a leader and that leadership and that education reflected in himself, in his daily conduct, in business, in associations and in receiving a better appraisal and recognition among his fellow citizens.

Social functions were organized, such as dances, banquets, public installations, etc., where the Governor of the State and Mayors and other prominent citizens attended. His actions in properly representing his Chapter and the Hellenic element reflected itself in the eulogies that were received for the Order of Ahepa and its officers by the leading citizens of the community. So much so that Governors, Senators, Congressmen, Mayors and other high officials and leaders readily and willingly accepted to become members of the Order of Ahepa and to participate in this noble patriotic and educational movement.

By these meetings, socials, parades, speeches, presentations before officials, and gradual participation in all community affairs, Ahepa members and generally the entire Hellenic element of each community, received justly the highest approbation and good will of the entire municipality. Our fellow citizens recognized our altruistic sincerity and devotion to our great country America and thus praised us highly for our full and genuine participation in all civic and philanthropic work.

Ahepa Chapters and its members became full participants in all functions of the community and some of them were appointed to public office because of this high rating that was acquired. In addition, Ahepa Chapters and its members became the leaders in community life, and participated impressively and with a high record in Red Cross, War Bond and Community Drives, as well as in all other types of patriotic and benevolent activity.

Ahepa brought their education, thus attained, into the Greek churches, and soon more effective and orderly meetings were realized in community gatherings, as well as more effective and impressive ceremonies in all community functions. In short, Ahepa transformed her timid Hellenic immigrant into a full-fledged, well-educated and highly respected American citizen in every community in the United States. By acts and deeds and contributions, therefore, Ahepa became a noble institution in America and was fully recognized as a truly great American fraternal brotherhood. To such extent did Ahepa's prestige and reputation arrive that even Presidents of the United States readily accepted membership and took the oath of office as brothers in the ranks of the Order.

(c) Publicity

In line with our patriotic, charitable and educational work, Ahepa succeeded in becoming the greatest selling agency of the Hellenic element in the United States, for our activities became translated in the form of editorials as well as articles and pictures, which appeared constantly in the American press; and our fellow citizens thus realized that the Hellenic element was always alive and active in all noble matters of endeavor in the community. Thus Ahepa's activities were praised with most effective write-ups in the American press throughout the United States and the American people took cognizance of the fact that the Americans of Hellenic descent were always in the foreground in everything that was noble and of service to our fellow citizens. Quotations appeared from our speakers, as well as our guests at banquets and other functions, whether they were Chapter sponsored or nationally sponsored and the stock of the Hellenic element thus rose higher and higher with every turn of the year, to such an extent that it was no longer a problem for us to receive greater publicity than perhaps any other racial group organization in the United States. Indeed, in a recent article in *Life* magazine, depicting the autobiography of President Truman, it was most noteworthy to observe that the only organization to which the President belonged, composed of foreign descent, was the archontic Order of Ahepa.

No longer was it any problem for us to be honored at our functions by the most eminent citizens of public life and to be the recipients of extraordinary eulogies and commendations.

In our national banquets, held bi-annually in Washington, D. C. Ahepa's prestige is so high that these banquets are fully attended by almost three-quarters of the members of the United States Congress, including members of the Cabinet and other outstanding citizens.

Then we proceed to establish a national publication. In its early inception it had the character of a bulletin and then it became a full-fledged national magazine going to every American-Hellenic family in the United States and Canada as well as into the hands of every member of Congress, every State and municipal leader and to all colleges, universities and public libraries. Thus, a more serious aspect of our educational work was assumed and Ahepa's magazine became the forum of the greatest literary and fraternal presentations and writings. Our magazine served not only to depict our fraternal activity, but also to enlighten public opinion on many subjects and many problems effecting the welfare of America, as well as our motherland, Greece. To such an extent did the prestige of our publication rise that we are graced with contributive articles and eulogies from the President of the United States, Senators, Congressmen, Governors, outstanding writers and scholars, educators, ecclesiastics and so on down the line, the highest and the best of American intellect.

Our children took this Ahepan magazine to school and

displayed them to their teachers and their fellow students and thus built for themselves greater prestige and respect because their fathers were thus so nobly engaged in this great fraternal educational and humanitarian movement. Because of our work, the youth became prouder and prouder in the fact that their parents were of Hellenic heritage and that they were possessed of Hellenic blood.

District and Chapter publications came into being and thus another glorious forum of publicity was inaugurated for the recording and the coverage of local activities and subjects.

The circulars and communications from the Supreme Lodge, as well as the District Lodge and Chapters to the members served also as a nucleus for enlightenment and education for our members on many problems and subjects that confront us.

Another aspect of our educational work was through the medium of radio, for our speakers, being well prepared and enlightened on various subjects, found themselves regularly before the microphone moulding public opinion and bringing added prestige and reputation to our race in the country.

(d) Scholarships

Ahepa, from its very inception, inaugurated a system whereby scholarships were granted by the Supreme Lodge to needy students in colleges and universities and later, this responsibility was assigned to the District. Thus, many students, numbering approximately 5,000 were assisted in their study through scholarships by the Order of Ahepa. A fair calculation of the amounts thus donated through the twenty five years of our fraternal life is the sum of approximately \$50,000.

(e) Athletics, etc.

It is also noteworthy to observe that during the life of our Order, great attention was given to athletic programs by National, Districts and Chapters. Baseball, football, basketball and bowling teams, as well as other athletic activities have been organized and trophies and prizes have been given in order to encourage this activity. Each Chapter and each District has an Athletic Director and the Convention every year elects a National Athletic Supervisor.

Athletic events which cultivate interest, friendship and good fellowship among our members have been a dominating factor in our activities and have attracted the attention and the high appraisal of our fellow citizens in every community. Indeed, Ahepa's athletic teams have been chosen as champions of City and State contests. Our patrols, some of which donned the historic foustanelle uniform of the Eyzone, have received the highest awards in parades and other functions throughout the country.

Our debating teams have a high record of accomplishment and have attracted thousands of people at assemblies to hear speakers debate on issues of national interest.

And so, through all these methods and many others, Ahepa, as a true and noble public agency for our people, our prestige and reputation, has performed services that could never been appraised by the dollar sign in millions.

II. Philanthropic Work

This great fraternal movement devoted itself to the service of our fellowman everywhere and thus one of its principal activities was in philanthropic service.

(a) Our work in the United States

1. Chapters, Districts and Supreme Lodge activity.

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also find citadels of charitable, as well as patriotic activity. Not only did our Chapters devote themselves to assist the members and their families whenever they were in need, but they extended their benevolence to many other members of the community; and thus we find Ahepa committees working feverishly to alleviate the suffering and distress of our fellow-man. Our records indicate that thousands upon thousands of dollars were raised by Ahepa Chapters in the local drives for Red Cross, Community Chest, Near East Relief, Y. M. C. A., etc. On holidays, such as Thanksgiving and Christmas, many Ahepans would open their stores and serve free dinners to the poor.

Whenever a member or any other citizen was in distress Ahepa would immediately raise collections and would assist the family without any publicity or embarrassment. The Chapters participated fully in contributing to the church fund for the poor, as well as to the Salvation Army, and other noble institutions given to charity work. The Districts of Ahepa also are engaged in this line of noble activity. At our District Conventions sums are regularly allocated to assist indigent people, as well as to alleviate the suffering of members who may be in distress. The Supreme Lodge, by mandates of the various Conventions, has spent in the last twenty five years, over a half million dollars in relief of suffering and distress throughout the United States.

It may be added that after the catastrophe of Asia Minor, soon after the First World War, every Ahepa Chapter adopted one or more orphan of the war through the Near East Relief and maintained them for many years. An estimation of this charity approximated to over \$100,000.

2. Ahepa Sanatorium

In 1936 Ahepa established the Ahepa Silver District Sanatorium in Albuquerque, New Mexico, at the initial cost of \$50,000. This institution was given to the treatment of indigent members, as well as others, who suffered from tuberculosis. During its life, which ended after the United States went to war in 1943, over seven hundred patients received comfort and aid in this Ahepa Sanatorium. Soon after the United States entered the war, our government requested the facilities of the building and it was readily turned over to the use of the State of New Mexico in 1943. Thus, from 1936 to 1943, the sum of \$350,000 was expended in this noble charitable endeavor of the fraternity.

3. Assistance to Hellenic communities and churches

Many Chapters gave dances or other functions and raised money in order to help the local Greek-American community to build churches or schools, or pay off existing indebtedness. From the records at Headquarters, we have made the fair estimation that approximately \$300,000 was thus expended.

The Supreme Lodge, on the other hand, acting by mandate of various Conventions, advanced to the Archdiocese of the Greek Orthodox Church for the purpose of assisting its educational work, sums approximating \$100,000.

4. Death Benefit Fund.

In the early stages of our organization, upon the death of a brother, the Chapter, through standing resolutions, would assess each member one to three dollars in order to raise the sum of at least \$200 for the family of the departed brother. This practice continued up to the year 1935 when the National Convention adopted the Emergency Fund, otherwise commonly known as the Death Benefit Fund. The legislation provided that two dollars from the per capita tax of each member should be placed in this special fund at Headquarters and that upon the death of a member in good standing the sum of \$200 must be paid to his beneficiary. The sums collected thus through Emer-

gency Fund over a period of eleven years, amount to approximately \$550,000. We have now a balance in this fund of about \$50,000, which indicates that total sum of approximately a half million dollars was paid to the beneficiaries of deceased brethren within the last eleven years.

Prior to the advent of the Death Benefit Fund, approximately \$1,000,000 was paid to the families of deceased members by the Chapters of the organization. The total sum thus expended for the relief of families of deceased members, either through Chapters or the Supreme Lodge, during our twenty-five years of fraternal existence, is approximately \$1,550,000.

(b) Aid to Greece

Our assistance to Greece runs to tremendous proportions. The Hellenic homeland being a needy country and being ravaged as it was from time to time by pestilence, destruction and war, it became the sacred obligation of Ahepa to assist in every way possible.

During the ten excursions that Ahepa has held to the Hellenic homeland, sums approximating \$25,000 were donated to the various charities, institutions, etc. there. It may be noted that during our 1932-1934 excursions to Greece, which I had the privilege to lead, our fraternity paid official visitations to Constantinople and Egypt, as well as the Holy Lands, in order to pay our reverence and respects to the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople and the Patriarchs of Jerusalem and Alexandria. Donations were made to the Patriarchs in the amounts of approximately \$15,000.

In addition, during the Corinth earthquake in 1928, Ahepa raised approximately \$100,000. Part of it was immediately transmitted to alleviate the distress and with the balance of about \$65,000 the Agricultural School located at Velos, Corinthia was established.

When the recent war came and Greece was subjugated after an epic and most glorious resistance, the phalanxes of Ahepa were marching behind Greek War Relief and contributed abundantly in money, as well as in the raising of money for that institution. Ahepa, through its Supreme Lodge, Districts and Chapters, raised at least \$2,000,000, which went to the assistance of the heroic people of Greece through the medium of Greek War Relief.

Moreover, in 1945-1946 Ahepa inaugurated its own campaign to raise funds for the establishment of hospitals in Greece. At this writing, Ahepa has in its treasury, approximately \$1,000,000 and has now definitely selected the establishment of two hospitals, one in the City of Athens, and the other in Salonika, as well as six medical health centers throughout the provinces. Under a contract with Greek War Relief the amounts that shall be allocated for Ahepa Hospitals in Greece shall be in the sum of approximately \$3,500,000.

That, and in other ways too many to enumerate, Ahepa, as a noble institution has fully participated in great philanthropic movements in the United States, as well as for the benefit of mother Greece.

A fair calculation of all these sums raised for the purpose of charity to Greece, during the history of Ahepa in twenty-five years, is the sum of approximately \$6,000,000.

III. Patriotic Work

I. In America

The full measure of Ahepa's patriotic work in the United States, other than its regular noble activities as an American institution came into full swing soon after our country entered the recent world conflict.

Thousands of our boys enlisted in the American colors and thousands upon thousands participated back home, in all patriotic movements. One of them was in the sale of Defense and Victory Bonds. During the years 1942 to 1945 Ahepa was given largely to this line of patriotic work, through the establishment of the Ahepa War Service Units. Every Ahepan thus became a war bond salesman and as a result, bonds aggregating to \$400,000,000 were sold under seal of the Order of Ahepa. Our organization thus received the highest award from the Treasury Department of the United States, and the Secretary of the Treasury proclaimed that Ahepa sold more bonds than any other organization of its type in the United States.

In our Chapters committees were organized to arrange for the fullest participation in all relief work, as well as blood donations and every form of war activity. Bundles and packages were collected by Ahepa members and sent to our soldiers throughout the far-flung battle fields of the war. Ahepa stood first in this line of noble patriotic activity and received the highest recognition from our government.

As a measure of recognition to Ahepa, the fraternity was accorded the distinct privilege, as against many other national organizations that coveted the same honor, in presenting to the nation the statue of the War President of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. At an expense of about \$20,000 donated by prominent Ahepans, this memorial was presented to the nation in official ceremonies at Hyde Park, New York, on October 28, 1945.

In addition, several other memorials have been presented by Ahepa in different cities. In 1928 Ahepa unveiled a statue of Demetrios Ypsilanti at Ypsilanti, Michigan at a cost of \$10,000. In 1931 at the occasion of the Boston Convention, a statue of the immortal hero, George Dilboy, was unveiled at the City of Somerville. This cost another \$10,000. Many other smaller memorials have been presented by local Chapters in different sections of the country, all of which approximate a cost of about \$25,000.

2. Patriotic work in Greece

This great fraternity has never forgotten the land of its origin, Hellas, for at every turn we have endeavored to assist that deserving homeland which has graced humanity with the brightest pages of history.

Ahepa has led ten excursions into Greece, starting in 1928 through 1938, and finally with the first airborne excursion in the world in the year of 1947. During these excursions, each of which had approximately eight hundred participants, sums aggregating to \$2,000,000 were spent in Greece by the excursions at each visitation. Ahepa was a medium, during these visitations, whereby American standards and American customs were gradually brought into the Hellenic peninsula. Not only did these excursions serve as a great medium of financial and moral assistance to Greece, but they also brought about a closer connection and better understanding between the people of the United States and the people of Greece. A great moral and spiritual tie has been thus established which now reflects itself in the great aid and protection that America is bringing to that distressed country.

Soon after the liberation of Greece in October, 1944 the peace-makers of the world began their deliberations. It appeared that Greece which had given such a noble account of itself, and by its valiant sacrifices marked the turning point of the war, was to be overlooked in her just national claims and demands. As a result, by resolution adopted by the National Conference of 1945, the Supreme Lodge inaugurated the establishment of a National Justice for Greece Committee. Funds were immediately raised approximating

the sum of \$100,000 in order to carry out this noble mission. As a result many outstanding American citizens, including forty Senators, innumerable Congressmen, Governors, ecclesiastics, educators, deans of colleges and universities and others, became associated with this great Committee in behalf of Greece. Thousands of editorials and articles were written, pamphlets and bulletins were published and circulated not only in the United States, but throughout the world, and thousands of telegrams and appeals were sent to the President and Congress in behalf of Greece. Through the efforts of Ahepa, the United States Congress by unanimous resolution passed in 1946, proclaimed that Northern Epirus and the Dodecanese Islands should be returned to Greece. Finally, these historic islands were allocated to heroic Greece, but there still remains the question of the allocation of Northern Epirus to the Hellenic homeland.

The activities of this Committee are too numerous to detail, but suffice it to say that one of the greatest and noblest performances of Ahepa was in effectively arousing public opinion in the United States in behalf of brave Hellas. To a certain measure, our efforts were successful in bringing about a change of policy in the United States whereby now Greece is not only being assisted and protected in her security, but the United States of America has allocated approximately \$300,000,000 to reconstruct and rebuild that noble nation. Ahepa should be indeed proud in undertaking this great patriotic work in behalf of Greece during the most important days of her destiny. Ahepa intends to carry on this proud work until that historically and ethnologically true Greek territory of Northern Epirus is returned to Greece by the peace-makers.

Moreover, in all our publications and all our utterances throughout the length and breadth of America, Ahepa has always been preaching and properly presenting the equitable and just claims of immortal Hellas. I dare state that if it were not for Ahepa's undertaking this noble movement in behalf of Greece, that the cause of Greece may have been lost, in more than one way.

Ahepa has thus performed a noble service and deserves an everlasting measure of credit and respect for all this great patriotic effort.

IV. Summary Of Funds Expended By Ahepa In The Last Twenty-Five Years Either Directly Or Through Its Chapters, Districts, Supreme Lodge Or By Its Members In Following Up The Organization's Activities.

(a) National Conventions and Headquarters

This year we shall hold our twenty first National Convention at Los Angeles, California. The reason why it is the twenty first and not the twenty fifth is because in 1932 the National Convention at Baltimore voted for bi-annual Conventions and thus no National Convention was held in 1933. The 1934 Convention again voted for annual Conventions. During the recent war, because of emergency regulations promulgated by our government, large conventions were prohibited; consequently, our fraternity held National Conferences during the years 1943, 1944 and 1945. These Conferences, which had the power of National Conventions, were composed of the District Governors, Supreme Lodges and the Past Supreme Presidents. The fraternity, therefore, has held the following National Conventions. Atlanta, Georgia in 1923; Washington, D. C., in 1924; Chicago, Illinois in 1925; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1926; Miami, Florida in 1927; Detroit, Michigan in 1928; Kansas City, Missouri in 1929; Boston, Massachusetts in 1930; San Francisco, California in 1931; Baltimore, Maryland in 1932; Convention for 1933 omitted; Columbus, Ohio

in 1934; Chicago, Illinois in 1935; St. Paul, Minnesota in 1936; Syracuse, New York in 1937; New Orleans, Louisiana in 1938; Providence, Rhode Island in 1939; Seattle, Washington in 1940; Cincinnati, Ohio in 1941; Atlanta, Georgia in 1942; National Conferences in Washington, D. C. in 1943, 1944 and 1945; Baltimore, Maryland in 1946; Los Angeles, California in 1947.

Each Convention of the twenty Conventions held up to this date cost the fraternity and its delegates an annual sum of at least \$50,000. Thus, \$1,000,000 has been spent for National Conventions. In addition, the three Conferences in Washington cost the fraternity and its delegates approximately \$12,000 each, or a total of \$36,000. The total, therefore, for the National Conclaves is \$1,036,000.

For a period commencing with 1931 to 1937 Headquarters, having expended activities, spent at an average of another \$30,000 per annum. This makes a total of \$450,000. The property of the Supreme Lodge at present, taking into consideration that we own our home in Washington, D. C., which is valued at \$150,000, the Sanatorium in Albuquerque, New Mexico, about \$75,000, and the funds in the various departments, such as Emergency Fund, magazine, Educational Fund, general fund and Ahepa Hospitals Trust, make a grand total of national wealth of \$1,250,000.

(b) District Conventions and activities

Prior to the San Francisco Convention in 1931 the fraternity was governed by the Supreme Lodge composed of the Supreme President, Supreme Vice President, Supreme Secretary, Supreme Treasurer, Supreme Counsellor and thirteen Supreme Governors. Each Supreme Governor was in charge of a large District and was elected at the Convention from the delegates of his particular District.

The cost of operation of Headquarters and the expenses of the Supreme Lodge officers and the District Governors in the operation of the fraternity approximated to the annual expenditure of \$50,000. In some instances it was more and in others less, but the approximation during the period up to the San Francisco Convention of 1931 amounted to about a half million dollars.

At the San Francisco Convention the Supreme Lodge, because of the depression that had befallen the country, was reduced to seven members and the Ahepa domain was divided into twenty four gubernatorial Districts with a District Governor at the head. At the following Convention in Baltimore in 1932, District Lodges were inaugurated which are composed of a District Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Marshal and District Athletic Director. Annual District Convention then came into being with the first ones being held in 1932. These District Conventions proved to be a tremendous nucleus of good will, publicity and fraternal association among the members, their families and the American-Hellenic people in general. A fair estimation of the cost of these District Conventions, to the District Treasury, as well as to the delegates participating, plus the expenses of the District Lodge officers during their term, amounts to an average of \$5,000 per year. In other words, the total sum of \$120,000 per annum was spent for District activities, conventions and so forth. Thus, during the fifteen years that the Districts have been in operation the sum of \$1,800,000 has been expended.

The present assets of our District Lodges, throughout the twenty four Districts, have been calculated from reports that have been transmitted to Headquarters and the total amount is in the sum of \$108,000.

(c) Chapter Expenditures

A fair calculation of Chapter expenditures during the past twenty five years runs into stupendous amounts, for not only the Chapters expended money for lodge rooms, jewels

and paraphernalia, degree teams, patrols and the like, but the members themselves spent thousands of dollars from their pockets in participating in the various functions that were inaugurated by their Chapters. We have endeavored to make a fair calculation from records at Headquarters, as well as reports of Chapters as to what these expenditures amounted to over a period of twenty-five years, aside from the charitable and patriotic benevolent work expended by the Chapters. This has been a rather herculean task, but a fair approximation has been arrived at which substantially covers these items. Judging that the organization commenced with one Chapter and at its first Convention had thirty two and increased every year by the addition of new Chapters, the total amount calculated for the operation of the Chapters, based on fair averages of numbers of Chapters existing per year and their size etc., we have arrived at the fair figure of \$2,000,000 for the operation of the Chapters.

In addition, from reports at Headquarters and fair estimates and calculations the Chapters have raised and donated for local charities, as well as national charities in the United States and Greece, during the last twenty five years, a total of \$5,000,000.

The assets of the Chapters, as of the present day, taking into account their equipment, homes, lodge rooms that are owned by Chapters, deposits in bank accounts and the like, is \$1,100,000.

(d) Recapitulation

1. National, District and Chapter expenditures and the present wealth of each division of the fraternity is arrived at in the total sum of \$13,136,000 over a period of twenty five years.

2. Donations to charitable causes, etc., as set out in Section II amounts to \$18,615,000; and estimation of expenses individually by members over a period of twenty five years in carrying on the work of the fraternity, in the sum of \$8,000,000.

3. We must add the donations that have been made through our auxiliaries, i.e., the Sons of Pericles, Daughters of Penelope and Maids of Athens. We have endeavored to make calculations on the same basis as we have done for the Ahepa domain, based to a large extent on records received at Headquarters during the existence of these junior organizations and auxiliaries. The total sum arrived at for Conventions, meetings, donations etc. by these divisions, during the life of their existence, amounts to a total sum of \$450,000.

4. A grand total, therefore, in the operation of the fraternity by Headquarters, Districts, and Chapters and donations and expenditures for various humanitarian purposes, amounts to \$32,201,000.

V. Conclusions and Views for the Future

It can be readily seen, therefore, that this great and noble fraternity has allocated during the life of its existence the tremendous sum of \$32,201,000 in order to carry on its worthy purposes of patriotic endeavors, educational work and charitable and benevolent activity. But the sums thus expended are indeed significant when compared with the tremendous and inestimable value, prestige and good will that we have succeeded in obtaining in the life of our nation. We have been recognized as a truly mighty force and are being appraised as one of the greatest American fraternities in the United States. From the President of the United States, who is an illustrious member of our Order, down to members of Congress, Governors, Mayors, men of public and private life, and generally by all our fellow citizens, we are held in the highest esteem, respect and appraisal.

From what has been here briefly narrated and from what has actually occurred, the American Hellenic element in the United States became moulded together into one great fraternal family. It would be indeed amiss if we failed to respect the great friendships, business associations and family ties that developed as a result of our association with our brethren and their families. No longer are we strangers or mere acquaintances living in different cities in the United States or Canada, for now, as brothers, we assembled in Chapter meetings, in District Conventions and national conclaves, as well as in dances, banquets, parades and other functions. There we bring our families together and our youth come to know and respect each other and to talk of the past and to plan for their future.

Indeed, the expression of *boy meets girl* in Ahepan functions and affairs throughout the country becomes more and more meaningful, for marriages take place by the thousands during our quarter century period. And so Ahepa has been the conduit in the creation of permanent family ties and in bringing the Americans of Hellenic descent into the bonds of one great national union.

The generations that will come will find an edifice worthy, indeed, of their forefathers and of the glorious heritage that they shall bear. To the new generation and to the ones that shall follow, we can only quote for them the pledge of the Athenian youth as a guide for their future activity within this great and noble brotherhood. This is as follows:

I will never disgrace these hallowed weapons or abandon my companions beside whom I am placed to battle, but will fight for both sacred and secular things with my fellows. I will not leave my country less, but greater and better by sea and by land. I will obey the rulers appointed and the established laws and whatsoever new laws the state may lawfully establish. And if anyone attempt to abolish the existing ordinances or disobey them, I will resist him and defend them individually and with the rest.

Thus we convey to the youth, American born of Hellenic heritage, American bred and American educated, an organization worthy of the heritage, tradition and history of an immortal race, whose descendants came to this great land as immigrants, only within the last fifty years, and who through their great labors and sacrifices have brought forth this noble institution known as the Order of Ahepa. Unto their hands we entrust this background of prestige and nobility with our only prayer that they shall convey it to their posterity not less, but greater and nobler in size and accomplishment than we have been able to attain.

As the Supreme President on this Silver Anniversary of the Order, I take leave to impart a few thoughts as a guide to the future activity of the Order. Our fraternity has achieved this phenomenal growth and success because it has not deviated in any respect from its fundamental principles. These principles must be guarded as sacred, and never should there be deviation from them. The fraternity must at all times remain non-political and non-sectarian. Its members must always display the highest respect and obedience to the Constitution of the fraternity, for it is greater than any man or any officer. As a great American institution, it must be always at the service of our country and we must not preach not only in America, but in Greece, as well as other parts of the world, the gospel of the American democracy and the American way of life, of freedom and of security. Hellenism and Americanism are synonymous terms, for the true basis of Hellenism is found in democracy and freedom, upon which now our American civilization exists and prospers. Democracy was given to the world by

Hellas and America has become its proud daughter and champion.

As we progress we must give thought to the establishment of Philhellenic Chapters. The term Philhellene signifies a devoted and altruistic lover of all things that pertain to Hellas. Back in the days of the Hellenic Revolution in 1821, when our forefathers were battling for their freedom, many noble sons of other countries proceeded to the soil of Hellas and gave their very lives for the liberation of that immortal nation. To be a Philhellene in those days was considered to be a great honor and noble ambition of many highly educated men the world over. The term today does not signify the same meaning, although we know that every man of education and learning has truly a component of Hellenic culture in his make-up.

The tradition of glory, of Philhellenism in the United States and other parts of the world can only be properly reorganized by a movement in the establishment of Philhellenic Chapters. Thus we shall assemble together pre-eminent lovers of Greece throughout the leading cities in the United States, Canada and other parts, into auxiliary Chapters whose purpose shall be to work with Ahepa hand in hand for the reviving of all the traditions and glory of this great international dogma which is known as Hellenism. In thus doing, we shall be preserving for humanity the culture and traditions of Hellenism, which in their true sense have become translated into and have been synchronized to mean Americanism.

Attention must be also given to the thought of making the fraternity an international Order. Indeed, we have now transcended the boundaries of nations and our fraternal creed is enthroned not only in the United States, but also in the Dominion of Canada. Our high standing and reputation here as well as abroad, and particularly in little Hellas, has also attracted the admiration and respect of all the Hellenic element living outside of Greece. Consequently, the Greek people of Australia, New Zealand, France, England, Egypt, Turkey and other parts are eager to organize themselves under the standard of the Order of Ahepa. It takes only initiative and leadership in order to unfurl our fraternal emblem in these lands which are eager to receive us and to espouse our brotherhood's creed. It would be, indeed, a great accomplishment if in the future we shall see Chapters of Ahepa in all these lands so that the Hellenic element everywhere, residing outside of Mother Hellas, is organized under the roof of one edifice and thereby attain the medium of united Hellenism throughout the world. With that done, it would be indeed of the greatest glory if on every fourth year, like the Olympiads, an international Conclave were held in the historic City of Athens. With the advent of the airplane, which has minimized distance and has made all of us next door neighbors, this great movement can be accomplished without great difficulty.

Twenty-five years hence, when the Golden Anniversary of the fraternity shall be celebrated, it is the prayer of those of us who shall remain, as well as those of us who shall have passed to the Great Beyond, that the membership of the fraternity shall be ten-fold its present size and that the accomplishments shall be one thousand-fold greater than those that have been recorded during our first quarter century.

And as our eyes fix themselves on our fraternal emblem symbolizing the unity and love of our proud brotherhood, let there pour out from our hearts, on this Twenty-fifth Anniversary of our Order, a message of true appreciation to the God of our fathers, for a continuance of His goodness and mercy, and may we, as a great and noble brotherhood, forever be worthy of His blessings.

SUPREME LODGE OFFICERS

1922 — 1947

ELECTED AT BALTIMORE CONVENTION, 1946

1946 — 1947



Top row, left to right: Harris J. Booras, Supreme President; William G. Helis, Supreme Vice President; Nicholas G. Giovan, Supreme Secretary; Aristides G. Georgiades, Supreme Treasurer. Bot'om row: Zack T. Ritsos, Supreme Counsellor; George Cotsakis, Supreme Governor; William Petros, Supreme Governor; Vasilios A. Vasilion, Supreme Governor; Tim Bass, Supreme Governor of Canada.

OFFICERS OF THE SUPREME LODGE

1922 — 1923

Supreme President, Nick D. Chotas; *Supreme Vice President*, James Campbell; *Supreme Secretary*, S. J. Stamos; *Supreme Treasurer*, Harry Angelopoulos; *Supreme Governors*, James Vlass, George A. Polos, George Campbell.

ATLANTA CONVENTION, 1923

1923 — 1924

Supreme President, Hugh N. Wells, 1923 to March 3, 1924; George Demeter, March 1924 to October 1924; *Supreme Vice President*, John Demos; *Supreme Secretary*, Soterios Retsinopoulos; *Supreme Treasurer*, Harry Coroneos (deceased); *Supreme Governors*, C. R. Nixon, Ben Davis, George Demeter, Dr. G. M. Saliba (deceased), Charles Kirby, Arthur Greenwood.

WASHINGTON CONVENTION, 1924

1924 — 1925

Supreme President V. I. Chebithes; *Supreme Vice President*, Gabriel M. Saliba (deceased); *Supreme Secretary*, Nick D. Chotas; *Supreme Treasurer*, Harry Coroneos (deceased); *Supreme Counsellor*, C. R. Nixon; *Supreme Chaplain*, Dr. C. Carusso; *Supreme Warden*, Nicholas G. V. Nestor; *Supreme Governors*, George Caranicholas, F. M. Witherspoon, Theodore Polemanakos, N. A. Loumos, P. P. Stathas, George S. Smitzes (deceased).

CHICAGO CONVENTION, 1925

1925 — 1926

Supreme President, V. I. Chebithes; *Supreme Vice President*, Nicholas A. Loumos; *Supreme Secretary*, Andrew Nickas (deceased); *Supreme Treasurer*, George J. Willias; *Supreme Counsellor*, C. R. Nixon; *Supreme Chaplain*, F. M. Witherspoon; *Supreme Warden*, Arthur S. Stephos; *Supreme Archon Dialectis*, Nicholas G. Psaki; *Supreme Governors*, Constantine J. Critzas, Theodore Polemanakos, Phillip Stylianos, S. D. Zaph, W. A. Ganfield.

PHILADELPHIA CONVENTION, 1926

1926 — 1927

President, V. I. Chebithes; *Vice President*, N. A. Loumos; *Secretary*, Andrew Nickas; *Treasurer*, George J. Willias; *Counsellor*, N. G. Psaki; *Governor*, Dr. T. A. Stamas; *Governors*, C. J. Critzas, George E. Phillis, Dr. C. J. Demas, John Theophiles, C. R. Nixon, Rev. Louis N. Rocca, A. George N. Spannon, Dr. W. A. Ganfield.

DETROIT CONVENTION, 1927

1927 — 1928

Supreme President, Dean Alfange; *Supreme Vice President*, George E. Phillis; *Supreme Secretary*, Achilles Catsonis; *Supreme Treasurer*, George J. Willias; *Supreme Counsellor*, Philip Stylianos; *Supreme Governors*, A. D. Varkas, James Veras, Philip D. Peppas, Rev. S. Spathey, George S. Smitzes (deceased), C. R. Nixon, Parasco E. Volo, Constantine Theodorow, A. Petrillis Perry, N. C. Calogeras, George C. Peterson.

MIAMI CONVENTION, 1928

1928 — 1929

Supreme President, Dean Alfange; *Supreme Vice President*, George E. Phillis; *Supreme Secretary*, Achilles Catsonis; *Supreme Treasurer*, John Govatos; *Supreme Counsellor*, Constantine Tsangadas; *Supreme Governors*, Elias L. Janetis (deceased), James Veras, Philip D. Peppas, George C. Vournas, George S. Smitzes (deceased), C. R. Nixon, Parasco E. Volo, Peter G. Sikokis, A. Petrillis Perry, Peter S. Marthakis, George C. Peterson.

KANSAS CITY CONVENTION, 1929

1929 — 1930

Supreme President, George E. Phillis; *Supreme Vice President*, Peter G. Sikokis; *Supreme Secretary*, Achilles Catsonis; *Supreme Treasurer*, John Govatos; *Supreme Counsellor*, George C. Vournas; *Supreme Governors*, Harris J. Booras, John J. Manos (deceased), Arthur A. Karkalas, Rev. S. S. Spathey, John Theophiles (deceased), Constantine Pelias, S. J. Stamos, Parasco E. Volo, Stelianos Reekas, Michael D. Konomos, Peter S. Marthakis, P. J. Andrews, Dr. N. S. Checkos.

BOSTON CONVENTION, 1930

1930 — 1931

Supreme President, George E. Phillis; *Supreme Vice President*, Peter S. Marthakis; *Supreme Secretary*, Achilles Catsonis; *Supreme Treasurer*, Andrew Jarvis; *Supreme Counsellor*, Harris J. Booras; *Supreme Governors*, George C. Eliades, George A. Stathes, C. G. Pulakos, Rev. S. S. Spathey, Dr. G. M. Saliba (deceased), Nick Chotas, C. R. Nixon, James T. Leakas, A. George N. Spannon, Michael D. Konomos, C. E. Athas, P. J. Andrews, Dr. N. S. Checkos.

SAN FRANCISCO CONVENTION, 1931

1931 — 1932

Supreme President, Harris J. Booras; *Supreme Vice President*, Theodore C. Andronicos; *Supreme Secretary*, Achilles Catsonis; *Supreme Treasurer*, Andrew Jarvis; *Supreme Counsellor*, Soterios Nicholson; *Supreme Governors*, Peter G. Sikokis, C. R. Nixon.

BALTIMORE CONVENTION, 1932

1932 — 1933 — 1934

Supreme President, Harris J. Booras; *Supreme Vice President*, Peter S. Marthakis; *Supreme Secretary*, Achilles Catsonis; *Supreme Treasurer*, George L. Pappas; *Supreme Counsellor*, George C. Vournas; *Supreme Governors*, C. E. Athas, Robert Katson.

COLUMBUS CONVENTION, 1934

1934 — 1935

Supreme President, Achilles Catsonis; *Supreme Vice President*, George E. Johnson; *Supreme Secretary*, Constantine G. Economou; *Supreme Treasurer*, P. W. Katsafanas; *Supreme Counsellor*, George C. Eliades; *Supreme Governors*, Arthur H. Peponis, Peter Boudouris.

CHICAGO CONVENTION, 1935

1935 — 1936

Supreme President, V. I. Chebithes; *Supreme Vice President*, Constantine A. Tsangadas; *Supreme Secretary*, Constantine G. Economou; *Supreme Treasurer*, Charles Preketes; *Supreme Counsellor*, D. G. Michalopoulos; *Supreme Governors*, George K. Demopoulos, Thomas D. Lentgis.

SAINT PAUL CONVENTION, 1936

1936 — 1937

Supreme President, V. I. Chebithes; *Supreme Vice President*, D. G. Michalopoulos; *Supreme Secretary*, Constantine G. Economou; *Supreme Treasurer*, August Rogokos (deceased); *Supreme Counsellor*, Andrew J. Dritsas; *Supreme Governors*, Thomas D. Lentgis, Speros J. Cosmos; *Supreme Governor of Canada*, Nick G. Kerry.

SYRACUSE CONVENTION, 1937

1937 — 1938

Supreme President, V. I. Chebithes; *Supreme Vice President*, Van A. Nomikos; *Supreme Secretary*, Constantine G. Economou; *Supreme Treasurer*, John F. Davis (deceased); *Supreme Counsellor*, A. A. Pantelis; *Supreme Governors*, Peter Boudouris, C. G. Paris; *Supreme Governor of Canada*, Constantine Halikas.

NEW ORLEANS CONVENTION, 1938

1938 — 1939

Supreme President, V. I. Chebithes; *Supreme Vice President*, Van A. Nomikos; *Supreme Secretary*, Louis P. Maniatis; *Supreme Treasurer*, John Zazas; *Supreme Counsellor*, A. A. Pantelis; *Supreme Governors*, James George Dikeou, George E. Loucas; *Supreme Governor of Canada*, Constantine Halikas.

PROVIDENCE CONVENTION, 1939

1939 — 1940

Supreme President, V. I. Chebithes; *Supreme Vice President*, Van A. Nomikos; *Supreme Secretary*, Louis P. Maniatis; *Supreme Treasurer*, John Zazas; *Supreme Counsellor*, Constantine G. Economou; *Supreme Governors*, George Papaeleas, George E. Loucas; *Supreme Governor of Canada*, Constantine Halikas.

SEATTLE CONVENTION, 1940

1940 — 1941

Supreme President, Van A. Nomikos; *Supreme Vice President*, George C. Vournas; *Supreme Secretary*, Peter T. Kourides; *Supreme Treasurer*, Charles Davis Kotsilibas; *Supreme Counsellor*, Daniel Pananicles; *Supreme Governors*, Charles N. Diamond, George T. Kisciras; *Supreme Governor of Canada*, Constantine Halikas; *Executive Secretary*, C. B. Johannides.

CINCINNATI CONVENTION, 1941

1941 — 1942

Supreme President, Van A. Nomikos; *Supreme Vice President*, George C. Vournas; *Supreme Secretary*, Stephen S. Scopas; *Supreme Treasurer*, Charles Davis Kotsilibas; *Supreme Governors*, George E. Loucas, George T. Kisciras (deceased), Tom Semos; *Supreme Governor of Canada*, Constantine Halikas (succeeded in December 1941 by Nicholas Kogos); *Executive Secretary*, C. B. Johannides.

ATLANA CONVENTION, 1942 and WASHINGTON CONFERENCES, 1943, 1944

1942 — 1943 — 1944 — 1945

Supreme President, George C. Vournas; *Supreme Vice President*, Charles Davis Kotsilibas; *Supreme Secretary*, Stephen S. Scopas; *Supreme Treasurer*, John F. Davis (deceased); *Supreme Counsellor*, Leo J. Lamberson; *Supreme Governors*, Constantine J. Critzas, Vasilios A. Vasiliou, Tom Semos, Frank E. Pofanti; *Supreme Governors of Canada*, Phrixos B. Papachristidis, Angelo J. Manousos.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE, 1945

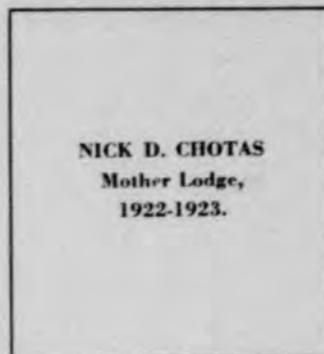
1945 — 1946

Supreme President, Harris J. Booras; *Supreme Vice President*, Frank E. Pofanti; *Supreme Secretary*, Leo J. Lamberson; *Supreme Treasurer*, C. G. Paris; *Supreme Counsellor*, Stephen S. Scopas; *Supreme Governors*, George Cotsakis, Nicholas Economou; *Executive Secretary*, Arthur H. Lalos.

THE SUPREME PRESIDENTS
THAT GUIDED THE FRATERNITY THROUGH THE YEARS TO
ITS PRESENT STRENGTH



GEORGE DEMETER
 March 1924 to October 1924.



NICK D. CHOTAS
 Mother Lodge,
 1922-1923.



ACHILLES CATSONIS
 1934-1935



V. I. CHIEBITIS
 1924-1925; 1925-1926; 1926-1927; 1935-1936; 1936-1937; 1937-1938; 1938-1939; 1939-1940.



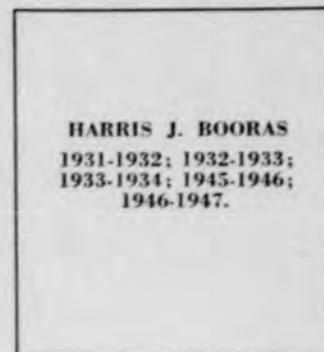
GEORGE E. PHILLIS
 1929-1930; 1930-1931.



VAN A. NOMIKOS
 1940-1941; 1941-1942.



DEAN ALFANGE
 1927-1928; 1928-1929.



HARRIS J. BOORAS
 1931-1932; 1932-1933;
 1933-1934; 1945-1946;
 1946-1947.



GEORGE C. VOURNAS
 1942-1943; 1943-1944; 1944-1945.

THE AHEPA DOMAIN

Contributing Chapters and District Lodges

ATLANTA CHAPTER NO. 1

Organized July 26, 1922

Atlanta, Georgia



The officers of Atlanta Chapter, seated, left to right: Charles A. Alexander, Vice President; Rev. Panos Constantinides, Chaplain; George T. Gerakitis, President; John V. Pryles, Secretary. Standing: George S. Moraitakis, Sentinel; John G. Campbell, Governor; James A. Panagos, Athletic Director; George A. Sparks, Governor; James S. Matrangos, Captain of Guard.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, George T. Gerakitis; Vice President, Charles A. Alexander; Secretary, John V. Pryles; Treasurer, George Dodys; Board of Governors, Angelo Nickas, Chairman; Victor J. Poulos, George A. Sparks, John G. Campbell, Angelo Dodys; Chaplain, Rev. Panos Constantinides; Captain of Guard, James S. Matrangos; Warden, Criton P. Constantinides; Sentinel, George S. Moraitakis; Athletic Director, James A. Panagos.

The Order of Ahepa was founded in Atlanta, Georgia, during the month of July, 1922.

The purpose of the organization was as is stated below in an excerpt from the original charter;

The object of said association is to form a fraternal order and secure members therefor, with the purpose in view of advancing and promoting pure and undefiled Americanism among the Greeks of the United States, the territorial and colonial possessions thereof; to educate Greeks of the United States, and to instill the deepest loyalty and allegiance of the Greeks of this country to the United States, its tenets and institutions and to teach the operation and

meaning of the said government together with its laws, rules and regulations; and to promote American education among the Greeks; and to promote a spirit of fraternity, sociability and benevolence among the members.

During 1946 which was a banner year the Chapter led in the membership drive for one of its size, and were second highest in donations to the Justice for Greece drive, as well as the focal point for the Ahepa Hospital Fund Drive.

During the years the number one chapter has striven hard to uphold the honor thus bestowed upon it, in being the first chapter of the Ahepa domain, and has found real pleasure in succeeding in all its endeavors.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Charles Drakos; James Cotsakis; Angel Soteropoulos; James Campbell; Gus Constantine; Chris Poole; A. D. Rumanes; Nick J. Regas; Anthony Gallis; George Cotsakis; Spiros J. Stamos; John A. Alexander.

MARATHON CHAPTER NO. 2

Organized November 9, 1922

Charlotte, North Carolina



The officers and members of Marathon Chapter

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, James T. Meleos; Vice President, John G. Pappas; Secretary, Themis G. Kokenes; Treasurer, Nick D. Mamalis; Board of Governors, William S. Andrian; Chairman, Tom Strate, A. A. Rufus, Angel Bakis, John Carabateas; Chaplain, James Karres; Captain of Guard, Alex Douglas; Warden, Tom Kondos; Sentinels, Ernest Fisher, Nick Diamondouros; Athletic Director, Steve M. Karres.

The history of the organization of Marathon Chapter is actually a story of the beginning of the Ahepa itself. The idea of forming such a fraternity was conceived and brought about primarily for the purpose of teaching the Greek people of this country about American citizenship, which was highly favored by all, including Hellenes and Americans.

Most of the members of Marathon Chapter were young fellows, their ages ranging from 22 to 28. They held their meetings every second week and attendance was heavy. One of their first activities was the forming of a Degree Team.

A membership drive in 1923 pushed the chapter's mem-

bership to 37. The early going was difficult, in that there were not enough funds to carry on the work as it should have been done but the spirit and ambition of those few pioneers was strong enough to spread throughout the South and Marathon Chapter is proud to have been part of this beginning, which today marks the success of a truly representative fraternity.

Venus Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope and Victory Chapter of the Sons of Pericles were organized by the Charlotte Ahepans.

It has been an active supporter of every charitable movement in Charlotte and throughout the country.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Chris Pappas, 1922, 1924, 1931; C. M. Cockinos, 1925, 1927, 1945; Chris Leventis, 1926; James P. Elliott, 1928; Tony Hadgi, 1929; Steve Melehes, 1930; David J. Karnazes, 1932, 1933, 1936, 1941, 1943; Gus Demetriades, 1934; George Galfas, 1935; Nick P. Morris, 1937, 1942; James Hodges, 1938; James Meleos, 1939, 1946; John Carabateas, 1940; George Kostakes, 1944.

PLATO CHAPTER NO. 4

Organized in 1922

Charleston, South Carolina



The officers and members of Plato Chapter.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, John P. Valassakis; *Vice President*, Ted Tsiropoulos; *Secretary*, George B. Marcus; *Treasurer*, Peter Demos; *Board of Governors*, Fred Chacharonis, *Chairman*; John Liatos, Athanas Tsiropoulos, John Chakiris, Harry Trapalis; *Chaplain*, Nick Tsiropoulos; *Captain of Guard*, James Diasourakis; *Warden*, John Misoyannis; *Sentinels*, Steve Palassis, Paul Gelegotos; *Athletic Director*, Peter W. Lempeis.

What pleasant activities have passed through the Chapter in the quarter of a century with the unselfish devotion of officers and members working diligently for the betterment of all, is left to the past. Some of the objects for which Plato Chapter has worked are the following: Contributions to the community for the erection of the Community Hall; to the Church and to other equally worthy causes too nu-

merous to mention and must be left unnamed; the public installations of officers of the Plato Chapter which are something rare and for which the public always overflows in attendance.

Many things have been accomplished by this chapter and we can look to Plato Chapter for continued success.

PAST PRESIDENTS

K. Cokkinos; A. Tsiropoulos; Nick Gianares; Harry Demos; John Liatos; W. Logothetis; John Chakaris; Pete Demos; Aug. Kastanis; Theodore Gianaris; D. Diasourakis; V. Voutsas; Aug. Drakos; Fotis Chacharonis.

MEMPHIS CHAPTER NO. 7

Organized March 5, 1923

Memphis, Tennessee



The officers and members of Memphis Chapter

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Spero Zepatos; *Vice President*, Jerre G. Duzane; *Secretary*, Nicholas T. Capadalis; *Treasurer*, John J. Zepatos; *Board of Governors*, Frank Argol, *Chairman*; Louis Kavalaras, W. B. LaSalle, Harry Leem, Jerry Stamson; *Chaplain*, Bill Argol; *Captain of Guard*, Custer Capadalis; *Warden*, Speros Pappas; *Sentinels*, George Pappas, Jack J. Alexander; *Athletic Director*, Petro A. Futris.

One of the first chapters to follow the leadership of the Ahepa, Memphis Chapter has had an interesting and eventful career. It claims the distinction of being the largest chapter in the South.

It has played a leading role in all community activities and has won the respect and admiration of the local civic authorities for its eager desire to serve in any worthy project, and has traveled to many cities to initiate new members with its crack initiating and degree team. Three district conventions have been held in Memphis in 1932, 1935 and 1940.

The aims and purposes of the Ahepa were readily ac-

cepted by this Southern city, and its members have championed every act of this great fraternity. They have held many affairs such as dances, banquets, picnics and have been the host chapter to a highly successful district convention.

Contributions can be counted in the thousands in their generous support of any charitable purpose, and the projects undertaken by the fraternity have received the chapter's eager assistance.

It has sponsored the organization of Hellas Chapter, Sons of Pericles and Memphis Chapter, Maids of Athens.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Louis Vryonis, 1923; George Cotros, 1924; Speros J. Zepatos, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1946; Charles Stergios, 1933; W. Nicklas, 1934; Gus Therlos, 1935; John Morris, 1936; Jerry Touilatos, 1937, 1938; Nick Papageorge, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1945; Drosos Papageorge, 1942; Gregory Kolevas, 1943; John Zepatos, 1944

FAYETTEVILLE CHAPTER NO. 9

Organized in 1922

Fayetteville, North Carolina



The officers of Fayetteville Chapter.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, James V. Kanos; Vice President, Costas T. Cook; Secretary, Steve Stragalas; Treasurer, Nick Fasul; Board of Governors, Paul Phantis, Chairman; George G. Lamprose, Paul J. Manos, Sam C. Havelos, Peter Chrisafis; Chaplain, Sam C. Havelos; Captain of Guard, Tom Koutouzis; Warden, Klearhos Katsoudas; Sentinel, Constantine Styrides.

Fayetteville Chapter was reactivated in May 1946 and has since been quite active in local fraternal circles. It has sent over \$3,000 to the Hospitals for Greece Drive and has contributed to the American Red Cross and the Community Chest Fund.

Today it has a membership of fifty and is looking forward to becoming a leader of activities in the city. Originally organized during the first year of Ahepa's establishment it did not become active for various reasons, but now it intends to make up for all these years.

MIAMI CHAPTER NO. 14

Organized June 20, 1923

Miami, Florida



The officers and members of Miami Chapter

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Peter J. Manos; *Vice President*, Alexander J. Horologas; *Secretary*, Steffanos Steffanou; *Treasurer*, Epaminondas T. Nickas; *Board of Governors*, George Anemorefs, *Chairman*; Dr. George A. Stampelos, John Panagopoulos, John T. Manos, Gregory Pahoulis; *Chaplain*, Nickolas Parlidas; *Captain of Guard*, Nickolas T. Nickas; *Warden*, Christopher Economou; *Sentinels*, Louis Hadgis, Chris Vasilow; *Athletic Director*, George Heropoulos.

The Miami Chapter was one of the first Chapters in the Ahepa. It was organized on June 20th, 1923. The people of the South had long felt the need for such unity and understanding, and an organization with principles and ideals as found in the charter of the Ahepa was enthusiastically received and supported. This enthusiasm was manifested in the large number of initiations and interesting Chapter meetings regularly attended by over 200 members. More than 800 members have joined the ranks and thousands more of vacationing Ahepans have made it the most unique and cosmopolitan Chapter of the Order.

After the tropical hurricane in September 1926, the Ahepa rendered substantial aid to the people who suffered in the destruction of this damaging storm. Miami Chapter acted as disbursing agent.

In 1927 the National Convention of the Ahepa was entertained in Miami. This Convention was an outstanding and memorable affair.

The Chapter raised \$10,000 for a Building Fund but later subordinated its plans for the Community Buildings undertaken by the Miami Community.

The Adraste Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope and Venzeles Chapter of the Sons of Pericles were organized by Miami Chapter. Athletic activities of the Junior Order were encouraged and many championships were won by the Miami youth in District Convention competitions.

The outstanding accomplishments during the war years were the successful War Bond and Red Cross Drives. These campaigns resulted in the purchase of over half a million dollars in War and Victory Bonds and \$25,000 in contributions to the American Red Cross, and in addition a highly successful drive for the Athens Ahepa Hospital and the Justice for Greece program. A colorful District Convention was entertained in Miami where a large number of young Ahepans were initiated.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Nick Hantzes, 1923, 1924; Tom Karras, 1925; Peter Galatis, 1926; Gregory Constantine, 1927, 1928; John Theofiles, 1929; C. A. Lazarou, 1930; Jerry Galatis, 1931, 1932; Archie Zapetis, 1933, 1934; George Karnegis, 1935; Spero G. Pappas, 1936; Angelo Kays, 1937; M. A. Rakis, 1938; C. G. Marcos, 1939, 1940; Gust Alexander, 1941, 1944; Miki Marks, 1945; George Anemorefs, 1946.

DELPHI CHAPTER NO. 25

Organized August 15, 1923

New York, New York



The officers of Delphi Chapter, first row left to right: Basil Dounoucos, Captain of Guard; Don Avlon; Harry Papps, Secretary; John Dounoucos, First President of Delphi; Kimon A. Doukas, President; Arthur Stephos; Constantine Coutsoucos, Treasurer; Peter Vouchelas, Chaplain. Second row: N. Hadjivasilakis, Ev. Theoharis; Bernard Vlahos; Leonidas Kontanis; Spiros Paitaris; Em. Tsivis; Efstratios D. Polites, Chairman of Governors; Theodore Gourgou'ianos, Welfare Committee Chairman; Theodore Michos. Third row: George Prokon; Eia Kontanis; Peter Carpou; Michael Loris.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Kimon A. Doukas; *Vice President*, Peter P. Angelos; *Secretary*, Harry Papps; *Treasurer*, Constantine Coutsoucos; *Board of Governors*, Efstratios D. Polites, *Chairman*; Evangelos Hardalou-pas, Jack Spiro, George Stavrides, George A. Athans; *Chaplain*, Peter Vouchelas; *Captain of Guard*, Basil Dounoucos; *Welfare Committee*, Theodore Gourgoulianos, *Chairman*.

The pioneer chapter in Metropolitan New York and the forerunner of Ahepa in the East, Delphi Chapter prides itself in twenty-four years of genuine service to its members and the fraternity. It sponsored the establishment of the Upper Manhattan and Hermes Chapter of the Ahepa and has been the guiding hand in all fraternal activity in the Empire district, working harmoniously with all components of the Ahepa and the auxiliaries.

In the many years of service it has supported war refugee children following the Smyrna debacle of 1922; has con-

tributed over \$2,500 for medical assistance to one of its members who became sick serving as an officer of the chapter; has given generously year after year to the American Red Cross; the Greek Schools and Churches in New York; the Ahepa Hospital Drive; the Greek-American Institute of Bronx, and every call that has come from the national headquarters. Its contribution range is well over \$25,000.

The chapter prides itself in having initiated the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, while he was Governor of New York.

PAST PRESIDENTS

John Dounoucos, 1923, 1926, 1943, 1944; Constantine Papathanos, 1924; Dean Alfange, 1925; Peter Vouchelas, 1927, 1935; George Cordes (deceased), 1923; Ben Protopoulos, 1929; Arthur Syran, 1930; James Jameson, 1931; Ulius Amoss, 1932; Menelaos Demetrius (deceased), 1933; Alex Alexion (deceased), 1934; Efstratios D. Polites, 1936, 1937, 1946; Aristides G. Georgiades, 1938, 1942, 1945; Socrates Zolotas, 1939, 1940; Harry Papps, 1941.

ALEXANDER THE GREAT CHAPTER NO. 29

Organized February 1923

Houston, Texas



The officers of Alexander The Great Chapter, seated left to right: John Pappadas, Governor; C. N. Gus DeClaris, President; Charles Exarby, District Governor; George Nelson, Vice President. Standing: James G. Petheriotes, Secretary; Theo Peet, Governor; George Petheriotes, Governor; Manuel Glaros, Governor; Tom Teflos; Pete Verges; Angelo Mytilen, Treasurer.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, C. N. Gus DeClaris; Vice President, George Nelson; Secretary, James G. Petheriotes; Treasurer, Angelo Mytilen; Board of Governors, John Grivas; Chairman, George Petheriotes, John Pappadas, Theo Peet, Manuel Glaros; Chaplain, Tony Demopoulos; Captain of Guard, Paul Kamas; Warden, Angelo Verges; Sentinel, Pete Verges; Assistant Secretary, Pete Philips.

Alexander the Great Chapter was one of the first to accept the principles of the Ahepa and to early join its steady march forward. It acted as host to two different conventions in 1935 and again in 1947, each greater than the previous.

Banquets, picnics and dances have become annual events of the chapter, and it has one of the outstanding degree teams in the entire South, and a membership that is quite active.

Achaia Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope, Sam Houston Chapter of the Sons of Pericles and Rodanthe Chapter of the Maids of Athens have been organized by the Ahepa in Houston.

It purchased or sold over \$1,700,000 in U. S. War Bonds during its various drives, and has contributed to many causes, among them being the Ahepa Sanatorium, \$3,000; American Red Cross, \$2,500; Justice for Greece, \$400; Hospitals for Greece, \$30,000, and Greek War Relief, \$2,000

PAST PRESIDENTS

James Cafcalas, 1923, 1927, 1930; John Nicholas, 1928, 1929, 1932, 1933; P. V. Pappas, 1931; John Pappadas, 1934, 1938; John Zgouradis, 1935; George Petheriotes, 1936; Nick Nicholson, 1937; Nick Peet, 1939, 1940; John Drossos, 1941; Harry Argyries, 1941; John Grivas, 1931, 1946; Charles Exarby, 1943, 1946; William Kousakis, 1945; Gus DeClaris, 1946.

WORTHINGTON CHAPTER NO. 30

Baltimore, Maryland



Past Presidents of Worthington Chapter, seated left to right: Theodore S. Agnew; Nicholas Sakellos; Gus Coventaros; Angelo Schiaderressi; Nicholas J. Nestor; Peter T. Capsanes; Anthony Raptis; George D. Lericos. Standing: Basil A. Thomas; Alex Diacoumakos; George S. Mesologites; Nicholas P. Brous; Dr. Andrew T. Cavacos; George J. Anderson, and Present President, Robert G. Contos.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Robert G. Contos; Vice President, Theodore Papapavlos; Secretary, Peter G. Diamond; Treasurer, John G. Panos; Board of Governors, George J. Anderson, Chairman; Elias Kyriakos, Konstantine J. Prevas, Alex Alexander, George Kortises; Athletic Director, George C. George.

Worthington Chapter has played host to two national conventions, in 1932 and again in 1946, which was the first convention held since the war and probably the biggest held by the fraternity.

Among the various accomplishments of this chapter they take particular pride in pointing out that they have the oldest living Ahepan born in the United States; has two members graduate of the United States Naval Academy; has initiated a Governor of the State of Maryland and a Mayor of Baltimore into the mysteries of the Order; has

received a special citation from the city of Baltimore for participating in the United Nations Fair, and for having the most attractive booth there, which was held in that city.

During the war it established one of the first veterans committees in the fraternity, and has made an enviable record in the sale of war bonds.

It has established Alceme Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope; Plato Chapter of the Sons of Pericles, and Daphne Chapter of the Maids of Athens.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Stelios Pamfilis, 1925 (deceased); Victor C. Pappas, 1926; Peter N. Nicholson, 1927 (deceased); Theodore S. Agnew, 1928; Nicholas Sakellos, 1929; Gus Coventaros, 1930; Gus A. Cavacos, 1931; Angelo Schiadarressi, 1932; Nicholas Gounaris, 1933 (deceased); Nicholas Couzantinos, 1934 (deceased); Steven Monocrusos, 1936 (deceased); Nicholas J. Nestor, 1936; Peter T. Capsanes, 1937; Anthony Raptis, 1938; Luke D. Carman, 1939; George D. Lericos, 1940; Basil A. Thomas, 1941; Alex Diacoumakos, 1942; George S. Mesologites, 1943; Nicholas P. Brous, 1944; Dr. Andrew T. Cavacos, 1945; George J. Anderson, 1946.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER NO. 31

Organized August 7, 1924

Washington, D. C.



The officers of Washington Chapter, seated left to right: Emanuel Killis, Chaplain; John D. Caiopoulos, Vice President; Andrew D. Vozeolas, President; Parascho P. Ballas, Secretary; Speros Lakas, Sentinel. Standing: John N. Deoudes, Captain of Guard; Paul Varoutsos; John C. Deoudes, Governor; Speros A. Versis, Chairman of Governors; George Katinas, Recording Secretary; Andrew T. Pappas, Governor; John T. Pappas, Governor; Thomas Kookos, Warden.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Andrew D. Vozeolas; *Vice President*, John D. Caiopoulos; *Secretary*, Parascho P. Ballas; *Treasurer*, Gust Wallace; *Board of Governors*, Speros A. Versis, *Chairman*; John J. Charuhas, John G. Deoudes, Andrew T. Pappas, John T. Pappas; *Chaplain*, Emanuel Killis; *Captain of Guard*, John N. Deoudes; *Warden*, Thomas Kookos; *Sentinel*, Speros Lakas; *Athletic Director*, Gus W. Koustenis; *Recording Secretary*, George Katinas.

Washington Chapter No. 31, Washington, D. C., originally organized on July 17, 1924, was formally chartered on August 7, 1924. During its almost quarter of a century existence the chapter has maintained a steady and progressive growth. Today, with a membership rapidly approaching the 500 mark, it occupies the enviable position of being one of the largest chapters in the Ahepa domain.

Under its sponsorship the local auxiliaries have been organized and firmly established. First, the Pythagoras Chapter, Sons of Pericles; Hermione Chapter, Daughters of Penelope; and lastly, Muses Chapter, Maids of Athens.

The chapter has long been identified with the civic, cultural and fraternal progress of the nation's capital. Its many and varied activities have included active participation in numerous national and local Ahepa projects such as host to national and district conventions, the biennial

National Ahepa Banquet, visiting dignitaries and many other affairs too numerous to mention.

Concurrently with its contributions to the local and national welfare, the chapter has pursued an active program of benefits for its members. Among the most important of these being well-established Death Benefit and Relief Funds; an active and current athletic program; and a self-sustaining Charity Fund from which contributions are made to worthy local and national charities. An Annual Ball, sponsored jointly with the other components of the local Ahepa family, has become the outstanding social event of the year. During the war years the chapter made an outstanding and enviable record in the sale of War Bonds as well as in other war activities.

During the progressive years of its existence the chapter has attained the distinction of being one of the most outstanding in the Order.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Dr. Charles J. Demas, George DeVakos, Constantine Placokefalos, Peter L. Dounis, Soterios Nicholson, George T. Thomaidis (deceased), Manuel Cambouri, Nicholas J. Joran, Peter D. Chipouras, William A. Revis, Constantine Poulos, James Commings, John J. Charuhas, Speros A. Versis.

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WINSTON-SALEM CHAPTER NO. 32

Organized 1923; Reorganized 1925

Winston-Salem, North Carolina



The officers of Winston-Salem Chapter, seated left to right: Arthur Hondrus, Treasurer; John Vlassis, Vice President; Nicholas Pappas, President; James N. Pappas, Secretary; Vasilios Pappas, Chaplain. Standing: George Gallins, Chairman of Governors; James Gallins; George Prodromos; Vaios Pappas, Sentinel; Chris Pappas; George Bumbalis.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Nicholas Pappas; Vice-President, John Vlassis; Secretary, James N. Pappas; Treasurer, Arthur Hondrus; Board of Governors, George Gallins; Chairman, James Chakou, Louis Hondros, Spiros Kroustalis; Captain of Guard, James Poulos; Chaplain, Vasilios A. Pappas; Warden, John Pappas; Sentinel, Vaios Pappas.

Winston-Salem Chapter during the war years sold over \$200,000 in War Bonds to its members and families.

It contributed \$2,000 toward the Hospitals for Greece and approximately \$300 for the Justice for Greece Committee.

In fraternal activities it is an inspiration to the other organizations in Winston-Salem, and is one of the leaders in

all worth while functions. It sponsors dances and other affairs for the welfare of its membership and for the community.

It is also responsible for organizing Neohori Chapter of the Sons of Pericles in Winston-Salem.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Gust Sapos, 1932, 1933; John Pappas, 1934, 1939; Tom Gallins, 1940; George Gallins, 1941; Nicholas Pappas, 1946.

ARISTOTELES CHAPTER NO. 34

Organized 1923; Reorganized 1925

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



The officers and members of Aristoteles Chapter

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Thomas D. Cook; *Vice President*, Clifford T. Geanopoulos; *Secretary*, Louis G. Manesiotis; *Treasurer*, Alexander Avlon; *Board of Governors*, Theodore Zampetus, *Chairman*; Peter Lalikos, Harry Paulus, George Terzis, Dr. Thomas P. Birris; *Chaplain*, Thomas G. Contis; *Captain of Guard*, John Retetagos; *Warden*, Mike Vardoulis; *Sentinels*, Louis Diakos, Peter Pateas, *Athletic Director*, Louis Vitsas.

Aristoteles Chapter has sponsored annual dances that are the social events of the season and has given banquets and other public affairs. The war record of the Chapter and its auxiliaries is one of which it is proud. Many of its members served in the armed forces with a few being awarded the Legion of Honor and Distinguished Service Medals. The Chapter's War Bond Committee sold almost three million dollars' worth of War Bonds, receiving a citation by the United States Government.

During these War Bond sales the Committee sponsored a bomber, a base hospital, and assisted in the sponsorship of the Veterans' Hospitals being built in Pittsburgh.

As far back as 1931 Holy Trinity Chapter, Sons of Pericles, was an important branch of the Junior Order.

Functioning for a number of years now under the spon-

sorship of the Ahepa is the Pi Sigma Tau Chapter of the Maids of Athens, which is one of the leading chapters in the Fourth District. The war record of the girls is especially worthy of commendation, they having assisted in War Bond Drives, USO Canteen activities, Blood Donations and Red Cross Work.

Donations for various causes during the life of the Pittsburgh Chapter have exceeded \$12,000. In recent years churches, Red Cross, and the tuberculosis hospitals have been regularly recipients of contributions from them. This year \$550 was given to the District Scholarship Fund, and in all \$2,250 was donated for various causes. The National Basketball Tournament sponsored by the Ahepa and held in Pittsburgh in 1941 left \$500 which was donated to Greek War Relief.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Christ J. Catcheris, Peter W. Katsafanas, Theodore Manos, Emanuel Decolas, P. M. Chronis, George Bolanis, P. J. Demas, Leo Kourakos, Dr. Thomas P. Birris, Arthur Karkalas, James Karambelas (deceased), Thomas D. Cook, C. N. Paycopoulos, Theodore Zampetas, Peter V. Paulus.

CLEVELAND CHAPTER NO. 36

Organized January 1925

Cleveland, Ohio

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Nick Theofilis; *Vice President*, George L. Pontikos; *Secretary*, John Kras; *Treasurer*, Gus Venizelos; *Board of Governors*, William Karas, Louis Tripodes, Nick Apotsos, George Kalas, Steve Williams; *Chaplain*, James Boudouris; *Captain of Guard*, Christ Regas; *Warden*, Nick Herouvis; *Sentinels*, Pete Stamatias, John Manos; *Athletic Director*, Peter G. Catavolos.

The pioneer chapter in the Buckeye State, Cleveland Chapter is not only a leader in that respect, but leads in all fraternal activities, and sets the pattern for the rest of the state and district to follow.

Whether it be in giving a dinner, a picnic or dance, it does so with only one thought in mind, that of really serving its membership and community and giving an affair that is enjoyed by all. The extent of their success can best be shown by the bigger attendances they have each succeeding year, and how these affairs are anxiously awaited.

It sponsors a bowling team, basketball team and a baseball team, and as a result many of the younger members of the chapter are taking a leading part in all activities.

Their position in the city of Cleveland is of a high standing, and they are so held in regard, that it is a tribute to the officers and members, and to the fraternity, to have such a respected chapter.

First, can also be allotted them in charitable contributions and by way of proof we cite a few: American Peace Society, \$68.00; Corinth Earthquake, \$600.00; International Exposition, \$300.00; Near East Relief, \$225.00; Grecian Cultural Gardens, \$50.00; War Service Center, \$100.00; Justice for Greece, \$1,327.00; Hospitals for Greece, \$28,000.00; Greek War Orphans, \$348.50; Flowers for the sick, \$520.58; Greek Church, Cleveland, \$18,635.00; Members in distress, \$1,544.18; Ahepa Sanatorium, \$635.85; American Red Cross, \$1,135.00; Ypsilanti Statute, \$125.00; Community Fund, \$697.45; War President Statue, \$750.00.

In addition the chapter is responsible for selling \$3,500,000.00 worth of war bonds.

It has established Hebe Chapter of the Maids of Athens and Lefkothea Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope, as well as the Demosthenes Chapter, Sons of Pericles.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Phillip D. Peppas, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1931; Constantine Poulides, 1929; George Dracon, 1930; Nick Copanos, 1932; John Karagiannis (Kerrigan), 1933; V. J. Harris, 1934; Constantine Passalis, 1935; Argyros Panagopoulos, 1936; Louis Pappas, 1937, 1938; Constantine Gatsos, 1939; Fred Spanos, 1940, 1941; Constantine Carnavos, 1942; James Pallam, 1943; William Daily, 1944; James C. Mylonas, 1945; William Karas, 1946.

BROOKLYN CHAPTER NO. 41

Organized February 29, 1924

Brooklyn, New York



The officers of Brooklyn Chapter. Seated left to right: Michael Anargeros, Secretary; Theodore Zolotas, President; Nicholas Vassilakos, Vice President. Standing: James Aletras, Sentinel; Michael Rynack, Governor; Michael Laskas, Captain of Guard; Michael Loris, Governor; Nicholas J. Papadakos, Chaplain.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Theodore Zolotas; *Vice President*, Nicholas Vassilakos; *Secretary*, Michael Anargeros; *Treasurer*, Gregory Coutoupis; *Board of Governors*, Gus Nicholas, *Chairman*; Michael Loris, Michael Mulaine, Michael Rynack, Theodore Kentroti; *Chaplain*, Nicholas J. Papadakos; *Captain of Guard*, Michael Laskas; *Warden*, Gregory Kapsalis; *Sentinel*, James Aletras; *Athletic Director*, James A. Letras; *Trustees*, Charles Christie, George Antonakos, John Tufexis.

Since the inception of Brooklyn Chapter, 397 members have been initiated with the entire membership taking part in every drive organized by the Ahepa.

The Chapter has given unsparingly to the Corinthian Agricultural School, Miami disaster, Blood Bank, Red Cross, Community Chest, Sanatorium, Greek War Relief and Justice for Greece.

In the matter of War Bonds the Chapter was fortunate in having the champion War Bond salesman in the country as one of its members. As a result of his sales and those of the other members, Brooklyn Chapter led all others in the drive.

In local community life the members of the chapter are the lifeblood and also the officers of two Greek Orthodox Churches which have been the recipients of the members' generosity. Brooklyn Chapter's *ex-G.I.s* have also taken a very prominent part in the formation of a veterans' organization.

Brooklyn Chapter holds its annual Combined Ball in the month of December in conjunction with the other Metropolitan chapters. Small Chapter socials are held at an average of every three months. Lectures are held at an average of one every six meetings at which lectures the entire community is invited as guests with dancing and refreshments following.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Michael Loris, 1924, 1933, 1942; Thomas Lewnes, 1925; William Michel, 1926, 1932; T. Themelis, 1927; Gus Demas, 1928, 1932; James Linardos, 1929-1930; John Tufexis, 1931; Edward Kary, 1934; N. F. Nicholson, 1935; George Bourney, 1936, 1937; George Litras, 1938, 1939; George Rozakis, 1940, 1941; Charles Christie, 1943, 1944; Gus Nicholas, 1945, 1946.

UPPER MANHATTAN CHAPTER NO. 42

Organized March 1924

New York, New York



The officers of Upper Manhattan Chapter, first row, left to right: Antony Orphanides, Secretary; Natis Kokkinos, Vice President; Stephen S. Scopas, Chairman, Education Committee; Sarkis Sarafian, President; Paris Gamanos, Treasurer. Second row: Vassilos Kassimatis, Governor; George Mirros, Chairman of Governors; Perry Poulos, Governor; George Cashoty, Past President; Stephen Vafiadis, Past President.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Sarkis Sarafian; Vice President, Natis Kokkinos; Secretary, Anthony H. Orphanides; Treasurer, Paris Gamanos; Board of Governors, George Mirros, Chairman; Vassilos Kassimatis, Theodore Sapunakis, Nicholas Calison, Pericles Poulos; Chaplain, John Kapetanakis; Captain of Guard, James P. Yalouri; Warden, John E. Glynos; Sentinels, Argiros Mitsopoulos, Anthony Yannelis; Athletic Director, Athan D. Vlahos.

Upper Manhattan Chapter was organized in 1924 by a group who clearly envisioned the mission of the Ahepa. From its inception this chapter has attracted to its ranks the most progressive element, and frequently has been privileged in providing leadership to the National and District organizations. In its twenty-three years of existence it has morally and materially assisted every worth while cause in the community. During its time it has given to the Justice for Greece, \$1,000; Ahepa Hospital Drive, \$5,000; Red Cross, \$3,000; Greek War Relief, \$10,000; War Fund, \$1,500, and many other equally worthy causes. It has established

Evryklea Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope and participates in the annual Combined Ball given by the Metropolitan Ahepa Chapter, as well as distributing Christmas Baskets to the needy.

Thus it is appropriate and fitting that, on this eventful occasion when the fraternity is celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding a rededication be made to the cause of Ahepa and the fulfillment of its inspired mission which in the aggregate represents the high ideals and principles of the American nation and the noblest traditions of the Hellenic heritage.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Nicholas J. Botsacos, 1924; George Stathes, 1925; Emanuel Coronis, 1926; George Lamont, 1927; Zacharis D. Jimas, 1928; George Stathes, 1929; Nicholas J. Gahis, 1930; George Papsaleus, 1931; John P. Peterson, 1932; Andrew J. Dritsas, 1933; D. Valznopoulos, 1934; Nicholas J. Botsacos, 1935; George Dimas, 1936; Stephen Vafiades, 1937; Stephen Scopas, 1938; Nicholas Pappageorge, 1939; Basil Manouso, 1940; James Trakis, 1941; George T. Gavaris, 1942; Anthony Orphanides, 1942; Tassos Becatoros, 1942, 1943; George Cashoty, 1944, 1945; George Mirros, 1946.

WATERBURY CHAPTER NO. 48

Organized June 24, 1924

Waterbury, Connecticut



The officers of Waterbury Chapter, seated left to right: Michael Exarhou, Secretary; William Kotsaftis, Sentinel; James Howse, Vice President; Michael Leon, President; Anthony Vasilakos, Treasurer; Peter Bergeris, Warden. Standing: James Coukis, Captain of Guard; Peter Laskas, Chairman of Governors; Peter Stavros, Governor; George Pistolas, Governor; Harry Mihalakos, Governor; Peter Savacos, Governor.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Michael Leon; *Vice President*, James Howse; *Secretary*, Michael Exarhou; *Treasurer*, Anthony Vasilakos; *Board of Governors*, Peter Laskas, *Chairman*; Peter Stavros, George Pistolas; Peter Savacos; Harry Mihalakos; *Chaplain*, Peter Sakorafas; *Captain of Guard*, James Coukis, *Warden*, Peter Bergeris; *Sentinel*, William Kotsaftis; *Athletic Director*, Michael Exarhou.

Waterbury Chapter can claim the distinction of being the first chapter established in the State of Connecticut and in addition it has assisted in organizing chapters in Meriden, Bridgeport, New Britain, Hartford and New Haven. It also sponsored the Solon Chapter of the Sons of Pericles in Waterbury and a chapter in Hartford.

It was host to the first District Convention and has been

the guiding hand of all Ahepa activities within its District. During the War Bond Drives this chapter sold over half a million dollars.

The Waterbury Chapter has contributed to all charitable campaigns and drives and has donated more than \$5,000 to the Community of Waterbury.

PAST PRESIDENTS

George Rassias, 1924; Anthony Dedopoulos, 1925, 1926; Peter Laskas, 1927, 1928; John Tsacomas, 1929; Peter Stavros, 1930, 1931, 1935; Louis Chronis, 1932, 1934, 1938, 1941; George Pistolas, 1936, 1937; Harry Mihalakos, 1939, 1940; James Coukis, 1942, 1943; John Yampanis, 1944, 1945; Michael Leon, 1946, 1947.

EASTONIA CHAPTER NO. 56

Organized February 15, 1925; Reorganized 1937

Easton, Pennsylvania



The officers of Eastonia Chapter, seated, first row, left to right: Rev. Phelemon Vlahopoulos; John K. Pappas, Secretary; Charles J. Pappas, President; Michael H. Voyages, Treasurer. Second row: John Janos; Thomas Geronikos, Sentinel; James Confides; William Janos, Chairman of Governors; Anthony Gianopoulos, Captain of Guard. Standing: Michael Paleologos; James Raftis; Peter Contos, Governor; George Pappas; Alex Janos; George Mutafis.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Charles J. Pappas; Vice President, Steve Dimmis; Secretary, John K. Pappas; Treasurer, Michael H. Voyages; Board of Governors, William Janos, Chairman; Peter Contos, Tom Geronikos, John Pappagelis, Anthony Gianopoulos; Chaplain, James T. Geronikos; Captain of Guard, Anthony Gianopoulos; Warden, George Michalakos; Sentinels, Tom Geronikos, John Pappagelis; Athletic Director, George Mechalakos.

Among the many activities sponsored by Eastonia Chapter one of the most eventful was the winning of first prize during the Golden Jubilee celebration of the city of Easton, for the best marching unit, in what can be described as the largest parade held in that city.

It did a superb job in selling bonds during the war bond campaigns and has at all times been at the forefront of all community affairs.

A ready contributor to all worthy projects, it has been a constant source of satisfaction to the membership that they are always found in the column of active service and willing givers.

Lampete Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope, Eastonia Chapter of the Sons of Pericles, and a chapter of the Maids of Athens, have been established in Easton, under the guidance of the Ahepa there.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Leo Alex, 1925, 1926; Harry Vontas, 1927; George Janos, 1928; Louis Gianopoulos, 1937; Mike Voyages, 1938, 1941, 1945; Anthony Gianopoulos, 1939; William Janos, 1946.

CANTON CHAPTER NO. 59

LONGFELLOW-ANDREW NICKAS CHAPTERS NO. 59-289 COMBINED

Organized June 1925

Canton, Ohio



The officers and members of Canton Chapter.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Peter Kourmoules; Vice President, Peter Michalos; Secretary, Anthony Manos; Treasurer, Harry Nachies; Board of Governors, Emmanuel Elite, Chairman; James Alogdelis, Louis Lilis, Gregory Pelay, Steve Karagianedes.

It was in June 1925 when Longfellow Chapter was organized in Canton, Ohio. Then in 1932 another chapter, Andrew Nickas, was organized. Both chapters united under the name of Canton Chapter No. 59, with a membership of more than 250 members. Ahepa in Canton has played a leading part in both civic and social affairs. During the war the chapter sold over one million dollars' worth of War Bonds. It participated in all clothing drives and contributed generously to all Community, Red Cross, Infantile Paralysis Fund and Community Chest drives. The chapter participated in a victory parade winning first place for the outstanding float.

It has a Degree Team which is well known and performs initiations throughout the entire Eleventh District. It has

been host to three District Conventions. Whatever success has been achieved by the Ahepa in Canton is due to the cooperation and hard work of the officers and members. Ahepa is a small word with a great meaning.

Victoria Chapter of the Maids of Athens, William McKinley Chapter of the Sons of Pericles, and Chloris Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope were organized by Canton Chapter, and has followed their activities with a great deal of interest.

A few of the contribution made by the chapter, such as the Hospitals for Greece, \$18,000; Greek War Relief, \$11,000, definitely proves the extent and worth of their generous support to local and national charities.

PAST PRESIDENTS

J. P. Manos, Andrew Nickas, Peter G. Gerros, Berry Belay, Harry Nachies, Peter George, Nick Kakos, Peter Adams, Tom Ross, George Pelay, George Tremoulis, Gregory Pelay, Emmanuel Elite.

GOOD FRIENDSHIP CHAPTER NO. 63

Organized March 1925

Akron, Ohio



Past Presidents of Good Friendship Chapter, insert John D. Petrou, First President; seated left to right: Theodore Konstantinopoulos; Nick Carpas; James Economou; Gust Kleines, George Pappas. Standing: John Beris; Moshos Varverakis; George Nick George, Present President; Gust Herouvis; Nicholas Economou; Phillip Syracopoulos.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, George Nick George; Vice President, Nick Carpas; Secretary, Zachary Harris; Treasurer, George Danesis; Board of Governors, Moschos Varverakis, Chairman; John Zaharopoulos, Nicholas Economou, Nicholas Van Marcey; Chaplain, Nickolas Nickolaides; Captain of Guard, James Bolas; Warden, William J. Katicos; Sentinel, James Stevens.

Good Friendship Chapter joined the ranks of the Ahepa in March 1925 by a mass initiation of the membership of the Good Friendship Association, which had been functioning in Akron for a number of years.

It has participated in every activity and is one of the leading Chapters in the District. In 1925 when the centennial of Akron was held one of the largest parades in the history of the city took place. The Chapter, being newly organized, participated in the parade with a float, winning first prize and being acclaimed as the best group in the parade.

Its activities among the members and in the life of the city attracted the attention of many civic organizations and the Ahepa was commended as a fine organization. It is considered as one of the best American patriotic organizations in the city. The Chapter maintains its own meeting

hall. The Chapter has had representation at every National Convention and acted as host to the first Convention held by the Eleventh District. It has established Delian League Chapter of the Sons of Pericles and Themis Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope, both of which have been very active, and have been a real asset.

During the War a monthly publication containing news of the community was mailed to every serviceman and woman of Greek origin from Summit County. During the War Bond Drives, the Chapter sold millions of dollars of War Bonds. It has actively participated in the U.S.O., Red Cross, blood bank and every other patriotic affair. During the Ahepa Hospital Drive it was leading in the state, sending the amount of \$30,000.00 to headquarters.

It has held annual grand balls and has been holding monthly family parties. It has held picnics each year until the start of the war at which time they were discontinued.

PAST PRESIDENTS

John D. Petrou; Theodore Konstantinopoulos; Nick Carpas; James Economou; Gust Kleines; George Pappas; John Beris; Moshos Varverakis; Gust Herouvis; Nicholas Economou; Phillip Syracopoulos.

DEMOSTHENES CHAPTER NO. 66

Organized April 21, 1925

Minneapolis, Minnesota

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, George A. Xanthis; *Vice President*, James Chris Boosalis; *Secretary*, Peter J. Lamont; *Treasurer*, John Nashopoulos; *Board of Governors*, Othon J. Cacharelis, *Chairman*; James Demos, C. H. Kavalaris, Steve Canakes, Sideris Morris; *Chaplain*, James Speliopoulos; *Captain of Guard*, George Casper; *Assistant Captain of Guard*, George J. Bales; *Warden*, Ernest Kapotas; *Sentinels*, James Makros, Spero Pappathatos.

Demosthenes Chapter is one of the pioneer chapters in the Northwest and has been one of the most active in the fraternity.

It has acted as host at many social events but one of the highlights was the joint installation of the officers of all Sons Chapters in the Fourteenth District, held in Minneapolis in 1934. They have established as a yearly event a banquet held on March 25 and a dance during the height of the winter season.

Aside from annual contributions to the Greek Church,

Community Chest, American Red Cross, March of Dimes, they have also contributed to the Greek War Relief, \$1,000.00; Ahepa Sanatorium, \$500.00; Justice for Greece, \$1,286.00 and Hospitals for Greece, \$11,000.00. The outstanding performance of selling over \$1,000,700.00 in War Bonds, is one achievement the chapter takes just pride in.

Antigone Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope and Olympus Chapter of the Sons of Pericles have been established in Minneapolis by Demosthenes Chapter.

PAST PRESIDENTS

John Demakis, 1925; Peter E. Kamuchey, 1926, 1929; Thomas N. Christie, 1927, 1936, 1945; Christie N. Geanakoplis (deceased), 1928; Frank DePiere, 1930; D. N. Karalis, 1931; George Assemis, 1932; Thomas Kalogerson, 1933; N. B. Phillips, 1934; Spear A. Zacher, 1935; George Chandler, 1937; Nick Pettas, 1938; Spiros Pappathatos, 1939; Theodore Speliopoulos, 1940; John Pantages, 1941; John D. Villas, 1942; George Casper, 1943; Leo Zotaley, 1944; O. J. Cacharelis, 1946.

MILTIADES CHAPTER NO. 68

Organized May 15, 1925

Wheeling, West Virginia



The officers and members of Miltiades Chapter.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, George Kefalas; *Vice President*, Michael Costas; *Secretary*, John S. Giatrakis; *Treasurer*, Emmanuel Sgouros; *Board of Governors*, Louis Velas, *Chairman*; Peter R. Arslain, Kenneth Giannos, August W. Petroplus, Telemahos Grammen; *Chaplain*, Rev. John G. Geranios; *Captain of Guard*, Samuel Tavlores; *Warden*, George Plesko; *Sentinel*, John A. Sfina; *Sentinels*, Paul Manolakis, Peter L. Momakos; *Athletic Director*, Emanuel Sgouros.

The Ahepa was fast sweeping the country and in West Virginia, Miltiades Chapter was established in the city of Wheeling in the early part of 1925, and has since been a real asset to the entire fraternity.

It has held dances, banquets, installations, and other social affairs annually since its inception, and each affair better than the previous.

Miltiades Chapter has been a ready contributor to any worthy project and of the many contributions a few are

listed to show the extent of such contributions: Community Fund, \$3,250.00; American Red Cross, \$3,000.00; Roosevelt Memorial, \$30.00; Pomfret Theological Seminary, \$100.00; Greek War Relief, \$1,550.00; Missolonghi Memorial, \$50.00; Corinth Earthquake, \$1,000.00; Hospitals for Greece, \$350.00; Ahepa Auxiliaries, \$2,250.00; Greek Archdiocese and Greek Orthodox Church, \$5,333.27.

Kimon Chapter of the Sons of Pericles and Iris Chapter of the Maids of Athens have been established by the Ahepa in Wheeling.

PAST PRESIDENT

Louis Velas, 1925, 1928, 1936, 1942, 1946; Gus C. Callas, 1926; George Gasle (deceased), 1927; William Essaris, 1929, 1932, 1938; Dr. George Kolletis, 1930; James B. Angelis, 1931, 1932; Peter Papamichael, 1933; Christ Varrouzannis, 1933; George Kefalas, 1934; Frank Demas, 1937; Peter R. Arslain, 1938, 1939; George Litis, 1940; C. G. Cosmides, 1941.

PHILANTHOPOPOS CHAPTER NO. 74

Organized July 28, 1926

Mussillon, Ohio

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, George Lambrou; *Vice President*, Harry Coresides; *Secretary*, Harry Syrios; *Treasurer*, Peter Scoufalos; *Board of Governors*, George Orphan, *Chairman*; George Nikas, Tom Panos, Nick Ginarakis, Pete Petrou; *Chaplain*, Rev. Dorotheas Neanonitos; *Captain of Guard*, Tom George; *Warden*, Louis Triantos; *Sentinels*, Peter Pongas, Mike Ginis.

Many are the events and the things that can be written about the Ahepa in Massillon, but the years of its activities are such they need no introduction to the people of that Buckeye City, as it is always in the forefront of every worthy movement.

It has contributed to every charitable campaign and over

the years the sums run into the thousands given to such worthy causes as the Red Cross, Infantile Paralysis Fund, Community Chest, Greek Church, and many similar organizations.

Byzantine Chapter of the Sons of Pericles was organized in Massillon by the Philanthropos Chapter.

PAST PRESIDENTS

George Gansas, Nick Orphan, Gus Marinakis, George Orphan, Nick Karras.

LEONIDAS CHAPTER NO. 77

Organized July 12, 1925

Binghamton, New York

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Charles P. Matalas; *Vice President*, Steve C. Leoumis; *Secretary*, John P. Matalas; *Treasurer*, Rev. Sophronius Karapepenis; *Board of Governors*, Nick Papadakis, *Chairman*; George Felahis, Peter Vonetes, Thomas Boucounis; *Chaplain*, Peter Vonetes; *Captain of Guard*, John Tsoulos, *Warden*, Thomas Boucounis; *Sentinel*, Peter Vamvoris; *Athletic Director*, Nick Markatos.

In the twenty-two years that Leonidas Chapter has been in existence it has given its services and contributions to many noteworthy causes. It has participated in the numerous drives of the American Red Cross, Community Chest, Greek War Relief Drive, and also in many War Bond drives during the late war.

The Leonidas Chapter also has been a factor in building the Greek Orthodox Church in Binghamton.

It has established Chilos Chapter of the Sons of Pericles and Athens Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope.

In the years that Leonidas Chapter has been in Binghamton it has conducted many social affairs and sponsored events which have given much enjoyment to the people that attended them. It has also been host to three District Conventions.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Demosthenes Youis, 1925, 1926; Steve Gianakouros, 1927, 1934; Peter Romas, 1928; Andrew Vassos, 1929; Louis Costas, 1930, 1937; Harry Maragus, 1931; Thomas Gregory, 1932; Theodore Manouse, 1933; James Papastrat, 1935; Peter K. Pappas, 1936; Frank J. Paul, 1933, 1943; James Mamouse, 1939; Charles Leounis, 1940; 1944, 1945; Theodore Anagnost, 1941; Nick Bobalis, 1942; Nicholas Papadakis, 1946.

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CHESTER CHAPTER NO. 79

Organized September 10, 1925

Chester, Pennsylvania



The officers and members of Chester Chapter

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, John P. Adams; *Vice President*, Nick Poulos; *Secretary*, Gus Skidas; *Treasurer*, John Dracopoulos; *Board of Governors*, Anthony G. Kapourellos, *Chairman*; George Karvellas, Peter Danos, Peter Maneos Kostis, Andrew Beldecos; *Chaplain*, John M. Dottis; *Captain of Guard*, Andrew Beldecos; *Warden*, John Skidas; *Sentinels*, Nick Bourdakos, George Karvellas; *Athletic Director*, John Beldecos.

Pennsylvania was one of the early states to enter the ranks of the Ahepa and within a short time Chester was inaugurated as another chapter in this keystone state.

In 1934 Chester acted as host to the District Convention, and to this day it is remarked as to the splendid arrangements and entertainment the delegates and visitors received and enjoyed.

It has been an eager contributor to every worthy cause

and among the recipients of its generosity can be named the Community Chest, American Red Cross, March of Dimes, Tuberculosis Association, Greek War Relief, Hospitals for Greece, United Service Organizations, Justice for Greece, Ahepa Sanatorium, Greek Orthodox Church.

Chester Chapter of the Sons of Pericles and Electra Chapter of the Maids of Athens, have been organized under the sponsorship of Chester Chapter of the Ahepa.

PAST PRESIDENTS

John G. Pappas, John M. Dottis, E. P. Christake, Sam Savopoulos, William Stolis, Andrew Varikis, Peter Makris, Anthony G. Kapourellos, Nick Diacomakes, Anthony Catsonis

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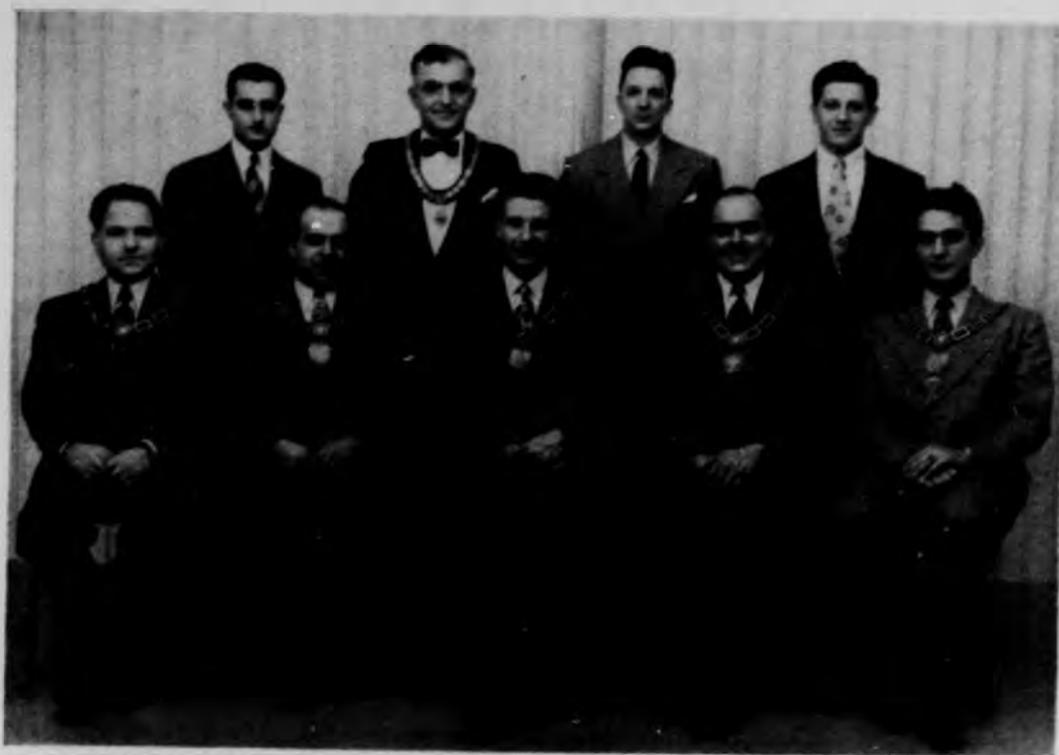
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LINCOLN CHAPTER NO. 89

Organized October 24, 1925

Youngstown, Ohio



Officers of Lincoln Chapter, seated left to right: Peter Carvelas, Warden; Leonidas Poulakos, Treasurer; Alexander A. Stratigos, President; Odysseus Dakides, Vice President; George G. Flitsos, Secretary. Standing: Peter Pasvanis, Captain of Guard; Peter Betchunis, Chairman of Governors; Charles Gorant, Governor; Peter Yankush, Chaplain.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Alexander A. Stratigos; Vice President, Odysseus Dakides; Secretary, George G. Flitsos; Treasurer, Leonidas Poulakos; Board of Governors, Peter Betchunis, Chairman; Charles Gorant, George Chelekis, George Andrews, Vincent Stamoulis; Captain of Guards, Peter Pasvanis; Chaplain, Peter Yankush; Warden, Peter Carvelas; Sentinel, Steve Conzaman.

Since the founding of Lincoln chapter the members have wholeheartedly cooperated in matters of civic welfare, contributing much to the prestige of the Greek people and Ahepa. During the early years, little of general interest occurred other than a strong bond of understanding among the members which still exists to this day.

On July 15, 1934 the Third Annual Convention of the Tenth District was held in Youngstown under the auspices of the Chapter.

March 15, 1935, Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd was welcomed by the Ahepans of Youngstown. After a brief message by the Admiral, motion pictures of the expedition were shown to a large group of Ahepans.

During the Second World War its members worked fervently to meet their quotas of bond sales. Well over \$800,000 was subscribed, and the chapter made a splendid showing in all war service activities.

Banquets have been held every year since its organization, with the proceeds given to charitable groups. The success of the 1946 banquet enabled them to make the largest single contribution of \$1,000.00 to the Hospitals for Greece Fund.

Among other contributions the chapter has given to the Greek Church and School in Youngstown, \$620.00; American Red Cross, \$300.00; Theological School, \$50.00; Community War Fund, \$225.00 and Welfare for Greece, \$250.00.

They have also sponsored Hercules Chapter of the Sons of Pericles.

PAST PRESIDENT

Anthony Zervos (temporary chairman), 1925; Constantine G. Economus, 1926, 1929; John Bombolis, 1927; Louis Carvelas, 1928; Peter Parthemos, 1930; George Belluris, 1931; Louis Limberopoulos, 1932; Mick Carr, 1933; Peter Betchunis, 1934, 1935, 1937, 1946; George Chelekis, 1936; George Andrews, 1938; Jack Conzaman, 1939; James Bougas, 1940; Christ Paparodis, 1941, 1943; Stephen Dakis, 1944, 1945.

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DANBURY CHAPTER NO. 90

Organized January 22, 1926

Danbury, Connecticut



The officers and members of Danbury Chapter

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Nicholas Hatzopoulos; *Vice President*, James Zalla; *Secretary*, Manuel Carastrates, *Treasurer*, Christo C. Vourvazos; *Board of Governors*, George N. Hondron, *Chairman*; Charles Panasis, George J. Kefalas, Costas J. Caidas, James Kakadelis; *Chaplain*, Peter Kakadelis; *Captain of Guard*, George J. Kefalas; *Warden*, George K. Kefalas; *Sentinel*, Efthemios Ghecas.

Established in 1926 it was then one of the few chapters along the Eastern seaboard and it took an active part in carrying the Ahepa banner to all the neighboring cities.

From the outset it sponsored many plays, such as *O Brooklis Stin Athena* and *E duo Lohiai*, with talent from its own ranks, it held picnics, dances and banquets and acted as host to the sixth annual district convention in 1937.

It also has taken an active part in all charitable campaigns and activities, among them being the Community Chest,

American Red Cross, Tuberculosis Seal Drive, March of Dimes, Justice for Greece Committee, Hospitals for Greece giving over \$1,750.00, Ahepa Sanatorium, Greek Church and school. It boasts the fact that it has over ninety-five per cent of all citizens of Hellenic extraction living in Danbury, as members.

They are interested in the Junior Order as well and have sponsored the Danbury Chapter of the Sons of Pericles.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Michael V. Nicholson, 1926, 1927, 1930; George N. Hondron, 1928, 1933, 1939; James Anastios, 1929; John Catsumpas, 1931, 1932; Charles Gregory, 1933, 1934; George Panasis, 1935, 1936; C. J. Caidas, 1937, 1942, 1943, 1944; George J. Kefalas, 1940, 1941.

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WILLIAM McKINLEY CHAPTER NO. 91

Organized January 16, 1926

Buffalo, New York



The officers of William McKinley Chapter, seated left to right: Chris Liaros, Assistant Secretary; James Manos, Secretary; Nickolas Mandell, President; Peter Revelas, Vice President. Standing: Peter Engelis, Captain of Guard; James Vezos, Governor; Theodore Argyros, Sentinel.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Nicholas Mandell; *Vice President*, Peter Revelas; *Secretary*, James Manos; *Treasurer*, John Faklaris; *Board of Governors*, George J. Campas, *Chairman*; Alexander Zakes, James Vezos, Basil Basil, Charles Stathakos; *Chaplain*, Rev. John Pallas; *Captain of Guard*, Peter Engelis; *Warden*, James Argyros; *Sentinel*, Theodore Argyros; *Assistant Secretary*, Chris Liaros.

The annual scholarship ball sponsored by McKinley Chapter surpasses any other social event of the season in Buffalo. Aside from being such an outstanding affair it is given for a worthy purpose. The proceeds are used to give scholarships to deserving students to continue their studies in higher institutions of learning, and this contributes vastly to the betterment of the community.

This has been an annual affair for the past fifteen years and each year the proceeds are thusly distributed.

The chapter has been active in supporting every drive or campaign to raise funds that the headquarters has sponsored, and is equally responsive to all local drives to raise funds for charitable purposes.

It has sponsored the organization of Capo D'Istria Chapter of the Sons of Pericles, Pallas Athena Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope and Pindar Chapter of the Maids of Athens.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Chris Demopoulos (deceased), 1926, 1927; Paul Condrell, 1928; James Yianillos (deceased), 1929; Stavros Marcopoulos (deceased), 1930; Charles Stathacos, 1931; James Conomos, 1932; Nickolas Basil (deceased), 1933; James Mintzas, 1934; George Page, 1935; Constantine Marcopoulos, 1936; Louis Lemmer, 1937; Alexander Tsougos, 1938; Nickolas Jamieson, 1939, 1940; Theophane Phillis, 1941; Peter Vezos, 1942, 1943; Constantine Sampson, 1944, 1945; George J. Campas, 1946.

NEW HAVEN CHAPTER NO. 98

Organized March, 1926

New Haven, Connecticut



The officers and members of New Haven Chapter with the birthday cake commemorating their twenty-first anniversary.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Constantine P. Pappas; *Vice President*, John T. Bouzoucos; *Secretary*, George J. Margoles; *Treasurer*, George T. Pappas; *Board of Governors*, Andrew Malliaris, *Chairman*; Harry Legelis, Milton Psathas, William Chaltas, George Chaltas; *Chaplain*, George H. Poulos; *Captain of Guard*, George J. Necklas; *Warden*, Michael Zahariades; *Sentinel*, James Verinis; *Athletic Director*, Christopher Matsagas.

The twenty-first birthday of the New Haven Chapter was recently held and it was an occasion in recalling the years of progress, the events held, the personalities that blended into its life, its accomplishments and to sound a word of optimism for the future. During this celebration each charter member was presented with a lifetime pen and pencil set.

All these things have gone to make up the life and activity of this Connecticut Chapter, and some of them deserve mention, such as the 1933 District Convention held in New Haven; the initiation of Governor Wilbur Cross; the pres-

entation of the flag of Greece to the State of Connecticut and the dinner-dances given periodically.

In contributions it ranks as a generous giver, having donated over ten thousand dollars, since its organization, to the Red Cross, Infantile Paralysis Fund, Community Chest, Greek War Relief, St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church, and many other similar charitable groups. It organized Mycale Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope and Elm City Chapter of the Sons of Pericles.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Tassos Haritos, 1926, 1928; Harry Besbissides, 1929, 1930; James Carson, 1931, 1932; Stratis Andri, 1933; Seraphim Pappas, 1934, 1935, 1942, 1944; Constantine P. Verinis, 1936; Alexander Eftimes, 1937; William Chaltas, 1938; Savas Anastasion, 1939, 1940; Constantine P. Pappas, 1941; Andrew D. Malliaris, 1945, 1946.

SOUTH BEND CHAPTER NO. 100

Organized in 1926

South Bend, Indiana



The officers and members of South Bend Chapter.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, William Lewis; *Vice President*, George Mantalas; *Secretary*, Steven Tsalikis; *Treasurer*, Tom Burlas; *Board of Governors*, Sam Maros, *Chairman*; Gust Makris, Pendel Pappas, Gust Scoortis, Anest Karras; *Chaplain*, Rev. Arcadios Arcadiou; *Captain of Guard*, William Brillan; *Warden*, Achilles Anton; *Sentinels*, William Metros, Peter Mouras.

The South Bend Chapter was organized in 1926 and at the present time has a strength of 150 members. The community, although small has been well organized and the Ahepa has taken the lead in the coordination and cooperation among the various groups within the community.

A new page has been added to its history with the initiation of 24 young veterans into the order. They have been

elected to offices and given a voice in the chapter's policies. This has served as an introduction into community affairs of the younger generation.

It has been an active supporter of all charitable purposes and a generous contributor. It has established Gaia Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope and the South Bend Chapter of the Sons of Pericles.

GOLDEN RULE CHAPTER NO. 101

Organized March 26, 1926

New Bedford, Massachusetts



The officers of Golden Rule Chapter. Seated left to right: Peter J. Haste, Vice President; Dr. John Poulos, President; Nicholas Kosta, Secretary. Standing: Michael Xifaras, Sr., Warden; Harry Johnson, Chaplain; Harry Keneklis, Treasurer.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Dr. John Poulos; Vice President, Peter J. Haste; Secretary, Nicholas Kosta; Treasurer, Harry Keneklis; Board of Governors, William Karalekas, Chairman; Spiros Houlis, John Koupas, Steven Althemades, Charles Adamos; Chaplain, Harry Johnson; Captain of Guard, James Zarvas; Warden, Michael Xifaras, Sr.; Sentinels, Peter Pars, Peter Poulos.

Among its various activities the chapter holds a public installation and a dance annually, and each of these events are eagerly awaited by the entire community of New Bedford.

In addition to the above the chapter is ready at all times to respond to any worthy request for assistance, and has during the past generously contributed to the Community

Chest, American Red Cross, March of Dimes, Greek War Relief and to the erection of the Greek Orthodox Church in that city.

Epsilon Sigma Delta Chapter of the Maids of Athens has been established by the Golden Rule Chapter, as well as Pythagoros Chapter, Sons of Pericles.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Thomas Salamanis, 1926; Angelo Smyrnakis, 1927; Arthur Courousis, 1928, 1929; Stephen Johnson, 1930; Harry Keneklis, 1931, 1944, 1945, 1946; Michael Mitchell, 1932; James Zarvas, 1934; Michael Xifaras, Sr., 1935; Demetrios Papademetrius, 1936; James C. Gulecas, 1937; Anderw Dedopoulos, 1938, 1940; Constantine J. Christophoulos, 1939; Spiros Valasakos, 1941; Alexander Alexion, 1942; Basil Gabriel, 1943.

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ELMIRA CHAPTER NO. III

Organized July 26, 1926

Elmira, New York



The officers of Elmira Chapter, seated left to right: Jack Knapp, Secretary; E. Eleutheriou, Vice President; Nicholas C. Pappas, President; Peter T. Greven, Treasurer. Standing first row: George Apostolon, Governor; Louis Diatsigos, Governor; John K. Diveris, Warden; Nick Macks, Governor; George J. Bacalles, Director of Athletics; Louis J. Bacalles, Governor; Nick Mallos, Sentinel. Second row: Dennis Lewis, Captain of Guard; Peter Scarmoutsos, Chairman of Governors; Gus Greven, Chaplain.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Nicholas C. Pappas; Vice President, Eleftherios Eleutheriou; Secretary, Jack Knapp; Treasurer, Peter T. Greven; Board of Governors, Peter Scarmoutsos, Chairman; George Apostolon, Louis J. Bacalles, Nick Macks, Louis Diatsigos; Chaplain, Gus Greven; Captain of Guard, Dennis Lewis; Warden, John K. Diveris; Sentinels, Nick Mallos, Gus Kapnolas; Athletic Director, George J. Bacalles.

Elmira Chapter has held 438 stated and regular meetings and meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, and in addition has held 28 special meetings.

From the time of its inception the Chapter has never failed to contribute generously to every worthy cause.

It conducted the Fourth Annual Convention of the Empire State District in 1939, and was host to the combined installation of chapter officers in 1935, of all chapters comprising the then Fifth District.

It sponsored a dinner in honor of all veterans of World War II and held an elaborate celebration for the chapter's

Twentieth Anniversary.

Among the many contributions to charitable and worthy causes the Ahena Sanatorium is one of the chief recipients as well as the Hospitals for Greece, having contributed some \$4,130.00, and in addition the chapter sent some eight tons of clothing to Greece.

During the many War Bond drives Elmira Chapter sold over half million dollars in bonds.

Active in all Aegea matters, Elmira Chapter organized Agamemnon Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope, and Elmira Chapter of the Sons of Pericles.

PAST PRESIDENTS

James Bacalles (deceased), 1926, 1927; John Romas, 1928, 1929; Thomas Greven, 1930; George Poole, 1931, 1932, 1939; Jack Knapp, 1933; James E. Strates, 1934; James Katsones (deceased), 1935; Peter Floros (deceased), 1936; Peter Michaels, 1937; Peter Scarmoutsos, 1938, 1945; George H. Miller, 1940; Gus Greven, 1941; Speros Liatos, 1942; George L. Bacalles, 1943, 1944; Nicholas C. Pappas, 1946.

HUDSON VALLEY CHAPTER NO. 115

Organized October 1, 1926

Newburgh, New York



The officers of Hudson Valley Chapter. Seated left to right: Nicholas Foundus, President; Rev. Petropoulos, Chaplain; Peter Dimos, Treasurer; Nicholas Martini, Secretary. Standing: William Vassel, Governor; Michael Nicholis, Chairman of Governors.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Nicholas Foundus; *Vice President*, Elias Sevastos; *Secretary*, Nicholas Martini; *Treasurer*, Peter Dimos; *Board of Governors*, Michael Nicholis, *Chairman*; William Vassel, Gus Moustakes, Vasilios Fotopoulos, Angelo Andrew; *Chaplain*, Rev. Petropoulos; *Captain of Guard*, Gus Moustakes; *Warden*, Michael Nicholis; *Sentinels*, William Fotopoulos, Gus Foundas.

The membership of Hudson Valley Chapter has always been ready, willing and able to take part in any worthy cause, and the chapter has contributed generously to the various local and national drives, and has staged many events for the benefit of such campaigns.

Despite its being located in the Empire District and has many larger chapters to compete with, it has an energetic membership and is always found among the more active chapters.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Peter Bekeros, 1926, 1927; James J. Foundas, 1928, 1929; George Chamuris, 1930; George Koch, 1931; Stephen Condos, 1932, 1933, 1937, 1938; Steve Karageorge, 1934, 1935; Nicholas Foundas, 1936, 1944, 1945; Peter Dimos, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943.

ELPIS CHAPTER NO. 117

Organized October 1926

New Britain, Connecticut



The officers of Elpis Chapter, seated left to right: Speris P. Perkaos, Secretary; Peter G. Perakos, President; George Kamaes, Treasurer. Standing: Charles Argyros, Warden; Plato Kounaris, Past President; Nick Kounaris, Past President; Mike Louis, Past President.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Peter G. Perakos; *Vice President*, William Controvillas; *Secretary*, Sperie P. Perakos; *Treasurer*, George Kamaes; *Board of Governors*, Plato Kounaris, *Chairman*; Mike Louis, George Ulysses, Nick Kounaris; *Chaplain*, Rev. George Gallos; *Captain of Guard*, James Pythis; *Warden*, Charles Argyros; *Sentinel*, Peter Karlames.

Organized in 1926 this chapter has a record of consistent accomplishments but prides itself particularly in having sold over a quarter million dollars in war bonds, during the recent war.

In other activities it has been host to the District Convention, and recently sponsored a dinner dance in honor of its veterans with an attendance of over five hundred. It believes in the veteran and has elected a number of the veterans to important offices in the chapter.

It has also held an annual ball over the twenty-one years

of its existence. The proceeds of these dances amount to well over ten thousand dollars and have been given to various charities.

Among other contributions it has given to the City Relief Fund; Greek School of New Britain; Church Building Fund; Ahepa Hospital Fund; Red Cross and many others, too numerous to mention.

It has organized Eretria Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope, and Elihu Burritt Chapter of the Sons of Pericles.

PAST PRESIDENTS

George Demos; Sam Pyris; Nick Kounaris; Andrew Peterson; George Apostolon;
Plato Kounaris; Mike Louis; George Ulysses.

YPSILANTI CHAPTER NO. 118

Organized October 10, 1926

Toledo, Ohio



The officers and members of Ypsilanti Chapter

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, George Paps; Vice President, George Andros; Secretary, Basil C. Foussianes; Treasurer, George Theodore; Board of Governors, George Valassis, Chairman; George Christodoulis, John Trantos, John Mitchell, Alex Romios; Chaplain, George Spanos; Captain of Guard, George Andros; Warden, Peter Gasteratos; Sentinel, Gus Pares.

Ypsilanti Chapter was founded in 1926 and as the membership increased steadily the Chapter shortly assumed its place of leadership. A yearly ball, picnic, and anniversary banquet have always been a part of the chapter's program.

In 1932 the Wolverine District Convention was held in Toledo which proved to be a very successful event.

The Buckeye District Convention, of which Toledo later became part, was held there in 1939, and during this year, the Chapter redecorated and refurbished the Greek Orthodox Church *Holy Trinity* at a cost of \$3,000. This included repainting and the purchase of new pews.

Throughout the years Ypsilanti Chapter has been instru-

mental in the Ahepa expansion program initiating and installing new chapters at Elyria and Springfield, Ohio; Ann Arbor and Detroit, Michigan.

Aesculapius Chapter, Sons of Pericles, Dodona Chapter, Daughters of Penelope and Delphi Chapter, Maids of Athens, have been organized by the Ypsilanti Chapter.

It has contributed generously to all worthy causes, such as the American Red Cross, \$300; Community Chest, \$300; Ahepa Sanatorium, \$1,200; Greek War Relief, \$500; Hospitals for Greece, \$17,000; Greek Orthodox Church, \$5,000; Justice for Greece, \$200, and many other similar projects

PAST PRESIDENTS

Nicholas Pappas, 1926, 1927, 1939, 1940; Constantine Maludy, 1928, 1929; Anthony Adams, 1930, 1938; Constantine Rouppas, 1931, 1932; Achilles Kagin, 1933; Thomas Fisher, 1936; George Theodore, 1937; George Pentis (deceased), 1941, 1942; George P. Valassis, 1943, 1945; George Paps, 1946.

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LIBERTY CHAPTER NO. 127

Organized December 6, 1926

Cincinnati, Ohio



The officers and members of Liberty Chapter

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, George Mushuros; *Vice President*, George Sfarnas; *Secretary*, Peter J. Kappas; *Treasurer*, John S. Maraites; *Board of Governors*, John D. Cretan, *Chairman*; Pete W. Christos, Louis P. Calages, George J. Pascal, Nicholas J. Rapses; *Chaplain*, George Kordis; *Captain of Guard*, James G. Botuchis; *Warden*, Theodore A. Kessis; *Sentinels*, George A. Fotos, Theodore Andrews.

Liberty Chapter was instituted in Cincinnati, Ohio, on December 6, 1926, with the initiation of thirty members. The registration book, to date, shows that 278 Ahepans have been members of the chapter.

The chapter has been an active one and has participated in all National conventions, and those of the District. It boasts a good record of having attained its quota in all charitable drives sponsored by the Supreme Lodge, and by local institutions. In the recent *Hospitals for Greece* drive, the chapter turned over to the Supreme Lodge a check

in the amount of \$25,000 for that worthy cause.

In 1941, it had the pleasure of playing host to the National Convention, and in 1945, the Eleventh District Convention was held there.

Meetings of the chapter are held on the first Wednesday of each month, and there is always at least fifty per cent of its good standing membership in attendance.

Liberty Chapter also organized Aurora Chapter, Maids of Athens; Calypso Chapter, Daughters of Penelope, and Ulysses Chapter, Sons of Pericles.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Thomas D. Jennet, 1926; Peter G. Malas, 1928, 1929; George Beam, 1930; John P. Harritos, 1931; Fred Maroules, 1932 (deceased); John Pappadeck, 1933, 1934; James Kappas, 1935; Nicholas D. Sarakatsanis, 1936; William Pappas, 1937, 1944; Andrew Katsanis, 1938, 1939; George Demas, 1940; George Lamproplos, 1941; Nicholas Giannestras, 1941; Andrew Mehas, 1942; George Cannel, 1943; Fred Christopher, 1945; John D. Cretan, 1946.

GEORGE DILBOY CHAPTER NO. 129

Organized January 7, 1927

Louisville, Kentucky



The officers and members of George Dilboy Chapter

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, George Chaparas; *Vice President*, Peter J. Gianacakes; *Secretary*, Lewis Davis; *Treasurer*, Thomas G. Giancakes; *Board of Governors*, Sam J. Doumas, *Chairman*; George Georgantas, Charles P. Calas, Angelo Malliaris, William Selecoc; *Chaplain*, John Panagiote; *Captain of Guard*, William G. Georgantas; *Warden*, Themios H. Poulos; *Sentinel*, Gus G. Gianacakes.

The Louisville Chapter was named in honor of World War I hero and Congressional Medal of Honor winner, *George Dilboy*. It entered the ranks of the fraternity in the early part of 1927 and was the first chapter in the Bluegrass State.

During the years it has sponsored many affairs and was host to one of the best District Conventions ever held in the Buckeye District.

It has been a generous contributor to every appeal from headquarters and all drives held by local organizations

such as the Community Chest Fund; March of Dimes; American Red Cross; Ahepa Sanatorium; Tornado and Earthquake victims, Hospitals for Greece, Corinth School with contributions ranging well over ten thousand dollars.

During the War Bond drives it followed the pattern of every Ahepa chapter and did a creditable bit of work.

Bluegrass Chapter, Sons of Pericles and Kappa Tau Alpha Chapter, Maids of Athens, were sponsored by the George Dilboy Chapter.

PAST PRESIDENTS

George P. Gianacakes, 1927; Charles P. Calas, 1928; George Georgantas, 1929, 1930; Louis P. Maniatis, 1931, 1932; James C. Poledor, 1933; James C. Gianacakes, 1934; John Johnson, 1935, 1940; George P. Karras, 1936; James P. Poulos, 1937; Sam J. Doumas, 1938, 1939, 1943, 1944, 1945; Peter G. Stamon, 1941; John Gabriel, 1942; Louis Doplos, 1946.

COLUMBUS CHAPTER NO. 139

Organized May 27, 1927

Columbus, Ohio



The officers and members of Columbus Chapter

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Dr. George M. Jameson; Vice President, George Brown; Secretary, Harry G. Vayian; Treasurer, William Petrakis; Board of Governors, Anthony J. Nelson; Chairman, James Voit, George Pappas, George Vayian, Harry Kussurellis; Chaplain, James Voit; Captain of Guard, George Pappas; Warden, Dr. C. Solomonides; Sentinels, John Kosmopoulos, George Steffens, Athletic Director, John Kosmopoulos.

On the 27th of May, 1927, a group of 25 organized Columbus Chapter. They were allotted number 139 on the roster of Ahepa's Chapters.

The chapter has participated enthusiastically in every undertaking that the Ahepa has sponsored and has acquitted itself creditably. With justifiable pride Columbus Chapter became the host for the National Convention in August of 1934, and it is still considered as having been one of the best that has ever been held. During World War II the chapter was represented by many of its members in all

branches of service, answering the call to the colors and their country. Their absence was deeply felt and the chapter suffered a period of slow activity. With the war's end and the return of many of the members the chapter is *in step* once more.

It has sponsored Buckeye State Chapter of the Sons of Pericles and Penelope Chapter, Daughters of Penelope, and in addition was an outstanding worker during the recent war bond drives.

ALBANY CHAPTER NO. 140

Organized May 8, 1927

Albany, New York



The officers of Albany Chapter. Seated left to right: Peter G. Giftos, Chairman of Governors; Hippocrates M. Thomas, Vice President; Nicholas J. Polydouris, President; Constantinus J. Lascaris, Secretary; Gus Couchell, Treasurer. Standing: Peter G. Stricos, Warden; Steve Soulis, Governor; Anthony Lafkas, Governor; John N. Perdaris, Chaplain; Anthony Orfanos, Governor; Arthur Takis, Governor; Peter Soulis, Captain of Guard.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Nicholas J. Polydouris; *Vice President*, Hippocrates M. Thomas; *Secretary*, Constantinus J. Lascaris; *Treasurer*, Gus Couchell; *Board of Governors*, Peter G. Giftos, *Chairman*, Anthony Lafkas, Steve Soulis, Arthur Takis, Anthony Orfanos; *Chaplain*, John N. Perdaris; *Captain of Guard*, Peter Soulis; *Warden*, Peter G. Stricos; *Sentinels*, Peter Soulis, Nicholas Chrisogelous; *Athletic Director*, Sam Mossidus.

The Chapter was organized in 1927 and from the initial 39 members it has initiated a total of 285. It has been represented at every National and District Convention since its establishment.

Three District Conventions were held in Albany with the Chapter acting as host. They have participated and aided in many civic affairs both national and of a local nature and have sold over \$125,000 in War Bonds during the

various drives.

Recently the Chapter organized a Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope in Albany. Phocion Chapter of the Sons of Pericles has been in existence for several years, as well as Sophia Chapter, Maids of Athens.

Among its contributions can be listed Greek War Relief, \$1,165; Justice for Greece, \$207.46; Hospitals for Greece, \$2,632.04, and many other equally worthy causes.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Nicholas Balos, 1927, 1928, 1931; Manuel Ermides, 1929; George D. Jeoney, 1930; Evangelos Fortulakis, 1932, 1933; James Panos, 1934; William Dakis, 1935; George Karas, 1936; Harry Christie, 1937; Peter Anaonostakas, 1938; Gus Couchell, 1939; Andy Rallis, 1940; Anthony Lafkas, 1941, 1945; Peter G. Giftos, 1946.

MOHAWK VALLEY CHAPTER NO. 143

Organized May 20, 1927

Utica, New York



The officers of Mohawk Valley Chapter. Seated left to right: James Katapodes, President; Louis Colocotronis, Vice President; James Gianatos, Treasurer; Aristides Fourtounis, Secretary. Standing: Basil Brown, Captain of Guard; Harry Morris, Chaplain; Kostas Gianopoulos, Warden; Peter Leon, Sentinel.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, James Katapodes; *Vice President*, Louis Colocotronis; *Secretary*, Aristides Fourtounis; *Treasurer*, James Gianatos; *Board of Governors*, Elias Gianatos, *Chairman*; Peter Karavonis, Spiros Livades; James Panarites, Michael Karpouzis; *Chaplain*, Harry Morris; *Captain of Guard*, Basil Brown; *Warden*, Kostas Gianopoulos; *Sentinel*, Peter Leon; *Athletic Director*, Basil Colocotronis.

Joining the fast advancing ranks of chapters in the Empire State, Mohawk Valley has followed a steady and active course since 1927, the date of its organization.

It has held annual outings, celebrations, banquets and other social events and has been the leader in all social activities of its community. Of all its annual installation of officers the year 1930 still remains as the most memorable event that has been held there.

In all matters affecting the welfare of its community and the fraternity, it has always been ready to render its assistance, both financial and moral and has contributed thousands of dollars to The Community Chest, American Red Cross, Ahepa Sanatorium, Greek War Relief and Greek Church.

The Chapter has also sold over \$195,000 in war bonds during the various war bond drives.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Albert Livada, 1927; Thomas N. Catris, 1928, 1929, 1935; Basil Brown, 1930; James Gianatos, 1931; Harry Morris, 1932; George Georgules, 1933; Paul Zekas, 1934; Elias Gianatos, 1936; Athanasios Bantouvanis, 1937, 1938; Constantine Colocotronis, 1939; Leon J. Marketos, 1940, 1943; James Katapodes, 1944, 1946.

DENVER CHAPTER NO. 145

Organized July, 1927

Denver, Colorado



The officers and members of Denver Chapter in front of the Ahepa Temple.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Louis M. Karabinos; *Vice President*, Christ Politis; *Secretary*, Sam Ellis; *Treasurer*, George Taurias; *Board of Governors*, Gust Gatsios, John Gigihos, George Anton, Sam Pappas, Nicholas Nicholson; *Chaplain*, Nicholas Taurias; *Captain of Guard*, Theodore Demos; *Warden*, John Papadakis; *Sentinels*, George Karadanis, George London.

The *mile high* city joined the ranks of the Ahepa in July 1927 and has since marched steadily forward to become one of the most active and progressive chapters along the continental divide.

From its inception an educational and social program was inaugurated. In 1931 a Children's Party was started and has since become an annual event. The first District Convention was held there during that year and attended by delegates from the entire Rocky Mountain area.

The chapter organized the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Sons of Pericles and the Athena Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope.

Denver Chapter was again host to the District Convention in 1935 but because a number of members reside in Greeley, Colorado, the Convention was held in that city. A float of the Parthenon was entered in the parade which is annually held in Greeley during the County Fair and won first prize.

The Chapter decided it needed its own quarters and their efforts are reflected in the now magnificent edifice known in the domain of Ahepa as the *Ahepa Temple*. In 1946 the Chapter for a third time played host to the District Convention and the 1947 plans are being developed for the District Convention which is expected to surpass anything held by the Denver Chapter to date.

During the war years and up to date the Chapter has participated in every war activity such as the sale of War Bonds having sold over \$900,000.00. It contributed generously to the War Chest and Red Cross Drives. In March 1943 the Greek Battalion was brought from Camp Carson, Colorado, as part of the Greek Independence Day observance by the Chapter in Denver's famous Greek Theater, with some 20,000 people turning out for the occasion.

The Denver Chapter, known as the *Pioneers of the West*, is looking forward to playing host to a National Convention in the immediate future.

PAST PRESIDENTS

James George Dikeou, 1927, 1928, 1931; Gus D. Baines, 1929, 1936; Louis Phacas, 1930; Michael Christ, 1932; Panayes G. Dikeou, 1933, 1934, 1938, 1942, 1943; John W. Theodore, 1935; Emmanuel Zouredes, 1937; Peter Demis, 1939; Sam Ellis, 1940; Sam Sclavenitis, 1941; Gust Gatsios, 1944, 1945; Louis Karabinos, 1946.

OMAHA CHAPTER NO. 147

Organized July 18, 1927

Omaha, Nebraska



The officers and members of Omaha Chapter

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, William G. Nicas; *Vice President*, George H. Payne; *Secretary*, Thomas C. Polyzois; *Treasurer*, Constantine G. Pserros; *Board of Governors*, Felix Melonis, *Chairman*; George McMann, Theodore A. Eliopoulos, Peter Mougasis, Nicholas C. Polyzois; *Chaplain*, Steve Abariotis; *Captain of Guard*, Paul Kazakes; *Warden*, Ernest Sideris; *Sentinels*, Chris J. Petrow, Tom P. Kazantzias; *Athletic Director*, George M. Giannou.

Omaha has been a successful Chapter since the date of organization and one of the most active in the Western States.

It has held one of the finest District installations for Sons of Pericles Officers in 1935, and was host to the 1942 District Convention of Ahepa. The District convention is still remembered as one of the finest and most enjoyable ever held.

Among its various duties it has taken an active part in

Red Cross drives, has conducted dances for the benefit of the Ahepa Sanatorium, and did a creditable job with the sale of War Bonds during World War II.

Cornhusker Chapter, Sons of Pericles, and Aurora Chapter, maids of Athens were established by Omaha Chapter.

It has contributed generously to every campaign for such worthy causes as the American Red Cross, Pomfret Theological Seminary, Hospitals for Greece, Ahepa Sanatorium, Community Chest, and similar charitable purposes.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Gus Androus, 1927, 1928; Jean Blaetus, 1929; George Phillips, 1930; Chris C. Harvalis, 1931; John Fillis, 1932; Paul Kazakes, 1933; James Sideris, 1934; George Blaetus, 1935; Peter Katsura, 1936; George Angelacos, 1937; George Petros, 1938, 1940; Felix Melonis, 1941, 1945; William Nicos, 1946.

GOLDEN GATE CHAPTER NO. 150

Organized in 1927

San Francisco, California



The officers of Golden Gate Chapter, first row, from left: Vassilios A. Pappas, Treasurer; Theodore Theodous, Vice President; William Petros, Supreme Governor; John Panagotacos, President; Alex Cordellis, Secretary. Second row: James C. Phillips, Chaplain; James Hill, Warden; John Topolos, Chairman of Governors; Eraklis Arconti, Governor; George Pulos, Governor; John Sarantites, Captain of Guard. Third row: Anthony Sarantites, Governor; George Danos, Sentinel.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, John Panagotacos; *Vice President*, Theodore Theodous; *Secretary*, Alex Cordellis; *Treasurer*, Vassilios A. Pappas; *Board of Governors*, John Topolos, *Chairman*; Eraklis Arconti, George Pulos, Anthony Sarantites, John Sarantites; *Chaplain*, James C. Phillips; *Captain of Guard*, John Sarantites; *Warden*, James Hill; *Sentinel*, George Danos.

Nineteen Hundred and Forty-seven marks the Twentieth Anniversary of Golden Gate Chapter. It was the first chapter to be organized in the West and in its two decades of existence it has seen the Ahepa flourish west of the Rocky Mountains. The members of Golden Gate Chapter take great pride in the fact that they were the nucleus and inspiration for the growth of the Order in the Golden West.

In twenty years, the Chapter has contributed more than \$15,000 to the Community Chest, American Red Cross, Corinth earthquake victims, Ahepa Sanatorium, Greek War Relief, Justice for Greece Committee, and other worthy

causes.

The first National Convention to be held in the West was held in the city by the Golden Gate in 1931. Members of the Chapter worked hard and long to help make that convention a memorable one.

Today finds them actively engaged in promoting the principles of the Order among the younger generation. Their reward has been 35 new members thus far this year. They have sponsored dances, public installations and other socials together with the auxiliaries. Another activity worthy of mention is the formation of Golden Gate Baseball Team.

PAST PRESIDENTS

George C. Peterson, Dr. Emmanuel Apostolides, William Petros, Chris Katon, John Andrew, Louis A. Nicholson, Theodore White, William Metropoulos, Vassilios A. Pappas, D. C. Demetreades, James C. Phillips, John Topolos.

MOUNT HOOD CHAPTER NO. 154

Organized August, 1927

Portland, Oregon



The officers of Mount Hood Chapter. Left to right: James S. Alex, Secretary; James J. Karafotias, President; Spiros Ouranakis, Treasurer; Anthony P. Pelay, Jr., Vice President

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, James J. Karafotias; *Vice President*, Anthony P. Pelay, Jr.; *Secretary*, James S. Alex; *Treasurer*, Spiros Ouranakis; *Board of Governors*, John Raptor; *Chairman*, Michael Dariotis, Joseph Cannelos, George Voreas, John Economos; *Chaplain*, Dr. William Angelos; *Captain of Guard*, John Karamanos, Jr.; *Warden*, Peter Davis; *Sentinel*, Nick Vani Kiotis.

The great northwest early joined the ranks of the Ahepa, and one of the first chapters in that section was Mount Hood Chapter organized in August 1927. The chapter took its name from majestic Mount Hood which creates the picturesque background for Portland, Oregon.

This year the chapter is celebrating its twentieth anniversary and can look back to a score of fruitful and successful years. It can also boast that ninety per cent of the present officers of the chapter are veterans of World War II.

Diana Chapter of the Maids of Athens, Achilles Chapter of the Sons of Pericles and Troy Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope, form the trinity of the Junior Order and the auxiliaries, organized in Portland by the Mount Hood Ahepans.

In contributions Mount Hood Chapter prides itself in being one of the highest in the country, based on its membership.

PAST PRESIDENTS

A. Saterian, 1928; Dr. N. S. Cheekos, 1929; John D. Damis, 1930; James Faturos, 1931; A. Saterian, 1932; George Goritsan, 1933, 1934; Thomas Georges, 1935; Panos Lampros, 1936; Chris Haleston, 1937, 1938; William Doshas, 1939; John Papajohn, 1940, 1941; George Paris, 1942; Sam Manos, 1943; Thomas Volgas, 1944; John Karamanos, 1945; John T. Raptor, 1946.

CALUMET CHAPTER NO. 157

Organized December 1, 1927

East Chicago, Indiana



The officers and members of Calumet Chapter

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Agamemnon Chelios; *Vice President*, Anthony M. Pavlidis; *Secretary*, Chris Karabatsos; *Treasurer*, John Kosmitis; *Board of Governors*, George A. Speros; *Chairman*, James Letsos, George N. Krekos, John Dollas, Anthony T. Karas; *Athletic Director*, John Morfis.

One of the most active chapters in the Twelfth District, which comprises the state of Indiana, is Calumet Chapter in East Chicago.

Located in the heart of one of the world's largest industrial regions, Calumet Chapter was organized December 1, 1927. The bulk of the chapter's membership comes from the region's multitude of factory workers, estimated at more than 100,000 in Hoosier steel industries and oil refineries.

Since 1927, the achievements of Calumet Chapter emulate a chain of events with at least one link for every year of the chapter's 20 years of existence. Outstanding during the early days was the chapter's fourth place award in a 1929 membership drive—a feat that was accomplished when Calumet Chapter was in its infancy.

As the years rolled by and new faces made their appearance in the Ahepa domain, the chapter put into effect a scholarship award whereby East Chicago school students could compete for an award to help them on their way through college.

Calumet Chapter always came to the aid of all national Ahepa programs with a series of social events to raise funds for various Ahepa enterprises. More than \$800 was collected for the Ahepa silver district sanatorium through several dances and other social functions sponsored by the chapter.

During the war the chapter members, most of whom were turning out war weapons in East Chicago factories, also invested their earnings in war bonds each payday. When the Greek War Relief Association was organized, Calumet Chapter's campaign for funds brought \$2,000.00 in its initial drive to help the hungry and the starving of Greece.

It was also active in promoting the auxiliaries and organized Achilles Chapter, Daughters of Penelope.

In addition, Calumet Chapter's name has been shown as an annual donor to the American Red Cross and Community Chest campaigns staged in East Chicago during the past 20 years.

PAST PRESIDENTS

George A. Speros, 1928, 1933; Louis K. Tsaros, 1929, 1936; Thomas Rumas, 1930; Harry C. Primis, 1931; Sotirios Kalomiris, 1932; Anton C. Krichelas, 1934; John Morfis, 1935; Peter Lazares, 1937; Louis Politis, 1938, 1942, 1943; Apostolos Iakovos, 1939; Thomas Dollas, 1940; George Monos, 1941; George Krekos, 1944; Anton C. Massahos, 1945; Constantine Franzis, 1946.

POUGHKEEPSIE CHAPTER NO. 158

Organized December 11, 1927

Poughkeepsie, New York

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Constantine G. Antonakos; *Vice President*, Charles A. Kalliche; *Secretary*, Peter Givas; *Treasurer*, Theodore Mentavlos; *Board of Governors*, Jack Drivos, *Chairman*; Louis Kustos, Emanuel Saltos, Spiros Pappas, Anthony Michaelis; *Chaplain*, Thomas Kondos; *Captain of Guard*, George Gus Antonakos; *Warden*, John Linardakis; *Sentinels*, Stephen Pechewlys, Anthony Michaels; *Athletic Director*, Charles A. Kalliche.

Poughkeepsie Chapter is noted locally for its annual picnics. Since its organization, shortly before Christmas in 1927, it has held family picnics which many, for miles around, have anxiously awaited to attend and take part in the races and other contests. The affairs have always been a success and are looked forward to each year by the community and surrounding countryside. The war interrupted these events but 1946 found it being held with a larger attendance than ever. During the unveiling of the *War President* at Hyde Park in October 1945, Poughkeepsie Chapter entertained the Supreme Lodge and the visiting

hundreds that had come to be present at the presentation of the bust of the late President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, by the Ahepa.

In all drives for the raising of funds for worthy causes by the Ahepa or the local community this chapter has been an eager supporter and contributor. Of the few recipients can be named the Community Chest, American Red Cross, Ahepa Sanatorium, Hospitals for Greece, Justice for Greece Greek Church.

It has established Chi Beta Chi Chapter of the Maids of Athens and Poughkeepsie Chapter, Sons of Pericles.

PAST PRESIDENTS

George E. Antonakos, 1928, 1929; Louis Verven, 1930; J. J. Pappas, 1931; Spyros Pappas, 1932; George Aposporous, 1933, 1943; Anthony Kazounis, 1934, 1935; Louis Maroulis, 1936, 1937, 1942; George V. Chamouris, 1938; George Chamberas, 1939, 1940; Gus Antonakos, 1941; Jack Diva., 1944, 1946.

CASPER CHAPTER NO. 159

Organized January 15, 1928

Casper, Wyoming



The officers and members of Casper Chapter

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, George P. Poulas; Vice President, George Houstulakis; Secretary, Harry Kapeles; Treasurer, James Karantzas; Board of Governors, Nick Maragos, Chairman; James Demos, Sr., Tom Nicholson, George Angelos, Gus D. Brattis; Chaplain, Zack Panagos; Captain of Guard, George C. Panos; Warden, Nick G. Brattis; Sentinels, George Kofakis, Chris Stathas; Athletic Director, Joe Jackson.

Casper Chapter has held six memorable banquets and has been host to two District Conventions, in addition to having sponsored an essay contest on the History of Greece, open to all students of Natrona High School, with prizes ranging from \$100 for first, and \$25 for fourth place.

It has been an out and out supporter of all drives sponsored by the Ahepa, or by the local civic authorities of the city. Among its contributions can be listed over 23 tons of clothing for the needy in Greece, Hospitals for Greece \$1,620, Justice for Greece \$300, Greek War Relief \$5,300,

and the annual contributions to the American Red Cross, Community Chest Fund, Orphans Home, March of Dimes, amounting to well over five thousand dollars.

During the War Bond drives it sold over \$1,500,000 in bonds, which is a remarkable record considering the size of the chapter.

Ourania Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope has been organized and functioning under the guidance of the Casper Ahepans.

PAST PRESIDENTS

John P. Velous, 1928, 1929, 1934; George Mores, 1930; William Kassios, 1931, 1932, 1937, 1938; George Panagos, 1933; Steve Aniston, 1935; Nick B. Andrews, 1936; Art Plattos, 1939; Harry Kapelos, 1940; James Demos, Sr., 1941; John M. Bernardis, 1942; Nick Maragos, 1943; Tom Nicholson, 1944; Constantine Callas, 1945; George Loutas, 1946.

CITY BEAUTIFUL CHAPTER NO. 161

Organized January 20, 1928

Orlando, Florida



The officers of City Beautiful Chapter

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, John P. Camichos; Vice President, John N. Bravos; Secretary, George C. Sertos; Treasurer, William P. Pihos.

Down in the land of perpetual sunshine Ahepa had found one of its early supporters and admirers and it wasn't long before the greater part of Florida had joined the onward march of a progressive fraternity, and in the early part of 1928 the city of Orlando fell in line, with the establishment of Chapter No. 161.

During the many years of an active life, City Beautiful Chapter can boast of many things but chiefly prides itself

in its contribution, both financial and moral, to the community center of that city. Well over eight thousand dollars was contributed by the chapter, and by its members for the completion of this project.

In 1935 it entertained the District Convention in grand style and has held a number of affairs during its many years.

PAST PRESIDENTS

E. V. Servetus, 1928, 1933; Sam Teele, 1933, 1934, 1937; Nick Sertos, 1935, 1936; Pete Francisco, 1938, 1939.

ATLANTIC CITY CHAPTER NO. 169

Organized April 22, 1928

Atlantic City, New Jersey



The officers and members of Atlantic City Chapter

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Moschos Moschides; Vice President, Charles Nestor; Secretary, John Nash; Treasurer, Theodore Gabranis; Board of Governors, Peter Medatsos; Chairman, Andrew Sourides, George Stellas, James Alexis, George Andreades; Chaplain, George Nestor; Assistant Chaplain, Peter Komar; Captain of Guard, George Lambrakis; Warden, Charles Poulos; Assistant Warden, Nick Crisp; Sentinels, Alex Zanides, George LaMarr; Financial Secretary, Nicholas Stephens.

It was Sunday, St. Thomas' Day, April 22, 1928. A great mass meeting was being held. There were over 200 Ahepans present as it was the occasion of the organization of the Atlantic City Chapter No. 169. The first public installation was held, May 13, 1928, on the famous boardwalk where 600 guests gathered.

In June 1933 the District Convention was held in Atlantic City. The initiation, dance and banquet were real successes and the convention meetings evoked considerable interest.

The Fifth Annual Ball and Entertainment was held in 1934 in the community center with success, both financially and socially. Atlantic City again enjoyed the pleasure of entertaining the 1938 District Convention. It was an outstanding three day meet for the Fifth District.

Atlantic City Chapter held no affairs or events during the war years but gave all possible help toward the war effort.

It had phenomenal success in war bond, red cross, war chest drives and in auxiliary police, wardens for air raids and other wartime activities. Following the end of hostilities the Chapter has now returned to its peacetime and normal business activities and will have much to contribute toward the good of the fraternity.

To list its many contributions over the years would require much more space than can be permitted, but this chapter has done handsomely toward local charities, the American Red Cross, Community Chest, Cancer Society, Ahepa Sanatorium, Orphans, families of destitute members, Greek War Relief, Churches and many other equally worthy causes, with such assistance well over the ten thousand dollar mark.

It organized Philemon Chapter of the Sons of Pericles and Circe Chapter, Maids of Athens.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Anthony Makris, 1928; Harry Peterson (Deceased), 1929; Harry Delucas, 1930; Moschos Moschides, 1931, 1944; C. Stoicos, 1932; Gus Johnson, 1933; Em Pappadoulis, 1934; James Alex, 1935; John Pappas (Deceased), 1936; George LaMarr, 1937; George Rohrer, 1938, 1940; George Stellas, 1939; John Gorgolis (Deceased), 1941; James Fort, 1942, 1943; Peter Medatsos, 1945, 1946.

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BRONX CHAPTER NO. 175

Organized May 22, 1928

New York, New York



The officers and members of Bronx Chapter

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Spero Ypsilanti; *Vice President*, John N. Panagiotopoulos; *Secretary*, George Tangalakis; *Treasurer*, Peter Zourdas; *Board of Governors*, Charles Sarantos, *Chairman*; Manuel Diamanti, Nick Midouhas, Louis Dukas, George Carras; *Chaplain*, James Courtis; *Captain of Guard*, John De Rhodo; *Warden*, John Skarhas; *Sentinels*, William Georgian, Louis Sazarrides; *Athletic Director*, John N. Panagiotopoulos.

Bronx Chapter has donated over thirteen thousand dollars to various patriotic and philanthropic causes such as the Greek War Relief, Ahepa Hospital Drive, Justice for Greece, Greater N. Y. Fund, Red Cross, Greek Orthodox Church and various Greek schools. Since its inception in the matter of social events Bronx Chapter has been a pioneer among the Chapters in the Metropolitan New York area. It was the first to sponsor a picnic each summer and its success was so great that subsequently other New York Chapters decided to participate. It is usually held in the month of June.

Cooperation is the trademark of the Bronx Chapter. In the annual combined ball of New York's Ahepa, although Bronx Chapter is smaller, numerically, it has sold as many if not more tickets and procured more advertising than any other Chapter in the Metropolitan area.

In the War Bond Drive, it sold approximately two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars worth of bonds. In its desire to encourage the young element to become members of the Ahepa, the Chapter has organized various athletic teams such as basketball, bowling, softball, etc., and thus has succeeded in adding a greater number of youths to its steadily increasing ranks and insuring the progressive continuity of the excellent work of the Chapter.

With an eye to the more distant future and to the perpetuation of the fine leadership it always enjoyed, Bronx Chapter in 1940 established a chapter of the Sons of Pericles. In March 1947, the Clio Chapter of the Maids of Athens was established and plans are under way for the establishment of a chapter of the Daughters of Penelope thus completing the Ahepa unit in the Bronx.

Bronx Chapter is truly representative of everything for which Ahepa stands.

PAST PRESIDENTS

George Giakas, 1928, 1929; Thomas Regas, 1930; Michael Counes, 1931; Minon Christopoulos, 1932, 1938; Cleo Banos, 1933; Gus Ballas, 1934, 1944; Thomas Tsalos, 1935, 1941; Constantine Ypsilanti, 1936; James Cappas, 1937; Leo Ypsilanti, 1939; Louis J. Diukas, 1940, 1945; George Tangalakis, 1942; James Courtis, 1943; Charles Sarantos, 1946.

WOBURN CHAPTER NO. 176

Organized July 17, 1928

Woburn, Massachusetts

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Theodore Zorbas; *Vice President*, Peter H. Skounjos; *Secretary*, Peter Cassanos; *Treasurer*; George Geannaris; *Board of Governors*, Charles Triantafilou, *Chairman*; Michael Lazarides, George Contopoulos, Charles Danielopoulos, Peter Papastathis; *Chaplain*, Nickolas Bornas; *Captain of Guard*, Ernest C. Daniels; *Warden*, Charles Danielopoulos; *Sentinels*, Alec Verras, George Demitropoulos.

Active in all fraternal matters Woburn Chapter won first prize as the best marching unit during the Armistice Day Parade in 1930. It was host to the District Convention in 1937 and has held a number of dinner-dances, parties and socials.

In contributions it has the distinction of having given more to the Justice for Greece Committee, the American Red Cross, and the Community Fund than any chapter its size in the Eighth District. It has also given generously to the Ahepa Sanatorium and every cause sponsored by the Ahepa, over the years.

PAST PRESIDENTS

George Contopoulos, 1928, 1929; George Galinos, 1930, 1934; Vranas Vareltagides, 1931; Arthur Adractas, 1932; William Broumides, 1933, 1935; Charles Triantafilou, 1936, 1938, 1942, 1943; James Kiklis, 1937; Theodore Zorbas, 1939, 1940, 1944, 1945, 1946; James Leon, 1941.

GRAYS HARBOR CHAPTER NO. 179

Organized May 29, 1928

Aberdeen, Washington



The officers and members of Grays Harbor Chapter.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Nick Rillakis; *Vice President*, Constantine Anagnostou; *Secretary*, John K. Gotsis; *Treasurer*, George D. Kales; *Board of Governor*, Andrew Rotous, *Chairman*; Tom Yeanousis, Ted Ballow, Lampros Panagotos, James Docsanis; *Chaplain*, Angelo Heliotis; *Captain of Guard*, Mike Kanelopoulos; *Warden*, Gus Athan; *Sentinel*, Andy Pappas.

A considerable settlement of Greek people in the Grays Harbor area started about 1905. They were young and full of ambition; devoted in forestry, saw mills, industries, railroads and a few on retailing services.

As time went on they felt that the requirement of leadership and guidance was badly needed and when they learned of the arrival of the Ahepa which had then been organized in Portland, Oregon, the idea was immediately accepted and Grays Harbor Chapter became a reality.

The Grays Harbor chapter was organized and established in Aberdeen on May 29, 1928, but it included the surround-

ing towns of Hoquiam, Raymond, McCleary, Montesano, and Cosmopolis.

All members have worked harmoniously and cooperatively and have participated in a membership drive in 1930 which won them the Trophy cup; they have contributed to the annual Red Cross drives, Tuberculosis, Greek War Relief, Community Chest, and the Boy and Girl Scouts in their annual drives. They have given to many local institutions and also participating in the festivities at Raymond, winning several first prizes.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Athanasios George, 1928, 1929; James Constantine, 1930, 1931; Louis Larris, 1932, 1933; William Didis, 1934; John Gotsis, 1935, 1936, 1937; Nick Rillakis, 1938, 1939; George Kales, 1940, 1941; Andrew Rotous, 1942, 1943; Tom Yanousis, 1944, 1945; Nick Rillakis, 1946.

MOUNT OLYMPUS CHAPTER NO. 180

Organized August 12, 1928

Spokane, Washington



The officers of Mount Olympus Chapter

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Peter Birbas; *Vice President*, Tom Zographos; *Secretary*, Constantine M. Laloudakis; *Treasurer*, Andy Mitros; *Board of Governors*, Peter G. Kassavetis, Sam S. Sellinas, Harry G. Kutulas, George N. Mengas, Thomas F. Dragos; *Chaplain*, James Papantone; *Captain of Guard*, Michael N. Damascus; *Warden*, Pete G. Gulusjs; *Sentinel*, James Sandros; *Athletic Director*, Michael N. Damascus.

Mount Olympus Chapter has been an outer guard sentinel of the Ahepa domain, guarding the interests of the fraternity in the great northwest, and has set up an enviable record of activity.

It has acted as host to two highly successful district conventions in 1935 and again in 1946 and has sponsored numerous banquets and has held outings, with games and sports as highlights.

In the various drives for the raising of funds for charit-

able purposes, the chapter has been a generous contributor, giving to the Greek War Relief \$16,000.00; Greek Church \$1,200.00, and over the years many thousands of dollars to the American Red Cross and Community Chest drives.

Thomas P. Lentgis Chapter of the Sons of Pericles; Alexandria Chapter, Maids of Athens and Parnassus Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope, have been established by Mount Olympus Chapter in Spokane.

PAST PRESIDENTS

John Damascus, 1928, 1929; Peter G. Kassavetis, 1930, 1946; Mike Damascus, 1931; Nick Bouras, 1932, 1942, 1943; George Haspedis, 1933; Nick Karanasis, 1934, 1935; James Papantone, 1936; Thomas Freeman, 1937; Peter Gustas, 1938; Sam S. Sellinas, 1939; John Kakakes, 1940, 1941; Harry G. Kutulas 1944, 1945.

GREEN RIVER CHAPTER NO. 182

Organized May 25, 1928

Green River, Wyoming

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, John J. Kalivos; *Vice President*, Chris K. Kandris; *Secretary*, Clifford W. Manos; *Treasurer*, Sam N. Poulos; *Board of Governors*, George S. Poulos; *Chairman*, Sperros G. Kozas, Nick A. Toyias, Steve Anatos, Steve Coumas; *Chaplain*, Angelis Scarpos; *Captain of Guard*, Steve Nitse; *Warden*, Gus B. Kocoralis; *Sentinel*, E. Nomis.

Green River Chapter is a recognized leader in any community activity and has been an active participant in all social and civic events of its city.

It was host to the 1940 District Convention of the combined Seventeen and Nineteen Districts, and gave a good account of its hospitality.

The Chapter has contributed to every drive for funds by any charitable organization like the American Red Cross, Community Fund, Hospital Drive and all drives sponsored

by the Ahepa. In giving to the various organizations, it has not forgotten to render assistance to all needy members of the community and their families.

It has sold over half million in War Bonds during the war years and is now continuing the purchase of United States Savings Bonds.

Agia Lavra Chapter of the Sons of Pericles has been organized and is under the care of Green River Chapter.

PAST PRESIDENTS

William Koroulis (deceased), 1928, 1929; Charles E. Rallis, 1930, 1937, 1938; Steve Nitse, 1931; George E. Vegas, 1932, 1933; Sperros G. Kozas, 1934; James Demopoulos, 1935; Gust Kocoralis, 1926; Nick A. Toyias, 1939, 1940; Angelis Scarpos, 1941, 1942; Sam N. Poulos, 1943, 1945; George S. Poulos, 1946.

DES MOINES CHAPTER NO. 192

Organized September 15, 1928

Des Moines, Iowa



The officers and members of Des Moines Chapter

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President George Karaisodos; *Vice President*, William Sargent; *Secretary*, Tom Panagos; *Treasurer*, Chris Zazas; *Board of Directors*, D. T. Striggles, *Chairman*; George Kanelos, Phil Ralles, Charles Karas, Gust Manoles; *Chaplain*, George C. Vlassis; *Captain of Guard*, Tom Avramis; *Warden*, Tom Stamatelos; *Sentinels*, George Karos, Louis Kouros.

The Des Moines Chapter was organized on the 15th day of September 1928 with 30 charter members. The Chapter being one of the first to organize in the State of Iowa had the pleasant opportunity to participate in a good many activities such as promoting and organizing practically all the chapters in Iowa, promoting pep meetings throughout the state and performing a good many initiations. It has initiated one hundred sixty members.

It has given full support to the Greek Church and School in Des Moines and has the distinction of holding top place in the United States on War Bond Sales, and in the Greek War Relief, considering the population of this Community and the membership of the Chapter. This Chapter also organized Zeus Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope in Des Moines, which is an active organization, as well as Hawkeye Chapter, Sons of Pericles.

KALAMAZOO CHAPTER NO. 199

Organized November 18, 1928

Kalamazoo, Michigan



The officers and members of Kalamazoo Chapter

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, C. J. Dussias; Vice President, John B. Doukas; Secretary, Gus J. Chumas; Treasurer, Peter Armenis; Board of Governors, Sam Androutsos; Chairman, James Morakis, James State, George Theodore, John Tomson; Chaplain, James Tomson; Captain of Guard, George Stephens; Warden, George Skartsairis; Sentinel, Nick Thomas; Athletic Director, John B. Doukas.

Since 1928 Kalamazoo Chapter has held an annual dance and has also organized picnics and other social events for the enjoyment of the membership and community. It was host to the tenth annual District Convention in 1935 and is looking forward again to entertaining another such convention.

Kalamazoo Chapter is also responsible for organizing of

Efgenia Chapter, of the Daughters of Penelope, which has taken an earnest interest in all community activities, as well as Kalamazoo Chapter of the Sons of Pericles.

During the years its contributions have run into thousand of dollars, given to such worthy projects as the Greek Church; Mississippi Flood Victims; War Orphans; Greek War Relief and many other similar drives.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Peter Magas (deceased), 1928, 1929, 1938, 1939; James Adams, 1930, 1931; James Morakis, 1932; Gregory Lambros (deceased), 1933; James Magas, 1934; Harry Fellas, 1935; Peter Evans, 1936, 1937; C. J. Dussias, 1940; James State, 1941, 1944; George Theodore, 1945; Sam Androutsos 1946.

CONEY ISLAND CHAPTER NO. 200

Organized November 22, 1928

Brooklyn, New York



The officers and members of Coney Island Chapter, Ahepa, and Demetra Chapter, Daughters of Penelope.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Nicholas J. Stevason; *Vice President*, James Tombrakos; *Secretary*, James P. Bowzeris; *Treasurer*, Stamatis Koutsavlis; *Board of Governors*, Thomas Mallas; *Chairman*, John Stevason, Theodore Valmas, Alex D. Karpodenis, Constantine C. Communos; *Athletic Director*, Alex Litras.

In 1936 the Chapter was host to one of the most colorful district conventions ever held in New York State. Headquarters of the convention were just off the Coney Island Boardwalk, and the setting together with the many recreations offered, combined to leave a lasting impression on delegates and visitors.

It has unhesitatingly answered every call for assistance to alleviate the suffering of those in need, whether the call has come from the headquarters of the Ahepa or from the local authorities.

The war years found the chapter actively supporting the

war bond drives, selling over seven and a half million dollars in bonds.

The Demetra Chapter No. 33 of the Daughters of Penelope was established in 1935 and during the years they have made many outstanding accomplishments.

The Evzone chapter of the Sons of Pericles was established in the same year, 1935. Right after Pearl Harbor the Evzone chapter temporarily disbanded for a noble purpose. The youthful members unanimously voted to enlist en masse in the services, for the defense of their country. This act is a great tribute to the Hellenic heritage to which they belong.

PAST PRESIDENTS

John Stevason, Michael Saytenides, John Georgakakis, Anthony Christinides, George Hadjidis, Cleomenis Demas, Stamatis Koutsavlis, Milton Diapos, Costas Bekiris, John Gavallas, James Dardalis, Thomas Mallas.

MASON CITY CHAPTER NO. 207

Organized December 8, 1928

Mason City, Iowa



The officers and members of Mason City Chapter

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Tom J. Zanios; Vice President, Sam Karamitros; Secretary, William A. Pappas; Treasurer, Jimmy Challas; Board of Governors, Andrew Hatges; Chairman, J. A. Woonas, Basil Papantonis, Peter Madouros, John Kazanas; Chaplain, James Banos; Captain of Guard, Steve Karant; Warden, James Preftakis; Sentinels, Andrew Hatges, George Vlautes.

Being inspired by the true spirit of Ahepa, Mason City Chapter can always point back with pride upon its many deeds and to point to the future with confidence, as to its ability to accomplish things. It has had an active life and one of its highlights has been the presentation of a bronze statue of the Unknown Soldier to the city of Mason City.

The unveiling of the statue was made during the 1934 District Convention, and it attracted one of the largest gatherings ever to have attended a convention.

It has, and always shall continue to cooperate with

other fraternal organizations in furthering civic matters for the betterment of local government.

Many and varied have been its contributions to projects of a charitable nature and thousands of dollars have been donated to the American Red Cross, Community Chest, Ahepa Sanatorium, March of Dimes, Greek War Relief, and similar organizations.

Helios Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope and Delian Chapter, Sons of Pericles were established by the Ahepa of Mason City.

PAST PRESIDENTS

John Cazanas, 1929, 1930, 1943, 1944; James A. Woonas, 1931, 1933, 1937, 1939; Andrew Hatges, 1934, 1945, 1956; Basil Papantonis 1935, 1936; 1942; Alex Garuffis, 1940, 1941.

FORT DODGE CHAPTER NO. 208

Organized September 16, 1928

Fort Dodge, Iowa

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Nicholas A. Poletis; *Vice President*, Steffanos J. Valassiades; *Secretary*, Steve Constantine; *Treasurer*, Bill Spilios; *Board of Governors*, James Limberis; *Chairman*, Gust Pappas, Adam Thanos, John D. Pappas, Gust Katsoulis; *Chaplain*, Andrew Pappas; *Captain of Guard*, Gust Katsoulis; *Warden*, Ted Pallas; *Sentinel*, George Chardoulis.

In its many years of service Fort Dodge Chapter enjoys looking back upon the District Convention in 1936 as the most outstanding affair it has ever sponsored, despite the many other affairs, equally as successful that have been held by the chapter.

This is by no means a limitation in their other activities, as it has also been a hearty contributor to every possible

drive sponsored by the Ahepa or by other local organizations or fraternities. It has given to the Greek War Relief, \$2,241.30; Hospitals for Greece, \$260.00; American Red Cross, Community Chest, March of Dimes and Ahepa Sanatorium well over \$2,000.00.

It organized Diomedea Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope, and follows their activities with interest.

PAST PRESIDENTS

James Georgos, 1928, 1929; John D. Constantine, 1930, 1931; Nick Christakos, 1932; S. J. Valassiares, 1933, 1939; Gus Katsoulis, 1934; Theodore Demas, 1935; James Partsofas, 1936; Andrew Taylor (Pappas), 1937, 1938; John D. Pappas, 1940; Steve D. Constantine, 1941, 1942; Gust Pappanastasiou, 1943, 1944; James Lempares, 1945; Nicholas A. Poletis, 1946.

MIDDLETOWN CHAPTER NO. 209

Organized December 28, 1928

Middletown, Ohio



The officers of Middletown Chapter. Seated left to right: George Comminos, Secretary; Nick Coston, Vice President; George T. Poolitsan, President; George Manos, Treasurer. Standing: Christ Pallas, Sentinel; Chris E. Pappas, Governor; John Pantel, Governor; Tom A. Stoikos, Governor; John Revelas, Sentinel; Vasilios Karas; Captain of Guard.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, George T. Poolitsan; *Vice President*, Nick Coston; *Secretary*, George Comminos; *Treasurer*, George Manos; *Board of Governors*, Pete Laras; *Chairman*, Paul Mathews, John Pantel, Christ E. Pappas, Tom A. Stoikos; *Chaplain*, Anthony Kingalakes; *Captain of Guard*, Vasilios Karas; *Warden*, George Eliopoulos; *Sentinels*, Christ Pallas, John Revelas.

Officers and members of Middletown Chapter are always taking part in every civic activity of their city and there is no need to write a history of that very active group of Ahepans for their deeds speak for them and every citizen of that city knows just what the chapter has done and how well it is regarded.

This year it sponsored a May Festival for the first time

and all the neighboring chapters took part in the crowning of the Ahepa May Queen.

Cimarron Chapter of the Sons of Pericles was organized under the guidance of the Middletown Ahepans.

It has contributed to every call for funds from the Ahepa headquarters or from local charitable organizations.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Chris Pope, George T. Poolitsan, Theodore Chifos, Stavros Vradelis, Paul Mathews, Vasilios Karas, Theodore Sarris, George C. Lambesis, Gus Valen, Peter Larras.

MUNCIE CHAPTER NO. 210

Organized February 22, 1929

Muncie, Indiana



The officers of Muncie Chapter. Seated left to right: James Kerkoudis, President; Peter P. Costas, Secretary. Standing: Chris Liakos, Vice President; Nick Ragias, Treasurer.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, James Kerkoudis; *Vice President*, Chris Liakos; *Secretary*, Peter P. Costas; *Treasurer*, Nick Ragias; *Board of Governors*, Peter P. Costas; *Chairman*, Chris A. Mentis, C. J. Peterson, James Dallas, Peter J. Costas; *Athletic Director*, James Kerkoudis.

The Muncie Chapter was organized February 22, 1929. As small as Muncie is and with its few families it has the record and reputation of having one of the strongest Chapters in the country. Yes, *Muncie*; small but mighty. It is very active, and has been from its birth.

Picnics, dances, amateur programs, baseball, and basketball tournaments, Halloween, Christmas, New Years and Easter parties each year have reaped the fruits from the seeds of brotherhood which it has sown. Thus through

cooperation is has moulded the sinews of a mighty chapter which is proud of its accomplishments.

Megara Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope has been organized by Muncie Chapter.

The members of Muncie Chapter pledge themselves to a greater and a more active chapter for the years to come. It further pledges itself to respect, obey and enforce Democracy with its fundamental principles and traditions.

PAST PRESIDENTS

George Rorris, George Mentis, Charles Petterson, Michael Drake, Theodore Limpert, Nicholas Mentis, Thomas Chamas, George Valis, Theodore Mentis, Nicholas Liviertos, Nicholas Rigas, Peter P. Costas.

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COWBOY CHAPTER NO. 211

Organized in 1928

Cheyenne, Wyoming



The officers and members of Cowboy Chapter in front of the Ahepa Home.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Sam Andrews; Vice President, Clearchos Pappas; Secretary, Harry P. Scarpos; Treasurer, Peter Galiotos; Board of Governors, Sam Galiotos, Chairman; George Panos, Tony Skoulas, Peter Petrides, Sam Ellis; Chaplain, Robert L. Christopoulos; Captain of Guard, Nick Chionis; Warden, John Kaniaris; Sentinels, John Chocas, Bill Chronopoulos.

The Cowboy Chapter located in Cheyenne, Wyoming, is one of Ahepa's most colorful chapters. Organized in 1928 with a charter membership of twenty-five, the Cowboy Chapter has initiated into the Order over one hundred ninety members in its 19 years of existence.

Many events and affairs have been sponsored by the Cowboy Chapter. Besides playing host to various district conventions, it has entertained the entire state legislature and their wives, presented the Greek flag to the State of Wyoming and initiated into the Order various Governors of the state.

It has always taken an active part in all community affairs. During the war years it was active in various

relief drives. It did an outstanding job in the sales of War Bonds, selling a total of 1,500,000.

Since its inception it has maintained an Ahepa Club, where the members could go for relaxation and entertainment. Many visiting brothers have spent enjoyable hours there during their stay in Cheyenne. It has always been the dream of the members to own a home of their own, and this dream came to pass recently with the purchasing of an Ahepa Home in Cheyenne.

The Cowboy Chapter is proud in being a part of Ahepa and is striving unceasingly to live up to the standards of the fraternity.

It has established Olympus Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope and Frontier Chapter of the Sons of Pericles.

PAST PRESIDENTS

George T. Kisciras (deceased), Peter T. Kisciras (deceased), Dan Davis, Gust Mores, George Mores, Theodore Anderson, Andy Triples, Sam Galiotos.

STOCKTON CHAPTER NO. 212

Organized March 3, 1929

Stockton, California

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Anthony Maris; *Vice President*, Harry Spanos; *Secretary*, Emmanuel Kokonas; *Treasurer*, Frank Vellis; *Board of Governors*, Lucas Vlavianos, *Chairman*; George Dremalis, Emanuel Trachiotis, William Panagos, Theodore Lorentzos; *Chaplain*, Edmond Kokonas; *Captain of Guard*, Angelo Mitchell; *Warden*, Gust Deskis; *Sentinels*, John Karkaletsis, Jerry Metaxas.

The outstanding affair held by Stockton Chapter was the Public Installation and Grand Ball given in 1931 at which time the then *Miss Europe* was introduced to the thousands that were in attendance. Another important event given by the chapter was the 1936 District Convention with all the chapters of the district in attendance and many visitors partaking of the enjoyable hospitality of this California

metropolis.

It has taken part in all drives sponsored by the national headquarters particularly by the War Bond Sales, the Justice for Greece and the Ahepa Hospital, as well as all local charities as the Red Cross, Community Chest, March of Dimes and Tuberculosis Drives, with contributions ranging well into the thousands.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Emanuel Trachiotis, 1929, 1930, 1943; Peter J. Wallace, 1931; Nick P. Condis, 1932; Christ Mariollos, 1934, 1934; Frank Vellis, 1935, 1937, 1939, 1940, 1941; Lucas Dramalakis, 1944; Lucas Vlavianos, 1945, 1946.

GREATER MUSKEGON CHAPTER NO. 213

Organized March 27, 1929

Muskegon, Michigan



The officers and members of Greater Muskegon Chapter

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Robert J. Moshos; *Vice President*, Anthony Lakos; *Secretary*, Gus Drelles; *Treasurer*, Andrew Drelles; *Board of Governors*, George Vulgaris, *Chairman*; Chris Vulgaris, Samuel Lakos, Sam Paris, Alvin Witt; *Chaplain*, Sam Moshos; *Captain of Guard*, John S. Pulos; *Warden*, Peter Pulos; *Sentinel*, George Baker.

During the past years this chapter has been instrumental in raising funds for Greek relief, and active in various community projects.

Generally speaking, the leaders and members of the chapter have always managed to take an active part in all worthy campaigns, and have participated in activities connected with public welfare. The members have contributed generously, and successful drives have been held for charitable

projects, such as the Red Cross, War Chest, Greek War Relief, Collection of Clothing, and others. During the War years members of the chapter bought and sold more than \$900,000 worth of War Bonds.

It organized Antiope Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope, Muskegon Chapter, Maids of Athens, and Navarino Chapter of the Sons of Pericles.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Nick Pattakos, George Stavron, Gus Carvalas, Bill Genelis, George Baldas, John P. Pulos, James Chiapuris, Tom Drelles, George Vulgaris, Peter Jerelos, Tom Caris.

PARTHENON CHAPTER NO. 215

Organized May 20, 1929

Portsmouth, New Hampshire



The officers of Parthenon Chapter. Seated left to right: Harry Frysalis, Captain of Guard; Peter Maroussis, Vice President; William Genimatas, President; George Paras, Treasurer; William Paras, Chaplain. Standing: Arthur Marinos, Chairman of Governors; Assimakis Caplanellis, Warden; Peter Pantelakos, Governor; Manuel Giovanis, Sentinel; Sam Sagris, Governor; Ernest Marinos, Governor.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, William Genimatas; Vice President Peter Maroussis; Secretary, John G. Soteris; Treasurer, George Paras; Board of Governors, Arthur Marinos, Chairman; Roy Varotsis, Peter Pentelakos, Sam Sagris, Charles Pappas; Chaplain, William Paras; Captain of Guard, Harry Frysalis; Warden, Assimakis Caplanellis; Sentinels, Ernest Marinos, Manuel Giovanis.

At first Parthenon was a joint chapter of Dover and Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Later the Ahepans of Dover formed their own Chapter. The first public joint installation was held with about 1,000 officers and members of Lewistown, Manchester, Boston, New York, Worcester, Lynn and many other nearby cities attending.

Historic Frigate Constitution (Old Iron Sides), was about to visit Portsmouth seaport and all organizations were invited to take part in a celebration and parade. Of all organizations invited only Parthenon Chapter took part in that parade, with Lowell and Nashua patrols participating. The Captain and Officers of the Constitution were so impressed they declared, *If it weren't for the Ahepans, there would*

have been no parade.

Parthenon Chapter was host to the Eight Annual Convention of Northern New England District No. 9, held in June 1939. The Thirteenth Annual Convention of District No. 9 in June 1946 was again held in Portsmouth.

On October 20, 1946 it established Aglaia Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope, and some time previously had organized Apollo Chapter of the Sons of Pericles.

The Chapter has sold over \$60,000.00 in war bonds and has contributed over \$5,000.00 to worthy causes, such as the American Red Cross, Churches, Community Chest, Ahepa Sanatorium, War Relief and many other similar projects.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Dr. Evangelos Caplanellis, 1929, 1930; John Condoninas, 1931, 1923; Peter Maroussis, 1933, 1934; Harry Frysalis, 1935; Assimakis Caplanellis, 1936, 1937; Chris Sagris, 1938, 1939; James Coussoulis, 1940; Peter Pantelakos, 1941; Roy Varotsis, 1942, 1943; Arthur Marinos, 1944, 1945; William Genimatas, 1946.

SOLANO CHAPTER NO. 217

Organized March 28, 1929

Vallejo, California

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Jerry Nickolatos; *Vice President*, Gus Karras; *Secretary*, Andrew Manosar; *Treasurer*, Gust Brotsis; *Board of Governors*, James G. Kallis, *Chairman*; Andrew Nickolatos, Demosthenis Gonos, Jerry Gregoratos, John Couliams.

Solano Chapter enjoys the reputation of being a progressive and active one and enjoys a good reputation in Vallejo. During the war it sold over a quarter million dollars in bonds, and has contributed over \$12,000.00 to such charities as the American Red Cross; Ahepa Sanitorium and Greek War Relief.

It played host to the twenty-first District Convention in 1939 and arranged a program of events and activities that still is remembered by all who attended. Beta Chapter of the Maids of Athens was organized under the sponsorship of Solano Chapter.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Peter Gracou, 1929; Peter Kirkos, 1930; Peter Ventouras, 1931; Jerry Gregoratos, 1932, 1933; George Bardacos, 1934, 1935; Al Porter, 1936, 1937; John Couliams, 1938; Tom Andrianos, 1939, 1943, 1944; James T. Bravos, 1940; Speros Kasolas, 1941; Bill Spatharas, 1942; Jim Kallis, 1945, 1946.

PHOENIX CHAPTER NO. 219

Organized April 22, 1929

Phoenix, Arizona



The officers and members of Phoenix Chapter

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Nick J. Gannis; *Vice President*, James C. Georgouses; *Secretary*, Thomas J. Katsenes; *Treasurer*, Christ Mitchell; *Board of Governors*, Gus Pappas, *Chairman*; Christ Pallas, Leo Koutromanos, Antonios Fotinos, Christ Catehis; *Chaplain*, Paul Ladas; *Captain of Guard*, Tom Annos; *Warden*, Sam Checuras; *Sentinel*, Paul Condos.

Phoenix Chapter has contributed generously towards all charitable institutions since its establishment such as the Y. M. C. A., Greek War Relief, Red Cross, Community Chest, and for similar causes. It recently sent a check in the amount \$2,449.50 to Headquarters towards the Ahepa Hospital for Greece Fund, and, in addition is contributing to every worthy cause having also contributed to the local Hellenic Orthodox Church over \$2,500.00.

It extends best wishes for continued success from the Ahepans in the *Valley of the Sun* and they cordially invite all to come and spend winter in the *Wonderland of America*, where winter never comes.

With the assistance and under its sponsorship the Athanasios Diakos Chapter of the Sons of Pericles was established.

WATERLOO CHAPTER NO. 222

Organized May 29, 1929

Waterloo, Iowa



The officers and members of Waterloo Chapter

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Nickolas Chardoul; *Vice President*, Dan Cosmos; *Secretary*, John Netty; *Treasurer*, Theodore Lucts; *Board of Governors*, Fred Pilos, *Chairman*; Harris George, George William Argyros, Gust Pateras, John Foufas; *Chaplain*, Stelios Myrsiades; *Captain of Guard*, George Gartelos; *Warden*, Emmanuel N. Nicholas; *Sentinel*, Nick Liapakis.

Waterloo Chapter joined the galaxy of Ahepa stars during the early part of 1929 and has since set up an enviable record of activity and has done much to implant the ideals of the fraternity within its local community.

Active in all worthy projects it took a leading part in the sale of war bonds during the recent war and has been in the forefront of every drive for the raising of funds for charitable needs, and has assisted in the raising of such funds in addition to giving its own contributions. During

the years the chapter has given over five thousand dollars to such worthy projects as the Greek Church, Greek War Relief, Ahepa Sanatorium, American Red Cross, Community Chest and March of Dimes.

It has also taken an interest in the auxiliaries and has sponsored the organization of Marathon Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope, as well as Waterloo Chapter of the Sons of Pericles, the junior order of the Ahepa.

PAST PRESIDENTS

George Mavrelis, 1929-1931; Mike Zarifis, 1932-1933, 1940-1941; Stelios Myrsiades, 1934; James Michilides, 1935; William Argyros, 1935; Paul George, 1936-1937; Nick Prevas, 1938-1939, 1942; Mike E. George, 1943; Peter Zafiris, 1944-1945; Fred Pilos, 1946.

NEPTUNE CHAPTER NO. 233

Organized June 26, 1929

San Pedro, California



The officers and members of Neptune Chapter

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, James C. Panousis; *Vice President*, Peter Harbilas; *Secretary*, John C. Panousis; *Treasurer*, Gust Garrilides; *Board of Governors*, John Platon, *Chairman*; John Bariamis, George Bellitsis, Alexios Polizois, Mike Felesakis; *Chaplain*, George Elias; *Captain of Guard*, George Stauros; *Warden*, Gust Cozounis; *Sentinels*, John Domingos, Diamond Economides; *Athletic Director*, Sam Grillias.

Among the many activities sponsored by Neptune Chapter, and the ones that are always looked forward to, are the annual public installation of officers where a huge Birthday cake is auctioned off and the proceeds given to the American Red Cross and Infantile Paralysis Fund; the annual Thanksgiving festival, where turkeys are given away and the annual Christmas tree party, where useful gifts are given all the children of the community.

Each year these affairs are awaited eagerly which is one of the reasons why Neptune is a leader in its community.

The Daughters of Penelope organized Theseus Chapter in San Pedro under the guidance of Neptune Chapter.

The Chapter has participated and has contributed to every appeal from the Supreme Lodge and has always been found ready to help all local charities.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Peter Harbilas, 1929; Peter Stathis, 1930; Nick Pappadakis, 1931; John Platis (deceased), 1932; Gregory Panopoulos (deceased), 1933, 1934; Ernest Catsulis, 1935, 1936; N. S. Nichols, 1939, 1940; John C. Panousis, 1941, 1942; Theodore Gars, 1943; Harry Boosalis, 1944, 1945; Sam Platis, 1946; James C. Panousis, 1946.

GARDEN CITY CHAPTER NO. 251

Organized February 28, 1930

San Jose, California



The officers and members of Garden City Chapter

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Mike Chelonis; Vice President, James Markellos; Secretary, Chris Merkuris; Treasurer, Peter Roukes; Board of Governors, A. G. Gianopoulos, Chairman; C. Kallas, G. Horton, A. Asimopoulos, P. Dalis; Chaplain, A. G. Gianopoulos; Captain of Guard, P. Merkuri; Warden, A. Tsagalakes; Sentinel, Gus Koutos.

San Jose Chapter in sunny California, the state that is playing host to the Ahepa National Convention this year, was organized February 28, 1930, and has been a real asset to the fraternity in the southwest. It started with twenty-eight charter members, and presently has some fifty two members in good standing.

It established Daphne Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope, and San Jose Chapter of the Sons of Pericles.

In the many years of its existence it has been a ready and generous contributor to all worthy causes, particularly the projects undertaken by the Ahepa, and the local campaigns as the Red Cross and Community Fund.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Pete Zakis, 1930; Louis Frangos, 1931, 1932; Gus Horton, 1933, 1934; Sam Karvonis, 1935; Chris Merkuris, 1936; M. Giannopoulos, 1937, 1943, 1944; James Zones, 1938, 1939; Pete Dalis, 1940; Theodore Dallis, 1941, 1942; Mike Chelonis, 1945, 1946.

SALINAS VALLEY CHAPTER NO. 253

Organized in March 1930

Salinas, California



The officers of Salinas Valley Chapter. Seated left to right: Gus Lafakis; John Lafka; Tom Georgalas, President; Nick Cominos, Vice President; Sam Manolis, Treasurer. Standing: Gus Pappas; John Zarris; Nick Karps, Secretary.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Tom Georgalas; Vice President, Nick Cominos; Secretary, Nick Karps; Treasurer, Sam Manolis.

Founded in March 1930 Salinas Valley Chapter has been active ever since, never once losing interest or refraining from holding meetings, even during the trying war years.

Many of its members served in the armed forces and those that remained at home took an active part in some war activity.

The chapter has always been found ready to help whenever the call came from the national headquarters, or whether it was from some local civic group seeking assist-

ance for some worthy project. In addition to purchasing and selling of war bonds it has contributed generously to the Red Cross, Community Chest, Hospitals for Greece and other equally meritorious causes.

It looks forward to an equally active and successful future particularly with the younger members assuming important tasks in fulfilling this hope. It also pledges itself to the continued success of the Ahepa.

GENERAL GREENE CHAPTER NO. 257

Organized April 23, 1930

Greensboro, North Carolina

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Matthews Pappas; *Vice President*, Jerry Gregory; *Secretary*, William Emanuel, Jr.; *Treasurer*, Ernest Kalathas, *Board of Governors*, Kos Katsikas, *Chairman*; Harry Gregor, Agapios Agapiou, Louis Psyhas, Steve Hadgelis; *Chaplain*, William Anton; *Captain of Guard*, Manuel Demetrelis; *Warden*, Manuel Panagiotou; *Sentinel*, William Gianopolas.

Shortly after its organization one of the first things General Greene Chapter did was to stage a beautiful and well attended banquet and which has been considered as one of the highlights of this chapter.

It has taken part in many parades and has on various occasions received honorable mention. In addition, it has had three Ahepa Queens and in May of 1945 it gave a victory dance, which proved highly successful.

The 1946 District Convention was held in Greensboro, with the largest attendance to have taken part in such a meeting.

It has sponsored and organized Ktimene Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope, also Jefferson Chapter of the Sons of Pericles, and has been an active supporter of all drives by Ahepa headquarters.

PAST PRESIDENTS

John Plakas, 1930; Dennis King, 1931; Harry Pappas, 1932, 1936, 1944, 1946;
Ernest Kalathas, 1937; Matthews Pappas, 1933, 1940; L. D. Kelles, 1941, 1943.

KEY CITY CHAPTER NO. 261

Organized June 4, 1930

Dubuque, Iowa

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Andrew D. Kerigan; *Vice President*, George M. Pappas; *Secretary*, Leonidas P. Mihalakis; *Treasurer*, Gust Paul; *Board of Governors*, Spiros Bogas, *Chairman*; Bill Varvis, Peter Konomos, Harris Pappas; *Chaplain*, Theodore Ostadimitris; *Captain of Guard*, George Bogas; *Warden*, George Arvinitis; *Sentinels*, Steve Manos, Nick Limbros.

The Key City Chapter was founded June 4, 1930. It was so named because Dubuque, Iowa, is known as the Key City.

The Chapter has accomplished much in its 17 years of service. One of its praise-worthy deeds is the contribution of food baskets to needy families during the holiday seasons. Through the co-operation of the members 500 baskets have been distributed among the community. Key City Chapter has also held annual picnics.

Not only has the Chapter participated in Community affairs, but has helped in many Fourth of July Parades with other organizations of the city. On various occasions the

members won prizes for their demonstrations. At one time financial assistance was needed to help three young people of the community through school and the chapter responded immediately. In addition to this, Key City Chapter organized Arete Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope and Julien Chapter of the Sons of Pericles.

During the war it gave a banquet for the purpose of selling war bonds and succeeded in selling over \$500,000.00 in bonds. It took an active part in the Greek War Relief drives and collected money for this cause, with members in addition donating making a total of \$5,000.00.

PAST PRESIDENTS

James Yiannias, 1930; Andy Poulos, 1931; Andrew Karigan, 1932, 1933, 1946; Andrew Poulos, 1934; Harris Pappas, 1935, 1940; George Pappas, 1941; Andrew Poulos, 1942, 1943; Spiros Bogas, 1944, 1945.

SARANTOS D. BICOULES CHAPTER NO. 266

Organized January 15, 1930

Fitchburg, Massachusetts



The officers of Sarantos D. Bicoules Chapter, seated left to right: E. Timothy Pananos, Financial Secretary; Spylios M. Nikitas, Vice President; Arthur J. Lanides, President; Michael A. Spylios, Treasurer. Standing: James C. Lanides, Warden; George N. Maravell, Chairman of Governors; Anthony J. Malamis, Governor.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Arthur J. Lanides; *Vice President*, Spylios M. Nikitas; *Secretary*, John C. Baimas; *Treasurer*, Michael A. Spylios; *Board of Governors*, George N. Maravell, *Chairman*; Anthony J. Malamis, John G. Bicoules, Louis K. Billionis, William Coumes; *Chaplain*, William N. Maravell; *Captain of Guard*, Fred H. Xarras; *Warden*, James C. Lanides; *Sentinel*, Andrew H. Diamond; *Athletic Director*, Perry H. Pappas; *Financial Secretary*, E. Timothy Pananos.

In 1934 Sarantos D. Bicoules Chapter entertained the District Convention and was responsible for one of the finest conventions held in that district.

The Fitchburg Ahepans are particularly proud of their marching unit, which has won first prize in a July 4th parade, and which has received honorable mention in many other parades. The chapter has also won first prize for the finest float in the same July 4th parade.

It has contributed to the Worcester County Health Association; Infantile Paralysis Fund; Ahepa Sanatorium; Greek War Relief; Greek Church; Schools; Community Chest; American Red Cross, and other similar organizations.

Aethra Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope and Fitchburg Chapter of the Sons of Pericles were organized by the Fitchburg Ahepans.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Constantine Gelep, 1930; Charles Hantzaras, 1931; Charles M. Loufas, 1932; Stephen A. Bozicas, 1933; George N. Maravell, 1934, 1946; John G. Bicoulis, 1935; Alexander S. Svolis, 1936; James Karis, 1937; Christos Christodouloupoulos, 1938; George J. Lanides, 1939, 1940; Fred H. Bicoulis, 1941; Paul Petalas, 1942, 1943; William Coumes, 1944, 1945.

DULUTH CHAPTER NO. 267

Organized July 27, 1930

Duluth, Minnesota



The officers and members of Duluth Chapter

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Christ G. Economos; Vice President, George Marmas; Secretary, George Morris; Treasurer, Asterios Pratchios; Board of Governors, Christ Manolis, Chairman; Christ Andrews, Steve Satrazemis, Thomas Zissios, James A. Pratchios; Chaplain, Rev. Nicholas Karros; Captain of Guard, Charles Coppas; Warden, Thomas Karras; Sentinels, William Thomas, William Gravanis; Athletic Director, Deno Pappas.

The activities of Duluth Chapter have been varied but it prides itself in the well attended Fourteenth District convention which it sponsored in June 1938, and more recently the part it has played in the war bond drives having sold over \$200,000.00 in bonds.

Contributions have been given to the Flood Relief Sufferers, \$100.00; Finnish Relief, \$100.00; Community Center, \$500.00; Pomfret Theological Seminary, \$100.00;

Christmas contributions, \$400.00; Educational Fund, \$100.00; Justice for Greece, \$200.00; Hospitals for Greece, \$1,615.00; Greek War Relief, \$500.00; American Red Cross, \$100.00; and many similar charities.

Duluth Chapter has sponsored the establishment of Duluth Chapter of the Sons of Pericles in March 1933, and Thosa Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope in May 1938.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Charles Stratig, 1930, 1931; James Carlos, 1932, 1940; William Thomas, 1933, 1943; Melvin Pappas, 1934; Alex Apostol, 1935; Alex F. Zorbas, 1936, 1942; Paul Andrews, 1937, 1938; Paul Kalamidas, 1939; Christ Andrews, 1941; Louis Krikelas, 1944, 1945; Christ Manolis, 1946.

GALVESTON CHAPTER NO. 276

Organized April 5, 1931

Galveston, Texas



The officers and members of Galveston Chapter

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Dr. Menelaus A. Caravageli; *Vice President*, Mack Cokens; *Secretary*, John Metaxis; *Treasurer*, George Zgourides; *Board of Governors*, Gus Liolu, *Chairman*; Demos Caravageli, Louis Stathakos, Angelo Caravageli, Stelios Andreadelis; *Chaplain*, George Stathakos; *Captain of Guard*, John Manos; *Warden*, Alex Demosthenis; *Sentinel*, Nick Agorastos.

In the Gulf of Mexico where the blue of the sea reaches out and touches the blue of the sky, the ideals and teachings of tolerance and understanding as advocated by the Ahepa, find a champion to its cause in the gulf city of Galveston.

In charitable contributions it ranks with the largest chapters as its donations run well into the thousands since its organization. Among others the chapter has given to families of needy members; Corinth earthquake; Pomfret Theological Seminary; American Red Cross; Community

Chest; Greek Church; Ahepa Sanatorium; Tuberculosis Association; Greek War Relief, and the Saint Stephanos Institution.

It sold over half a million in war bonds during the various drives held by the Treasury Department.

Aeolus Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope and Galveston Chapter of the Sons of Pericles were organized and are under the guiding care of the Seniors of Galveston.

PAST PRESIDENTS

John Stathakos, 1931, 1935; George Mamoulides, 1932, 1932; John Economides 1934; John Metaxis, 1936; William Laros, 1937; Alexanros Frangos, 1938, 1939; Demos Caravageli, 1940, 1941; Gus Liolu, 1942, 1944; Dr. Menelaus A. Caravageli, 1945, 1946.

RENO CHAPTER NO. 281

Organized June 17, 1931

Reno, Nevada



The officers and members of Reno Chapter, Ahepa and Elis Chapter, Daughters.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, William H. Pappas; *Vice President*, Dennis Varzos; *Secretary*, Brendan W. Jennings; *Treasurer*, Elias Basil Duvaras; *Board of Governors*, James G. Williams, *Chairman*; Angelos Pappas, Pete Demosthenes, Gust Anton, Mike Georgudis; *Chaplain*, Harry Calury; *Captain of Guard*, Chris Kakouris; *Warden*, Pete Karabelas; *Sentinels*, Louis Andros, Louis Cavakis.

In the largest small city of the great western states, Reno Chapter has carved itself a niche in the fraternal and civic world of that city, and is looked to as a leader of no mean proportions. It has organized a school for teaching of Greek, has sponsored a prize float in the Nevada Admission Day parade; gave a barbecue in honor of the presentation of a flag of Greece to the Governor of Nevada where over 2,000 persons participated, including members of the state legislature and the American Legion. In 1940 it had the pleasure of entertaining the 21st District Convention, sparing no expense or effort in making it a memorable meet.

In honor of the reorganization of Elis Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope it held a joint installation of officers of both chapters in January 1947.

If size has any bearing then the size of its contributions belong to cities ten times as large as is evidenced by just a small illustration of the value of their support, such as the Greek War Relief \$26,000; Hospitals for Greece \$2,665; American Red Cross, Community Chest, March of Dimes and drives of a local nature \$6,000, thus making it a worthy and generous patron.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Angelo Pappas, 1931, 1940; Peter Cladianos, 1932; John Triandafylos, 1933; Elias Basil Duvaras, 1934, 1935; Steve Farros, 1936, 1937; Pete Demosthenes, 1938, 1939; Chris Kakouris, 1941, 1942; Sam Bobolakes, 1943, 1944; James C. Williams, 1945; William H. Pappas, 1946.

BERGEN KNIGHTS CHAPTER NO. 285

Organized August 27, 1931

Hackensack, New Jersey



The officers of Bergen Knights Chapter, seated left to right: Paul Bellevan, Past President; Theodore Kiscaras, Past President; Jean M. Kossarides, Sr., Past President; Constantine Lendrihas, Past President. Standing: Jean M. Kossarides, Jr., Captain of Guard; Andrew A. Andrones, Warden; Harry Petrides, President; John Bellias, Vice President.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Harry Petrides; Vice President, John Bellias; Secretary, Peter Kyriakakis; Treasurer, Louis Louzides; Board of Governors, Stephen Delphi, Chairman; Louis Krickelas, Theodore Kiscaras, Markos Mentakis; Chaplain, Paul Bellevan; Captain of Guard, Jean M. Kossarides, Jr.; Warden, Andrew A. Andrones; Sentinel, Constantine Lendrihas.

On August 27, 1931, wires crossed the Continent to and from San Francisco, California, where the National Convention was convening, and a new Chapter—the Bergen Knights—was born.

Since that evening the Bergen Knights has written a brilliant History. They participated in the drive for the Pomfret School, contributing from the Chapter's treasury to insure success of the programs in Ahepa policies. It supported the Community Greek School in that city. Many of its former students are now returned from service and are active, young Ahepans.

The Chapter was behind the Sanatorium and Scholarship Plan and was successful in all its drives to aid them. During the recent world struggle the Chapter sold over a quarter million dollars worth of War Bonds for the government. The Chapter's benevolence did not stop here. There were various social functions for the benefit of sundry philan-

thropic agencies, such as the Red Cross and the Community Chest. Its remarkable and successful campaign to aid the Greek War Relief became known as an outstanding example throughout the state in its clothing drive which accounted for five thousand articles of clothing mended, sorted and placed for immediate export.

Recently the Chapter set a new precedent in furthering the aims and ideals of Ahepa by presenting to the Hackensack High School an Honor Athletic Award which consists of a beautiful bronze plaque with spaces for inscribing the name each year of that student which contributes most in furthering the ancient ideals for a balanced life as strived for by the ancient Greeks.

St. George Chapter of the Sons of Pericles was established by the Ahepa in Hackensack.

These Ahepans and the newer brothers will continue to advance its principles.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Theodore Kiscaras, 1931, 1933; Jean M. Kossarides, 1934; Spiros Rorris (deceased), 1935; Paul Bellevan, 1936, 1937, 1944; John C. Vasiliou, 1938; Constantine Lendrihas, 1939; Felix Christ (deceased), 1940, 1941, 1943, 1945; Basil Williams, 1942; Stephen Delphi, 1946.

THOMAS A. EDISON CHAPTER NO. 287

Organized October 29, 1931

Asbury Park, New Jersey



The officers of Thomas A. Edison Chapter, seated left to right: Peter Harilaou, Treasurer; Chris Millson, Vice President; Samuel Skopas, President; George Mitz, Secretary; Lampros G. Scaltsas, Captain. Standing: James Theodore Apostolacus, Captain of Guard; George Kacandes, Warden; Theodosios Apostolou, Sentinel.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Samuel Skopas; *Vice President*, Chris Millson; *Secretary*, George Mitz; *Treasurer*, Peter Harilaou; *Board of Governors*, George Pappayliou, *Chairman*; Charles P. Savoth, Louis Karagios, William Argerakis, Lampros G. Scaltsas; *Chaplain*, Lampros G. Scaltsas; *Captain of Guard*, James Theodore Apostolacus; *Warden*, George Kacandes; *Sentinel*, Theodosios Apostolou; *Athletic Director*, N. Sevastakis.

Operation Arbury Park on October 29, 1931, witnessed the invasion of the city by the Ahepa forces. At the beautiful new Convention Hall on the Boardwalk, 23 members were inducted into the fraternity. Two nights later the Chapter held its first meeting and unanimously adopted the name *Thomas A. Edison* in memory to America's greatest inventor. The new Chapter immediately attracted state-wide attention in acting as host to the First District Convention of New Jersey. On June 29, 1932, delegates of all the New Jersey Chapters assembled in the City of Asbury Park, and there deliberated and legislated on the policies of the district.

In March 1934 the Chapter acted as host for the Second Annual Combined Ball of the Central Jersey Chapters. Again in June 1935 the Thomas A. Edison chapter acted as host to the Fourth Annual District Convention. In the Fall of 1936 a dance was held in the Elks Building in honor of the Past Presidents. A pleasant and enjoyable evening will long be remembered by those present.

Its contributions can be figured in the thousands, among them being the Greek War Relief, \$200; Ahepa Sanatorium \$428.16; Hospitals for Greece, \$1,865; Miscellaneous charities, \$441.77, and many others too numerous to mention.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Spiros Pappayliou, 1931, 1932; Samuel Arvanitis, 1933, 1943; John Sigalos, 1934; Louis Karagias, 1935; N. Sevastakis, 1936; Spiros Michals, 1937; Ch. Peterson, 1938; Chris D. Vasiliadis, 1939; Sering Skokos, 1940; Lampros Scaltsas, 1941; William Argerakis, 1944, 1945; George Pappayliou, 1946

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RARITAN CHAPTER NO. 288

Organized January 10, 1932

Perth Amboy, New Jersey



The officers and members of Raritan Chapter

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Peter Kusulas; *Vice President*, Chris Goumas; *Secretary*, Stephen Manos; *Treasurer*, Peter Nicholas; *Board of Governors*, Kenneth J. Doukas, *Chairman*; Chris Nicolas, Peter Coutros, Thomas Balsamides; *Chaplain*, Louis Sakelos; *Captain of Guard*, James Mellas; *Warden*, Constantine Arianas; *Sentinel*, Evangelous Lamprakos.

The day of Ahepanism dawned for Perth Amboy and surrounding towns on January 10, 1932. The spirit of fraternalism, which imbues every act of the Ahepa, had finally ripened in this section of the state.

Of the 1932 activities the most outstanding was the part taken by 500 Ahepans at the Washington Bi-Centennial Celebration on October 30, 1932. A tree was planted in the Memorial Park in conjunction with these services and a Bronze Tablet presented on the occasion, with the inscription *In Memory of George Washington, by Raritan Chapter Number 288, commemorating the 200th Birthday of the Father of Our Country.*

The first annual ball held in Perth Amboy was one of the most successful ones held in the Seventh District. The first combined meeting of the District was also held in that city, and a Kiddies Christmas Party was held, with gifts being distributed to the young children.

After being inactive for a number of years, Raritan Chapter was revived. After reviving itself, the Chapter held an initiation of new members, which attracted almost every chapter in the district. A degree team has been organized and has conducted the initiation of several new members. The initiation proved to be a success, and the degree team hopes to be called upon by other chapters to conduct initiations. The chapter has now tripled its membership in a period of less than one year. All members eagerly awaiting the time when even this remarkable record may be bettered.

A Tag Day was recently sponsored by the Ahepans and assisted by the Greek-American Youth Club and Daughters of St. Demetrios. The proceeds going to the Greek War Relief.

Lincoln Chapter of the Sons of Pericles was organized by the Perth Amboy Ahepans.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Simon Kiriazis, 1932; Christos Nicolacacos, 1933; Kenneth J. Doukas, 1934; Peter Kusulas, 1946.

MORRIS COUNTY CHAPTER NO. 300

Organized in 1934

Dover, New Jersey



The officers and members of Morris County Chapter.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Thomas J. Pappas; *Vice President*, Thomas Pallas; *Secretary*, James J. Pappas; *Treasurer*, Peter Kolias; *Board of Governors*, Spyros Deffigos, *Chairman*; Constantine Sinnis, Peter Bakiaris, William Michas, Nick Nickolas.

The Morris County Chapter was organized in 1934. From the time the chapter was organized until the outbreak of the war meetings were held regularly and all the members displayed great interest in all chapter activities. Annual dances, picnics and other celebrations have been enjoyed by both the young and old. Needy Greek families in the surrounding communities have been assisted by the local chapter.

During the war the chapter was not too active since most of the members had important jobs to do, however, a handful of the members met occasionally and kept the chapter organized and patiently awaited the return of the younger

generation to put the Chapter back on the active list. Never was the spirit, enthusiasm and morale of the chapter broken. Everyone did his share in helping. The present membership is fifty and growing steadily.

Now with the war over and the younger boys returned, the chapter has again become active with the younger generation taking over, and giving some real service to the fraternity.

It has also organized the Neptune Chapter of the Sons of Pericles and has watched over the junior organization assisting with its activities.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Jay Pappas; William Michas; Sam Contor; George Arvanetes; Constantine Sinnis; Harry Demas; Harry Michas; Spiros Deffigos.

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ZANESVILLE CHAPTER NO. 305

Organized March 22, 1936

Zanesville, Ohio



The officers and members of Zanesville Chapter

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, J. Peter Bravos; Vice President, John Chacharonis; Secretary, George Kanaris; Treasurer, Cris Pappas; Board of Governors, Paul Katsampes, Chairman; Peter Klementzos, Gus Vlahos; Chaplain, Gus Geladas; Captain of Guard, Gregory Pappas; Warden, William Athan.

Zanesville joined the ranks of the Ahepa in March 1936 and immediately assumed a position of leadership in all community activities. Of the many dinner dances given by the chapter the most successful one was the one given in June 1946 for the purpose of raising funds for the building of hospitals in Greece.

It has participated in all local drives and has also been a generous contributor to the American Red Cross, \$2,000;

Community Fund, Greek War Relief, 12,000; Ahepa Sanatorium, Hospitals for Greece, \$4,000, and the many other campaigns to raise funds that have been conducted in Zanesville.

In the war bond drives, during the recent war, Zanesville had the distinction of selling over half million in bonds, which is a record for the chapter.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Pete Massuros, 1936, 1941, 1944; Pete Baruxes, 1937; John Chacharonis, 1938, 1939; Gus Geladas, 1940; Paul Katsampes, 1945, 1946.

TROJAN CHAPTER NO. 306

Organized in 1937

Troy, New York



The officers of Trojan Chapter, seated left to right: William Vellis, Governor; Gus Duka; James Triantafillon, Governor. Standing: Michael Manolakis, Treasurer; Thomas William Vellis, Secretary.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, John F. Pappas; *Vice President*, Stratis Fentekis; *Secretary*, Thomas William Vellis; *Treasurer*, Michael Manolakis; *Board of Governors*, Louis Papastrat, *Chairman*; James Triantafillon, George Konstantakos, Peter Arfanis, William Vellis.

In the city of Troy the Ahepa has a stronghold in the Trojan Chapter which was organized sometime during the Fall of 1937 and has since rendered a real service to that community.

It established Troy Chapter of the Sons of Pericles and has closely followed the activities of that chapter.

Trojan Chapter sponsored the 1940 convention of the Empire District which was a noteworthy success and is often remembered by those who were fortunate to attend.

The Chapter has been a ready contributor to all worthy campaigns in the raising of funds for charitable purposes.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Steve Vamvakis, 1937, 1939; John Pappas, 1938; Paul Kokolias, 1940; George Poulos, 1941, 1942; Louis Papastrat, 1943, 1944, 1945; John Pappas, 1946.

DIOGENES CHAPTER NO. 307

Organized October 3, 1937

Huntington, West Virginia



The officers of Diogenes Chapter, seated left to right: John G. Martin, Treasurer; John Battis, Vice President; Richard A. Karres, President; James G. Farmakis, Secretary. Standing: Lambros Svingos, Sentinel; Zacharias Xenos, Sentinel; Nick Polos, Governor; Emanuel G. Xenakis, Governor; Nick Houvouras, Chaplain; Mike Maniskas, Warden; Emmanuel Z. Xenos, Captain of Guard.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Richard A. Karres; Vice President, John Battis; Secretary, James G. Farmakis; Treasurer, John G. Martin; Board of Governors, Andy Houvouras, Chairman; Manuel G. Xenakis, Nick Polos, Paul N. Kleitches, Charles Kapourales; Chaplain, Nick Houvouras; Captain of Guard, Emmanuel Z. Xenos; Warden, Mike Maniskas; Sentinels, Zacharias Xenos, Lambros Zvingos.

Diogenes Chapter has had the pleasure of entertaining one of the largest District Conventions in the Ahepa Domain in 1941. Buckeye District, of which Huntington is part, is one of the largest and most active districts in the fraternity.

It has participated in all the war bond drives and has sold over a quarter million dollars in bonds. Among its

contributions can be listed the Greek War Relief, \$8,100; American Red Cross, \$6,000; War Chest, \$2,500; Ahepa Sanatorium and Hospital, \$2,000, and quite a few other similar charities.

Diogenes Chapter organized Evzones Chapter of the Sons of Pericles and Diana-Artemis Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Nick Houvouras, 1937, 1938, 1941; Charles Condeles, 1939, 1945; Manuel Xenakis, 1940, 1943, 1944; Tom Houvouras, 1942; Andy Houvouras, 1946.

ADELPHIA CHAPTER NO. 308

Organized November 21, 1937

Wellsville, New York



The officers of Adelpia Chapter, seated left to right: Spiros Coconis, Vice President; George Petrakis, President; Constantine Vlahos, Secretary; George Cretekos, Treasurer. Standing: Gus Giopulos, Chaplain; James Rigas, Warden; Peter Kanelis, Sentinel; Louis Sotiralis, Captain of Guard.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, George Petrakis; Vice President, Spiros Coconis; Secretary, Constantine Vlahos; Treasurer, George Cretekos; Board of Governors, James Rigas, Chairman; William Papageorge, Raymond Argyros, Leo Galanis, Gus Giopulos; Chaplain, Gus Giopulos; Captain of Guard, Louis Sotiralis; Warden, James Rigas; Sentinel, Peter Kanelis; Athletic Director, James Giopulos.

The first picnic was held in the summer of 1938 with the first annual dance given in the fall of the same year, and each year the events became better and more entertaining, with the entire community looking forward to attend these interesting parties.

A rally was called at Wellsville, New York, on November 24, 1940 for the purpose of raising money for the Greek War Relief and over a Thousand Dollars was raised that night; the outstanding feature was when the junior Sons of Pericles turned in their entire treasury which amounted to a little over Eleven Dollars.

On November 20, 1945 the Chapter held its Eighth Anniversary Dinner-dance party which was the first party since the United States entered the war.

Mercury Chapter of the Sons of Pericles was organized under the sponsorship of the Ahepans of Wellsville.

Important contributions made by Adelpia Chapter are the Greek War Relief, \$3,000.00; American Red Cross, \$100.00; Hospitals for Greece, \$2,000.00; and many smaller donations such as to the Ahepa Sanatorium, Sons of Pericles Memorial Fund and Samuel Gridley Howe Memorial.

TEXARKANA CHAPTER NO. 329

Organized in 1940

Texarkana, Texas



The officers of Texarkana Chapter, seated left to right: Thomas T. Asimos, President; Earnest Vathis, Vice President; M. J. Fountoulakis, Secretary; Victor Scott, Treasurer. Standing, first row: Andrew Pappas; John A. Murzicos, Chaplain; Fleming Panos; Frank Demopoulos, Sentinel. Standing, second row: Frank Carras, Captain of Guard; Alex Christov; George Vathis; Louis Cerleson.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Thomas T. Asimos; Vice President, Earnest Vathis; Secretary, M. J. Fountoulakis; Treasurer, Victor Scott; Chaplain, John A. Murzicos; Captain of Guard, Frank Carras; Warden, Chris Vergos; Sentinels, Charlie Pappas, Frank Demopoulos.

The biggest little chapter, way down in the corner of three states, Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana, can boast of selling over a quarter million dollars of War Bonds, during the many bond drives and is considered a leader in all fraternal civic activities of the city that calls itself Texar-

kana, U. S. A.

It sent over 30,000 garments to the needy people of Greece and has contributed to every worthy purpose of a local or national nature.

NORTHFIELD CHAPTER NO. 331

Organized August, 1939

Frederick-Dacona, Colorado



The officers and members of Northfield Chapter.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Fred Constant; *Vice President*, Vasil Giannulis; *Secretary*, George Arapkilis; *Treasurer*, Gus Allison; *Board of Governors*, Chris Allison, *Chairman*; Steve Allison, George Kutulas, Mike Poulos, Gregory Nicholas, John Gianoulis; *Chaplain*, Murdick John Grillos; *Captain of Guard*, George Nicas; *Warden*, George Parker; *Athletic Director*, Peter N. Pan.

Northfield Chapter was established in August 1939. It started with 16 charter members for the purpose of gathering all Hellenes of Northern Colorado under the wing of the Ahepa. After many tribulations an application for a Charter was made in September, 1945. At present it has thirty-six members in good standing.

The chapter has attracted a number of war veterans and

is giving them much of the responsible tasks to carry on the fine work that has been done to date.

It has been found in the front ranks when called upon by the headquarters in all drives or campaigns for the raising of funds for charitable purposes.

This chapter serves all of northern Colorado with a great number of its members residing outside of Denver.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Peter Nicholas Pan, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945; Chris Allison, 1946.

HOT SPRINGS CHAPTER NO. 338

Organized April 29, 1945

Hot Springs, Arkansas

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, George Gabriel; Vice President, Angello Fotioo; Secretary, George Pakis; Treasurer, William Pappas; Board of Governors, William Huston, Chairman; John Orfanos, George Catsavis, Nick Plaster, Pete Zack; Chaplain, Nick Skrivanos; Captain of Guard, Anthony Skrivanos; Warden, Nick Elfter; Sentinel, Antonios Magles; Athletic Director, Frank Fotioo.

The chapter that prides itself as the fastest growing chapter in the southwest and one of the new comers to the Ahepa was organized April 29, 1945, with a membership from Hot Springs, Little Rock, Fort Smith and Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

This only being the third year of the existence of Hot

Springs Chapter, it has taken an active part in the fraternal activities of that famous American Spa, the city of Hot Springs, and is looked upon as a leader in all civic matters.

With the assistance of this chapter we can look forward to additional chapters joining the Ahepa domain from that part of the southwest.

PAST PRESIDENT

William Huston, 1945, 1946.

MOUNTAINEER CHAPTER NO. 340

Organized November 27, 1945

Parkersburg, West Virginia



The officers of Mountaineer Chapter, seated left to right: Tom Keramidas, Treasurer; George Turloukis, Vice President; George Ferry, President; James C. George, Secretary. Standing: William Fanady, Sentinel; Harry Letopoulos, Chaplain; Manuel Fanady, Sentinel; Gus Pappas, Captain of Guard.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, George Ferry; Vice President, George Turloukis; Secretary, James C. George; Treasurer, Tom Keramidas; Board of Governors, Tom Keramidas, Chairman; John Dukas, Harry George, John Vasiotis, Phillip Palouras; Chaplain, Harry Letopoulos; Captain of Guard, Gus Pappas; Warden, Peter G. Marinakis; Sentinels, William Fanady, Manuel Fanady.

One of the youngest chapters in the Ahepa world has had little time to have any outstanding activities to report, but the zeal and enthusiasm of the officers and members of the Mountaineer Chapter assures us of a progressive and active future for the West Virginians.

It has taken part in the calls for support from the Ahepa

headquarters on its many causes, and has also contributed to the local charitable drives.

With only two years it has no past presidents to pay honor as its first president has again been re-elected to serve a second year.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER NO. 342

Organized June 16, 1946

Long Beach, California



The officers of Long Beach Chapter. Seated, left to right: Peter N. George, Chaplain; T. B. Poulos, Treasurer; Constantine A. Mermiges, Vice President; A. J. Maragos, President; George A. Malliaras, Secretary; Nickolas J. Dovalis, Warden. Standing: George Beckas, Governor; Tom Kallichis, Sentinel; Theodore Gars, Governor; Steve Chianis, Governor; Andrew Chianis, Captain of Guard; George Stavros, Sentinel; Gus Foutris, Athletic Director; Peter N. Magalousis, Governor.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, A. J. Maragos; *Vice President*, Constantine A. Mermiges; *Secretary*, George A. Malliaras; *Treasurer*, T. B. Poulos; *Board of Governors*, Speros A. Manson, *Chairman*; George Beckas, Steve Chianis, Peter N. Magalousis, Theodore Gars; *Chaplain*, Peter N. George; *Captain of Guard*, Andrew Chianis; *Warden*, Nickolas J. Dovalis; *Sentinels*, George Stavros, Tom Kalliches; *Athletic Director*, Gus Foutris.

One of the *babies* of Ahepa joined the ranks of the fraternity just before the last convention. Although newly established, it decided that sunny California was the ideal place to have the 1947 convention, and is doing its share in putting on a memorable and outstanding program. The 1947 convention commemorates the *Silver Anniversary* of the Order, and we will be enjoying the hospitality of all the

chapters in the vicinity of Los Angeles just as this memorial edition comes off the press.

Hospitality is what they are particularly capable of spreading and those who attend this convention will realize what is meant by the *fraternal spirit*, as practiced by the Californians.

LORD NELSON CHAPTER NO. 2

CANADIAN JURISDICTION

Organized February 1, 1929

London, Ontario, Canada

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, George Serhoulas; Vice President, Stephen Giouroukos; Secretary, Leon Loupos; Treasurer, William Agnos (Anagnostopoulos); Board of Governors, Edward Jones, Chairman; Peter P. Mandas, Sr., Peter Liabotis, Sam Kays, George Prokos; Chaplain, Tom Kapelos; Captain of Guard, Eddie Kays; Warden, James Strathoupoulos; Sentinel, Peter Harkas; Athletic Director, Alfred Kays.

The *good neighbor* policy was inaugurated many years ago by the Ahepa in stretching its welcoming hand across the border to our northern neighbor, and making the fraternity one of an international character, based on the high ideals and precepts of democracy, as manifested by the two governments of the United States and Canada.

A real asset to the fraternity, Lord Nelson Chapter has

been an important cog in the wheel of fraternal progress in the Dominion, and has been a leader in every movement.

It has been a ready and willing contributor to every call for assistance from the Ahepa headquarters, but has also responded to every appeal by the local and national charitable organizations of Canada.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Stan Master, 1929; James Harkas, 1930; George Heller, 1931; Peter Liabotis, 1936, 1937, 1944; Edward Jones, 1945; George Kerhoulas, 1946.

GLADSTONE CHAPTER NO. 6

CANADIAN JURISDICTION

Organized June 28, 1930

Vancouver, British Columbia



The officers and members of Gladstone Chapter, Vancouver, Canada

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, S. Mavromatis; Vice President, C. Athans; Secretary, J. Dimitri; Treasurer, T. Michas; Board of Governors, J. Babalos, Chairman; N. Bully, H. Santos, D. Dallas, H. Stamatis; Chaplain, E. Pappas; Captain of Guards, G. Argitos; Warden, G. Dricos; Sentinel, C. Megalos; Athletic Director C. Stamatis.

Gladstone Chapter was tentatively established in Bellingham, Washington, on June 28, 1930. In July of the same year 800 Pacific Northwest Ahepans with their relatives and friends invaded Vancouver, and formally established Gladstone Chapter C. J. 6, initiating 46 Brothers in a large ceremony. Today the Chapter has 100 active members and is now in the midst of a vigorous drive for new members.

It served as host to the District Convention in 1934, again in 1936 and again in 1941 with all the chapters on the Pacific Coast attending. In 1937 it established Lion's

Gate Chapter of the Junior Order, the Sons of Pericles, with 28 boys forming the Chapter. It has also established Ariadne Chapter of the Maids of Athens. Victory Chapter C. J. 16, Ahepa, Victoria, B. C., was established by Gladstone Chapter with 32 members being initiated.

The Gladstone Chapter was active in all the Greek War Relief and Red Cross drives and raised well over Two Thousand Dollars with the holding of many dances and raffles, and for hospitals for Greece drive it raised approximately \$6,200 by a canvass of the city and district.

PAST PRESIDENTS

T. Stamatis, 1930, 1932; G. W. Chrisos, 1933; A. Gregory, 1934; J. Athans, 1935; G. Evans (deceased), 1936; J. Assimes, 1937; B. Bekos, 1938; N. Kogos, 1939; T. Latsoudes, 1940; H. Stamatis, 1941; E. Louis, 1942; P. Pappjohn, 1943; S. Stamatis, 1944, 1945; J. Babalos, 1946.

MOUNT ROYAL CHAPTER NO. 7

CANADIAN JURISDICTION

Organized October 10, 1930

Montreal, Quebec, Canada



The officers and members of Mount Royal Chapter, Montreal, Canada

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Constantine Halikas; *Vice President*, Percy Pappdiamantis; *Secretary*, C. D. Tsipuras; *Treasurer*, George Speropoulos; *Board of Governors*, Andreas E. Manioudakis, *Chairman*; Peter Dragonas, John Panopolis, George Panos, Stephen Stenakis; *Chaplain*, James Pergantis; *Captain of Guard*, Constantine Pitsiladis; *Warden*, Edward Stamos; *Sentinel*, Alex Demakos.

In the Province of Quebec and the capital city of Montreal, Ahepa has a stalwart in Mount Royal Chapter, which was established there in 1930.

It has given many outstanding events such as banquets and dances and has taken an active part in all social activities of the community.

During the various drives for the Ahepa Sanatorium, Holy Trinity Church, Socrates School, Ahepa Hospital and assistance to needy members and their families and other charitable causes Mount Royal Chapter has contributed over \$22,000.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Nicholas Kerry, 1930, 1931, 1932; Peter Agetees, 1933; C. Camitses, 1934; Peter Kotsonas, 1935; Constantine Halikas, 1936, 1937; C. D. Tsipouras, 1938; George Gavaris, 1939; C. Alexiades, 1940; Basil Bisbikos, 1941, 1942; Edward Stamos, 1943; E. N. Gravaris, 1944; A. E. Manioudakis, 1945, 1946.

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POLIKOS ASTER CHAPTER NO. 8

CANADIAN JURISDICTION

Organized in 1931

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada



The officers of Polikos Aster Chapter, seated left to right: C. Vlassie, Secretary; William Theodoris, President; Peter Andrews, Treasurer. Standing: Emmanuel Vlassie, Captain of Guard; Alex Manos, Sentinel; George Ganas, Warden; Paul Carabelas, Vice President; Homer Manos, Chaplain.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, William Theodoris, Vice President, Paul Carabelas; Secretary, C. Vlassie; Treasurer, Peter Andrews; Board of Governors, C. Vlassie, Chairman; Paul Carabelas, William Theodoris, James Vlassis, Themis Ethans; Chaplain, Homer Manos; Captain of Guard, Emmanuel Vlassie; Warden, George Ganas; Sentinel, Alex Manos; Athletic Director, James Andrews.

Within a short distance across the border in the province of Manitoba, another of the sentinels of the Ahepa stands guard in the city of London, namesake of the famed city across the Atlantic, and that is Polikos Aster Chapter, organized in 1931.

Among the various activities of the chapter it sponsors annually a High School and University Scholarship which marks this chapter as a truly progressive one. In addition it holds an annual Ball and a picnic during the summer months.

In 1939 it entertained the Royal Canadian District Convention, which was an outstanding affair.

It is a ready contributor to all worthy projects and annually donates to the Red Cross and Greek Church and School. The membership is composed of members of Winnipeg and Brandon, which is 140 miles west of Winnipeg. Elysia Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope has been organized and functioning in Winnipeg, as a result of the interest of the members of Polikos Aster Chapter.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Themis Ethans, 1931; William Theodoris, 1932; Andrew Vlassie, 1933, 1938, 1939; John Fultris, 1934; James Vlassis, 1935; John Mooradian, 1940, 1941; George Ganas, 1937, 1942, 1943; Paul Carabelas, 1944; Gus Mitges, 1945; Constantine Vlassie, 1946.

CITRUS DISTRICT LODGE NO. 2



The officers of the Citrus District Lodge.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

Governor, C. A. Lazarou; *Lieutenant Governor*, George Emmanuel; *Secretary*, Chris B. Beler; *Treasurer*, Charles Kerice; *Marshall*, John Filaretou; *Advisor*, Clem P. Vallis.

The Citrus District comprises all the Ahepa Chapters in the State of Florida and has held Conventions in Orlando, Jacksonville, Tarpon Springs, Miami, Tampa and West Palm Beach.

During the war years this District was particularly active in the sale of war bonds, and with the cooperation of all its

chapters in participating in all war service activities.

It has the advantage of being able to entertain many visiting Ahepans during the social season in that land of perpetual sunshine and because of its genial hospitality it is well known within the ranks of the fraternity.

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

Angelo Servetas, 1933-1934; Jerry Dragones, 1934-1935; Charles Kerice, 1935-1936, 1936-1937; George Stathis, 1937-1938; Nick Zack, 1938-1939; Speros G. Pappas, 1939-1940, 1940-1941; John A. Manikis, 1941-1942, 1942-1943, 1943-1944; Archie Zapetis, 1944-1945; C. A. Lazarou, 1945-1946, 1946-1947.

EMPIRE STATE DISTRICT LODGE NO. 6



The officers of Empire District from left to right: George Dimas, Governor; George H. Miller, Lieutenant Governor; Leon J. Marketos, Secretary; Leo E. Ypsilanti, Treasurer.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

Governor, George Dimas; Lieutenant Governor, George H. Miller; Secretary, Leon J. Marketos; Treasurer, Leo E. Ypsilanti; Marshal, Sotyrios S. Peters.

District Six consists of 28 Ahepa Chapters, 14 Daughters of Peneiope Chapters, 10 Maids of Athens Chapters and 6 Sons of Pericles Chapters.

Ahepa Chapters are located in the following cities of New York and visiting Ahepans are always welcome: Albany, Poughkeepsie, Jamaica, Utica, Syracuse, Corona, Troy, Yonkers, Astoria, Glens Falls, Rochester, Watertown, Schenectady, Staten Island, Brooklyn (2 chapters), Binghamton, Buffalo, New York (4 chapters), Elmira, Newburgh, Endicott, Bronx, Wellsville, Freeport.

District Six has jurisdiction in the State of New York. Prior to 1936 the State of New York was divided in two districts, the upstate chapters forming one and the metropolitan chapters the other.

With 3,500 Ahepa members in good standing and with over 1,000 active auxiliary members in its ranks, the Sixth District is in the forefront of Ahepa activity and on the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of our great fraternal order salutes Ahepadom and joins the districts in pledging its membership to the continuous service of Ahepa for a more glorious tomorrow.

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

Alec Kuches, 1936-1937; Michael Loris, 1937-1938; Louis Costas, 1938-1939; Stephen S. Scopas, 1939-1940; John Perdaris, 1940-1941; Socrates Zolotas, 1941-1942; Nicholas Jamieson, 1942-1943, 1943-1944; George L. Bourney, 1944-1945; Spiro Livadas, 1945-1946.

YANKEE DISTRICT LODGE NO. 7



The officers of Yankee District, seated left to right: C. P. Verinis, Governor; Atham M. Angel, Secretary. Standing: Phaton J. Matthews, Lieutenant Governor; John C. Kondonellis, Treasurer; James P. Coukis, Marshal.

OFFICERS FOR 1946-1947

Governor, C. P. Verinis; *Lieutenant Governor*, Phaton J. Matthews; *Secretary*, Athan M. Angel; *Treasurer*, John C. Kondonellis; *Marshal*, James P. Coukis.

The District which sold twenty million dollars in war bonds, during the various drives by the U. S. Treasury Department, consists of all the chapters within the states of Connecticut and Rhode Island, and the chapters of Springfield and Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

It has a young and active membership with many of its members veterans of the recent war. Those who did not go into the service rendered unusual services in all the war

bond drives, as air wardens and in all phases of war activities. Some members of the District Lodge are veterans, and have done a splendid job during the past year.

The district has also done outstanding work in all projects undertaken by the national headquarters and many of its members have distinguished themselves at the national conventions.

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

Nicholas D. Farmassonv, Bridgeport, Conn; George K. Demopoulos, Providence, R. I.; William Andrias, Meriden, Conn.; James Starr, Hartford, Conn.; James Mazarakos, Springfield, Mass.; Spiros Karambelas, Providence, R. I.; James Sentementes, Bridgeport, Conn.; Nick Kounaris, New Britain, Conn.; Michael Nicholson, Danbury, Conn.; Peter Laskas, Waterbury, Conn.

BUCKEYE DISTRICT LODGE NO. 11



The officers of Buckeye District

OFFICERS FOR 1947

Governor, Constantine G. Gatsos; Lieutenant Governor, George Brown; Secretary, George P. Michalos; Treasurer, Andrew Katsanis; Marshal, Nick Binikos.

The present Buckeye District Eleven was organized in 1937 and is composed of Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia. There are 23 active chapters and 1,800 members in the District. Prior to this year there had been 24 chapters but since then the two chapters of Canton, Ohio, have merged.

The District has distinguished itself as being one of the leaders in all Ahepa objectives. The District contributed heavily to the Greek War Relief Drives, and came in first in

the Hospital Drive. In over-all ratings, District Eleven places second in the Ahepa.

The District was host to the 1941 National Convention which was held in Cincinnati, Ohio. One of the outstanding events each year is the District annual dance which is held in the District Governor's home town. A noteworthy contribution to the Greek youth of the District is the annual scholarship of \$250 awarded by the District to some high school graduate of Greek descent.

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

George Loucas, Wierton, West Virginia, 1936-1937, 1937-1938; George Papoulias, Steubenville, Ohio, 1938-1939; George Kalkas, Cleveland, Ohio, 1939-1940; John P. Harritos, Cincinnati, Ohio (six months), 1940-1941; John Peters, Steubenville, Ohio, 1942-1943; George T. Pollitsan, Middleton, Ohio, 1943-1944; A. G. Davis, Wierton, West Virginia, 1944-1945; Constantine G. Gatsos, Cleveland, Ohio, 1945-1946.

MEMPHIS CHAPTER NO. 78

SONS OF PERICLES

Memphis, Tennessee



The officers and members of Memphis Chapter, Sons

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Tom Stergios; Vice President, Jim Sousoulas; Secretary, Harry Zepatos; Treasurer, Christ Sanidas.

The Memphis Chapter No. 78, Sons of Pericles, was one of the first to organize in the country. For many years it has been one of the outstanding chapters in its district,

through the philanthropic and progressive lead it has taken. Recently it donated \$200 to the Ahepa Hospital Fund. It was one of the few chapters to remain active during the war.

ADELPHI CHAPTER NO. 86

SONS OF PERICLES

Organized October 17, 1933

Atlanta, Georgia



The officers and members of Adelpi Chapter, Sons

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Steve E. Alexander; Vice President, Chris A. Alexander; Secretary-Treasurer, Arthur C. Poulos; Assistant Secretary, John S. Stavros; Master of Ceremony, Anthony J. Dinos; High Priest, Steve G. Marinos; High Guard, John V. Economy; Guards, John G. Marinos, George J. Colvins; Editor, Lino J. Dinos; Advisory Board, C. H. Poole, Chairman; George Dody, James S. Matrangos.

On October 17, 1933, a group of eleven young men of Greek extraction, living in Atlanta, organized the Adelpi Chapter of the Sons of Pericles.

In the early years the chapter had difficulty in operating but due to the perseverance of some of the members it managed to keep together. During the war the chapter lost the greatest part of its membership in war service, but despite this it managed to continue functioning and to gain recognition as an outstanding chapter.

Today there are 47 active members and the chapter has many activities, such as basketball, softball, football, swimming, wrestling, and boxing. Every month they sponsor a dance and each year hold the annual installation of officers.

During the years the Sons of Pericles has been in existence, it has had one member attain the rank of Supreme Governor, five District Governors, four District Secretaries, one District Treasurer and one District Marshal.

THE DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

AUXILIARY OF THE AHEPA OFFICIALLY ADOPTED BY THE
SAINT PAUL CONVENTION, 1936

The Founders and Members of the Mother Lodge



Top row, left to right: Mrs. Emanuel Apostolides, President; Mrs. Ted Choppelas, Vice President; Mrs. George Choppelas, Secretary; Mrs. Louis A. Nicholson, Warden; Mrs. Chris Solon, Governor; Mrs. William Petros, Governor.



The Grand Lodge of the Daughters of Penelope for 1946-1947



Seated, left to right: Mary Aroney, Treasurer; P. S. Karagianis, Secretary; Poppy Mitchell, President; G. May, Vice President. Standing: C. C. Mrazek, Governor; Tresa Hatzopoulos, Governor; Marie Petros, Member Mother Lodge; Isabel Masters, Governor; Betty Kallelis, Governor.

HERMIONE CHAPTER NO. 11

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

Organized April 26, 1934

Washington, D. C.



The officers and members of Hermione Chapter, Daughters.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Anastasia Willias; *Vice President*, Bessie Latsios; *Secretary*, Mary Contakes; *Treasurer*, Mary Chaconas.

In the nation's capital Hermione Chapter has been an active and progressive adjunct to the Daughters of Penelope during the years of its existence.

It participates in the Annual Ahepa Ball which is the highlight of the Washington social season, the biennial national banquet sponsored by the Supreme Lodge, and gives a number of dances, a picnic and socials during the year. It has also sponsored a number of plays, Mother's Day Tea

and Fashion Shows.

During the war years, its members volunteered their services to the Red Cross and other relief agencies, including the selling of War Bonds. It regularly contributes to the Community Chest, Tuberculosis Fund, Red Cross, Greek War Relief, Children's Hospital, Ahepa Hospital Drive, and such other funds as may be solicited by national and local groups from time to time.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Anne Batlis Chebithes, Mary Koutsoukos Gianaris, Mary DeVakos Carres, Helen Plakas Pappadeas (deceased), Theodora Lambros, Madia Cummings, Mary Tsouvalas.

CALYPSO CHAPTER NO. 13

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

Organized October 7, 1934

Cincinnati, Ohio



The officers and members of Calypso Chapter, Daughters.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Betty Metros; Vice President, Mrs. Andrew Katsanis; Secretary, Mary Vassil; Treasurer, Helen Athanasakes; Board of Governors, Ann Harris, Chairman; Mrs. William Lambert, Mrs. A. Sgouris, Mrs. William Pappas, Mrs. N. Drossos; Priestess, Rosemary Stathos; Captain of Guard, Floretta Drossas; Warden, Fay Cuginides; Sentinel, Mrs. A. Sgouris.

On October 7, 1934, Calypso Chapter No. 13 of the Daughters of Penelope was established with nineteen charter members. The membership has increased from the original nineteen charter members to the present membership of seventy-three. Meetings have always been held the second Sunday of each month.

The national convention of the Daughters was held in Cincinnati in 1941, in conjunction with the Ahepa Convention.

Yearly contributions are made to the Infantile Paralysis Fund, during the Easter holidays to the *Epitafio*, and to the

Ahepa Sanatorium at Albuquerque, New Mexico, during its existence. The Calypso Chapter has participated in the various drives sponsored by the Ahepa. During the war years donations were made to the American Red Cross, the U.S.O., and the Community Chest. In the past year a dance was given for the benefit of the Ahepa Hospital Fund. The Greek War Relief Committee just recently forwarded to headquarters the \$500 they had collected. Clothes were bought and sent to the orphans in Greece. Annual activities held are the Anniversary Party in October, a formal dance, a Christmas party, and a summer picnic.

DODONA CHAPTER NO. 24

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

Organized May 28, 1939

Toledo, Ohio



The officers and members of Dodona Chapter, Daughters

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Mrs. Komnini G. County; *Vice President*, Mrs. Theopi M. Evdemon; *Secretary*, Mrs. Sophia J. Petros; *Treasurer*, Mrs. Frieda J. Evdemon.

The Dodona Chapter of the Daughters in Toledo, Ohio, was organized on the 28th of May 1939 during the Ahepa Buckeye District Convention.

During the war the Chapter has been active in all relief organizations such as the Red Cross, Greek War Relief, Community Chest, and the United Service Organization, and has contributed generously to these agencies. The chapter members contributed financially and materially to the Ahepa Sanatorium Drive and the Ahepa Hospital Fund for Greece,

as well as to the Saint Basilios Academy of the Greek Orthodox Church. Numerous social activities for the servicemen were given in collaboration with the Maids of Athens during the war.

A membership drive is now in progress and Dodona Chapter hopes to increase its membership. The last social activity of the chapter was a dance given for the benefit of various orphan institutions in Greece.

IFIGENIA CHAPTER NO. 25

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

Organized in 1935

Kalamazoo, Michigan



The officers of Ifigenia Chapter, Daughters, seated left to right: Mrs. A. Georgiou; Mrs. C. James Dussias, President; Mrs. Spero Clonos, Vice President; Mrs. Paul Skoubes, Governor. Standing: Mrs. John B. Doukas, Secretary; Mrs. Martin Lambros, Captain of Guard; Mrs. George Skartsiaris.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Mrs. C. James Dussias; Vice President, Mrs. Spero Clonos; Secretary, Mrs. John B. Doukas; Treasurer, Mrs. Peter Coolis; Board of Governors, Mrs. James Magas, Chairman; Mrs. G. J. Lambesis, Mrs. Paul Skoubes, Mrs. George Theodore, Mrs. Nick Vlachos; Priestess, Mrs. James Morakis; Captain of Guard, Mrs. Martin Lambros; Sentinels, Mrs. George Magas, Mrs. Peter Kostakis, Mrs. A. Georgiou.

Active in all Ahepa activities of Kalamazoo and vicinity, Ifigenia Chapter has been an important contributor in all campaigns to raise funds for charitable needs. A few of its donations are the Greek Church; Greek War Relief; Greek War Orphans; American Red Cross; Community Chest and March of Dimes. It sponsored such events as annual

dinners and outings and assisted the Ahepa Chapter in its various affairs.

During the war it assisted in the War Service Units of the Ahepa and the Red Cross, as well as the various war bond drives.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Mrs. G. J. Lambesis, 1935, 1936, 1942, 1943; Mrs. James Morakis, 1937, 1940, 1941; Mrs. George Missias, 1938, 1939; Mrs. Martin Lambros, 1944, 1945; Mrs. Peter Skoubes, 1946; Mrs. James Magas, 1946.

THEMIS CHAPTER NO. 28

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

Organized in 1935

Akron, Ohio



The officers and members of Themis Chapter, Daughters

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Miss Pauline Pafilas; *Secretary*, Mrs. Lucille Van Doros; *Treasurer*, Miss Helen Mikalas, *Board of Governors*, Mrs. Lucille Chakonas, Mrs. Emily Jones, Mrs. Kathryn Giovas, Miss Coletta Vasil.

The *Rubber City's* chapter was organized in 1935 with 45 charter members. The chapter was named for Themis, Goddess of law and justice.

The membership now totals 108 with more than 95 per cent in good standing. Fifty-five of these members were initiated the past two years. And another class of neophytes will be received before this summer's recess.

Meetings of the Themis chapter are held weekly—a practice that began with its organization. During the war years, two meetings of the month were devoted to sewing and knitting for the Greek War Relief and Red Cross. At present the members are in the progress of making up a *linen chest* for Ahepa hospitals in Greece.

A check for \$1,000 was given to the Ahepa hospital drive conducted in Akron. Members have always heartily given donations to civic welfare projects such as the Community Fund, Infantile Paralysis Fund, Red Cross drive and many local campaigns.

The Themis chapter is very active in holding at least two social functions a month for members, Ahepans and Sons of Pericles. Each spring the Daughters sponsor their charity ball which is attended by many out-of-town visitors.

Headquarters for the Themis chapter is the new Ahepa home. Plans for remodeling the building have been under way and the chapter is looking forward to furnishing their private quarters.

PALLAS CHAPTER NO. 34

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

Organized May 11, 1935

Pensacola, Florida



The officers of Pallas Chapter, Daughters of Penelope, seated left to right: Mrs. Nick Booras; Mrs. Michael Ruston; Miss Margaret Vassilico, Treasurer; Miss Christine Stasinis, Secretary; Miss Nickey Booras, Vice President; Miss Cleo Lochas, President; Mrs. George Kantrales. Standing: Miss Keiki Stasinis, Sentinel; Miss Jenny Booras, Sentinel; Miss Evelyn Scapin; Miss Magda Gecker; Miss Sophie Zoumberis; Miss Rebecca Banakas; Mrs. Alex Nakos; Miss Katie Berdanis.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Miss Cleo Lochas; Vice President, Miss Nickey Booras; Secretary, Miss Christine Stasinis; Treasurer, Miss Margaret Vassilico; Captain of Guard, Miss Katie Berdanis; Sentinels, Miss Keiki Stasinis, Miss Jenny Booras.

This chapter of the Daughters of Penelope was founded May 11, 1935. Rapid progress was made during the early stages of its growth and there were several outstanding accomplishments. In 1936 the Chapter baptized an orphan girl of Greek descent for whom an educational fund was established which has been continued to this day.

A series of Bingo parties were launched, which netted great results; both in establishing better community relations and in substantially increasing the treasury. As a result of these parties the Greek Community Hall was furnished with inlaid linoleum, desks for the schoolroom and draperies for the social room.

The Church Choir which has been an inspiration to all, was organized by the *Daughters*. A number of social events, which have become annual affairs, were also inaugurated. Among them are the annual *Apokries* masquerade party which is held in the spring; the community picnic which is held in the summer; and a formal dance which

is held in the winter.

During the crises in Europe in 1940, this chapter went into action and Red Cross work became its aim. The members knitted for Britain, made garments for the various relief organizations and a number of them enrolled in the various courses offered by the Red Cross as well as doing volunteer work for this organization.

In regard to Greek War Relief, the Pensacola *Daughters* sponsored a Tag Day which was quite successful.

During the war it entertained the service personnel of Greek descent who were stationed in and around Pensacola. They held open house twice a month; during the summer giving beach parties and in the winter held dances at the Church Hall.

When the Ahepa held its National Hospital Drive recently the *Daughters* sponsored another Tag Day, this time in conjunction with the local Ahepa Chapter.

ANTIGONE CHAPTER NO. 35

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

Organized May 25, 1945

Minneapolis, Minnesota



The officers and members of Antigone Chapter, Daughters.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Myrtle Phillips; Vice President, Anna Legerous; Secretary, Jenny Pappas; Treasurer, Rose Mercury; Board of Governors, Marie Ziaskas, Chairman; Tula Zotoly, Katherine Ganapes, Angeline Morris, Amelia Kalogerson; Captain of Guard, Elayne Kalogerson; Warden, Selma Kalogerson; Flag Guards, Maritza Nashopoulos, Georgia Branditsas; Sentinel, Helen Basdeka.

The Antigone Chapter, Daughters of Penelope was first organized May 25, 1945, with 35 charter members. Through its many charitable activities it has helped to make the daughters of Penelope better known and vital to the community.

They donated to the Elizabeth Kenney Institute and aided the Greek War Relief campaign by sending out 18,000

letters, and soliciting for the Ahepa Hospital Drive and contributing to other civic and benevolent activities. The main project for the ensuing year is to increase the membership, for which a rushing tea was recently held, for prospective members, which proved highly successful. True to the spirit of Penelope and previous endeavors they look forward to a successful future.

APHRODITE CHAPTER NO. 37

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

Organized October 11, 1935

Sioux City, Iowa



The officers and members of Aphrodite Chapter, Daughters

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Mrs. Wanda Bovis; Vice President, Mrs. Alyce Grelly; Secretary, Mrs. Mary Griese; Treasurer, Mrs. Ethel Thompson; Board of Governors, Mrs. Harriet Pappas, Mrs. Katherine Katres, Mrs. Sylvia Xides, Mrs. Ida Stavrou.

Aphrodite Chapter was organized under the sponsorship of the Sioux City Ahepa in 1935. The first organization meeting was held in February, the second in June, and the initiation and installation of officers was held on October 11, 1935.

The Chapters members numbered sixteen and have now grown to forty-four.

It has contributed generously to the Greek Orthodox Church and Community, the Red Cross, the Infantile Paralysis Fund and to the Greek War Relief.

In 1940 the chapter donated an *orthophoran* for the Holy Eucharist for the Holy Trinity Church.

War Bonds were purchased regularly from the proceeds of monthly social meetings at which each member in turn acted as hostess in alphabetical order. At present the chapter holds about \$400.00 in bonds.

This year the chapter has had an active part in the organization of a Maids of Athens Chapter.

Aphrodite Chapter takes an active part in the social life holding annual dinners, dances, or parties to raise funds for charitable work.

HELIOS CHAPTER NO. 42

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

Organized August 10, 1935

Mason City, Iowa



The officers and members of Helios Chapter, Daughters.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Bessie Papantonis; Vice President, Yiota Karamitros; Secretary, Tula Zanios; Treasurer, Mary Laros; Board of Governors, Bessie Cazanias, Chairman; Antigony Karamitros, Voula Papantonis, Fanny Laros, Helen Kiussis; Priestess, Helen Karamitros; Warden, Angeline Laros; Sentinel Mary Kepreos.

Organized August 10, 1935, Helios Chapter has been a steady and real asset to the Ahepa in Mason City by sponsoring many of the activities there. It has raised funds for the church building; has given Christmas parties for needy children of that city; has visited and given financial assistance to the Old Age Home of the county, and during the war sold war bonds; helped with all Red Cross work; held parties and bazaars to raise funds for the Greek War Relief

campaign, the Ahepa Hospital and many other causes, and particularly the Community Chest Fund.

It has a membership of forty-eight and is a regular beehive as a result of the interest shown by its members, as it is always sponsoring some affairs for a worthy cause. The Ahepa looks to Helios Chapter for assistance in its every activity.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Alexandra Garufis, 1935, 1936; Bessie Papantonis, 1937, 1945, 1946; Margarea Banos, 1938; Edith Alexandris, 1939; Katherin Poulos, 1940; Bessie Pappas, 1941, 1942; Maria Papajohn, 1943; Voula Papantonis, 1944.

MENELAUS CHAPTER NO. 53

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

Organized October 1936

Atlanta, Georgia



The officers and members of Menelaus Chapter, Daughters.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Mrs. Victoria Routsos; *Vice President*, Miss Despina Poulos; *Secretary*, Mrs. Chris Economy; *Corresponding Secretary*, Mrs. Georgia Alexander; *Treasurer*, Mrs. Violet Petrakos; *Board of Governors, Chairman*, Mrs. Katherine Macrenaris; Mrs. Stella Zakras, Mrs. Chris Janoulis, Mrs. Mary Carousos, Mrs. Helen Economy Canelas.

Though only half as mature as the Mother Lodge, Menelaos Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope has done outstanding work in the Community, both in civic and social circles. The Chapter was organized in October 1936 with fourteen charter members. At the present it boasts an enrollment of 48 active members and is concentrating on a membership drive.

During the war the chapter devoted its time and activities chiefly to the Red Cross and toward the War effort includ-

ing Greek War Relief, to which it has contributed very handsomely.

The Chapter's latest project was a concert held in May of this year for the benefit of Greek War Relief and the proceeds, well over \$350 were turned over to that organization.

In April, during the National Cancer Drive, through the efforts of the Chapter over \$500 was contributed.

At present the members are concentrating on plans for the future, among which will be the silver jubilee ball, honoring the Ahepa and the Mother Lodge.

TELEMACHUS CHAPTER NO. 69

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

Organized May 1, 1938

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada



The officers and members of Telemachus Chapter, Daughters.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Mrs. Mary Kranias; Vice President, Mrs. E. Geatros; Secretary, Miss Val Kortes; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Girgulis; Priestess, Mrs. Kay Kortes; Captain of Guard, Miss Georgia Kortes.

Under the guidance of Dominion Chapter No. 9, Canadian Jurisdiction, Ahepa, the ladies of the Community organized Telemachus Chapter, Daughters of Penelope. The charter was received and the initiation ceremonies took place on May 1, 1938. There are twenty-three members in good standing at the present time.

The Chapter has assisted the Ahepa in its undertakings, such as Tag Days for the Greek War Relief, annual cele-

brations, providing musical programs and such other activities. Clothing drives were sponsored during the war years for Greece and other European countries. Donations amounting to \$275 were given towards the Greek Relief Fund, and \$200 was given for the Ahepa Hospital. Twice weekly, the ladies assist at the Red Cross, and a Silver Tea is held annually, contributions of which are sent to the local Canadian Red Cross Chapter.

ACHILLES CHAPTER NO. 73

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

East Chicago, Indiana



The officers of Achilles Chapter, Daughters, seated left to right: Mary Danikolas, Sentinel; Katherine Monos, Treasurer; Diana Sangalis, Vice President; Frances Chalias, President; Katherine Kotsiakos, Secretary; Irene Speros, District Governor; Rita Danikolas, Governor. Standing, first row: Helen Monos; Dorothy Contolukas; Genevieve Dollas, Governor; Louise Athens; Clara Kotsiakos, Warden; Bessie Christopoulos; Mary Vuchinas. Back row: Bessie Danikolas; Katherine Kapachulias, Priestess; Constance Contolukas, Governor.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Frances Chalias; Vice President, Diana Sangalis; Secretary, Katherine Kotsiakos; Treasurer, Katherine Monos; Board of Governors, Rita Danikolas, Constance Contolukas, Genevieve Dollas; Priestess, Katherine Kapachulias; Warden, Clara Kotsiakos; Sentinel, Mary Danikolas.

Projects undertaken by Achilles Chapter have been dances, dinners and other social affairs, the proceeds of which have been used for charitable purposes, such as clothing sent to the war orphans in Greece, American Red Cross, Community Chest and gift packages to the ones in the service, both here and overseas.

They sponsor two semi-formal dances annually and have enjoyed considerable success in these affairs.

There are thirty-three members at present and they

actively participate in every District affair, as well as taking part in affairs given by neighboring chapters in the adjoining District. The regular meetings at the chapter are made interesting and the attendance is very good.

Achilles Chapter is looking forward to many years of constructive service, realizing fully the true force and purpose of the Daughters and the good that can be done by such an organization.

AIA CHAPTER NO. 99

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

Organized October 16, 1940

Kokomo, Indiana



The officers and members of Aia Chapter, Daughters

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Mrs. Erie Panagon; Vice President, Miss Cleo Mavrick; Secretary, Miss Mary Panagon; Treasurer, Miss Mary Mikalas.

The Aia Chapter of the Daughters was organized in Kokomo, Indiana, on October 16, 1940 with 12 members. Twenty candidates were initiated into the order by the Nausica Chapter of Anderson, Indiana, with the class composed of initiates from Peru, Lafayette, Logansport, Wabash, Tipton, and Kokomo, Indiana. The formal installation was conducted with impressive ceremonies. One hundred and forty members and guests attended the banquet. Representatives were present from South Bend, Indianapolis, Anderson and Muncie.

Since the first meeting the Chapter has sponsored many interesting projects such as rummage sales, bake sales,

picnics and in October, 1946, the Chapter sponsored a dance, the proceeds of which were used for a hospital unit in Greece. In February and March of 1940, the ladies all made Evzone lapel pins and a wonderful profit was contributed to the Greek War Relief.

The membership of the Chapter since its beginning in 1940 has increased to 33 active members, and an effort is being made at all times for a larger membership. Many of the ladies must travel many miles to come to the monthly meetings, but the meetings are always on a most pleasant and congenial basis.

VENUS CHAPTER NO. 102

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

Organized June 16, 1941

Charlotte, North Carolina



The officers and members of Venus Chapter, Daughters

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Bertha Melos; Vice President, Louise Elliott; Secretary, Vickie Maydonis; Treasurer, Amanda Drakos.

Venus Chapter, Charlotte, North Carolina, was organized on June 16, 1941 with 27 charter members. At the present time there is a membership of 45.

This Chapter has the honor of being an auxiliary of Marathon Chapter which is the first chapter that was organized into the order of Ahepa following the Atlanta organization.

During the war Venus Chapter joined whole heartedly in every drive. They sent parcels to soldiers overseas, bought war bonds, donated to Ahepa Hospital Funds and worked

along with the Red Cross. Since the liberation of Greece they have sent yard goods to various orphanages in that country. To the Greek Church in Charlotte they presented a lovely hand carved *Amvona* and *Ekones*.

Two affairs are held yearly. A dinner dance and a Christmas dance. These are thoroughly enjoyed by young and old.

The Daughters of Charlotte are always happy to extend a helping hand to those in need and deeply enjoy the fellowship of their own group of ambitious young people.

POLYDAMA CHAPTER NO. 111

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

Organized in 1943

Dayton, Ohio



The officers and members of Polydama Chapter, Daughters.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Mary Preonas; Vice President, Ann Leakas; Secretary, Anna Serneotes; Treasurer, Zenia Argue.

Dayton was granted its Charter in 1943 and Polydama Chapter No. 111 was established with 15 charter members.

The second and fourth Tuesdays of each month are reserved for meetings: the first Tuesday a business meeting and the second a social function. Ahepa meets on the same nights, usually combining their social gatherings.

During the war, the Dayton Ahepa Chapter sponsored a four page community newspaper for the local boys serving the United States Forces. It was a monthly publication, written and edited as the *Ahepan*.

Each Christmas, the chapter selects a ward at the local Veterans' Hospital and presents gifts to all the patients in that particular ward. At the present time the members are

occupied with packing cloths for the Mail to Greece campaign. It has contributed toward the building fund of the new Greek Church, and towards the purchase of China for the community house.

Annual activities include Halloween parties, picnics and dances which are as a rule given by the combined Chapters of Ahepa and Daughters. This year the Daughters gave their first installation Ball and plan to make it an annual affair. As an opening to their Membership drive, the Daughters had a Rush tea, to which guests were invited. Entertainment was presented, and a buffet lunch was served. As a result of this drive, a large initiation was held for thirty new members.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Marina Gregory, Mable Pavlakos, T. V. Karas, Ethel Tepelides.

AEOLUS CHAPTER NO. 116

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

Organized March 8, 1944

Galveston, Texas



The officers and members of Aeolus Chapter, Daughters

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Mrs. Lucille Homer; Vice President, Mrs. Helen Pucciarello; Secretary, Miss Tina Roumelos; Treasurer, Miss Sylvia Miller; Board of Governors, Miss Alexandra Caravageli, Chairman; Mrs. Ethel Garris, Mrs. Ellen Caros, Miss Annie Constantine, Miss Anna Rozas; Priestess, Miss Dorothy Pratley; Captain of Guard, Miss Jennie Safos; Warden, Mrs. Athena Zgourides; Sentinels, Mrs. Stella Hughes, Charlotte Alevander.

The Aeolus Chapter of the Daughters was organized in Galveston, Texas, in March 1944. Before becoming Daughters, they had a club known as the American Hellenic Women's Society, which transferred in a body.

This Chapter was very active during the War Bond Drives, and was awarded a certificate of merit for outstanding work by the War Department. During the Ahepa Hospital Drive in 1946, a dance was given with the proceeds going to that fund.

The Daughters now approximately fifty-five members strong, have been sponsoring such affairs as bingo parties, Mardi Gras Dance, beach parties, picnics and Halloween parties.

In collaboration with Ahepa an annual Christmas party is given for the children of the Community. The Aeolus Chapter has donated generously to all who have asked for help. Several members helped with their various skills during the recent Texas City Disaster.

ELYSIA CHAPTER NO. 124

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

Organized December 3, 1944

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada



The officers of Elysia Chapter, Daughters, seated left to right: Mrs. G. Andrews, Governor; Colleen Georgas, Captain of Guard; Mrs. Paul Carabelas, Secretary; Phyllis Behrakos, President; Doreen Manos, Treasurer; Mrs. A. Manos, Warden; Mrs. John Mercury, Priestess. Standing: Mrs. P. Georgas; Mrs. S. Castran; Mrs. W. Pappas; Mrs. G. Yerakis; Mrs. N. Christakos; Mrs. G. Christakos; Mrs. E. Cholakis.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Miss Phyllis Behrakos; *Vice President*, Mrs. James Effos; *Secretary*, Mrs. Paul Carabelas; *Treasurer*, Miss Doreen Manos; *Board of Governors*, Mrs. A. Vlassie, *Chairman*; Mrs. G. Andrews, Mrs. P. Georgas, Mrs. G. Yerakis, Mrs. J. Senis; *Priestess*, Mrs. John Mercury; *Captain of Guard*, Miss Colleen Georgas; *Warden*, Mrs. A. Manos; *Sentinel*, Miss Virginia Vlassis.

Being loyal to this country and contributing to the welfare of members and of the community generally, is the dual purpose and response of Elysia Chapter as noted in the Winnipeg Press during their drive to raise funds in aid of the Winnipeg Grenadiers Welcome and Memorial Fund.

But the above is only one of various activities conducted by the Daughters of Winnipeg as indicated by the annual Valentine Banquet; a Salute to Greece held October 28, 1946 and a number of other affairs. It also entertained the

first District Convention of the Daughters, which was held in Winnipeg in June 1945.

A few of the contributions made by the chapter are the Greek Community Centre, \$181.00; Greek School, \$144.00; Winnipeg Grenadiers Memorial Fund, \$182.15; Winnipeg Community Chest, \$25.00; Ahepa Hospital Fund, \$200.00; Canadian Relief to Greece, \$75.00 and Canadian Red Cross, \$15.00.

PAST PRESIDENT

Miss Phyllis Behrakos, 1944, 1945, 1946.

MEDEA CHAPTER NO. 128

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

Organized January 12, 1945

Chicago, Illinois

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Julia Papageorgiou; *Vice President*, Mary Kavooras; *Secretary*, Helen C. Gankas; *Treasurer*, Vula Bovis; *Board of Governors*, Bessie Demes, *Chairman*; Helen Goritz, Olga Karapoulos, Joan Mustis, Georgia Stathos; *Priestess*, Angeline Nicolaou; *Captain of Guard*, Caroline Gabriel; *Warden*, Edna Barounes; *Sentinels*, Mary Kostas, Sophia Tourlas.

The birth of this Chapter goes on record as January 12, 1945 under the sponsorship of Woodlawn Chapter, Ahepa. The membership at present is 85 members in good standing.

The first meeting was conducted in the hall of St. Constantine Church, January 24 where the Chapter received the solemn ceremony of initiation under the tutelage of the Daughters, Hellas Chapter of Chicago.

One of the highlights of Medea Chapter was the first installation of officers which was a joint affair including Woodlawn Ahepa, Ypsilanti Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athens, held on March 18, 1945.

The aim of the Chapter is to enhance sisterly love, aid*

charitable organizations and to serve the allegiance to the Ahepa standard.

The Chapter holds two meetings a month, one dealing with the business of the Order and the other a social.

Various affairs given by the Medea Chapter are buncos, rush socials and teas. The two semi-annual affairs are a Lake Cruise in the summer and a formal dance in the fall. If one must say, the affairs to date have been most successful. As an added attraction to the meetings, the Chapter has a Sunshine Gift Fund, secret pals and a sewing circle which is held monthly at the homes of various members.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Jennie Xedes (Mrs. Andry Hrestu), 1931; Helen Calley, 1932, 1935; Virginia Economous, 1936, 1937; Mary Polychronis, 1938; Elizabeth Chickos, 1939; Angeline Anton, 1940, 1941; Kaliopé Varkados, 1942; Martha Patos, 1943; Athena Cotsifas, 1944; Vlassie Pangares, 1945, 1946.

LATONA CHAPTER NO. 145

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

Organized December 29, 1946

Aurora, Illinois



The officers of Latona Chapter, Daughters

OFFICERS FOR 1947

President, Celia Vlahos; Vice President, Carnation Kouvas; Secretary, Effie Chioles; Treasurer, Sylvia L. Lenard; Board of Governors, Elizaeth Ruth Curtiss, Chairman; Theresa Marie Carl, Virginia Ann Kapellas, Sophia Coulos, Jenny Andrews; Priestess, Frances Policandriotes; Captain of Guard, Margurite Magin; Warden, Theodora Koulos; Sentinel, Katherine Kingsley.

Besides holding a joint installation with the Ahepans on January 29, 1947 the Chapter has held buncos which have proven themselves in being both a success financially and in entertainment. On April 19, 1947 a dance for Greek War

Relief was given in conjunction with the Ahepa Chapter of Aurora. The dance was a great success with the quotas for this Chapter and district being fulfilled.

DIANA CHAPTER NO. 3

MAIDS OF ATHENS

Organized in 1931

Portland, Oregon



The officers and members of Diana Chapter, Maids

OFFICERS FOR 1947

Worthy Maid, Penelope Polechrones; *Loyal Maid*, Vusilia Vanikiotis; *Secretary*, Tula Thodos; *Treasurer*, Angeline Pihos; *Messenger*, Mary Zografos; *Muse*, Victoria Vanikiotis; *Delphis*, Ann Angelis; *Sentinel*, Helen Angeles; *Advisors*, Mrs. Andy Hrestu, *Chairman*; Mrs. John Raptor, Mrs. Panos Lampros, Mrs. James Rigas.

The Diana Chapter of Portland, Oregon, was organized in the year 1931 and has been continuously active through the years. An elaborate installation was held with the Tacoma and Seattle Chapters participating.

Many successful social affairs were given during the years 1932-1935, such as dances, plays, picnics and church benefits. In 1936 the chapter chose Diana as its name.

A basketball team was organized in 1938. In 1939 more progress was made and uniforms were bought for the team. The chapter became even more sports-minded in the years 1940-1941, with tennis and softball added with a very successful basketball tournament held between the Portland, Seattle, and Tacoma chapters.

During the war years the chapter was extremely active. In 1942 food was contributed to the Service Men's Center

and Red Cross volunteer work and entertaining of service men was undertaken. With the coming of 1943, the chapter became active in helping the Greek War Relief and selling War Bonds. In 1944 a dance was given for visiting service men, Christmas packages were sent to every service man of Greek descent in the community overseas, and cards to the one's in this country. In 1945-46 a monthly newspaper *The Mark* was sent to all service men, a Welcome Home Party was given for the boys and tickets were sold for a Red Cross benefit.

In 1945 the Chapter won the Pallas Trophy for being the most active chapter in the district.

At the present time the chapter is back to peace time activities with every indication of continuous success.

APHRODITE CHAPTER NO. 7

MAIDS OF ATHENS

Organized July 12, 1937

Brooklyn, New York



The officers of Aphrodite Chapter, seated left to right: Kalliope Moutsatsos; Athena Lage, Treasurer; Mary Kentroti, Loyal Maid; Despina Aletras, Worthy Maid; Mary Petkoson, Secretary; Thalia Larounis; Patricia Lage. Standing: Bettie Coffinas, District Governor; Ann Orphan; Marie Pappas; Virginia Gramas; Pauline Tombakos, Lieut. Governor; Chrissoula Rasias; Mary Roubis; Catherine Vaggelakos.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

Worthy Maid, Despina Aletras; *Loyal Maid*, Mary Kentroti; *Secretary*, Mary Petkoson; *Treasurer*, Athene Lage.

Under the sponsorship of Ahepa's Brooklyn Chapter No. 41 the Aphrodite Chapter was ushered into the ranks of the Maids of Athens on July 12, 1937. Starting out with ten charter members Aphrodite Chapter rapidly gained and has become one of the outstanding chapters of the Metropolitan Area.

Being adept in sports, the Maids frequently plan skating, bowling and swimming parties. Attending baseball and basketball games is another pastime, and can frequently be found gathered in a group all set to go on a boatripe, hike, picnic or beach party.

The girls honor their parents with an Annual Parents Day Affair, presenting them with gifts, entertainment, refreshments, followed by dancing. Theater parties are another source of enjoyment. Christmas parties complete with Santa Claus, grab bags and all the trimmings are also part of their activities. Debates and lectures are also given in conjunction with the Brooklyn Chapter.

Possessing an array of talent, they write and produce their own shows, and also possess a dancing group and have Halloween and Valentine parties, Bar Dances, County Store Jamborees, a Victory Dance and many formal affairs.

Aphrodite Chapter has given \$200 to the Brooklyn Chapter towards its Building Fund. The recent Installation Ceremonies were highlighted with the presentation of a check for \$200.00, representing proceeds of a social sponsored by them for the Ahepa Hospital Drive.

The Chapter has had an active part in all war efforts and has exceeded its quota of selling \$10,000.00 worth of bonds. Magazines and letters were frequently sent to servicemen here and abroad. Proceeds of a dance were used to send Christmas gifts to the Sons of Pericles and other boys in the community. Members were active in Red Cross work and served as Nurses Aids, Clerical workers and even knit blankets for the Red Cross. Proceeds of a Combined Dance with the Sons of Pericles were turned over to the Greek War Relief Association.

The recent winter finale dance given in conjunction with Brooklyn Chapter was a social triumph and one of the outstanding events of the season. The girls worked very diligently in producing a fashion show.

Aphrodite Chapter also participated in the *Maids Day* ceremonies this past April. Church services at the Cathedral were followed by a dinner and theater parties.

PAST WORTHY MAIDS

Mary Scouris, Barbara Linardos, Hyacinth Markatos, Ann Kentroti, Dorothy Lampropoulos, Bettie Coffinas, Lydia Kryriakakes, Kay Taktikas.

CASTALIA CHAPTER NO. 19

MAIDS OF ATHENS

Organized in 1937

Brooklyn, New York



The officers of Castalia Chapter, front row, left to right: Olga Comninel, Loyal Maid; Helen Voulgarakis, Secretary; Helen I. Angelus, Worthy Maid; Constance Ferez, Treasurer; Helen Dears, Welfare Director. Second row: Ellen Carnavos, Messenger; Mrs. Marie Ferris, Advisor; Mr. Eustratios Politis, Founder; Mrs. Pota Altomarianos, Advisory Board Chairman; Fay Levisos, Educational Director.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

Worthy Maid, Helen I. Angelus; *Loyal Maid*, Olga Comninel; *Secretary*, Helen Voulgarakis; *Treasurer*, Constance Ferez; *Delphis*, Marie Rigopoulos; *Phylax*, Mary Kalos; *Messenger*, Ellen Carnavos; *Sentinel*, Georgia Decranes; *News Editor*, Helen I. Angelus; *Advisors*, Mrs. Pota Altomarianos, *Chairman*, Mrs. Marie Ferris; *Educational Director*, Fay Levisos; *Welfare Director*, Helen Dears.

Castalia Chapter sponsored by Delphia Chapter No. 25 was organized in 1937.

The Chapter meets on the second and fourth Friday of each month at the Ahepa Center. Although the chapter is not operating at the present time with a one time high of sixty-five members, the numerous activities undertaken by the maids give the impression that a much greater membership exists.

Castala Courier is a monthly periodical published by the Maids to subscribers throughout the United States. During the war years the Maids discontinued the magazine so that

time and energy could be utilized in the war effort, but it will again reappear as the spokesman of the Maids.

A bowling team has been organized and a basketball team is being coached and will be ready for competitive matches in the Autumn. The maids also attend concerts, lectures and theaters.

The aim of Castalia has been and is cooperation with all neighboring Maids of Athens Chapters. The success of the Maids of Athens Day proves that close bonds of cooperation and friendliness exist among the Maids in the United States.

DELPHI CHAPTER NO. 21

MAIDS OF ATHENS

Organized August 31, 1938

Toledo, Ohio



The officers and members of Delphi Chapter, Maids

OFFICERS FOR 1947

Worthy Maid, Miss Zaharo Lados; *Loyal Maid*, Miss Katherine County; *Secretary*, Miss Rose Pappas; *Treasurer*, Miss Liberty Kambos.

The Delphi Chapter, Maids of Athens in Toledo, was organized August 31, 1938.

Toledo was host to the Ohio District Convention in June 1939, with the Maids entertaining the Daughters of Penelope and the guest chapters of the Maids at the University of Toledo. A highly successful comedy, *The King of the Herrings* was given by the Maids. This year also marked the beginning of the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner-Dance.

Time and effort was devoted to the Greek War Relief. Evzone dolls were made and the proceeds from the sales were contributed to that fund.

In 1945 war aid consisted of mailing boxes, and a newspaper called *Bit of News* to servicemen of Greek extraction. A service flag which was placed in Church was also made by the Chapter.

The main event of 1946 was a dance held in November. Food and refreshments were served by the Maids who were dressed in colorful peasant costumes.

The first event of 1947 was a party at which newly initiated members were entertained by presenting an amateur show. A Mother's Day program consisted of a tea given at the Toledo Museum of Art and a tour of the Museum with an art lecture. A spring formal *Dreamtime* was given by the Maids of Athens in collaboration with a fraternity at the University of Toledo, at Calumet Temple. It was a very beautiful affair.

The Delphi Chapter of the Maids of Athens has and will always uphold the high standard set by the Order of Ahepa.

PAST WORTHY MAIDS

Miss Irene Kagin, 1938; Miss Christine Pappas, 1939, 1940; Miss Goldie Hliaroudis, 1941; Miss Katherine Saltos, 1942; Miss Helen Spiropoulos, 1943; Miss Bessie Sares, 1944; Miss Liberty Kambas, 1945; Miss Penelope Goutras, 1946.

AURORA CHAPTER NO. 24

MAIDS OF ATHENS

Organized January 1938

Omaha, Nebraska



The officers and members of Aurora Chapter, Maids

OFFICERS FOR 1947

Worthy Maid, Miss Helen Petrow; *Loyal Maid*, Miss Toula Kazakes; *Secretary*, Mrs. Polly Abariotes; *Treasurer*, Miss Joanna Kasomenos; *Messenger*, Miss Annie Moustakes; *Muses*, Miss Connie Polyzois, Mrs. Helen Sideris; *Delphis*, Miss Marina Gugas; *Phylax*, Miss Penny Sinos; *Sentinel*, Miss Nellie Kaias; *Advisors*, Mrs. P. Kazakes; *Chairman*, Mrs. B. Davis, Mrs. P. Constantine.

The Omaha Chapter of the Maids of Athens was organized in January 1938 when a small group of girls became seriously interested in the activities of the organization and thus Aurora Chapter saw its start.

The first few years were spent mainly in stimulating interest and in promoting a better understanding in the Community, its traditions and ideals. The girls earnestly worked together and successful gatherings were held for the older and younger generations. When War came to the United States, all members of the Aurora Chapter joined the American Women's Voluntary Services, during which time they devoted their efforts toward the winning of peace. When the Maids individually entered the defense plants and

essential industries, a lull came to the activities of the Chapter as a duly recognized one.

In January 1947 reorganization of the Omaha Chapter of the Maids was accomplished. An election followed and the first public installation since January 1940 was held. Reconversion to normal peacetime living and the returning of the boys from the armed forces brought a heavy social program on the calendar for the Maids as they once again became social conscious toward the community.

Although the War has ended, the Aurora Chapter is still engaged in playing an important part in Greek Relief for their friends and relatives in Greece.

IRIS CHAPTER NO. 26

MAIDS OF ATHENS

Organized January 19, 1939

Wheeling, West Virginia



The officers and members of Iris Chapter, Maids.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

Worthy Maid, Miss Georgia Argerenos; *Loyal Maid*, Miss Virginia Mamakos; *Secretary*, Miss Kalope Avgerenos; *Treasurer*, Miss Georgia Alexander; *Messenger*, Miss Virginia Daniels; *Muse*, Miss Mary Barber; *Phylax*, Miss Mercyne Sgouros; *Sentinel*, Miss Stella Pappas; *Advisors*, Mrs. George Varlos, *Chairman*; Mrs. John Geranios, Mrs. George Kartsmas.

On Sunday, January 29, 1939, through the efforts of the Wheeling Ahepa Chapter a meeting was held at the Ahepa Lodge Room for the purpose of organizing a local chapter of the Maids of Athens. The chapter was organized with thirteen charter members. At present the club consists of twenty-one active members.

The chapter has the reputation of being an active and progressive one not only in the city of Wheeling but in the

entire Fourth District. Their major activities are three musical productions, each having been a great success. The latest musical show was held on March 31, 1947. The total proceeds of this show were donated toward the new church building fund. It has been a ready sponsor of every charitable purpose and has given generously of its services and financial help. The Iris chapter has been well represented in the Power District Lodge of the Maids.

DEMETRA CHAPTER NO. 33

MAIDS OF ATHENS

Organized May 11, 1939

Camden, New Jersey



The officers and members of Demetra Chapter, Maids.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

Worthy Maid, Miss Sofia Shissias; *Loyal Maid*, Miss Catherine Theodoris; *Secretary*, Miss Diane Vlahakis; *Treasurer*, Miss Harriet Vallas; *Advisors*, Mrs. Tula Colyvas, Mrs. Alexandria Shissias, Mrs. Fay Argyopoulos, Mrs. Demetra Symposmos.

The Maids of Athens Chapter of Camden, New Jersey, was originated in 1939 with nineteen charter members. The chapter was publicly installed by the *Trenton Erechtheion Chapter* of Trenton, on May 11, 1939, and was christened *Demetra*. A treasury for the chapter was started with the aid and generosity of some of the Camden Ahepans. A total of fifty-two girls have joined the chapter since its beginning.

Under the able guidance of the Advisory Board and also the Camden Ahepa Chapter, this chapter has accomplished a great deal. During the past eight years, it has contributed to the U.S.O., American Red Cross, Greek War Relief, and towards the Greek School. They are pleased to report that in 1946 the sum of five hundred dollars was donated

to the Ahepa Hospitals in Greece.

Their chapter has become one of the outstanding organizations in the community, which has been accomplished by the planning and carrying out of a series of worth while activities throughout the years. Some of these activities have included annual formal dances, Christmas and Halloween parties, barn dances, Mother's Day tea parties, bridal showers, hikes, picnics, bowling parties, ice skating parties and the sale of Christmas cards to build its treasury. They keep in contact with the local Sons of Pericles Chapter and plan activities together. The majority of members have given their utmost support and cooperation to the chapter officers. With a constant list of various activities they are able to keep the members interested and happy.

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IPHIGENIA CHAPTER NO. 35

MAIDS OF ATHENS

Organized May 8, 1939

New Brunswick, New Jersey



The officers and members of Iphigenia Chapter, Maids

OFFICERS FOR 1947

Worthy Maid, Mary Demetra; *Loyal Maid*, Christine Costulas; *Secretary*, Despina Camamis; *Treasurer*, Helen Mustakas; *Delphis*, Diana Happas; *Phylax*, Sophie Mustakas; *Messenger*, Antonette Kapsidelis; *Muse*, Artemis Mackaronis; *Sentinel*, Virginia Stevens.

Iphigenia Chapter of New Brunswick came into existence in the early part of May 1939. At that time the chapter boasted thirty-three charter members. They were installed into office at a solemn and dignified ceremony by Erechtheion Chapter of the Trenton Maids.

Throughout the years the New Brunswick Maids have been never ceasing wherever their services could do the most good. They enjoy a wide program of activities which aren't restricted solely to themselves. They cooperate with other local groups, such as Monroe Chapter of Ahepa, the Canaris Chapter of the Sons, the Hellenic Veterans of World War II, and the St. George Greek Orthodox Church Board, in carrying out various projects.

Iphigenia Chapter has done and is doing a fine and effective job in connection with American Red Cross and Greek War Relief work. Many dances have been held for their benefit. The girls have spent many hours collecting old clothes for G W R and many more hours standing in thertre lobbies soliciting contributions. Soldiers stationed at nearby Camp Kilmer have been the happy recipients of numerous gift packages donated by the Chapter through the Red Cross.

The local servicemen weren't forgotten either. A servicemen's gift package drawing was held at every meeting,

made up of names submitted by members, the winner getting the items each girl was required to bring along. In the early stages of the war, the Maids presented the St. George Greek Orthodox Church with a service flag during special services held for the boys.

The social aspect of this chapter is varied and extensive, consisting of theatre parties, trips to New York, out of town dances, beach parties, weenie-roasts, bowling parties, lectures, showers, sewing circles, Valentine, Halloween and Christmas parties. Since the boys have returned from the service they are working with the Maids on many functions. They alternate taking charge of socials held every month in the church rooms. These socials are gaining popularity and draw crowds not only from New Brunswick but from the surrounding communities.

Probably the most memorable year in the history of this chapter was 1942, when New Brunswick was the site of the Eleventh Annual District Convention. The Maids played hostess to the scores of people who attended. It was a grand affair and they hope they will again have the privilege of doing the honors at another District Convention.

All in all, the Maids of New Brunswick are being kept busy upholding their reputation as being one of the most active chapters in New Jersey, and at the same time, having loads of fun.

PAN ATHENIAN CHAPTER NO. 68

MAIDS OF ATHENS

Organized February 16, 1941

Charleston, South Carolina



The officers and members of Pan Athenian Chapter, Maids

OFFICERS FOR 1947

Worthy Maid, Anna J. Demos; *Loyal Maid*, Helen Lefter; *Secretary*, Anna Christopoulou; *Treasurer*, Georgia Leventis.

On February 16, 1947 Pan-Athenian Chapter of the Maids, Charleston, South Carolina, celebrated the sixth year of its existence. Looking back over the years, the members feel justified in their pride as an organization. The high ideals of the club which prompted the local chapter have served as a bond of unity for all.

The years have brought changes in membership, of course—familiar faces replaced by new—but an enrollment of 25 to 30 members has always been maintained.

The Maids have contributed generously to Charleston community life. Annually one big affair has been given for the benefit of the Greek Church. Mother's Day has been observed with special programs and entertainment. Assistance has been given all local Greek War Relief undertakings and generous contributions have gone to the Red Cross Organization. During the war a Maids committee worked faithfully with the Ahepa and sold \$200,000 worth of War Savings Bonds. Services rendered to the Red Cross included folding gauze bandages, visiting overseas patients at Stark

General Hospital and furnishing them with refreshments, cigarettes and special gifts on various holidays.

Outstanding and greatly successful have been three productions given by the Maids. In February 1942 there was the *Gay Nineties Bowery Program* given in conjunction with the Sons of Pericles Southern Basketball Tournament. The operetta *The Apaches of Athens* given in June 1944 for the benefit of the orphans of Greece, which netted a profit of \$5,000.00 for charity. In June 1946 the operetta *Love Maneuvers* was given during the Ahepa District Convention in Charleston, with proceeds for hospitals in Greece.

Anniversaries are milestones in progress. That of February 1947 gave all justification for the existence of the Pan-Athenian Maids. There is complete evidence of fellowship and good will. There is the feeling of usefulness that comes with service to the community and there is a closeness that results from sharing interests and experiences. Yes, the Maids organization is a bond of unity. May there be many more such milestones in its line of progress.

PAST WORTHY MAIDS

Eclecte Tsiropoulou, Irene Jackis, Katherine Carabatsos, Nicky Gazes.

VICTORIA CHAPTER NO. 73

MAIDS OF ATHENS

Organized May 11, 1941

Canton, Ohio



The officers and members of Victoria Chapter, Maids.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

Worthy Maid, Miss Helen Vutetakis; *Loyal Maid*, Miss Helen Fanides; *Secretary*, Miss Katherine Vaitis; *Treasurer*, Miss Despina Kariotakis; *Messenger*, Miss Athena Nachies; *Muse*, Miss Evelyn Eustathios; *Delphis*, Miss Elbis Cosmos; *Phylax*, Miss Katherine Mottas; *Sentinel*, Miss Ann Michalos.

The Victoria Chapter of the Maids was organized May 11, 1941. Six years old and growing big and strong—strong in membership and strong in interests and activities. To date, the chapter has sixty members, and activities are varied and numerous.

Its objects are to promote a high standard of ethics and to develop the spirit of human understanding and helpfulness; and to attain the highest type of citizenry by association of the most desirable ideals of Hellenic culture with the most respected virtues of American womanhood.

The social activities of the Chapter consist of dances, dinner parties, picnics, plays, programs and socials. On June

6, 1944, the Maids began printing a monthly publication with the sponsorship of Andrew Nickas Chapter known as the *Vimacan*. The *Vimacan* was proclaimed as having the best in format and contents of any private paper, and being one of the best club papers of its type.

Some of the chapter's past accomplishments have been the selling of war bonds, soliciting in all campaign drives, preparing bandages for the Red Cross, donating blood to the blood banks, having participated in Victory parades and participating in the Ahepa Hospital for Greece campaign and the Greek War Relief.

PAST WORTHY MAIDS

Miss Ann Michalos, Miss Chrisavi Couris, Miss Elbis Cosmos, Miss Argeri Stasinis, Miss Betty Georgiadis, Miss Angeline Nachies.

THERMOPYLAE CHAPTER NO. 77

MAIDS OF ATHENS

Organized May 22, 1942

Columbia, South Carolina



The officers and members of Thermopylae Chapter, Maids

OFFICERS FOR 1947

Worthy Maid, Helen Kanellos; *Loyal Maid*, Joan Nichols; *Secretary*, Roddy Melonas; *Treasurer*, Pauline Doukas; *Delphis*, Athena Spyropoulos; *Phylax*, Violet Brethes; *Messenger*, Irene Kanellos; *Sentinel*, Dora Doukas; *Muse*, Georgette Xepapas; *News Editor*, Mary Melonas; *Advisory Board*, Mrs. Arthur Dounis, *Chairman*; Mrs. Ernest Karnazes, Mrs. Chris Athans.

On May 22, 1947, Thermopylae Chapter celebrated its fifth birthday. In this five-year span the chapter has enjoyed an active existence and has many a worthy accomplishment to its credit, particularly in its work for the Greek Church of Columbia. To date the chapter has donated some two thousand dollars toward the building fund.

The social activities of the girls have been many and varied. Formal dances have been given at least once a year. While there were soldiers of Greek descent stationed at Fort Jackson and the Columbia Army Air Base many parties were held in the church hall and the homes of the girls for their benefit. To keep their hometown G. I.s happy while they were away during the war the girls published a monthly newspaper, *The Thermopylaen*. Socials are given on different occasions such as Mother's Day, Christmas, Valentine Day, Easter, etc.

One of the most successfully staged affairs ever given was the three-day bazaar held in August 1945 the first of its kind in Columbia. Beginning in May, 1946, an annual

May Festival was initiated. This affair is enjoyed by everyone in this vicinity. The worthy maid and loyal maid automatically become May Queen and Maid of Honor while members of the chapter serve as attendants. Talent drafted from the whole community performs a well planned program for the Queen and the festivities end with a formal dance in honor of the Queen and her court. This year the coronation was held on the grounds of the Governor's Mansion with Governor J. Strom Thurmond crowning the queen. Profits of the Festival go to the church.

The highest honor the Maids have ever received came in December 1945, when the Hellenic Community of Columbia in appreciation for the work they were contributing to the community presented them a silver loving cup inscribed with the following words:

Awarded to the Thermopylae Chapter No. 77 of the Maids of Athens by the Hellenic Community of Columbia, South Carolina. In recognition of progress, achievements, and services rendered in 1945. December 1945.

PAST WORTHY MAIDS

Miss Anna Mae Brethes, 1942; Miss Clara Davis (Mrs. Charles Souphos), 1943; Miss Roddy Melonas, 1944; Miss Katherine Nichols (Mrs. Daniel Nichols), 1945; Miss Helen Kanellos, 1946.

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DELPHI CHAPTER NO. 78

MAIDS OF ATHENS

Organized July 9, 1942

Chicago, Illinois



The officers and members of Delphi Chapter, Maids

OFFICERS FOR 1947

Worthy Maid, Miss Tula Athens; *Loyal Maid*, Miss Kay Vlachos; *Secretary*, Diana Backas; *Treasurer*, Mary Athens.

Delphi Chapter is approximately four and one-half years old and during these years has grown to be one of the most active Maids' chapters in the Thirteenth District. It was installed July 9, 1942.

Woodlawn Chapter No. 93 of the Ahepa is Delphi's sponsoring chapter and it was through their wholehearted cooperation that Delphi was able to succeed.

During the war, Delphi girls sold War Bonds, had U.S.O. parties, and had a Christmas card list of the soldiers in various hospitals.

Listed under Delphi's many contributions are a \$300 donation for the building fund of the new church and the sending of clothing packages to Greece. Each girl would bring clothes to the meeting where they were sorted, wrapped and mailed to the needy people of Greece.

Among the many activities that Delphi held are: Rush Teas, dances, fashion shows, bunco parties, Greek dances, theater parties, and during the summer months, wienie roasts and picnics.

SIGMA ALPHA DELTA CHAPTER NO. 87

MAIDS OF ATHENS

Organized in September 1945

Atlanta, Georgia



The officers and members of Sigma Alpha Delta Chapter, Maids.

OFFICERS FOR 1947

Worthy Maid, Eva Pollas; *Loyal Maid*, Betty Routsas; *Secretary*, Lula Pryles; *Treasurer*, Dorothy Alex; *Delphis*, Martha Panagos; *Phylax*, Algaia Carberis; *Messenger*, Angela Lucas; *Sentinel*, Thalia Noras; *Muse*, Atalante Anason; *News Editor*, Mary Poulos; *Advisory Board*, Miss Helen Economy, *Chairman*; Miss Anastasia Marinas, Mrs. E. G. Mcrenaris.

Though organized less than two years Sigma Alpha Delta Chapter of the Maids by its remarkable record has proven itself worthy of its position as an auxiliary to the Mother Lodge Chapter, Ahepa. The membership has increased from 22 charter members to an active membership of forty.

These Atlanta Maids are characterized by their tireless effort on behalf of charitable organizations and their eagerness to serve whenever called upon. By means of their cooperative spirit, the Atlanta members of the Maids have made possible the donation of a new curtain to the Greek Community Hall, and generous contributions to various or-

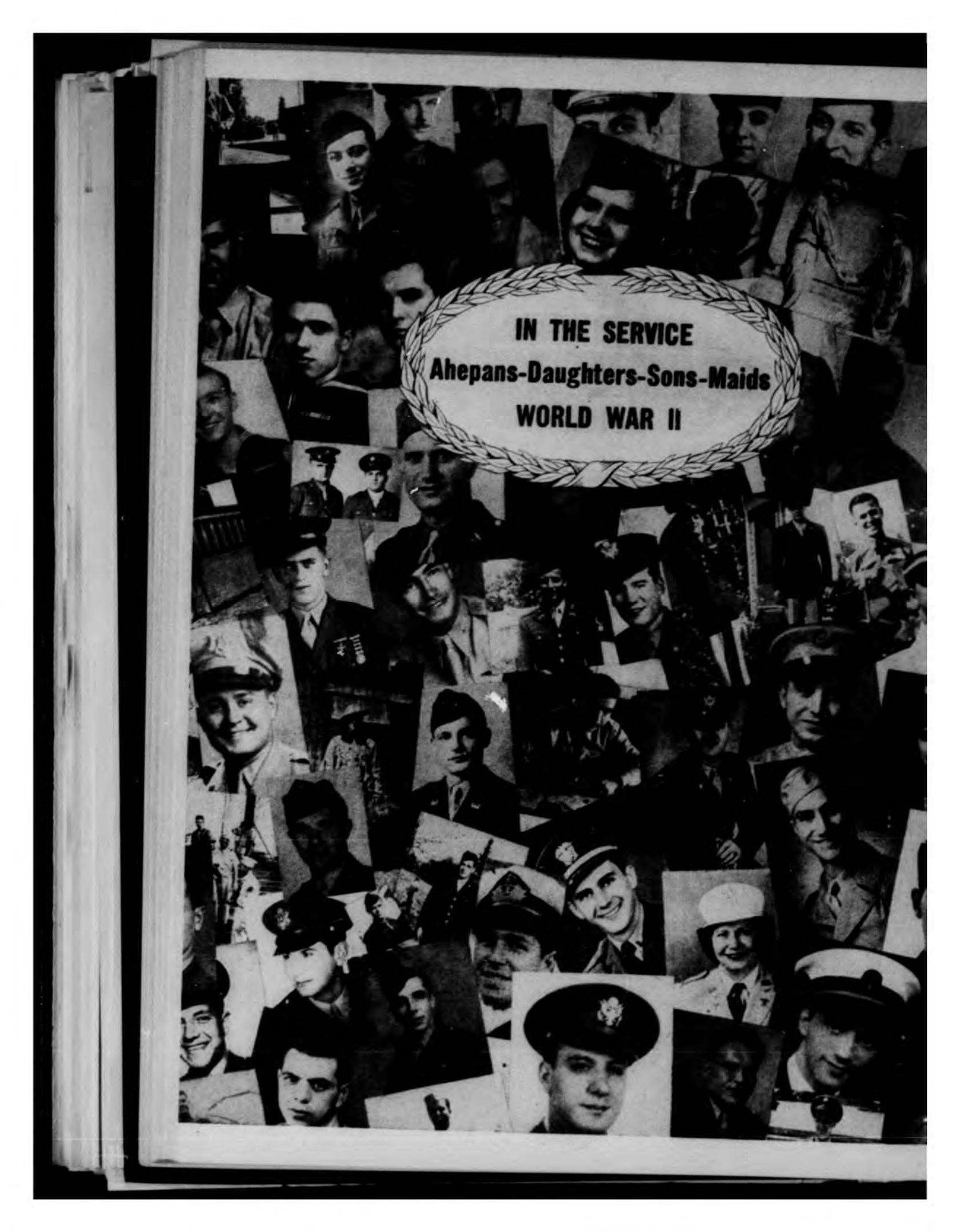
ganized drives, such as the Red Cross, Cancer and Greek War Relief.

One of the chapter projects has been a monthly newspaper, the *Sigma Alpha Delta Scoop* containing all community news of interest.

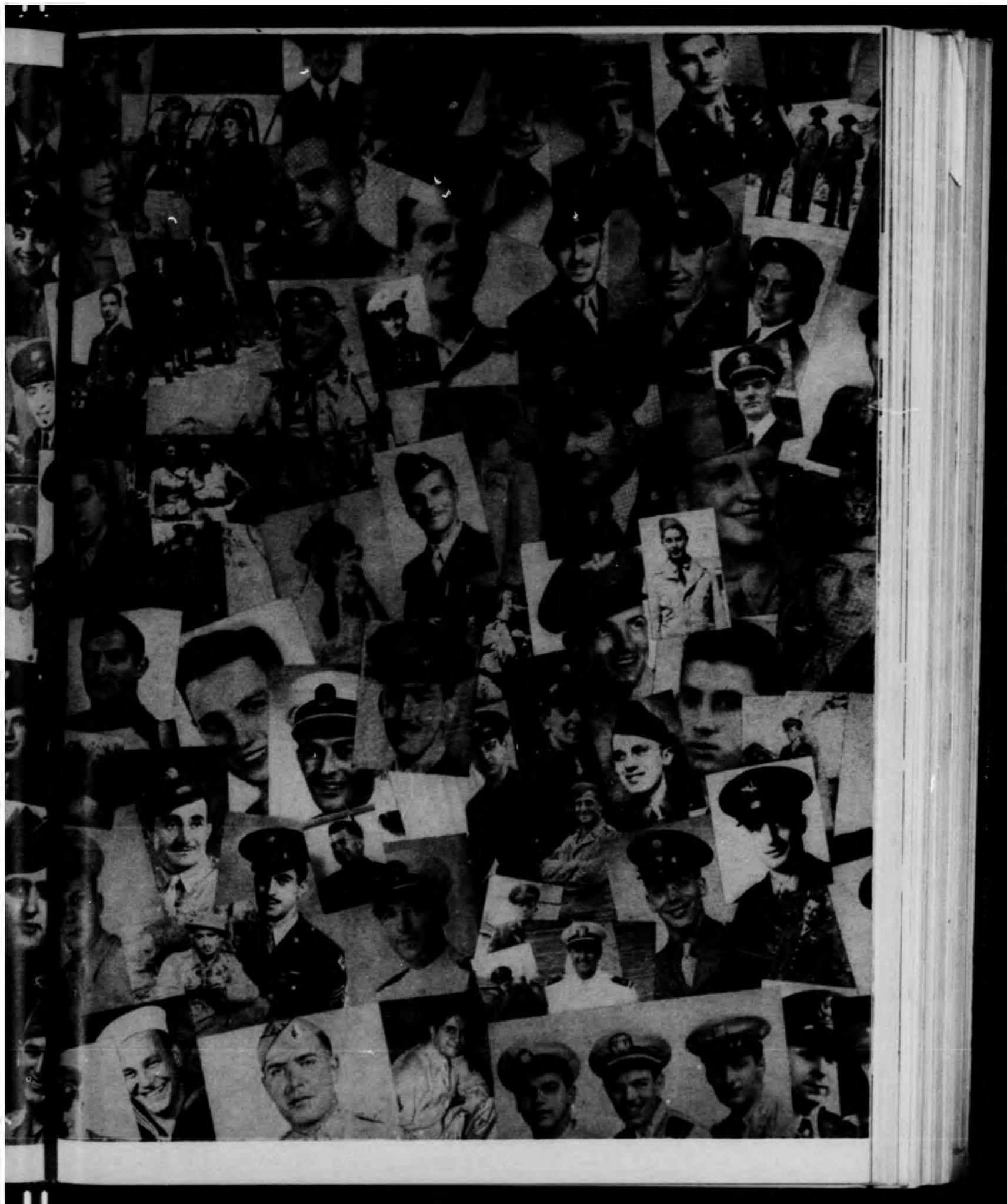
The candlelight public installation of the Atlanta Chapter, first held in October 1945 has been made an annual affair held in the month of December. The chapter celebrates its anniversary jointly with the Atlanta Chapter, Ahepa.

**THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
ORDER OF AHEPA, WASHINGTON, D. C.**





IN THE SERVICE
Ahepans-Daughters-Sons-Maids
WORLD WAR II





In Memory

The Ahepa came into being shortly after the close of the first world war and it drew great numbers of its members from the ranks of the veterans of that war.

During the present span of its life another world war has come and gone and thousands of members of the parent organization and its auxiliaries have served and are still serving in the armed forces.

Thus, it is that the Ahepa feels no stranger to the tragic occurrences of the last thirty years, as it has actively participated heavily in these struggles.

But, to the Ahepa, these past years are more vivid and close, because many hundreds of its members shall return to their hearths and to their families no longer.

They are the ones who paid with the last bit of devotion in their duty and service to our country, and for these countless that shall not return, we pay our humble respects.

Names are meaningless in the face of their sacrifice, and because we may possibly omit a name through inadvertence, we name no individual as such. To the countless of our members of the Ahepa and the auxiliaries, who gave the last bit of devotion, we reverently dedicate this space.

We salute a gallant and loyal group who lived the teachings of tolerance and democracy, and who died as a symbol to perpetuate man's great estate on earth.



*The muffled drum's sad roll has beat,
The soldier's last tattoo!
No more on life's parade shall meet
The brave and fallen few.
On fame's eternal camping ground
Their silent tents are spread,
And glory guards with solemn round
The bivouac of the dead.*

The Bivouac of the Dead
By THEODORE O'HARA

THE AHEPA GUBERNATORIAL DISTRICTS

Mother Lodge District No. 1

All chapters within the States of Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas.

Officers for 1946-1947: Governor, Sam S. Nakas; Lt. Governor, Peter Louas; Secretary, Charles Gaffis; Treasurer, Gregory Kalivas; Marshal, James Nash; Advisor to Aux, Stanley Georgan; Counselor, Jerry Duzanne.

Citrus District No. 2

All chapters within the State of Florida.

Officers for 1946-1947: Governor, C. A. Lazarou; Lt. Governor, George Emmanuel; Secretary, Chris Bell; Treasurer, Charles Korles; Marshal, John Filaretou; Advisor, Clem P. Vallis.

Capital District No. 3

All chapters within the States of North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia and the chapter at Bluefield, West Virginia.

Officers for 1946-1947: Governor, Nicholas P. Brous; Lt. Governor, Harry Pappas; Secretary, Demetrios N. Mandris; Treasurer, Mike Zarpas; Marshal, Bill Simopoulos; Advisor, Ted George.

Power District No. 4

All chapters within the States of Pennsylvania and West Virginia, excepting the chapters in Bluefield, Weirton, Huntington and Charleston, West Virginia.

Officers for 1946-1947: Governor, Peter J. Carros; Lt. Governor, Peter Y. Paulus; Secretary, C. P. Thomas; Treasurer, Adam Cokinas; Marshal, Peter Alexander.

Garden State District No. 5

All chapters within the State of New Jersey.

Officers for 1946-1947: Governor, Nicholas Sarras; Lt. Governor, Peter Changras; Secretary, John Sarras; Treasurer, Otho Scouris; Marshal, Dan Vafias; Advisor, George Harris.

Empire District No. 6

All chapters within the State of New York.

Officers for 1946-1947: Governor, George Dimas; Lt. Governor, George L. Miller; Secretary, Leon J. Markatos; Treasurer, Leo Ypifantis; Marshal, Sotyris S. Peters.

Yankee District No. 7

All chapters within the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island, and the chapters in Springfield and Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Officers for 1946-1947: Governor C. P. Verides; Lt. Governor, Phathon J. Mattheos; Secretary, Athan M. Angelis; Treasurer, John C. Kondonolis; Marshal, James P. Conkis.

Bay State District No. 8

All chapters within the State of Massachusetts, excepting the chapters in Springfield and Pittsfield.

Officers for 1946-1947: Governor, Fred A. Kyros; Lt. Governor, Andrew Dedopoulos; Secretary, James Casanos; Treasurer, Charles G. Fields; Marshal, Philip Chisslas; Advisor, Basil S. Milonas.

Northern New England District No. 9

All chapters within the States of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

Officers for 1946-1947: Governor, John Caraphil; Lt. Governor, Sam Dasbas; Secretary, Alexander Karanikas; Treasurer, Peter Victor; Marshal, William Karanikas; Advisor, William Gendmatas.

Automotive District No. 10

All chapters within the State of Michigan.

Officers for 1946-1947: Governor, Stephan Roomell; Lt. Governor, Socrates Saklos; Secretary, Gus Sotiriados; Treasurer, William Vlassis.

Buckeye District No. 11

All chapters within the States of Ohio and Kentucky, and the chapters in Weirton, Huntington and Charleston, West Virginia.

Officers for 1946-1947: Governor, Constantine G. Gates; Lt. Governor, George Brown; Secretary, George P. Michalos; Treasurer, Andrew Katsanis; Marshal, Nick Binikos.

Hoosier District No. 12

All chapters within the State of Indiana.

Officers for 1946-1947: Governor, Louis K. Tsaros; Lt. Governor, Gus Fancal; Secretary, Donib T. Karas; Treasurer, Harry Argos; Marshal, Chris Morfas.

Blue Ribbon District No. 13

All chapters within the States of Illinois, Wisconsin and the eastern half of Missouri.

Officers for 1946-1947: Governor, Christ Anton; Lt. Governor, A. T. Tsoumas; Secretary, George Mamalay; Treasurer, Anthony Papageorge.

Grainsfield District No. 14

All chapters within the States of Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Officers for 1946-1947: Governor, James H. Carlos; Lt. Governor, James Yiannios; Secretary, Tom Ballos; Treasurer, John M. Costas; Marshal, P. L. George.

Oil Center District No. 15

All chapters within the States of Kansas, Oklahoma, the western half of Missouri, Nebraska, with the exception of Alliance, Nebraska.

Officers for 1946-1947: Governor, Bill Peterson; Lt. Governor, Stephen A. Praxson; Secretary, Alex C. Poullos; Treasurer, Gust G. Andrews; Marshal, Gus D. Fitch; Athletic Director, John C. Mitchell.

Delta District No. 16

All chapters within the States of Louisiana and Texas, excepting El Paso, Texas.

Officers for 1946-1947: Governor, Charles D. Exarky; Lt. Governor, John A. Economos; Secretary, Steve Pepp; Treasurer, Michael Collins; Marshal, Mike Cokinos; Advisor, John Drossos.

Rocky Mountain District No. 17-19

All chapters within the States of New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, excluding Sheridan, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, including Ely, Nevada, and Bridgeport and Alliance, Nebraska, also including El Paso, Texas.

Officers for 1946-1947: Governor, Jenon Frangos; Lt. Governor, George Maurer; Secretary, Chris Allison; Treasurer, Theodore Anderson; Marshal, Sam Koungric.

Cowboy District No. 18

All chapters within the State of Montana, and the chapter in Sheridan, Wyoming.

Officers for 1946-1947: Governor, K. J. Yalovani; Lt. Governor, Gus Carkoullis; Secretary, Gus Martinos; Treasurer, Gus Martinos; Marshal, Sam Ladas; Advisor, Gus Carkoullis.

El Camino District No. 20

All chapters within the State of Arizona and south of Bakersfield, California, including the chapter in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Officers for 1946-1947: Governor, Peter N. Stevens; Lt. Governor, George Nachios; Secretary, Pete J. Peterson; Treasurer, George N. Diamos; Marshal, George Brestis.

Golden Gate District No. 21

All chapters north, and exclusive of, Bakersfield, in California, including the chapter at Reno, Nevada.

Officers for 1946-1947: Governor, George Benabits; Lt. Governor, D. C. Demetriadis; Secretary, Stephen Boudalis; Treasurer, Sam P. Anastos; Marshal, Anthony Demetriadis; Advisor, John Hodges.

Firwood District No. 22

All chapters in the States of Oregon, Washington and the Province of British Columbia.

Officers for 1946-1947: Governor, Spiro J. Kallivas; Lt. Governor, Nick Carras; Secretary, Gus Rakus; Treasurer, Pete Galasie; Marshal, Gus Colliers.

Beaver District No. 23

All chapters in the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario, Canada.

Officers for 1946-1947: Governor, Philip Kapellos; Lt. Governor, Percy Papadiamantis; Secretary, Peter N. Mandas; Treasurer, Peter N. Mandas; Marshal, Peter N. Mandas; Athletic Director, Gus Marmon.

Royal Canadian District No. 24

All chapters in the Provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, Canada.

Officers for 1946-1947: Governor, James Candliss; Lt. Governor, James Anton; Secretary, James Spillios; Treasurer, James Spillios; Marshal, Gus Vlassis; Advisor, T. Bass.

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CHAPTERS OF THE ORDER OF AHEPA

Number	Chapter Name	City & State	Number	Chapter Name	City & State	Number	Chapter Name	City & State
1	Atlanta	Atlanta, Georgia	103	Hancock	Watertown, W. Va.	206	Butte	Butte, Montana
2	Birmingham	Birmingham, Ala.	104	Oak Park	Oak Park, Illinois	207	Masson City	Masson City, Iowa
3	Flate	Charlottesville, N. C.	105	N. Grant	Northboro, Mass.	208	Fort Dodge	Fort Dodge, Iowa
4	Salem	Birmingham, Ala.	106	Sophocles	Providence, R. I.	209	Middletown	Middletown, Ohio
5	Sacred	Charleston, S. C.	107	Commander Perry	Eric, Pennsylvania	210	Muncie	Muncie, Indiana
6	Memphis	Jacksonville, Florida	108	Hudson Chapter	Jersey City, N. J.	211	Cowboy	Cheyenne, Wyoming
7	Shreveport	Memphis, Tennessee	109	Archon	Pattsville, Pa.	212	Sushton	Sushton, California
8	Fayetteville	Shreveport, Louisiana	110	Norwich	Norwich, Connecticut	213	Greater Muskegon	Muskegon, Michigan
9	St. Walter Raleigh	Fayetteville, N. C.	111	Elmira	Elmira, New York	214	Battle Creek	Battle Creek, Mich.
10	Wilson	Raleigh, N. C.	112	Pythagoras	Duyton, Ohio	215	Parthenon	Portsmouth, N. H.
11	Lycurgus	Wilson, N. C.	113	Deyton	Pittsfield, Mass.	216	Saginas	Saginaw, Michigan
12	Tulsa	Tampa, Florida	114	Washington Hook	Plattsburgh, N. J.	217	Little Fort	Vallajo, California
13	Miami	Tulsa, Oklahoma	115	Hudson Valley	Newburgh, N. Y.	218	Phonix	Waukegan, Illinois
14	Sunshine	Miami, Florida	116	Enclontown	Uniontown, Pa.	219	Ventura	Phoenix, Arizona
15	George Washington	St. Petersburg, Fla.	117	Elpis	New Britain, Conn.	220	Volcano	Ventura, California
16	St. Augustine	Tarpon Springs, Fla.	118	Ypollanti	Toledo, Ohio	221	Waterloo	Waterloo, Iowa
17	Palm Beach	St. Augustine, Fla.	119	Damon and Pythias	Peabody-Salem, Mass.	222	San Diego	San Diego, Calif.
18	Fort Worth	W. Palm Beach, Fla.	120	Tet-City	Moline, Illinois	223	Bakersfield	Bakersfield, Calif.
19	Dallas	Fort Worth, Texas	121	Olympia	Pawtucket, R. I.	224	Cadroz	Chicago Heights, Ill.
20	Fort Smith	Dallas, Texas	122	Robert E. Lee	Norfolk, Virginia	225	De Kalb	De Kalb, Illinois
21	Eldorado	Fort Smith, Ark.	123	Hammond	Hammond, Indiana	226	Kokomo	Kokomo, Indiana
22	Liberty	Eldorado, Arkansas	124	Cal. Jackquill Morgan	Morgantown, W. Va.	227	Marysville	Marysville, Calif.
23	Athens	Montgomery, Ala.	125	Schereclady	Schereclady, N. Y.	228	Great Falls	Great Falls, Mont.
24	Dolph	Rocton, Mass.	126	Archimedes	Meriden, Conn.	229	Hippocrates	Rochester, Minn.
25	Resonance	New York City, N. Y.	127	Liberty	Cincinnati, Ohio	230	Roseville	Roseville, California
26	Muskegon	Philadelphia, Pa.	128	George C. Chase	Lawiston, Maine	231	James Whitcomb	Indianapolis, Ind.
27	Land of The Sky	Muskegon, Okla.	129	George Dilboy	Lawsonville, Kentucky	232	Neptune	San Pedro, Calif.
28	Alexander the Great	(consolidated with Chapter No. 13)	130	Ansonia	(consolidated with Chapter No. 98)	233	Peoria	Peoria, Illinois
29	Washington	Ashville, N. C.	131	Joliet	Joliet, Illinois	234	Pacific	San Francisco, Calif.
30	Worthington	Houston, Texas	132	Bluefield	Bluefield, W. Va.	235	Capital	Washington, D. C.
31	Winston-Salem	Baltimore, Md.	133	Andrew Jackson	New Orleans, La.	236	Billings	Billings, Montana
32	Athens	Washington, D. C.	134	Hill City	Lynchburg, Va.	237	Pocatello	Pocatello, Idaho
33	Acrotetela	Winston-Salem, N. C.	135	Panitia	Pontiac, Mich.	238	Missoula	Missoula, Montana
34	Nashua	Johntown, Pa.	136	Watertown	Watertown, New York	239	Oklahoma City	Oklahoma City, Okla.
35	Cleveland	Pittsburgh, Pa.	137	Roanoke	Rozanne, Virginia	240	Woodrow Wilson	Newport News, Va.
36	Syracuse	Fall River, Mass.	138	Albany	Fall River, Mass.	241	Santa Barbara	Greenville, S. C.
37	Samuel Gridley Howe	Columbus, Ohio	139	Flint	Columbus, Ohio	242	Vermont	Santa Barbara, Calif.
38	Alpha	Albany, New York	140	Wolverine	Flint, Michigan	243	Modesto	Rutland, Vermont
39	Brooklyn	Brookline, Mass.	141	Mohawk Valley	Lansing, Michigan	244	Springfield	Newport, R. I.
40	Upper Manhattan	Haverhill, Mass.	142	Elyria-Lorain	Lorain, Ohio	245	Theracium	Modesto, California
41	Milwaukee	Detroit, Mich.	143	Denver	Denver, Colorado	246	Aberdeen	Springfield, Ohio
42	Manchester	Brooklyn, New York	144	Rebive	Denver, Colorado	247	New London	Dover, N. H.
43	Daniel Webster	New York, New York	145	Omaha	Salt Lake City, Utah	248	Garden City	Aberdeen, S. Dak.
44	Chicago	Milwaukee, Wis.	146	Golden Gate	Omaha, Nebraska	249	Biddeford-Saco	New London, Conn.
45	Lawrence	Manchester, N. H.	147	Fresno	Yankville, Ohio	250	Salinas Valley	San Jose, California
46	Waterbury	Springfield, Mass.	148	Esposito	San Francisco, Calif.	251	Mount Baker	Biddeford, Maine
47	Fond du Lac	(consolidated with Chapter No. 85)	149	Sacramento	Fresno, Calif.	252	Cascade	Salinas, California
48	Arlinton	Chicago, Illinois	150	Mount Hood	Los Angeles, Calif.	253	General Greene	Boise, Idaho
49	Wentchester	Lawrence, Mass.	151	Hopewell	Sacramento, Calif.	254	Henry Clay	Bellingham, Wash.
50	Eureka	Waterbury, Conn.	152	Washington	Portland, Oregon	255	Contra Costa	Everett, Washington
51	St. Louis	Fond du Lac, Wis.	153	Calumet	Hopewell, Virginia	256	Logan Square	Greensboro, N. C.
52	Alexander Hamilton	Lynn, Massachusetts	154	Poughkeepsie	Washington, Pa.	257	Key City	Lexington, Kentucky
53	Black Diamond	Newark, New Jersey	155	Phlox Peak	East Chicago, Ind.	258	Phlox Peak	Pittsburg, California
54	Easton	St. Louis, Missouri	156	City Beautiful	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	259	Phlox Peak	Chicago, Illinois
55	Leard Bryan	Pateron, N. J.	157	South Jersey	Casper, Wyoming	260	Phlox Peak	Dubuque, Iowa
56	Nathan Hale	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	158	Leaves	Phlox Peak, Colorado	261	Phlox Peak	Chesham, Washington
57	Longfellow	Easton, Pennsylvania	159	T. L. Wright	Orlando, Florida	262	Phlox Peak	Wenatchee, Wash.
58	Lehigh	Brookton, Mass.	160	Sinaita	Vinceland, N. J.	263	Phlox Peak	Santa Fe, N. Mex.
59	William Penn	Hartford, Conn.	161	Lincoln	Detroit, Michigan	264	Phlox Peak	Gallup, New Mexico
60	Bridgeport	Canton, Ohio	162	Grand Island	Beloit, Wisconsin	265	Phlox Peak	Fitchburg, Mass.
61	Goodfriendship	Allentown, Pa.	163	North Platte Val-	Duluth, Minn.	266	Phlox Peak	Duluth, Minn.
62	Harrisburg	Reading, Pa.	164	ley	Spokane, Wash.	267	Phlox Peak	Spokane, Wash.
63	Banner	Bridgeport, Conn.	165	Atlantic City	Lincoln, Nebraska	268	Phlox Peak	Eureka, California
64	Demosthenes	Harrisburg, Pa.	166	Theodore Rans-	Grand Island, Nebr.	269	Phlox Peak	St. Paul, Minnesota
65	Flower City	Bathlehem, Pa.	167	volt	Bridgeport, Nebraska	270	Phlox Peak	Ranger, Maine
66	Milvades	Milwaukee, Wis.	168	Oakland	Atlantic City, N. J.	271	Phlox Peak	Port Angeles, Wash.
67	Camden	Rochester, N. Y.	171	Trinidad	Freeport, New York	272	Phlox Peak	El Paso, Texas
68	Thomson	Wheeler, W. Va.	172	Walsenburg	Oakland, California	273	Phlox Peak	Sheridan, Wyoming
69	Red Rose	Camden, N. J.	173	First American	Trinidad, Colorado	274	Phlox Peak	Tucson, Arizona
70	Trenton	Springfield, Mass.	174	Chapter	Walsenburg, Colo.	275	Phlox Peak	Galveston, Texas
71	Heart of America	(consolidated with Chapter No. 85)	175	Bronx	Albuquerque, N. Mex.	276	Phlox Peak	Durham, S. C.
72	Philanthropos	Lancaster, Pa.	176	Woburn	Bronx, New York	277	Phlox Peak	Columbia, S. C.
73	Monroe	Trenton, N. J.	177	Juan De Fuca	Woburn, Mass.	278	Phlox Peak	Haskell, N. J.
74	Reinbow	Kansas City, Mo.	178	Olympic	Seattle, Washington	279	Phlox Peak	Annapolis, Maryland
75	Leonidas	Mansfield, Ohio	179	Gray's Harbor	Tacoma, Washington	280	Phlox Peak	Ashbury Park, N. J.
76	Gary	New Brunswick, N. J.	180	Mount Olympus	Aberdeen, Washington	281	Phlox Peak	Portsmouth, N. H.
77	Chester	Shamokin, Pa.	181	Rock Springs	Spokane, Washington	282	Phlox Peak	Canton, Ohio
78	George Jarvis	Binghamton, N. Y.	182	Green River	Rock Springs, Wyo.	283	Phlox Peak	Fredericksburg, Va.
79	Fort Wayne	Gary, Indiana	183	Bingham Canyon	Green River, Wyo.	284	Phlox Peak	Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.
80	H. W. Longfellow	Chester, Pa.	184	Ogden	Bingham Canyon, Utah	285	Phlox Peak	Benton Harbor, Mich.
81	Richmond	Worcester, Mass.	185	Price	Ogden, Utah	286	Phlox Peak	Jackson, Michigan
82	Keystone	Fort Wayne, Ind.	186	Hermes	Price, Utah	287	Phlox Peak	Marquette, Michigan
83	Ahis	Portland, Maine	187	Air Capital	New York, N. Y.	288	Phlox Peak	Portsmouth, Ohio
84	Long Island	Richmond, Virginia	188	White Pine	Wichita, Kansas	289	Phlox Peak	Pensacola, Florida
85	New Castle	Scranton, Pa.	189	Abraham Lincoln	Elv, Nevada	290	Phlox Peak	Danville, Virginia
86	Zeus	Springfield, Mass.	190	Sunshine State	Springfield, Illinois	291	Phlox Peak	Endicott, New York
87	Lincoln	Jamaica, New York	191	Sions City	Sions Falls, S. Dak.	292	Phlox Peak	Yakima, Washington
88	Danbury	New Castle, Pa.	192	Des Moines	Des Moines, Iowa	293	Phlox Peak	Dover, New Jersey
89	William McKinley	Warren, Ohio	193	Blue Ridge	Hagerstown, Md.	294	Phlox Peak	Cumbersland, Md.
90	Stanton	Youngstown, Ohio	194	Cedar Rapids	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	295	Phlox Peak	San Bernardino, Cal.
91	Woodlawn	Danbury, Conn.	195	Ann Arbor	Ann Arbor, Mich.	296	Phlox Peak	Mansfield, Ohio
92	North Shore	Chicago, Illinois	196	Furniture City	Grand Rapids, Mich.	297	Phlox Peak	Alton, Illinois
93	Stonewall Jackson	Chicago, Illinois	197	Imperial Valley	El Centro, Calif.	298	Phlox Peak	Zanesville, Ohio
94	Onesabers	Wilmingon, Del.	198	Anderson	Anderson, Indiana	299	Phlox Peak	Troy, New York
95	New Haven	Clarksville, W. Va.	199	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo, Michigan	300	Phlox Peak	Huntington, W. Va.
96	Stamford	Astoria, L. I., N. Y.	200	Coney Island	Brooklyn, New York	301	Phlox Peak	Wellsville, New York
97	South Bend	New Haven, Conn.	201	Hilli	Chicago, Illinois	302	Phlox Peak	Charleston, W. Va.
98	Golden Rule	Stamford, Conn.	202	Hellenic Center	Chicago, Illinois	303	Phlox Peak	Mobile, Alabama
99	Hollis	South Bend, Ind.	203	Garfield	Chicago, Illinois	304	Phlox Peak	Sac. Antonio, Texas
100		New Bedford, Mass.	204	Evanston	Evanston, Illinois	305	Phlox Peak	
101		Lowell, Mass.	205	Pullman	Chicago, Illinois	306	Phlox Peak	
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Number	Chapter Name	City & State
312	Stephen F. Austin	Austin, Texas
313	Bonnesville	Salt Lake City, Utah
314	Boulder Dam	Las Vegas, Nevada
315	Academy	Chicago, Illinois
316	Harvey	Harvey, Illinois
317	Patmos	Tallahassee, Florida
318	Hollywood	Hollywood, Calif.
319	University	Brooklyn, New York
320	John Quincy Adams	Quincy, Illinois
321	Starved Rock	Ottawa, Illinois
322	White Rose	York, Pennsylvania
323	Englewood	Chicago, Illinois
324	Bonnes	Salt Lake City, Utah
325	Rockford	Rockford, Illinois
326	Estis	Corona, L. I., N. Y.
327	Adirondack	Glen Falls, N. Y.
328	Waco	Waco, Texas
329	Texarkana	Texarkana, Texas
330	Aluminum City	New Kensington, Pa.
331	Northfield	Frederick-Daema, Colorado
332	Aurora	Aurora, Illinois
333	West Texas	San Angelo, Texas
334	Victory	Chicago, Illinois
335	Henry Ford	Detroit, Michigan

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336	Magie City
337	Argo
338	Hot Springs
339	Prometheus
340	Mountaineers
341	Winston Churchill
342	Long Beach
343	Nashville
344	Magnolia
345	Kankakee
346	Knoxville
347	Huey P Long
348	Mill
349	Staten Island
350	Beverly Hills
351	South Chicago
352	Franklin Delano Roosevelt

C.J.3	Maple Leaf	Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
C.J.4	Windsor	Windsor, Ontario, Canada
C.J.5	St. Edward	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
C.J.6	Gladstone	Vancouver, B. C., Canada
C.J.7	Mount Royal	Montreal, Quebec, Canada
C.J.8	Palikos Aster	Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
C.J.9	Dominion	Saskatoon, Sask., Canada
C.J.10	Aurora Borealis	Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
C.J.11	Ombrou Othiste	Calgary, Alta., Canada
C.J.12	Acropolis	Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada
C.J.13	Regina	Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada
C.J.14	Diogenes	Macon, Iowa, Sask., Canada
C.J.15	Chadrel	Quebec, Quebec, Canada
C.J.16	Victory	Victoria, B. C., Canada

CANADIAN CHAPTERS

C.J.1	Lord Byron	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
C.J.2	Lord Nelson	London, Ontario, Canada

CHAPTERS OF THE SONS OF PERICLES
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Number	Chapter Name	City & State
1	Queen City	Manchester, N. H.
2	Gate City	Nashua, N. H.
3	Golden Age	Seranton, Pa.
4	Haverhill	Haverhill, Mass.
5	Renaissance	New York, New York
6	Socrater	Lynn, Massachusetts
7	Leonidas	Springfield, Mass.
8	Elihu Burritt	New Britain, Conn.
9	Pythagoras	Washington, D. C.
10	Atlas	Philadelphia, Pa.
11	Lord Byron	Chicago, Illinois
12	Rhodes	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
13	Phidias	Detroit, Michigan
14	Acropolis	Lowell, Massachusetts
15	Elm City	New Haven, Conn.
16	(Omitted)	
17	(Omitted)	
18	Delain League	Akron, Ohio
19	Paralus	Peshody-Salem, Mass.
20	Corinthian	Newark, New Jersey
21	Plato	Providence, R. I.
22	Ypsilanti	Chicago, Illinois
23	Parthenon	New Orleans, La.
24	Kimon	Wheeling, W. Va.
25	Alexander the Great	Wrighton, W. Va.
26	George Dilboy	Cambridge, Mass.
27	Huh	Roston, Mass.
28	Demosthenes	Cleveland, Ohio
29	Xenophon	Waburn, Mass.
30	Hercules	Youngstown, Ohio
31	Zetes	San Francisco, Calif.
32	Twin City	Stamford, Conn.
33	Daniel Webster	Worcester, Mass.
34	William Penn	Reading, Pennsylvania
35	Olympus	Minneapolis, Minn.
36	Olynes	Cincinnati, Ohio
37	Achilles	Portland, Oregon
38	William McKinley	Canton, Ohio
39	Warren	Warren, Ohio
40	Steel City	Pittsburgh, Pa.
41	"Shaw-Mc"	St. Louis, Missouri
42	Thessalon	Dover, N. H.
43	Aristotle	Seattle, Washington
44	Phocion	Albany, New York
45	Rose City	New London, Conn.
46	Marathon	Petersburg, New Jersey
47	Thesus	Moline, Illinois
48	Socrates	Steubenville, Ohio
49	Pythagoras	New Bedford, Mass.
50	Athenian	Bridgewater, Conn.
51	Praxiteles	East Chicago, Ind.
52	Chris Manthou	Tacoma, Washington
53	Sophocles	Gary, Indiana
54	Icarus	Dayton, Ohio
55	(Omitted)	
56	Lycurgus	Brockton, Mass.
57	David I. Walsh	Marlboro, Mass.
58	Aetox	Wichita, Kansas
59	Ajax	Savannah, Georgia
60	Fitchburg	Fitchburg, Mass.
61	Solan	Waterbury, Conn.
62	(combined with No. 162)	
63	New Athens	Waukegan, Illinois
64	Salt City	Sarasota, New York
65	Pindarus	Chicago, Illinois
66	Chilon	Binghamton, N. Y.
67	Heart of America	Kansas City, Missouri
68	Delian	Mason City, Iowa
69	Hannibal Hamlin	Bangor, Maine

70	Newport-Apollo	Newport, R. I.
71	Beehive	Salt Lake City, Utah
72	Apollo	Portsmouth, N. H.
73	Olympic	Fall River, Mass.
74	Calhoun	Charleston, S. C.
75	Athenagoras	Chicago, Illinois
76	Kallistos	Chicago, Illinois
77	Gemose	Rochester, New York
78	Hellas	Memphis, Tennessee
79	Duluth	Duluth, Minnesota
80	Plato	Baltimore, Md.
81	Herculean	Augusta, Georgia
82	Olympian	Los Angeles, Calif.
83	Rocky Mountain	Denver, Colorado
84	Black Diamond	Price, Utah
85	Gregory V.	Detroit, Michigan
86	Adelphi	Atlanta, Georgia
87	Myrmidons	Lewiston, Maine
88	Argonauts	Astoria, L. I., N. Y.
89	Sam Houston	Houston, Texas
90	Altis	Jamaica, New York
91	Constantine The Great	Pontiac, Michigan
92	Chester	Chester, Pennsylvania
93	Hercules	Lawrence, Mass.
94	Cornhucker	Omaha, Nebraska
95	Hawkeye	Des Moines, Iowa
96	Julien	Dubuque, Iowa
97	Insurance City	Harford, Connecticut
98	Frontier	Cheyenne, Wyoming
99	Capo D'Istria	Buffalo, New York
100	Steles	Flint, Michigan
101	Oakland	Oakland, California
102	Longfellow	Portland, Maine
103	Thunder Bird	Albuquerque, N. Mex.
104	Sioux	Sioux City, Iowa
105	Schenectady	Schenectady, N. Y.
106	Sigma Omicron Pi	Wilmington, Delaware
107	San Diego	San Diego, California
108	Phoenix	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
109	Olympia	Richmond, Virginia
110	Theodore Roosevelt	Biddeford, Maine
111	Hilios	Peoria, Illinois
112	Holy Trinity	Pittsburgh, Pa.
113	Marathonian	Bethlehem, Pa.
114	Constantine	Grand Island, Nebr.
115	Poseidon	Asbury Park, N. J.
116	Aesculapius	Toledo, Ohio
117	Golden Bears	Bakersfield, Calif.
118	Thermopylae	Jersey City, N. J.
119	Yellowstone	Billings, Montana
120	Kendrick	Sheidan, Wyoming
121	Parnassus	Butte, Montana
122	Hermes	Providence, R. I.
123	Victory	Charlottesville, N. C.
124	Athanasios Deakas	Phoenix, Arizona
125	Leonidas	Oklahoma City, Okla.
126	Delphi	Meriden, Connecticut
127	Cornbelt	Lincoln, Nebraska
128	Alexander	Canonburg, Pa.
129	Lancaster	Lancaster, Pa.
130	Hector	Fond du Lac, Wis.
131	Lincoln	Tarpon Springs, Fla.
132	Old Dominion	Norfolk, Virginia
133	Philippides	Jacksonville, Florida
134	Pyramion	Hammond, Indiana
135	Aylantis	Ely, Nevada
136	Fresno	Fresno, California
137	Sparta	Sault St. Marie, Mich.

139	Rochester	Rochester, Minnesota
140	Euripides	Endicott, New York
141	Naxos	Muskegon, Michigan
142	Springfield	Springfield, Ohio
143	Neptune	Dover, New Jersey
144	Arvadia	Pensacola, Florida
145	Orpheus	Chicago, Illinois
146	Venizelos	Miami, Florida
147	John Randolph	Dupewell, Virginia
148	Chimney Rock	Rayard, Nebraska
149	Great Falls	Great Falls, Montana
150	Zeus	St. Paul, Minnesota
151	William Hells	Shreveport, Louisiana
152	General Worth	Fort Worth, Texas
153	Dixie	Greenville, S. C.
154	Manolus	Tampa, Florida
155	Tom Semos	Dallas, Texas
156	Agis Lavra	Green River, Wyo.
157	The D. Lentgis	Spokane, Washington
158	Vulcan	Birmingham, Ala.
159	Zephyr	Harrisburg, Pa.
160	South Bend	South Bend, Indiana
161	Oil Capital	Tulsa, Oklahoma
162	Garfield	Chicago, Illinois
163		Raleigh, N. C.
164	Luzerne	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
165	Progress	Rock Springs, Wyo.
166	Cimarron	Middletown, Ohio
167	Pedicularis	Trenton, New Jersey
168	Jefferson	Greensboro, N. C.
169	Florida Gators	West Palm Beach, Fla.
170	Martin Bures	Danville, Virginia
171	Annapollis	Annapollis, Maryland
172	Johnny Appleseed	Mansfield, Ohio
173	Hermes	Lorain-Elyria, Ohio
174	Byzantine	Mason, Ohio
175	Backere State	Columbus, Ohio
176	Philemon	Atlantic City, N. J.
177	Kanaris	New Brunswick, N. J.
178	Grand Rapids	Grand Rapids, Mich.
179	San Arhar	San Arhar, Michigan
180	Saginaw	Saginaw, Michigan
181	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo, Michigan
182	Lansing	Lansing, Michigan
183	Jackson	Jackson, Michigan
184	Anderson	Anderson, Indiana
185	San Antonio	San Antonio, Texas
186	Calveston	Calveston, Texas
187	Waterloo	Waterloo, Iowa
188	Capital	Springfield, Illinois
189	Norwich	Norwich, Connecticut
190	Danbury	Danbury, Connecticut
191	Neuhori	Winston-Salem, N. C.
192	Kandyia	Indianapolis, Indiana
193	Poughkeepsie	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
194	Blackhawk	Rockford, Illinois
195	St. George	Pittsfield, Mass.
196	Elmira	Elmira, New York
197	Troy	Troy, New York
198	Spartanburg	Spartanburg, S. C.
199	General Caster	Fargo, North Dakota
200	San Jose	San Jose, California
201	Cyprian	Elizabeth, New Jersey
202	Mercure	Wellsville, New York
203	Pucastello	Pucastello, Idaho
204	Regas Faras	Newport, N. H.
205	Sacramento	Sacramento, Calif.
206	Englewood	Chicago, Illinois
207	Stockton	Stockton, California
208	Miners	Bingham Canyon, Utah

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212	Mountain City
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215	Louis Joliet
216	Capital City

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221	Blugrass
222	Crown
223	Duke
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CHAPTERS OF THE DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

Number	Chapter Name
1	Eos
2	Arct
3	Electra
4	Echo
5	Artemis
6	Olympus
7	Nausica
8	Althea
9	Bellas
10	Athena
11	Hermione
12	Ariadne
13	Calypso
14	Andromache
15	Penelope
16	Apollo
17	Persephone
18	Sparta
19	Helios of Troy
20	Cassandra
21	Eurydice
22	Ithaca
23	Musa
24	Dodona
25	Iphigenia
26	Kirke
27	Alcmene
28	Themis
29	Daphne
30	Pallas Athena
31	Hebe
32	Troy
33	Demetra
34	Pallas
35	Antigone
36	Everklea
37	Aphrodite
38	Zeus
39	Athena
40	Charis
41	Hermes
42	Helios
43	Alkander
44	Odyssus
45	Herakles
46	Alkippe
47	Diomedes
48	Icarus
49	Ares
50	Pleiades
51	Ilios
52	Adraste

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Columbus, Ohio
Alliance, Nebraska
Oklahoma City, Okla.
Stockton, California
Albuquerque, N. Mex.
Moline, Illinois
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Marquette, Michigan
Toledo, Ohio
Kalamazoo, Michigan
Fort Wayne, Indiana
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San Jose, California
Buffalo, New York
Warren, Ohio
Portland, Oregon
Brooklyn, New York
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Minneapolis, Minn.
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Dix, Maine, Iowa
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Mason City, Iowa
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Rochester, N. Y.
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Jersey City, N. J.
Newport, Rhode Island
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53	Menelao
54	Achala
55	Nestor
56	Imo
57	Atlas
58	Aurora
59	Leda
60	Gala
61	Epikaste
62	Periboea
63	Lefkothea
64	Phaedra
65	Teneos
66	Iphimede
67	Phoenicia
68	Antikleia
69	Telemachus
70	Klimene
71	Leto
72	Thousa
73	Achilles
74	Argos
75	Krete
76	Priam
77	Maia
78	Orastes
79	Charal
80	Agamemnon
81	Mentor
82	Pylos
83	Lampete
84	Hebe
85	Aikinos
86	Thetis
87	Arcthusa
88	Thesous
89	Elios
90	Mossene
91	Marathon
92	Melanthe
93	Amphithea
94	Hyperia
95	Aeolia
96	Patroklos
97	Diana-Artemis
98	Homar
99	Aia
100	Chrysa
101	Paris
102	Venus
103	Delos
104	Ourania
105	Teopichore

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106	Chryseis
107	Hector
108	Eurynome
109	Antiope
110	Cynthia
111	Polydama
112	Althea
113	Megara
114	Laodamas
115	Parnassos
116	Aesula
117	Galatea
118	Thalia
119	Melita
120	Zelus
121	Danae
122	Theano
123	Myrina
124	Elyvia
125	Phoentz
126	Aethe
127	Alceste
128	Medea
129	(Incomplete)
130	Orion
131	Aritha
132	Ithome
133	Haris
134	Niobe
135	Hion
136	Hbea
137	Myrale
138	Erstria
139	Eriphyle
140	Agathon
141	Psithes
142	Tiresias
143	Dione
144	Aglaia
145	Ladona
146	Phoebus
147	Zephyrus
148	Thibe
149	Xanthus
150	Hellepont
151	Amphitrite
152	Mantinea
153	Aethes
154	Rhene
155	Chrysothemis
156	Isian
157	Doris

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Number	Chapter Name
1	Sparta
2	Althea
3	Diana
4	Ariadne
5	Athena
6	Parthenon
7	Aphrodite
8	Aeropollis
9	Arct
10	Evangeline
11	Elpis
12	Gate City
13	St. George
14	Artemis
15	BBB
16	Electra
17	Theta Tau Epsilon
18	Minerva
19	Castalia
20	Phoebe
21	Delphi
22	The Muses
23	Erechtheion
24	Aurora
25	Daughters of Hellas
26	Iris
27	Olympic
28	Citrus
29	Phi Alpha Pi
30	Alpha Delta Sigma
31	Faith

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Hopewell, Virginia
Wheeling, W. Va.
Butte, Montana
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32	Alpha Phi He
33	Demetra
34	Memphis
35	Inhigenia
36	Thalia
37	Vermont
38	Allegra
39	Niki
40	Jane Adams (Jama)
41	Rhodanthe
42	Aeolia
43	Progressive
44	Keene
45	Epsilon Sigma Delta
46	Ma Omicron Alpha
47	Dirigo
48	Sophia
49	Daubne
50	Biddeford-Saco
51	Schenectady
52	Mount Royal
53	Hebe
54	Lewiston-Auburn
55	Theta Tau Pi
56	Pi Sigma Tau
57	Alexandria
58	Galatea
59	Rhea
60	Alpha
61	Canonburg
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74	Hartford
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77	Thermopylae
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82	Themis
83	YKK
84	Cynthia
85	Dawn
86	Sigma Alpha
87	Delta
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89	Uranis
90	Persephone
91	Lydia
92	Delta Phi
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Greek War Relief Joins American Overseas Aid, Inc.

BY WILLIAM HELLS

On September 24th President Truman called to the White House 102 national leaders in the fields of business, labor, education, religion, and welfare work, along with representatives from the United Nations.

Welcoming the delegates, the President explained that Europe faced a winter of great need. Crop reports were discouraging; industry had not made a comeback. Everywhere the poor were looking to America for food. And while our government had a vast rehabilitation program in the making, said the President, a voluntary campaign would be necessary to show these peoples that we in America felt kindly toward them and would show their feelings through contributions so that nobody would starve. The President emphasized that such a campaign was the only way of supplementing the Government's program, and was the surest way of making Democracy work overseas.

The Presidential meeting was the outgrowth of a movement begun months ago by our State Department. At that time, its Advisory Committee on Voluntary Aid, headed by Mr. Charles P. Taft, had met with the heads of national foreign relief agencies and with representatives of the United Nations Appeal for Children. They worked out a plan to unite all drives seeking funds for the needy overseas. The plan was adopted and given the official name of American Overseas Aid, Inc. This organization will conduct a nation-wide drive during the month of February, 1948.

These men selected Lee Marshall, chairman of the board of Continental Baking Company, as national chairman of the drive. I need not comment on what a wise choice this selection was. Mr. Marshall gained recognition in the War Food Administration during the war, and we of the Greek War Relief know him as our New York chairman during the 1947 Drive. He knows the problems of feeding a hungry world. He knows, too, how to raise the money to do this job. It was at his request that the meeting with the President was held.

The leaders present at that meeting have pledged themselves to this difficult task. Representing our people were His Grace Archbishop Athenagoras, Spyros P. Skouras, Gregory Taylor, Evangelos Hardaloupas, Stephen Stephanides and myself. Other outstanding Americans on the Board are: James S. Adams, Standard Brands, Inc.; Edward Arnold and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., movie stars; C. M. Bookman, Executive Committee, Community Chest; Edward E. Brown, First National Bank of Chicago; Henry Bruers, Bowery Savings Bank; James B. Carey, Secretary-Treasurer, CIO; Gardner Cowles, Look Magazine; Chester C. Davis, Federal Reserve Bank; R. R. Deupre, Proctor and Gamble; Will H. Hays; Paul G. Hoffman, Studebaker Corp.; Honorable Herbert Hoover; Honorable Herbert H. Lehman; Henry R. Luce, Time, Inc.; Donald Nelson; His Eminence Francis J. Cardinal Spellman; Edward R. Stettinius; Gerald Swope; Honorable Charles P. Taft; and Martin Hill, Deputy Secretary General, United Nations; to list only a few.

A Campaign of Hearts

The Board of Directors expressed their purposes eloquently when it was stated "that this united campaign must go beyond government loans and Marshall plans; it must be a campaign of hearts plus dollars." And we as Americans of Greek descent know how true these words are.

Before and during the war, we sent money and aid to our friends and relatives in Greece. Since the end of that great struggle, our societies have worked with Greek War Relief to build hospitals, to give foster homes to orphans and to feed and clothe the hungry. We have given from our hearts—and we have asked our American friends to do likewise. They

have helped us, but we must realize that other demands have also been made on their resources. Now we must ask ourselves which is the best way to continue these broad programs of health and welfare.

It seems to me that our course is obvious. Our Government has granted loans to Greece totaling \$350,000,000. Many Americans feel that this sum, if spent wisely, should take care of Greece. But we who are more closely allied with the problems of our former homeland know that this is not true. More aid will be needed. How then can we best supply Greece with the funds it so desperately needs?

In my opinion we must work wholeheartedly on the only nation-wide fund raising drive that can succeed today. It is this American Overseas Aid plan. The Allocations Committee has before it the \$7,072,000 budget of the Greek War Relief for 1948. Other agencies submitting their budgets include the Catholics, Quakers, Lutherans, and Church World Service, as well as China Relief and other groups representing war-torn lands abroad. It is the first time since the National War Fund that these groups have united in a national fund-raising campaign. The success of their efforts will depend upon the measure of support they receive from each nationality group.

We must remember how we volunteered for the National War Fund; how we called on our friends for funds; how we volunteered to do any task that was assigned to us. Again, we must join—regardless of our affiliations—with local community and civic groups in our towns and cities, and pledge ourselves to this new task. We know what it means. And we can pride ourselves on our ability to do hard work.

Your answer must be given when local American Overseas Aid Committees are set up in your communities. You will be asked to join. I urge every American of Greek origin to answer cheerfully and be ready not only to give—but to work.

There is no place left to which to turn for regeneration except to America. We must answer that call or we shall fall civilization in its most tragic moment, and thus fall ourselves. We cannot do it by plans, grants, subsidies, bonuses or pious resolves. We can do it only by showing the real might of America—by justice; by helpfulness which insists upon self-help, and finally, by production and still more production. Then will come a respite in which the world may bind its wounds. Then man will find work so that he and those dear to him may live in a manner of his own choosing.—Bernard M. Baruch.

Help for Greece

"Greece, change thy lords—thy land is still the same!" So wrote Lord Byron a century ago when Greece, once a great and glamorous nation, was at its lowest ebb in many generations. For the sake of all that Greece has been to the world in ancient and also in modern times, it would be a great pity and foolish loss if that nation were not provided with the help that she immediately needs.

It is not now a mere matter of "changing lords" but of providing help to keep a famous and still useful nation from sinking into helplessness and decay. For the sake of her ancient glory and also of the usefulness of which she is still capable, Greece should be helped in her present troubles. Our free America, which herself has learned so much from Greece through the years, should be the first to recognize her obligations.

It is well to recognize also that there is too much danger to the world in letting Greece slip into being "another Spain"—rehearsal ground for a serious war.

The basic elements that once made Greece great are now dead. Her decline was due to failure of leadership. Wise leadership is reborn, as it will be some day, Greece may again become culturally as well as politically great.—Harry Flournoy
The Charleston Gazette.

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In This Issue

THE FRONT COVER:

Our photographer struck a beautiful and happy ensemble of Grecian smiling eyes. California's Daughters and Maids had put on their native costumes and came down to the Union Terminal to receive the excursionists on the special Convention train arriving from all parts of the country in the fair city of the Angels for the serious business of the Convention and the lighter moments of making friends and making merry. This is one of few pictures that one should cherish among his Ahepa memorabilia.

OUR NEW ADMINISTRATION:

This issue contains the pre-election report of our new Supreme President Helis, his inaugural message and a special message by our new Supreme Lodge. Members will be eager to consider these statements carefully and to give the benefit of their experience with Ahepa matters to our new leaders for a better and grander Ahepa of all of us, by all of us, for all of us. Let us bear in mind that unless we all pull together, very little can be accomplished. Without a forthright, honest, aggressive leadership we cannot progress; without a sympathetic, sincere, purposeful cooperation our leaders cannot succeed. Our duty is self-evident.

OUR NEW EDITOR AND HISTORIAN:

Dr. Kimon A. Doukas has been editing and publishing our national magazine since September, 1944, when the then Supreme President, George C. Vournas, called him to Washington for the job. With a few months' interim, during which he served our State Department on two missions to Greece, Kimon has been our managing editor. This year, however, the Supreme Lodge has considered the fact that the Supreme President acts as editor only by virtue of his office and, as was the case in the past, takes little part, if any, in the actual editing of our magazine. We decided, therefore, to elevate our good brother Doukas to the editorship. In addition, we have appointed him as the Historian of the Order of Ahepa for the purpose of gathering all data pertaining to the inception and growth of our Fraternity. In this twofold task he needs our sympathy and cooperation.—W. H.

OUR 21ST NATIONAL CONVENTION:

This is a special Convention issue. Everything that took place in Los Angeles last August, as officially reported by our stenographers, is reprinted herein. Members should study these proceedings and conduct themselves accordingly. The social events, such as the picnic on Sunday, the receptions by the Daughters, the Banquet, and others were not included for lack of space.

THE NEW FORMAT:

It was the overwhelming conviction of the delegates to our Convention that this magazine could not meet its operating expenses with the meager contribution of 50c from each member. Since this per capita share was allocated to THE AHEPAN many years ago, the printing and publishing costs have more than doubled and trebled. Yet, for some reason, the proposal of increasing the magazine share from 50c to \$1 made by the Magazine Committee was not acted upon by the Legislative Committee. Mindful of their pledges and responsibilities, the Supreme Lodge have decided to remain within their budget and cut down on the magazine expenses as much as possible. Therefore, THE AHEPAN will hereafter be published in a restricted format of only 32 pages every two months. This new format will necessarily limit the available space for fraternal and other news, until additional sources are discovered for an enlarged edition.

TRAGEDY THAT IS GREECE:

We call the attention of our members to the article contributed by *The Times* European correspondent Dana Adams Schmidt. With the exception of the changes recently made in the Greek cabinet membership, the facts as reported therein remain substantially the same.

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From The— EDITOR'S DESK

Crowned Queen of Festival



Miss Mary Frangoulis

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Miss Mary Frangoulis was crowned Queen of Love and Beauty at the 1947 Festival Coronation and Grand Ball presented by *St. Louis* Chapter No. 55, on May 25, 1947, in the Gold Room of the Hotel Jefferson.

Over 1,800 St. Louisans and visiting dignitaries attended the impressively staged ceremony at which Her Majesty, the 1947 Ahepa Queen and the Maids of Honor of Her Royal Court were formally presented. Miss Lucia King, Maid of Honor to Her Majesty, The Veiled Prophet Queen, was among the distinguished guests as was Rev. Dr. Ernest W. Riggs, American president of Anatolia College, Salonika, Greece, who was in the party of Thomas James of St. Louis.

Miss Angeline Lekometros was announced as Special Maid of Honor to Her Majesty, while Miss Mary Lou Pando, Miss Alexandra Alatris and Miss Cleo Michalas were Maids of Honor to the 1947 Court. Nicola Moscona, famed Metropolitan Opera Baritone-Bass, appeared as guest soloist.

Miss Mary Frangoulis in all her splendor, beauty and glory as Ahepa Queen, will rule and reign over her loyal subjects during her term and tenure. She is the daughter of Mrs. Praxitheia and the late Mr. John Frangoulis of St. Louis. Miss Frangoulis was Maid of

Honor to the Ahepa Queen of 1945 and has attended Washington University where she majored in Psychology. While at the University, she took an active interest in dramatics and music and finds an enjoyable interest in painting as a hobby.

The gold room of the Hotel Jefferson was transformed into a Royal Hall of Beauty with colorful spring flowers set in pattern about the extended platform on which the President of *St. Louis* Chapter No. 53, Gus G. Cookoulis, received the 1947 Ahepa Queen and the Maids of Honor of her royal court.

Among the many Ahepans who attended were: Christ Anton, Past District Governor of 13th District, A. T. Tsoumas, District Governor, Zack T. Ritzos, Supreme Counselor and Nicholas Giovan, Past Supreme Secretary.

Stalwarts of Resistance



On the Mountains of Greece

DETROIT, MICH.—We are pleased to present a few of those who made news battling the nazi invader of Greece from the inaccessible mountains of the country during four long years. This picture was sent to us by one of our members, George D. Raptieu, (standing, extreme right) who served as quartermaster with American, British and Greek paratroopers.

George belongs to the great Raptieu family who have actively participated in the progress and expansion of our Order in Michigan. George is a member of *Alpha* Chapter No. 40, which he helped organize and served as president for five years. While in Greece, he served as member of the Allied Military Mission and was awarded a citation by Field Marshal Alexander.

The Buckeye "Bulletin"

CLEVELAND, O.—Since their last district convention, a bulletin is being issued under the editorship of District

Secretary John Kras and distributed to all members of *Buckeye* District No. 11, comprising Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky. The bulletin is at present mimeographed and contains all important news and activities of district chapters.

The Winnahs!

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Champion team of *Blue Ribbon* No. 13th District of the Maids' first bowling tournament, held last May at the Sports-Bowl, was *Alpha Phi He* Chapter No. 32 of Milwaukee. Congratulations Chris Gaveras, Midge Gaveras, Sophie Prodromus, Rolla Tseffos and Violet Prodromus for winning a trophy for your chapter, plus a smaller trophy for yourselves. Helen Pallis of *Jacma* Chapter No. 40 of Chicago won a trophy for highest scoring, and Stella Fallas of *Delphi* Chapter No. 78, also of Chicago, received a trophy for highest scoring in the individual bowling.

The trophies were awarded at a banquet held at "Marie's Grotto" immediately following the tournament, where those attending received souvenirs of miniature bowling pins and balls with the inscription "Maids—1947." Speakers were District Advisor George Miller, who presented the trophies, and District Governor Sophie Prodromus.

Along with this report, we have also received the following song to be sung, we are told, to "Elmer's Tune":

THE MAIDS' TUNE

Why are we girls always merry — so happy and gay?

What do you think is the reason that keeps us that way?

It's not Van Johnson — or nylons — or two weeks' pay.

WE ARE IN THE MAIDS!

Why all that vim and vitality — vigor and pep!

It's not just "Wheaties" that gives added lilt to our step!

So just a word to the wise now — wake up and get hep!

JOIN UP WITH THE MAIDS!

Listen — Listen . . . There's a lot you're liable to be missin'.

Meetings — Dances — Parties — Trips — they keep coming our way.

So join *Elysium*, or *Delphi*, or *Alpha Phi He!*

Or come to *Jacma*, *Dahana* or *Themis* — and see.

Why you'll wake up every morning and shout with glee!

"I AM IN THE MAIDS"!!

Contributed by *Rula*.

Congratulations, Fair Maids, and may your song become universal!

Kenneth A. Poulos
Editor.

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Greek women in black, mourning for their fathers, husbands, brothers, lost unnecessarily in civil strife against one another.

MODERN TRAGEDY THAT IS GREECE

By Dana Adams Schmidt

New York Times Correspondent

Athens is the expensive, somewhat dissipated capital of ravaged Greece. The Greeks are at war, struggling desperately with incalculable internal and external forces. But it is possible to live in Athens and never know that a war is in progress.

Here in the capital, Greek wealth is concentrated. Well-to-do Athenians gravitate toward the city's center—the site of ponderous government buildings; of the fine flats of the Kolonaki district; of the royal palace with its killed Evzones; of the leading hotels.

It was in the fashionable center of Athens that the British held out against the ELAS (the fighting force dominated by the Communists) during the revolution of December, 1944. Now, in the air-cooled lounge and bar of the Hotel Grande Bretagne, the Americans have succeeded the British, who succeeded the Germans, who succeeded the prosperous tourists of prewar days. The smaller but more modern King George Hotel, next door to the Grande Bretagne, is headquarters for Dwight P. Griswold, the ex-Governor of Nebraska, who is currently chief of the American Mission.

Although Mr. Griswold is the representative of a country championing free enterprise, it will paradoxically be part of his task to try to tighten economic controls. Probably by way of example, he has austere chosen to set up a mess with United States Army rations, but for the monied and irresponsible there is no lack of anything in Athens. Not far away the peasants are half-starved, but in the capital rich Athenians still eat their pastries and whipped cream, their Scotch and their French wines, their nylons and American cigarettes.

At the beach and in the suburbs there are delightful restaurants. There are tennis clubs, yacht clubs, night clubs. In all these, austerity is something that happens in England. An

aide to the American Mission remarked his surprise at the lavish displays in many Athenian shops, at the offerings of American refrigerators, bathing suits and magazines.

Even those vendors who sell their wares from carts or trays offer goods of United States origin—shirts, socks, candy, cigarettes and enough combs, toothpaste and soap to keep Athenians neat and sweet for years, provided they have the purchase price. Such wares are a monument to economic irresponsibility, a terrible waste of Greece's slender resources of foreign exchange. The waste these imports represent is one of Mr. Griswold's problems.

The middle class—a precarious circle of small merchants, shopkeepers and bureaucrats—has not been helped by the present order of things. Largely ruined by an inflation that has sent the drachma from 150 to 5,000 to the dollar (that is the official rate; the black market rate is 3,000 to the dollar) the middle class lives outside the charmed circle of the rich and foreigners. But, like the rich, the middle class patronizes the innumerable Athenian sidewalk cafes, talking incessantly in traditional Athens fashion and clinging to "philotimo," an important word in the Greek vocabulary, meaning self-respect.

The Majority of Greeks Live in Poverty

This class keeps up appearances but is only one jump ahead of the poverty-stricken horde that swarms through miles and miles of cobble side streets. Countless shoeshine boys and little flower girls ply their trades among the cafe tables from morning till after midnight. Athens is a city of self-employment or, more exactly, of those to whom the capital can offer no real employment but who manage to eke out a marginal existence.

These are the Greeks who live in colonies of shacks and mud-and-straw huts on the Athenian outskirts. They are peasants who have come to town but found no opportunity. They are refugees of the Nineteen Twenties from Asia Minor; refugees from villages destroyed by the Germans or the Italians or the Bulgarians; refugees from the continuing war between the guerrillas and the Greek Army.

Really desperate misery begins outside Athens, in the dusty villages among the seared hills of Epirus, Macedonia and Thrace. After seven years of fighting Greece is a land of 100,000 orphans, of 180,000 uprooted peasants, of 1,700 burned villages. The bone growth of children has been so retarded by lack of food that a recent group of visiting American Congressmen underestimated children's ages by two to four years. In many villages of Epirus 25 per cent of the children have tuberculosis.

Yet the omnipresent hunger is caused not so much by lack of food as by lack of transportation. Late-model limousines glide over the Athenian asphalt, but Greece needs trucks, buses, locomotives. The destruction of bridges, railways and coastal shipping has been so devastating that butter brought from Australia is cheaper in Athens than butter brought from Corfu.

At this season food stocks should be moving to mountain villages against approaching winter. But food is not moving because of the disruption of communications and the guerrilla fighting. In villages round Karpenissi west of Lamia, where the gendarmerie has ordered peasants not to go into fields lest they give the guerrillas food, crops are unharvested and cattle run wild. Cases of outright starvation have been reported.

Three elements are involved in the internal tragedy of Greece—the Government, the Communists and the masses of the people. The Government was chosen by a parliament elected in balloting that was internationally observed and that was far more honest than this part of the world is accustomed to. But the parliamentary election was not wholly representative of the Greek people. The Communists and several other extreme left-wing groups, including Eam (the political coalition dominated by the Communists), refused to take part in the voting. Thus, it is estimated, from 25 to 40 per cent of the eligible voters stayed away from the polls. Moreover, the election took place at a time when some sections of the nation were gripped by fear of communism. It now seems clear that the outcome was far to the right of the real sentiments of the Greek people.

The Americans Seek to Liberalize Government

The United States, as represented by the embassy and the Griswold mission, has made it reasonably clear that while the integrity of Greece is to be maintained, Washington holds no brief for the present Greek Government. Though respect for election results is a limiting factor, American influence is now being applied to liberalize the Government.

There are sixteen Cabinet members, eight of whom belong to the royalist Populist party. Dimitrios Maximos, the former Prime Minister, is an aged gentleman who has neither party nor gifts of leadership. He was put in office simply to still the ambitions of the six other parties represented in the Government along with the Populists. The real Prime Minister, with the title of Deputy Prime Minister, is Constantine Tsaldaris. He heads the Populist party but is not well liked.

The Government's strong man, and the Minister to whom liberals most object, was Napoleon Zervas, leader of the National party and Minister of Public Order. The most extreme conservative in the Government, and the noisiest, he ran the only substantial right-wing resistance movement during the German occupation and boasts high-powered financial backing.

Since the war's end the Populists have thoroughly penetrated the administrative bureaucracy, police and gendarmerie. Built mainly on fear of communism and on nationalist aspirations, the party offers few constructive ideas. Its influence has hardly invigorated the swarms of semi-idle, underpaid civil servants



Shoeshine boys ply their trades among the cafe tables

who justify their existence and save their egos by cultivating obtuseness and delay.

Some higher ranking officials achieve real distinction by the brevity of their working hours. Arriving late, they sip Turkish coffee and indulge in social chitchat until after 1 o'clock. After the inevitable afternoon siesta they return to their offices.

American officials in Greece must contend with such Government tricks as censorship of the Voice of America programs over Radio Athens. When transcripts of these Radio Athens broadcasts are read, it is usual to find the parenthetical note, "Transmission was interrupted here," at points where opinions not to the liking of the Government were quoted on the American program.

It is the view of the United States Government that Greece is in grave peril. This peril results from the guerrilla warfare being waged against the Greek Government by Communist-led bands actively supported by Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia and by the Communist Party of Greece. It is perfectly clear that the governments of the three northern countries are working in close conjunction with the Greek Communists with a common objective: The establishment in Greece of a minority, totalitarian government which would be subservient to the Communist-controlled countries. — U. S. Deputy Representative Herschel V. Johnson.

In Government circles, fluent in exposing the viciousness of the Communists but slow to offer counter-ideas or plans for a better life, objectivity is not admired. Objective American newspaper men are unpopular in the official set. Some Americans who are hardly able to distinguish a Marxist from a mao-roon have been startled to discover that in Athens they are labeled Communists.

The army which the Government employs to combat Greece's Communist bands has been called inadequate both in equipment and in the type of training it received from the British, who, incidentally, have not yet entirely withdrawn from the country. Steps to correct military inefficiency are under way.



Northern villagers build a pillbox to repulse attack by guerrillas

forty commando companies have been formed. The Government is pressing the American Mission for more and larger deliveries of arms, especially mountain guns. Although United States experts think that the army needs reorganization more than it needs enlargement, the Government is determined to increase its present strength of 130,000.

Smart British uniforms have done much to improve Greek Army morale. It is said that troops who once never dreamed of shaving more than once a week now shave, in their pride of uniform, daily. Occasionally pro-guerrilla sentiment has been observed among the troops, but the army is taking great care not to recruit Communists.

Just how many Communists there are in Greece is a matter of guesswork. A good guess is half a million supporters, including some 200,000 outright party members. During the December, 1944, revolution the Communists, acting through EAM and ELAS, almost succeeded in seizing power. They were put down mainly by the strength of the British Army. Thereupon, many ELAS Communists fled to Yugoslavia.

Early last year, after a dormant period, ELAS reappeared, as the "Democratic Army," commanded by the mysterious Markos Vafiadis, alias Marcopoulos. His headquarters now boasts a radio transmitter and broadcasts twice daily. The price of Vafiadis' head is 20,000,000 drachmas.

Russian Satellites Equip the Guerrillas

The Communist army's real bases of operations are in Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania. As the United Nations subcommission has amply established, these Russian satellites equip the guerrillas, tend their wounded and provide them sanctuary.

The guerrilla bands, organized around a core of Communist ELAS veterans, currently move from north to south along Greece's geographic backbone, the Pindus Mountains and the lateral ranges.

The real boss of the newly proclaimed "Free Government" is Nicos Zachariades, the leader of the Greek Communist party, who rates second among Balkan Communists only to Georgi Dimitrov of Bulgaria. Along with most other members of the Communist Central Committee, Zachariades is in hiding. The

Greek police cannot lay hands on him, but Communists claim that he travels freely.

The strength of the Communist bands is estimated at 15,000 men. It is still increasing and grows in boldness as it grows in size. The usual size for a band is 100 to 200 men, but during July a column of 1,500 to 3,000 spread terror among the villages of previously quiet Epirus.

Bands of that size begin to acquire a genuine military significance, but guerrilla warfare has so far been mainly economic. The bands systematically mine roads, attack passing trucks, cut down telegraph poles. In some areas they make the peasants afraid to go into the fields. In other areas they make the Government afraid that if the peasants do go into the fields, they will feed the Communists. Either way, the bands interfere with farming. In general, the Communists make reconstruction impossible.

Actually, not more than 15 to 30 per cent of the guerrillas are Communists by conviction. Some members have been recruited by force or are the kind of youngsters who prefer the dangers of the mountains to the grinding poverty of the refugee and the unemployed. Others are young romantics who still cherish a heroic vision of ELAS defying the oppressor.

Unquestionably, the harsh, repressive measures of the army and, more especially, of the police, the gendarmerie and the home-guard units called MAY have boomeranged and helped to create pro-Communist sympathy.

The great majority of the Greek people are caught between the right-wing Government and the Communists. They are the victims, some say, of stupidity on one hand and evil on the other. In the heat of the present struggle they are often forced to choose one side or the other. Free from pressure, the average Greek is far too liberal-minded to embrace a right-wing party and far too individualistic to submit to Communist discipline.

Since the war's end the Greeks have been supported by UNRRA, British, American and private relief. For a time Athens and many other parts of the nation lived almost entirely on UNRRA food. Relief supplements still account for 400 to 600 calories per person per day. It has been a case of propping up the nation and holding it together as if it were an ancient statue on the point of collapse. But for outside aid Greece today would surely have been submerged by communism and

The summit of Communist hopes and aspirations is, in the last analysis, today as in Lenin's time, a complete change of the world's political, economic, social and cultural setup, and at the base of Soviet foreign policy lies the desire to make the world safe for communism or sovietism. — U. S. Library of Congress Report.

become a Russian satellite.

In the future of this hapless, engaging people the United States has a vital stake. First, it has a moral stake. Having proclaimed the Truman Doctrine and picked up the burden, or part of the burden, which the British are no longer strong enough to bear, the United States has made a commitment to the Greek people. In effect, it has guaranteed Greek integrity.

Second, it has a strategic stake. If Greece becomes a Soviet satellite, the flank of both Turkey and Italy will have been turned. Turkey will be indefensible, Italy precarious.

Third, it has an economic stake. American interests in Greece are negligible, but in the Middle East they are great. The United States needs Middle Eastern oil, in peace and war. Russian domination of Greece would threaten American interests in the Middle East.

The questions Americans have to decide are: Whether they meant it when, through President Truman, they said to the Russians, "So far and no farther"; whether they are willing to back their decision by continuing to aid Greece and Turkey not merely for twelve months but for as long as aid is needed; and, finally, whether, if need be, they are willing to send troops.

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MEET THE SUPREME LODGE FOR 1947-48 (l. to r.) front row: Peter L. Bell, William Helis, John G. Thevos, Zack T. Ritsos; back row: Peter N. Derzis, James J. Starr, Aristides Georgiades, George Bezaitis—as fine a group of Ahepans as we have them!

Special Message of the Supreme Lodge

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF AHEPA:

We, who have been chosen by your representatives at the 21st National Convention, in Los Angeles, to constitute the Supreme Lodge for the ensuing year, extend to you our fraternal greetings and solicit your gracious good will and steadfast cooperation in our efforts to carry out the trust committed to us by the Order.

In the very near future we shall convey to you a detailed account of the present state of the Fraternity regarding the status of our membership, the financial condition of our several departments, the programs to be executed and the policies to be followed by this administration as directed by the Convention.

As perhaps you have already learned, the Convention at Los Angeles has brought back the Ahepa to its normal course by enacting legislation which is calculated to safeguard the rights of the members and chapters, to keep the Fraternity out of external political disputes, to complete the health program in Greece as it was outlined by the Baltimore Convention, and to solve the problems and serve the needs of our members.

The accomplishment of these objectives will be possible only through the sacrifice and unselfish devotion of every Ahepan.

With warm regards and esteem,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
WILLIAM HELIS, *Supreme President*

JOHN G. THEVOS, *Supreme Vice-President*
PETER L. BELL, *Supreme Secretary*
ARISTIDES G. GEORGIADES, *Supreme Treasurer*
ZACK T. RITSOS, *Supreme Counsellor*

GEORGE BEZAITIS, *Supreme Governor*
PETER N. DERZIS, *Supreme Governor*
JAMES J. STARR, *Supreme Governor*
TIM BASS, *Supreme Governor (Canada)*

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

The Twenty-first National Convention of the Order of Ahepa was called to order at ten forty-five o'clock in the Philharmonic Auditorium, Los Angeles, California, Mr. E. J. Fostinis, Chairman of the Convention Executive Committee, presiding.

His Eminence, Most Reverend Archbishop Athenagoras, presided over the invocation ceremonies following the singing of the Greek National Anthem and the "Star-Spangled Banner."

There were brief addresses of welcome by Mr. Fostinis on behalf of the Host Chapter, *Hesperia* No. 152, and by Miss Kay Brotsis on behalf of *Alkandre* Chapter No. 43, Daughters of Penelope.

The Convention then heard an address by His Eminence, Most Reverend Archbishop Athenagoras, in the Greek language.

Brother Fostinis introduced District Governor George Nachicas; Brother George Brotsis, President of the Host Chapter; Brother John Cardoso, President of the Hollywood Chapter; Brother Tom Philos, President of the Greek Community of Los Angeles, California; Reverend George Mestakides, Pastor of the Greek Community; and Brother George Christopher, Supervisor of the City and County of San Francisco.

Grand President Poppy X. Mitchell of the Daughters of Penelope thanked the representatives of the Host Chapters for their generous and cordial words of welcome.

The Honorable Fletcher Bowron, the Mayor of Los Angeles, extended greetings and welcome to the delegates to the Convention on behalf of the City of Los Angeles.

The members of the Supreme Lodge were introduced and the Supreme President and the Supreme Vice-President pleaded for unity among Greek-Americans in facing the problems ahead. A suggestion was offered by the Supreme President for later consideration by the Convention of extending the fraternal brotherhood of the Order of Ahepa to other countries where persons of Greek descent reside, with the possibility of holding an international Ahepa Convention in Athens every fourth year.

The Supreme President introduced various members of the Mother Lodge and District Governors present.

The session adjourned at twelve o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The first business session convened at three-twenty o'clock, Supreme President Booras presiding.

Sam Hanna, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Constantine Pelias, New

Orleans, Louisiana, were appointed marshals and the password was taken from those present.

Following the invocation, the Supreme President introduced the other members of the Supreme Lodge.

The report of the Credentials Committee was presented by Chairman Nicholas Economou.

Reports of progress and achievement were made by the following District Governors: No. 1—Pete Lezos; No. 2—Nick Jack; No. 3—Speros A. Versis; No. 4—William Serras, Lieut. Governor, representing District Governor Peter J. Carras; No. 5—James A. Millis; No. 6—George H. Miller; No. 8—Andrew Dedopoulos; No. 9—John S. Caraphil; No. 10—Socrates V. Sekles; No. 11—Peter Kourmoules; No. 13—A. T. Tsoumas; No. 15—Stephen A. Prayson; No. 16—Steve Pappas, Lieut. Governor, representing District Governor Mike Colias; Nos. 17-19—Panayes G. Dikeou; No. 20—George Nachicas; No. 21—George Bezaitis, and No. 22—Nick Carras.

Supreme Governor Tim Bass, representing the Canadian Jurisdiction, reported the progress and achievements of the Canadian Chapters.

Peter Boudoures, having early in the session attempted to bring before the Convention the matter of his suspension by the Supreme President, both he and the Supreme President were permitted to present their respective versions of the circumstances leading to the suspension, upon the conclusion of which the Supreme President revoked the suspension of Brother Boudoures, thus permitting his being seated as a delegate to the Convention.

The session adjourned at seven-thirty o'clock.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

The session convened at ten-forty o'clock, Supreme Vice-President Helis presiding.

C. G. Garrison, Kansas City, pronounced the invocation.

The Credentials Committee reported the voting strength of the Convention to be 130 full votes, 192 half votes, making a total of 226 votes.

The chair appointed the following Tellers to serve during the balloting for Convention officers: Socrates P. Zolotas, William Essaris, James J. Starr, Charles Davis Kotsilibas, Charles Diamond, Peter Geldes, Michael N. Hatsos, C. G. Paris, and William Belroy.

The chair declared the



Welcoming Archbishop Athenagoras (l. to r.): Dean Soles, George Brotsis, Kay Brotsis, Archbishop Athenagoras, E. J. Fostinis, Poppy Mitchell, S. J. Vamvas

floor open for nominations for the office of Convention Chairman, and the following nominations were made:

John Thevos, nominated by Past Supreme President Dean Alfange, seconded by Spyros Cosmos.

Stephen A. Scopas, nominated by William Belroy. S. Scopas declined the nomination and placed in nomination James A. Veras, which nomination was seconded by Spiros Stamos.

George Rousse, nominated by John A. Drossos, seconded by Steve Pappas.

Nominations for Convention Chairman were closed.

The Credentials Committee reported the voting strength of the Convention for the election of Convention Chairman to be 133 full votes, 196 half votes, making a total of 231 votes.

In the balloting for Convention Chairman 129 full votes and 193 half votes were cast, a total of 225½ votes.

The result of the balloting was: Thevos 115, Veras 81½, Rousse 27. Whereupon, Thevos was declared duly elected Convention Chairman.

The session adjourned at two-five o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The session convened at three-thirty-five o'clock, Supreme Vice-President Helis presiding.

The Credentials Committee reported the voting strength of the Convention to be 132 full votes, 199 half votes, a total of 231½ votes.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Convention voted to combine the balloting for Convention Vice-Chairman and Convention Secretary. Whereupon, the chair declared the floor open for nominations for the office of Convention Vice-Chairman, and the following nominations were made:

Peter L. Bell, nominated by Past Supreme President Van A. Nomikos, seconded by Pete N. Derzis.

George Rousse, nominated by A. T. Tsoumas, seconded by Steve Pappas.

Nominations for Convention Vice-Chairman were closed and the chair declared the floor open for nominations for the office of Convention Secretary, which follow:

Stephen Roumell, nominated by Charles Diamond, seconded by Tom State. Roumell, however, declined the nomination.

Pantelis Lambros, nominated by Tom Phillos, seconded by John K. Douglas.

Edward Theodorow, nominated by Supreme Secretary Nicholas C. Giovan, seconded by C. G. Paris.

Nominations for Convention Secretary were closed.

In the balloting for Convention Vice-Chairman and Convention Secretary 115 full votes and 170 half votes were cast, a total of 200 votes.

The result of the balloting was:

Convention Vice-Chairman—Bell 120½, Rousse 76.

Convention Secretary—Lambros 144, Theodorow 52.

Bell and Lambros were thereupon declared duly elected Convention Vice-Chairman and Convention Secretary respectively.

The Convention officers—Chairman Thevos, Vice-Chairman Bell, and Secretary Lambros—were duly installed and their oaths of office administered.

Convention Chairman Thevos assumed the chair and paid tribute to the Mother Lodge members who founded the Order of Ahepa twenty-five years ago. Harry Angelopoulos, Mother Lodge member, responded on their behalf. The Convention officers expressed their appreciation and thanks to the assembly.

Vice-Chairman Bell thereupon assumed the chair, and the reports of Supreme Counsellor Ritsos and Supreme Secretary Giovan were read.

The meeting adjourned at six-fifty-five o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

The session convened at nine-forty o'clock, Chairman John Thevos presiding.

C. G. Garrison pronounced the invocation.

The following Supreme Lodge officers rendered their reports



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Dean Soles, S. J. Vamvas, and other Californians welcoming John Thevos and other New Jerseyites

to the Convention; Supreme Vice-President Helis, Supreme Treasurer Georgiades, Supreme Governor Bass, Supreme Governor Cotsakis, Supreme Governor Petros, Supreme Governor Vasiliou, Nicholas C. Conteas, National Director of Athletics, read his report.

The Supreme Lodge officers' reports were referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports, and the report of the National Director of Athletics was referred to the Athletics Committee.

Chairman Thevos announced the committee appointments, as follows:

Athletics: George Bezaitis, Chairman; Nicholas J. Melas, Vice-Chairman; Steve Pepps, Secretary; C. H. Pelias, George Hondros, Alex Vlahos, George Gerakites, Achilles Anton, Peter G. Samaras, Gus G. Christakes, John Leles, Steve L. Gineris, Alex J. Sotiros, Peter G. Batsakis, P. Brown, E. Zarcadoolos, George Menas, Angell Brown, Bill Rotas, Tom Fisher, Anthony Demetrakopoulos.

Sons of Pericles and Auxiliaries: Van A. Nomikos, Chairman; Peter Karagiannis, Vice-Chairman; Theo Costas, Tom State, J. K. Theo, Theodore Zolotas, Edward Theodorow, William Brillou, Nick Vlahos, Sam Hanna, Alex G. Leber, Tom Securis, George J. Pappas, John W. Lambros, Jr., E. Zarcadoolos, P. J. Peterson, James Petheriotes, Nick Theofilis, Theodore Petropoulos.

Appropriations and Budget: James J. Starr, Chairman; Louis Preonas, Vice-Chairman; George J. Pappas, Louis Vlahos, James Carlos, Paul Demos, Andrew Nicholson, James A. Milpis, Nick Carras, Pete Lambros, John Cocoris, Basil S. Milonas, Charles Tarabicos, Gus Davis, George N. Cominas, William Belroy, Chris Paparodis, Nick Carpos, Demetrios Petropoulos.

Hospital: Peter Boudoures, Chairman; Peter Kourides, Vice-Chairman; James Karafotias, Secretary; C. J. Critzas, George Polos, Dan Vlasopoulos, John A. Drossos, Nick Koumaris, George Stappas (Alabama), George Miller, Demetrios Parry, Stanley Stacy, Chris Paparodis, George Nachicas, Dean Alfange, A. T. Tsoumas, A. Vlassis, John D. Cretan, Tom Semos, William Belroy.

Magazine: C. G. Eronomou, Chairman; Peter Charuhas, Vice Chairman; Tom Koutsoukos, Peter Scarmoutsos, George Rousse, George Mehas, Peter J. Peterson, Peter Christ, Nick Rillakis, Steve Phill, Bill Alixander, Mike Chelonis, Andrew G. Beys, William Belroy, George Monos.

Legislative: Demetrios Parry, Chairman; Soterios Nicholson, Vice-Chairman; Peter Chumbris, Secretary; George Rousse, Charles N. Diamond, C. G. Garrison, Nicholas Loumos, Stephen Roumell, Nick Givers, Nick Govess, Andrew Vozeolas, Stephen Scopas, R. G. Contos, Steve Anastos, Gus J. Cutrubus, Louis P. Athas, Nick Stratton.

"Justice for Greece": George Johnson, Chairman; George Geroulis, Vice-Chairman; George C. Lambesis, Harry S. Scarpos, Peter Geldes, Nick Giannopoulos, A. C. Grivakis, P. C. Dakis, Gus Daskales, James J. Chimoures, William Essaris, Andrew Fasseas, Anthony Mentis.

Insurance: George K. Diamos, Chairman; George Paps, Vice-Chairman; John Marfis, Paul Kazakes, Nick Lefkelis, Spiros J. Kalivas, Mike George, Charles E. Athas, James Panos, C. G. Paris, George T. Poolitsan, George Polos (San Diego), James S. Petheriotes, George Ellis, John Chacharonis, Tom J. Katsenas, Philip Prassas, James P. Kappas, John A. Drossos.

Grievance: Charles Davis Kotsilibas, Chairman; Speros A. Versis, Alex Eliopoulos, Nicholas A. Polites, Christ Andrews, George Karashal, John Matsukes, Kenneth Giannos, William Belroy, George Stappas (Rhode Island), Theo Costas, C. G. Garrison, Wm. C. Bouramos, James Argyros, Peter Caravoulas, Charles N. Diamond, Peter Kitsos.

Excursion: C. J. Critzas, Chairman; Steve Anastos, Vice-Chairman; Angelus Caravageli, Peter Verges, James Yiannias, Socrates Sekles, Constantine Kanelakos, Nick S. Payne, William Kassios, Demetrios Petropoulos, Peter G. Samaras, G. Andrews, Nicholas J. Mandris, James N. Peters, James P. Kappas.

Education: Kimon Doukas, Chairman; John S. Caraphil, Stephen A. Prayson, A. T. Tsoumas, Nicholas P. Brous, T. Constantine, Constantine Vlassopoulos, Chris Ganos, Nicholas

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Angell, Peter Scoufalos, C. G. Paris, Harry Yeotis, Angelo Prizzoonis.

National Projects: Peter Marthakis, Chairman; Stephen Roumell, Vice-Chairman; John A. Drossos, George H. Miller, John J. Kalivas, Gus Pappas, Anthony Aroney, Jim G. Paras, Sam Velliotis, Andrew E. Manioudakis, Archie Zapetis, Paul Dudanaha, Nick Jack, Gres Cutoubis.

Publicity: Paul Demos, Chairman; Chris E. Athas, Vice-Chairman; Tom Phillos, Constantine Gatsos, Gust P. Rakes, William J. Pappas, Louis Petropoulos.

Officers Reports: Speros Cosmos, Chairman; George Demas, Vice-Chairman; Theodore Tsangares, Secretary; C. J. Critzas, James Karafotias, Stephen Berdalis, Peter S. Siavelis, Charles Preketes, C. J. Gaston, Speros Versis, Gus C. Contos, Anthony Mentis.

Policy: V. I. Chebithes, Chairman; Andrew N. Chrissis, Charles Liberis, George Tremoulis, John F. Pappas, Nick Polites, C. G. Garrison, Charles Tarabicos, George Miller, Peter Geldes, Tom Semos, Nick Carras.

Resolutions: Socrates P. Zolotas, Chairman; Louis P. Athas, Vice-Chairman; Nick Givers, Secretary; George Arapakis, Angelo Domez, John Polos, Socrates Sekles, George Kakava, Gus Koukoulis, Nick Vlahos, Panos Lambros, Speros J. Kalivas, George Nachicas, Andrew N. Chrissis, Speros J. Zepatos, P. J. Peterson, Emmanuel Kanoupes, Peter Kourmoules, Kimon A. Doukas, Theodore A. Bardy, George Courles.

Ritual, Regalia, and Paraphernalia: James Veras, Chairman; P. Dikeou, Vice-Chairman; William Serras, Nicholas S. Govess, William Belroy, James Pappas, Sam Vetas, A. Vlassis, Louis Petropoulos, Peter Theodoro, Louis Petropoulos.

Sanatorium: Constantine Alexopoulos, Chairman; Panayis Dikeou, Vice-Chairman, Angelos Mazas, James Dikeou, Tony Kontzas, George A. Poolitsan, Thomas Phillips.

Steering: Tom Rallis, Chairman; George A. Poolitsan, Vice-Chairman; George Kapetanakis, Andrew A. Manickas, John Kallianis, Andrew Dorris, James Yerakis, Chris Boukidis.

Veterans' Welfare: Peter Derzis, Chairman; Peter Charuhas, Vice-Chairman; Xenophon W. Mitchell, Secretary; Andrew Dedopoulos, George Valnis, Clifford W. Manos, John J. Kalivas, Chris Christopoulos, William S. Marinos, Andrew Drellis, James J. Chimoures, Alex J. Sotiros.

Convention City: John Douglas, Chairman; George Bezaitis, Vice-Chairman; Michael N. Hatsos, Secretary; Perry Zimzigk, Nick Zack, George Anemorefs, Christ Agon, William Essaris, George Polos, Peter Kourmoulis, C. H. Kavalaris, Nick Polites, John Pappas, Jean M. Kossarides, George Stappas (Rhode Island), Peter Lezes, Constantine Gatsos, V. Kallianis, George Cominos, Charles N. Diamond.

The request by Potanti and Paris for appointment to the Ahepa Hospital Committee was denied by the Chairman, and this ruling was upheld by the assembly.

Soterios Nicholson rendered a report to the Convention in behalf of the National Committee on Immigration of the Order of Ahepa, which was referred to the Policy Committee.

The session adjourned at one-ten o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The session convened at two-twenty-five o'clock, Chairman Thevos presiding.

Supreme President Booras rendered his report to the Convention.

Upon the conclusion of the Supreme President's report, Past Supreme President Dean Alfange attempted to refute certain statements contained in the report. After considerable objection, the Chairman ruled that Past Supreme President Alfange, having stated his objection for the record, would not be permitted to proceed with details and referred the Supreme President's report to the Committee on Officers Reports.

The session adjourned at five-five o'clock.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

The session convened at ten-fifteen o'clock, Chairman Thevos presiding.

James A. Veras pronounced the invocation.

The report of the *Ritual Committee* was rendered by its Chairman Veras, and the following action was taken: That the new ritual be discarded and the ritual adopted at the Detroit Convention in 1928 be restored; that the Supreme Lodge be empowered to appoint a committee of three to study the establishment of a new ritual during the coming year and to report to the 1948 Convention; and that the old oath and obligation be restored.

The report of the *Athletics Committee* was rendered by its Chairman George Bezaitis, and the following action was taken: That every chapter elect an athletic director; that the Convention reaffirm the need for each district to elect a district athletic adviser as provided in the Constitution; that a well-integrated sports program be mapped out by the National Athletics Department; that regular leagues be formed among the chapters of the various districts where conditions permit; that the Department of Athletics continue to sponsor the National Basketball Tournament and the National Olympiad and that the profits therefrom shall be distributed one-third to the national athletic fund and two-thirds to the treasury of the sponsoring chapter; that the National Olympiad be held in connection with the National Convention; and that the National Athletic Director be instructed to contract for the purpose of purchasing athletic equipment and awards at discount, any savings to revert to the National Athletic Fund. The recommendation to establish the National Athletic Director as a member of the Supreme Lodge was referred to the Legislative Committee, and the recommended appropriation of \$3000 for the Department of Athletics was referred to the Appropriations and Budget Committee.

Past Supreme President Van A. Nomikos was unanimously elected Honorary National Athletic Director, as recommended by the Athletic Committee.

Chairman Thevos ruled out of order a motion by A. T. Tsoumas for the appointment of a special committee on the relations of the Greek War Relief and Ahepa. An appeal from the ruling was taken by Supreme Secretary Giovan, and the Chairman was sustained by the Convention by a vote of 71 to 30. In clarification of the scope of the Hospital Committee, Chairman Thevos ruled that all matters pertaining to the Greek War Relief and Ahepa came within its jurisdiction.

The report of the *Excursion Committee*, rendered by its Chairman C. J. Critzas, recommending an excursion to Greece in the spring of 1948 if conditions permit, was adopted.

A minority report favoring Cleveland for the 1948 convention city was rendered by Constantine Gatsos and the majority report of the *Convention City Committee*, favoring Detroit, was rendered by its Chairman John K. Douglas. Detroit was nominated as the convention city for 1948 by Charles N. Diamond, seconded by Stephen Roumell; and Cleveland was nominated by C. G. Economus, seconded by James A. Veras. Detroit was chosen as the convention city for 1948 by a vote of 90 to 87.

The report of the *Education Committee* was rendered by its Chairman Kimon A. Doukas, and the following action was taken: That all Ahepa chapters be instructed to hold brief lectures, to stimulate discussions, and to arrange debates on themes of Greek-American interest; that officers and members of all chapters take an active interest in matters concerning Ahepa and the Greek-American communities throughout its domain; that the Convention reaffirms it to be the duty of all officers of all chapters to explain and expound the lofty ideals of Ahepa, the ritual, and the Constitution and By-Laws; that the Convention reaffirms the necessity for publicizing the work of Ahepa, that officers and members of all chapters cooperate with other local organizations; that brotherly love be constantly emphasized; and that wide publicity be given to the

report of the Education Committee. The recommendation with reference to scholarships was referred to the Appropriations and Budget Committee.

The meeting adjourned at two-twenty o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The session convened at three-thirty-five o'clock, Chairman Thevos presiding.

A partial report of the *Auxiliaries Committee* pertaining to the reorganization of the Sons of Pericles was rendered by its Chairman, Van A. Nomikos. The recommendations for appropriations contained therein were referred to the Appropriations and Budget Committee. The balance of the report was adopted by the Convention.

Past Supreme President Nomikos was unanimously elected National Adviser to the Sons of Pericles, pursuant to the recommendation of the Auxiliaries Committee.

The Convention adopted the report of the *Sanatorium Committee*, rendered by its Chairman C. A. Alexopoulos, directing the retention of the Sanatorium property as an income-producing investment.

The report of the *National Projects Committee* was rendered by its Chairman Peter Marthakis, and the following action was taken: That the Ahepa Building in Washington not be sold at the present time; and that a committee, consisting of the presidents of the Tarpon Springs, St. Petersburg, and Tampa Chapters, the Governor of District No. 2, and a Supreme Lodge officer, be appointed to study the advisability of erecting an Old Men's Home in Florida on property owned by the Order.

The report of the *Veterans' Welfare Committee*, presented by its Chairman Peter Derzis, recommending, among other things, the establishment of an Ahepa Veterans' Bureau in Washington, D. C., and the appropriation of \$15,000 therefor, was rejected by the Convention, having failed to obtain the necessary two-thirds majority required by the Constitution. The vote was 38 to 66 against adoption of the report.

The report of the *Magazine Committee* was rendered by its Chairman C. G. Economus, and the following action was taken: That THE AHEPAN be continued on a bi-monthly basis and that a publication of thirty-two pages exclusive of advertising is sufficient for fraternity and auxiliary news. The recommendation for an increase in per capita tax allocation for the magazine was referred to the Legislative Committee.

The final report of the *Auxiliaries Committee*, approving the recommendations of the Daughters of Penelope for changes in its Constitution, rendered by its Chairman Nomikos, was recommended to the Supreme Lodge for action. Chairman Thevos ruled that the Maids of Athens, not having reported to the Auxiliaries Committee, should report to the Supreme Lodge.

The following committees, having completed their deliberations and having reported to the Convention, were discharged with thanks by Chairman Thevos: Ritual, Athletics, Excursion, Convention City, Education, Auxiliaries, Sanatorium, National Projects, Veterans' Welfare and Magazine.

The session adjourned at seven-fifteen o'clock.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

The session convened at ten-forty-five o'clock, Chairman John Thevos presiding.

James J. Starr pronounced the invocation.

The report of the *Insurance Committee* was rendered by its Chairman George K. Diamos, and the following action was taken: That in the case of Apostulos Stappas, pending before the Supreme Lodge the death benefit be paid from the Emergency Fund. The Committee recommended that the present constitutional article creating the Emergency Fund be amended to limit the life of the present plan to December 31, 1948, and referred to the Convention the question of whether to adopt a new insurance plan for the Order. Supreme Governor Vasilios A. Vasiliou, reporting for the Emergency Fund Committee, gave the highlights of the proposal to establish an insurance corpora-



AT THE BANQUET: Admiral Walter DeLany, Archbishop Athenagoras and Chancellor Rufus Von Kleinsmid of U.S.C. The Admiral and the Chancellor had just been initiated into Ahepa

tion. C. G. Paris spoke in favor of the proposal, and C. H. Kavalaris and George T. Poolitsan spoke against the proposal. The proposal was tabled, and the Committee was directed to continue its efforts to prepare and submit a further plan. The Emergency Fund remained in force and effect as a result of this action, and it was ruled by the Chair that money now in the Emergency Fund cannot be used for any purpose except the payment of death benefits.

The report of the *Resolutions Committee* was rendered by its Chairman Socrates Zolotas, and the following resolutions were adopted by the Convention:

1. Be it resolved that we of the Twenty-first National Convention of the Order of Ahepa assembled in Los Angeles go on record as thanking the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of California, the Mayor of Los Angeles, Archbishop Athenagoras, the Chancellor of the University of Southern California, the American Press, the Greek newspapers, Spyros Skouras of 20th-Century Fox Studios, Hotel Alexandria, Hotel Biltmore, the hotel managers, the Del Mar Turf Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and the host chapters.

2. Be it resolved that the National Convention appoint a committee to make arrangements that when a brother has served the Order for twenty-five consecutive years in good standing, he be awarded an insignia representing his twenty-five years in the Order of Ahepa.

3. Be it resolved that the chairmen of future conventions should set aside one full day during which time appointed committees will meet in session and prepare their reports for presentation at a full convention session.

4. Be it resolved that the report of the Year Book of the Supreme Officers be mailed to all the delegates and to the district governors at least two weeks prior to the National Convention and that the reports of the Supreme Lodge officers be made in one complete book and not in separate pamphlets or booklets.

5. Be it resolved that anyone having a resolution or resolutions to present at the convention should see to it that they are typed, only one resolution on a page, and that they are given to the convention secretary on Monday of the convention, immediately.

The following resolution was presented by the Committee:

6. Be it resolved that the Twenty-first National Convention of the Order of Ahepa will make provision that in the immediate future all applicants for the Order of Ahepa will be investigated as to whether they are members of any subversive

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AT THE BANQUET: Supreme President Helis lends an ear to Mayor Fletcher Bowron, just initiated into the Order of Ahepa

groups and must assure the investigating committee that they are free of any and all Communist taint.

An amendment by Past Supreme President Dean Alfange that the term "subversive" is all-inclusive and comprehends every kind of subversive group, whether of Communist, Nazi, Fascist, or any other anti-democratic antecedents, was accepted, and the resolution was adopted.

The Convention then heard an address in the Greek language by His Eminence, Most Reverend Archbishop Athenagoras.

Soterios Nicholson offered a resolution in behalf of the *National Immigration Committee*, providing for continuance of the Committee with its present membership for the year 1947-1948 and empowering the Committee to contact government officials to support bills favorable to the Greek people. The resolution was adopted, and the requested appropriation of \$1500 was referred to the Appropriations and Budget Committee.

In behalf of *Hermes Chapter No. 186*, Past Supreme President V. I. Chebithes presented a gavel to Brother Basil Curtis, Past President of that Chapter, as a token of appreciation of his many years of work in that Chapter and of his services to the Chapter as its President during the past year.

The report of the *Policy Committee* was rendered by its Chairman Chebithes, and the following policies were adopted:

"1. No chapter or officer or member of this Order shall say, write or do anything which might mean or may be construed to mean that the Order of Ahepa belongs to or is affiliated with any political party or that it endorses the platform or the candidates of any political party here or abroad.

"2. No officer, representative, or member of this Order should ever use its name, power, prestige, influence or accomplishments for his personal profit or aggrandizement; neither should any person claim credit or accept personal rewards or emoluments for things accomplished by this Order, except from the Order itself.

"3. The Order of Ahepa should always be interested in the peace, progress, and prosperity of the Greek nation and people as a whole, as well as those of the United States, and should use the good offices of its power, prestige, and influence to promote and establish the same without regard to the fortunes of any political factions, parties, or persons.

"4. It is hereby declared to be the firmly fixed policy of the Order of Ahepa to abstain from forming or entering into alliances, partnerships, or articles of confederation with any other body, society, or organization for the promotion of any purpose or the accomplishment of any aim or object over which it has not absolute charge and direction." (It was ruled by the Chair-

man that this provision is not retroactive.)

"5. The Order of Ahepa and every organized unit under its jurisdiction should make it known that its contributions to any cause outside of its own projects are made without the desire to exercise control over such cause, and that contributions from non-Ahepans for Ahepa projects are accepted with the understanding that such contributors will not be permitted to have any control or direction over the project for which the contribution is made.

"6. To hold high the standard of its membership and refrain from initiating into membership persons of undesirable character. For the accomplishment of this aim, the current application for membership in this Order should be revised to include questions, the answers to which will enable the chapters to judge on this point.

"7. As a matter of policy no member of the Order of Ahepa should be permitted to participate in the voting upon any matter in which he or his office is the object to be decided by the vote, or in which he is morally or materially interested.

"8. It shall be the policy of the Chapter, District Lodge, and Supreme Lodge officers of this Order to distribute as evenly as possible among all members under their respective jurisdictions the work and activity involved in the promotion and accomplishment of any program under their direction.

"9. It shall be the policy of this Order to require the resignation of any officer, whether local, district, or national, who has been convicted while in office of a high crime or felony; and in the event such officer does not formally resign, his office none the less shall be considered vacant and shall be filled as provided by the Ahepa Constitution.

"10. The officers of the Chapters, District Lodges, and the Supreme Lodge of this Order shall, as a matter of policy, answer every communication addressed to them by any member or organized unit of this Order, and the Magazine Editor shall give serious consideration to all material mailed to him by the members or chapters for publication and shall resolve all doubts in favor of the author."

The Convention adopted a resolution submitted by the 14th District delegation, reaffirming existing policy of the Order, urging all officers and members to adhere to the objects and purposes set forth in the Constitution, and voicing opposition to projects undertaken by the Supreme Lodge unless first expressly authorized and approved by a National Convention.

The session adjourned at one-ten o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The session convened at two-fifty o'clock, Chairman Thevos presiding.

A partial report of the *Legislative Committee* was rendered by its Chairman Demetrios Parry, and the following action was taken:

Recommendation No. 1 contained in the report of Supreme Counsellor Ritsos, appearing on page 49 of the Year Book, was unanimously adopted as amended providing for a minimum suspension period of five years. Recommendation No. 2 of the same report, providing that the election of delegates to district conventions must be reported to the district governor at least fifteen days before the date of the convention, was adopted by a vote of 51 to 15. Recommendation No. 3, providing that credentials for delegates for district conventions must be issued and countersigned not later than ten days before the convention, was adopted.

Article XVII of the Constitution was amended by the required two-thirds majority vote to provide that any member, suspended for non-payment of dues, upon application for reinstatement shall not be required to pay more than \$10 in back dues plus the \$1 reinstatement fee and one year's current dues.

Article VIII of the Constitution was amended by the required two-thirds majority vote to require a petition by at least thirty-five new members to establish an additional chapter in a city where an Ahepa chapter already exists.

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BEVERLY HILLS, L. A.: Supreme President Helis entertained a large group of Ahepans, Daughters and friends at his villa on the afternoon of Sunday, August 24. It was a happy gathering of delegates from far and wide who had done a good job well!

The recommendation to establish the office of Supreme Lecturer was defeated, as was the recommendation for the establishment of an Ahepa Supreme Court or Judicial Department.

The resolution offered by Past Supreme President Alfange in support of President Truman's foreign policy was unanimously adopted.

The report of the *Insurance Committee* to continue the present plan for the payment of death benefits until a new plan is devised was adopted.

Nicholas Conteas, having been nominated by Nicholas J. Melas and seconded by Van A. Nomikos, was unanimously elected National Director of Athletics of the Order of Ahepa.

The report of the *Grievance Committee* was rendered by its Chairman Kotsilibas, and the recommendation with respect to the payment of traveling expenses of Mother Lodge members to this Convention was adopted.

The charges brought by District Governor A. T. Tsoumas against Nicholas Reckas were referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

The Committee recommended that the charges against Past Supreme President V. I. Chebithes brought by the Supreme Lodge for the circularization of a booklet entitled "Ahepa Must Choose" be dropped. Supreme President Booras spoke against this recommendation, and Past Supreme President Chebithes responded and read the booklet to the Convention. Supreme Secretary Nicholas C. Giovan, Supreme Governor Vassilios Vassiliou, Peter Chumbris (on behalf of Past Supreme President George C. Vourmas), Frank E. Pofanti, Leo Lamberson (by unanimous consent of the Convention), Past Supreme President Van A. Nomikos, and William Belroy addressed the Convention on points of personal privilege in response to statements made in the booklet and in the debate.

The Committee's recommendation to drop the charges against Past Supreme President V. I. Chebithes was adopted by a vote of 93 to 61½. The remainder of the Committee's report, dealing with proposed constitutional changes to prevent publication of books, articles and pamphlets with respect to Ahepa

activities, contrary to existing rules and regulations, was tabled. The session adjourned at eleven o'clock.

EVENING SESSION

The session convened at twelve-forty a.m., Saturday, August 23, 1947, Vice-Chairman Bell presiding.

Upon motion of Charles N. Diamond, duly seconded, the Convention voted to send a telegram of condolences to District Governor James Yiannias on the death of his sister. The Convention stood in silent tribute in memory of Past District Governor Elias Zanetis.

A committee, consisting of George Xanthaky, Chairman, William Belroy, Secretary, Michael Loris, C. H. Polias, James G. Dikeou, E. J. Fostinis, Supreme Vice-President William G. Helis, and Supreme Governor George Cotsakis, was appointed to assist Brother Chiflakos.

The report of the *Officers Reports Committee* was rendered by its Chairman Spyros Cosmos, and the following action was taken: Since the excesses in appropriations were found to be justified, these were approved. The Vice-Chairman ruled that, since the Convention would have an opportunity to discuss the matter of the Justice for Greece Committee when the Committee on the Justice for Greece Committee reported, the recommendation of the Officers Reports Committee with respect thereto was deferred for consideration at that time. The recommendation with respect to the authorization for the institution of new projects, since it required legislative action and the Legislative Committee having completed its deliberations, was ruled improper by the Vice-Chairman.

The recommendation reaffirming the policy that funds appropriated for any specific purpose be expended only for that purpose was adopted. Consideration of the recommendation with respect to the transfer of the Hospital Trust Fund to the Order of Ahepa Treasury was deferred until the report of the Hospital Committee is presented. The recommendation with respect to holding more frequent meetings of the Supreme Lodge was referred by the Vice-Chairman to the Legislative

Committee of the 1943 Convention. The recommendation for increased clerical staff at headquarters was not considered since the Vice-Chairman ruled that this matter presumably was taken up by the Appropriation and Budget Committee in considering the expenses of the National Headquarters.

The Vice-Chairman ruled that the recommendation that Ahepa not enter into any association or partnership with any organization on any project had already been adopted as part of the Policy Committee's recommendations and that this action was not retroactive.

The recommendation that Supreme Lodge officers in their reports refrain from using language tending to impugn the character of a Supreme Lodge officer or a member of the fraternity was adopted.

The recommendation with respect to the \$25,000 advanced by Supreme Vice-President William G. Helis to the Archdiocese was referred to the Supreme Counsellor for a ruling on the liability of the Order of Ahepa.

The recommended transfer of \$500 from the Defense of America and the Reconstruction of Greece Fund and \$1680.92 from the Special War Service Units account to the Ahepa Scholarship Fund was adopted.

The Vice-Chairman having previously moved that a study be made by a committee of the Supreme Lodge of the erection of a shrine in the birthplace of Ahepa, Atlanta, Georgia, and said recommendation having been adopted, the recommendation of the Committee in this matter was not considered.

The recommendation to transfer \$4497.63 from the Ahepa Hospital Trust to the Ahepa Treasury for expenses incurred in connection with the Ahepa Hospital Project was adopted.

The recommendation was adopted that the reports of the Supreme Lodge officers as rendered be accepted by the Convention, subject to the recommendations hereinbefore made by this Committee, and the exclusion of any remarks, in writing or verbally made at the time of the rendering of the reports which may be construed as reflecting on the character and the good intentions of any member of the Supreme Lodge or a member of the fraternity.

The following is the report of the *Appropriations and Budget Committee*, rendered by its Chairman James J. Starr, as amended and adopted:

OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Supreme President Travel and Per Diem	\$ 3,000
Stenographic, Telephone, and Telegrams	1,000
Growth and Expansion	1,200
Executive Secretary Salary	4,600
Plus \$100 a month raise	1,200
Supreme Lodge Meetings	2,250
PAY ROLL:	
Headquarters, all funds	17,000
Telephone and Telegram	500
Mimeograph Supplies	250
Other Miscellaneous Office Expense	500
Postage, Parcel Post, Petty Cash	1,000
Taxes and Insurance	600
New record-keeping system at National Headquarters	7,000
CONVENTION AND CONFERENCE EXPENSES	\$ 5,000
NON-OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Officers' Bond Premiums	350
Supreme Vice-President	50
Supreme Secretary	50
Supreme Treasurer	50
Supreme Counsellor	50
Three Supreme Governors at \$50 each	150
Supreme Governor for Canada	300
Chapters' Supplies	1,000
Auditors' Fees	500
Executive Secretary's Incidental Expenses	300
Athletic Committee Administrative Expenses	2,000
Immigration Committee Expenses	100



Grouped around their host, Supreme President Helis

Automatic elevator at 1420 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. (from Building Fund)	7,000
Athletic Equipment for the Youth of Greece	2,500
District 14, for visitations by patients to Mayo Clinic	500
Printing of restored ritual	1,600

The following committees, having completed their deliberations and having reported to the Convention, were discharged with thanks by Chairman Thevos:

- Appropriations and Budget
- Legislative
- Insurance
- Grievance
- Officers' Reports
- Policy
- Resolutions

The session adjourned at two-thirty o'clock.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

The session convened at eleven-fifteen o'clock, Vice-Chairman Bell presiding.

The invocation was pronounced by Angelo Arnes.

William D. Upshaw of Los Angeles, former United States Congressman from Georgia, addressed the assembly.

The report of the "Justice for Greece" Committee was rendered by its Chairman George Johnson, and a minority report was given by Andrew Fasseas that the Ahepa continue the Justice for Greece Committee in association with other Greek American societies. Supreme President Booras and Stephen Scopas spoke in favor of the minority report, and William Essaris and George Johnson spoke against the minority report, which was defeated by a vote of 115 to 64. The recommendation of the Committee was thereupon adopted, as follows:

"That the Order of Ahepa disassociate itself from the National Justice for Greece Committee, of which it is now a member, and that the Supreme Lodge be directed to continue Ahepa's own Justice for Greece activities through its entire structure, membership, and resources."

Upon recommendation of the Committee, it was voted that in the future no other funds be deposited in the Welfare and Educational account except those which are collected for that purpose.

The report of the *Hospital Committee* was rendered by its Chairman Peter Boudoures. Referring to Article XX of the Constitution, Chairman Thevos ruled that no department of the Order of Ahepa can be established upon the Constitution and Roberts Rules of Order by a motion approving the report of any officer of the fraternity and that, no appropriation having



Daughters and Ahepans enjoying Helis' hospitality

been made by the Baltimore Convention, the transfer of funds of the then Hospital Committee deposited in the Supreme Treasury to the Hospital Trustees was done illegally at that time.

A minority report was presented by William Belroy, the first recommendation of which follows:

"RESOLVED, That the National Convention of the Order of Ahepa held in Los Angeles, California, does hereby, in so far as such action may be necessary, approve and ratify the creation and the existence of the Ahepa Hospitals Trust and does hereby approve and ratify all the acts and deeds of the Trustees in every manner and form; and further, the said Convention, so far as authority is necessary, hereby vests full power and authority in the Trustees under said Trust to carry on and complete the projects that have been selected by the said Trustees as the Ahepa Hospitals project for Greece."

In the debate, Supreme Governor Tim Bass, Stephen Scopas, and Supreme President Booras spoke in favor of the recommendation, and Past Supreme President Chebithes, Boudoures, and Past Supreme President Alfange spoke against the recommendation.

The above recommendation was defeated by a vote of 139 to 78½.

The remaining portion of the minority report, calling for severance of relations between the Order of Ahepa and the Greek War Relief, with the exception of the fulfillment of the contract for the building of hospitals and health centers in Greece, was tabled.

The first recommendation of the Committee report, presented by Boudoures, was then considered. An amendment offered by Past Supreme President Chebithes, that if the Trustees fail to transfer to the Treasury of the Ahepa all funds now in the Ahepa Hospitals Trust, they be automatically expelled from the fraternity, was defeated. A substitute motion offered by John K. Douglas, that a Board of Trustees be elected by the Convention, was also defeated. Thereupon, the Convention adopted the following recommendation of the Committee:

"RESOLVED, That the entity known as the Ahepa Hospitals Trust is hereby dissolved and that all of the rights, privileges, powers, and duties vested in the body known as the Ahepa Hospital Trustees be and the same are hereby transferred back to the Supreme Lodge of the Order of Ahepa; and be it

"RESOLVED further, That within twenty days after the termination of this Convention, any and all funds now in the custody of the Treasurer of the Ahepa Hospitals Trust be transferred to the Treasury of the Order of Ahepa and that the Supreme Treasurer place such funds in a special account to

be known as the Ahepa Hospitals Account. Withdrawals from and deposits to such account shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Order of Ahepa."

The Convention then considered the second recommendation of the Committee, that the Supreme Lodge be empowered to review the agreement of July 31, 1947, between the Order of Ahepa and the Greek War Relief and to negotiate with the Greek War Relief in order to reach any agreement which the Supreme Lodge determines to be in the best interests of the Order. An amendment was offered by Supreme President Booras that the Supreme Lodge respect the contract of July 31, 1947, and enforce it. At the request of Vice-Chairman Bell, Supreme Counsellor Ritsos ruled that the only contract that is binding and in force is the one entered into in January 1947, based on the mandate of the Baltimore Convention, and that the new Supreme Lodge would be bound by it. Thereupon, Vice-Chairman Bell ruled that if the agreements entered into by the Trustees were made in accordance with the terms laid down at the Baltimore Convention, they are binding on the fraternity.

Upon motion by Past Supreme President Alfange, the second recommendation of the Committee was tabled.

The following committees, having completed their deliberations and having reported to the Convention, were discharged with thanks by Chairman Thevos: "Justice for Greece" and Hospitals.

The session adjourned at six-thirty o'clock.

EVENING SESSION

The session convened at eight-forty-five o'clock, Chairman John Thevos presiding.

The Chairman of the Credentials Committee announced the voting strength of the Convention to be 152 full votes, 173 half votes, a total of 238½ votes.

The floor was then thrown open for nominations for Supreme President.

Past Supreme President Alfange nominated Supreme Vice-President William G. Helis, and the nomination was seconded by Socrates P. Zolotas.

Supreme President Booras nominated James A. Veras, and the nomination was seconded by Mother Lodge Member Spiros Stamos.

Tellers were appointed. Nominations for Supreme President having been closed, voting by secret ballot followed, and Supreme Vice-President Helis was declared elected as Supreme President by a vote of 133½ to 87½.

The floor was then thrown open for nominations for the office of Supreme Vice-President.

Spyros Cermos nominated John Thevos, and the nomination was seconded by William Essaris.

William Belroy nominated Stephen Scopas, and the nomination was seconded by George Rousse.

Peter N. Pan nominated James G. Dikeou, and the nomination was seconded by P. C. Dakis.

Nominations for Supreme Vice-President having been closed, voting by secret ballot followed, and John Thevos was declared elected Supreme Vice-President. The vote was Thevos 121½, Scopas 63½, Dikeou 19½.

The floor was then thrown open for nominations for the office of Supreme Secretary.

Andrew Dedopoulos nominated Peter Bell, and the nomination was seconded by Pantelis Lambros.

William Belroy nominated Supreme Secretary Giovan, and the nomination was seconded by Peter Theodoru.

Nominations for Supreme Secretary were closed, and the floor was then thrown open for nominations for the office of Supreme Treasurer.

George Dimas nominated Supreme Treasurer Georgiades, and the nomination was seconded by Mother Lodge Member George A. Polos.

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Supreme President Booras nominated C. G. Paris, and the nomination was seconded by Nicholas Brous.

Nominations for Supreme Treasurer were closed, and the floor was then thrown open for nominations for the office of *Supreme Counsellor*.

Peter Chumbris nominated Supreme Counsellor Ritsos, and the nomination was seconded by Past Supreme President Alfange.

George Rousse nominated E. J. Fostinis, and the nomination was seconded by Louis P. Athas.

Nominations for Supreme Treasurer were closed.

A motion having been adopted to ballot for the candidates for the offices of Supreme Secretary, Supreme Treasurer, and Supreme Counsellor on one ballot, voting by secret ballot followed. As a result, Brother Bell was declared elected Supreme Secretary by a vote of 139½ to 65; Supreme Treasurer Georgiades was declared re-elected by a vote of 141½ to 62; and Supreme Counsellor Ritsos was declared re-elected by a vote of 124 to 78.

The floor was thrown open for nominations for *Supreme Governors*.

Socrates P. Zolotas nominated Peter Derzis.

Peter Boudoures nominated George Bezaitis.

John Thevos nominated James J. Starr.

George Polos nominated Dean Soles.

Soterios Nicholson nominated Supreme Governor Vasilios Vasiliou.

Thomas Phillips nominated Constantine Gatsos.

Andrew Vlassie nominated Supreme Governor Tim Bass for the Canadian Jurisdiction.

Nominations were closed for Supreme Governors, and upon motion unanimously adopted, Supreme Governor Tim Bass, being the only candidate for the office of Supreme Governor for the Canadian Jurisdiction, was declared duly elected.

By agreement among the candidates for Supreme Governor and with the consent of the assembly, the candidates receiving the three highest pluralities would be considered elected. A secret ballot was taken, resulting in the election of Derzis (101), Bezaitis (84), and Starr (82½). The votes for the other candidates were Gatsos 54½, Vasiliou 50½, and Soles 25.

The oaths of office of the newly elected Supreme Lodge officers were administered by Past Supreme President Van A. Nomikos, following which Supreme President Helis and Supreme Vice-President Thevos addressed the Convention.

The newly elected Supreme Lodge consists of the following: *Supreme President William G. Helis, Supreme Vice-President John Thevos, Supreme Secretary Peter Bell, Supreme Treasurer Aristides G. Georgiades, Supreme Counsellor Zack T. Ritsos, Supreme Governor (Canada) Tim Bass, Supreme Governor Peter Derzis, Supreme Governor George Bezaitis, Supreme Governor James J. Starr.*

Vice-Chairman Bell assumed the chair. After considerable discussion, the motion to appropriate funds to pay the deficit for the Silver Anniversary issue of the Ahepa Magazine was tabled.

The Convention adjourned *sine die* at six a.m., Sunday, August 24, 1947.

The Delegates To The Convention

Following is the list of the accredited delegates to the Convention:

SUPREME LODGE: Harris J. Booras, *Supreme President*; William G. Helis, *Supreme Vice-President*; Nicholas C. Giovan, *Supreme Secretary*; Zack T. Ritsos, *Supreme Counsellor*; Aristides G. Georgiades, *Supreme Treasurer*; William Petros, *Supreme Governor*; Vassilios Vasiliou, *Supreme Governor*; George J. Cotsakis, *Supreme Governor*, and Tim Bass, *Supreme Governor (Canada)*.

MOTHER LODGE: Spiros Stamos, Harry Angelopoulos, George A. Polos, and James Campbell.

DISTRICT GOVERNORS: No. 1—Pete Lezos; No. 2—Nick Jack; No. 3—Speros A. Versis; No. 4—William Serras (Lieut. Governor); No. 5—James A. Millis; No. 6—George H. Miller; No. 8—Andrew Dedopoulos; No. 9—John S. Caraphil; No. 10—Socrates V. Sekles; No. 11—Peter Kourmoules; No. 12—James Brahos; No. 13—A. T. Tsoumas; No. 14—James Yiannias; No. 15—Stephen A. Prayson; No. 16—Steve Pappas (Lieut. Governor), Mike Colias; Nos. 17-19—Panayes G. Dikeou; No. 18—Pete Lambros, Peter S. Marthakis; No. 20—George Nachicas; No. 21—George Bezaitis, and No. 22—Nick Carras.

CHAPTER DELEGATES: George Gerakitis of No. 1, Atlanta, Ga.; Nicholas Christou and Pete N. Derzis of No. 3, Birmingham, Ala.; Speros J. Zepatos and Aris P. Futris of No. 7, Memphis, Tenn.; Gus Cosse and J. K. Theo of No. 8, Shreveport, La.; George Anemorefs of No. 14, Miami, Fla.; John K. Douglas of No. 16, Tarpon Springs, Fla.; Nick Drazo and Archie Zapetis of No. 18, West Palm Beach, Fla.; George A. Rousse of No. 19, Fort Worth, Tex.; Nick Stratton and Tom Semos of No. 20, Dallas, Tex.; Christ Pappas of No. 23, Montgomery, Ala.; John Cocoris and Nicholas Loumos of No. 24, Boston, Mass.; Dean Alfange and Kimon A. Doukas of No. 25, New York, N. Y.; Louis Morkidesus of No. 26, Philadelphia, Pa.; James G. Petheriotea and C. N. Gus DeClaric of No. 29, Houston, Tex.; Anthony Mentis, Robert G. Contos and Nicholas P. Brous of No. 30, Baltimore, Md.; Soterios Nicholson and Andrew D. Vozeolas of No. 31, Washington, D. C.; Sam Hanna of No. 34, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Nick Theofilis and Constantine Gatsos of No. 36, Cleveland, Ohio; Constantine Vlassopoulos and Dan Vlassopoulos of No. 37, Syracuse, N. Y.; Charles Diamond and Thomas Phillips of No. 40, Detroit, Mich.; Theodore Zolotas of No. 41, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Stephen Scopas and George Dimas of No. 42, New York, N. Y.; Steve Gaveras and Stanley Stacy of No. 43, Milwaukee, Wis.; D. Parry, John G. Lambrakis and Chris Anton of No. 46, Chicago, Ill.; Peter Frank of No. 49, Fond du Lac, Wis.; Constantine J. Critzas of No. 51, Yonkers, N. Y.; Peter N. Kitsos of No. 52, Newark, N. J.; E. Theodorow and Gus Coukoulis of No. 53, St. Louis, Mo.; John G. Thevos of No. 54, Paterson, N. J.; Basil S. Milonas and Charles G. Fields of No. 57, Brockton, Mass.; James J. Starr of No. 58, Hartford, Conn.; George Tremoulis of No. 59, (Merged with No. 289); Nicholas Angell of No. 62, Bridgeport, Conn.; Nicholas Economou, Nick Carpas of No. 63, Akron, Ohio; C. H. Kavalaris of No. 66, Minneapolis, Minn.; Christ Broikou of No. 67, Rochester, N. Y.; William Essare and Kenneth Giannos of No. 68, Wheeling, W. Va.; Charles Chigounis of No. 69, Camden, N. J.; Phillip Prassas of No. 72, Trenton, N. J.; George J. Anthony and C. G. Garrison of No. 73, Kansas City, Mo.; Peter Scoufalos of No. 74, Massillon, Ohio; Theo N. Tsangaris and Alex Elipoulos of No. 78, Gary, Ind.; Peter L. Bell and Chas. D. Kotsilibas of No. 80, Worcester, Mass.; James Panos of No. 81, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Thomas Junes of No. 83, Richmond, Va.; James Veras of No. 84, Scranton, Pa.; Louis Thomas of No. 87, Newcastle, Pa.; C. Papparodis and C. G. Economus of No. 89, Youngstown, Ohio; James Conomos and James Mintzas of No. 91, Buffalo, N. Y.; John N. Peters and Nick Polites of No. 92, Steubenville, Ohio; Nicholas J. Melas and Van A. Nomikos of No. 93, Chicago, Ill.; Nicholas S. Govess, Michael N. Hatsos, Peter N. Montjovos and Paul J. Costules of No. 94, Chicago, Ill.; Charles Tarabidos of No. 95, Wilmington, Del.; Peter Kourides and Theodore A. Bardy of No. 97, Astoria, Long Island, N. Y.; Achilles Anton and William Brillon of No. 100, South Bend, Ind.; Peter J. Haste of No. 101, New Bedford, Mass.; Peter G. Samarax of No. 103, Weirton, W. Va.; Chris Ganas and Peter George Batsakis of No. 104, Oak Park, Ill.; George Stappas of No. 106, Providence, R. I.; Peter Caravoulis of No. 108, Jersey City, N. J.; George Terzopoulos of No. 109, Pottsville, Pa.; Peter Scarmonsos of No. 111, Elmira, N. Y.; Louis Preonas

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They Traced Ahepa's Progress



Stopping off at Chicago on August 28 to broadcast Ahepa's achievement (l. to r.): V. I. Chebithes, George Polos, John Thevos were the principal speakers over WSBC Radio Station

John Leles of No. 231, Roseville, Calif.; George Geroulis of No. 232, Indianapolis, Ind.; James C. Panousis, John C. Panousis and Peter Harbilas of No. 233, San Pedro, Calif.; William Belroy of No. 234, Peoria, Ill.; Stephen Berdalis and Peter Boudoures of No. 235, San Francisco, Calif.; Peter C. Charuhas and Peter Chumbris of No. 236, Washington, D. C.; Gus C. Contos and Paul Dudumaha of No. 238, Pocatello, Idaho; Pete Lambros of No. 239, Missoula, Mont.; Sam Velliotes and George Ellis of No. 243, Santa Barbara, Calif.; Socrates P. Zolotas of No. 244, Rutland, Vt.; Constantine Boones and Emanuel Kanoupes of No. 246, Modesto, Calif.; Nick Vlahos and Louis Vlahos of No. 247, Springfield, Ohio; Mike Chelonis of No. 251, San Jose, Calif.; George N. Cominos and Peter Crist of No. 253, Salinas, Calif.; Guss Davis of No. 254, Boise, Idaho; Peter T. Southas and Gust P. Rakus of No. 256, Everett, Wash.; Tom Kolevis and Anthony Demetrakopoulos of No. 259, Pittsburg, Calif.; Vasilios Vasilopoulos, James Yerakis and Nick Gianopoulos of No. 260, Chicago, Ill.; P. C. Dakis and Gus Daskalos of No. 264, Santa Fe, N. M.; James Carlos and Christ Andrews of No. 267, Duluth, Minn.; Angelos Domaz of No. 269, Eureka, Calif.; John W. Lambros, Jr. of No. 270, St. Paul, Minn.; John Sandas of No. 272, Port Angeles, Wash.; Andrew G. Beys and John A. Dimmis of No. 273, El Paso, Tex.; George K. Dismos and Chris A. Boukidis of No. 275, Tucson, Ariz.; Angeles Caravageli of No. 276, Galveston, Tex.; Angeles Caravageli of No. 278, Keene, N. H.; Andrew N. Chrissis of No. 279, Fargo, N. D.; James Argyros of No. 280, Elizabeth, N. J.; William H. Pappas and George E. Johnson of No. 281, Reno, Nev.; Paul Bellevan and Jean M. Kossarides of No. 285, Hackensack, N. J.; Nicholas J. Mandris of No. 286, Annapolis, Md.; Thomas Balsamides of No. 288, Perth Amboy, N. J.; Tom State, Stephen Roumell of No. 292, Benton Harbor, Mich.; Charles Liberis of No. 296, Pensacola, Fla.; George Courlas and Angel P. Brown of No. 298, Endicott, N. Y.; Billy Garras of No. 299, Yakima, Wash.; Nickolas Pittas of No. 300, Dover, N. J.; Pete Zaferis and John Zaharopoulos of No. 302, San Bernardino, Calif.; Harry Karros of No. 304, Alton, Ill.; John Chacharonis and Nick Polites of No. 305, Zanesville, Ohio; John F. Pappas of No. 306, Troy, N. Y.; Mike Tavernaris and Alexander Janos of No. 309, Charleston, W. Va.; John A. Drossos of No. 311, San Antonio, Tex.; Chris E. Athas of No. 313, Salt Lake City, Utah; Peter Geldes,

Xenophon W. Mitchell and Peter Alexopoulos of No. 315, Chicago, Ill.; Pantelis Lambros and Tom Phillos of No. 318, Hollywood, Calif.; William G. Stoukas and Andrew Pappas of No. 320, Quincy, Ill.; Gus G. Christakes and Peter Patras of No. 323, Chicago, Ill.; William J. Pappas of No. 324, Salt Lake City, Utah; George Hondros and Spyros Cosmos of No. 325, Rockford, Ill.; E. Zarcadoolas of No. 326, Corona, Long Island, N. Y.; Angelo Sermas and George Karahal of No. 328, Waco, Tex.; Peter N. Pan of No. 331, Denver, Colo.; Harry Kontos of No. 332, Aurora, Ill.; William E. Bouramos of No. 334, Chicago, Ill.; George Stappas of No. 336, Birmingham, Ala.; James Rallis of No. 337, Argo, Ill.; George Pakis of No. 338, Hot Springs, Ark.; Jimmie Pete Cokinos and Andrew Pete Cokinos of No. 339, Beaumont, Tex.; Tom B. Paulos and Constantine Mermiges of No. 342, Long Beach, Calif.; George Mooney of No. 343, Nashville, Tenn.; Theo. Costas of No. 344, Jackson, Miss.; Steve L. Gineris of No. 345, Kankakee, Ill.; John Matsukes of No. 348, Chicago, Ill.; Alex J. Sotiros of No. 350, Chicago, Ill.; James J. Chimoures of No. 351, Chicago, Ill.; George Alex of No. 353, Chicago, Ill.; Andrew E. Manioudakis of C.J. 7, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; G. Andrews and A. Vlassic of C.J. 8, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; James Anton of C.J. 10, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

RESOLVED that all applicants for membership be investigated as to whether they are members of any subversive groups, and must assure the investigating committee that they are free from any and all Communist taint.—*1947 National Convention.*

William Helis States His Creed at the Opening of the Convention

The following statement of policy was made to the delegates by Brother William G. Helis at the opening of the Convention: My Brother Fellow Delegates:

I extend to you my fraternal greetings and warm appreciation for your cooperation and many courtesies. My report shall be brief, frank, objective and free of all personal considerations.

I would be less than honest if, at the outset, I did not report to you that I have been dissatisfied and critical with the administration of Supreme President Booras.

Without questioning his good intentions, Brother Booras has definitely created both the appearance and the impression that the Order of Ahepa, to put it mildly, is a partisan in the political affairs of Greece. This has been brought about, largely, by the lack of good judgment on the part of Ahepa officials in dealing with officials of the Greek government and by indiscreet public statements.

On the domestic front, the Supreme President has failed to cooperate with all of his colleagues in the Supreme Lodge and to take them into his confidence on matters relating to the formulation and execution of important policies.

Moreover, he has pursued a course of action contrary to the express desires of the Baltimore Convention, and has exercised powers not authorized by the Constitution. For example, the appointment of Hospital Trustees as custodians of huge sums of money collected from Ahepans, was in my opinion unconstitutional and contrary to sound Ahepa policy. Funds collected by the Fraternity in national campaigns should be deposited exclusively in the name of the Supreme Lodge, which is the only legally elected and responsible representative of the Chapters and the members, and not in any other body, however honorable, which has no direct responsibility to the Order as a whole.

These observations impel me to make four recommendations, all of which are fundamental:

1) We must rededicate ourselves to the principle that Ahepa is an American, non-partisan, fraternal organization.



Grand President Poppy Mitchell and Supreme President William Helis, immediately after their election, symbolize Ahepa unity.

2) We must keep the Ahepa on a high plane, out of Greek politics; and above all personal and group considerations. We must help the Greek people as Americans. We should in no way interfere in the internal affairs of the Greek Nation.

3) We must make Ahepa attractive to the younger generation and the returning veterans, and embark on long-range constructive programs that will enlarge their opportunities for advancement.

4) We must restore the Supreme Lodge as the supreme governing body of the fraternity and not permit the usurpation of its power by any group that is not Constitutionally created.

If we adhere to these essential principles there is no limit to our possibilities, for we shall then be a powerful factor in the life of our people. If we ignore them we may not survive, for no organization can survive if it places expediency above principle, or the individual above the general welfare.

The decisions we make this year at Los Angeles will be of critical importance. Our people look to Ahepa for leadership in these trying days of confusion, conflict, and turmoil. The Hellenic youth and the young GI's who have returned from the battlefields of the world look to us for guidance. We must not disappoint them.

We must have a program and know where we are going, and that program must be intelligent and constructive. It must provide for unity and cooperation in all matters concerning relief and rehabilitation for Greece. It must also provide the ways and means by which the boys and girls of the new generation can take full advantage of the many wonderful opportunities that America offers. To accomplish these purposes, Ahepa must remain true to its original character as an American non-political and fraternal organization.

Ahepa has now become of age. We are celebrating its 25th birthday. This is an event that should inspire us to rededicate ourselves with renewed fervor to the high principles of our organizations. We must build wisely now for the future. The Americans of Greek extraction enjoy a better reputation than ever before. Therefore, we must conduct Ahepa activities on higher standards than ever before. The new responsibilities which new conditions impose upon us require integrity, vision and statesmanship if we are to survive as an organization capable of fulfilling its many worthwhile purposes.

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FIFTEEN YEARS AGO...

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This number was dedicated to the tenth anniversary of the Order of Ahepa. Its twelve principles, true today as they were true 15 years ago, were summarized as follows:

- (1) *The Ahepa is intended for the Ahepans and should be governed by them—not by outside influences.*
- (2) *The Ahepa should look primarily to the welfare of the Greek people in the United States.*
- (3) *The Ahepa is a fraternal order, and the benefits to its members are found in the element of good will it creates.*
- (4) *We should not lose sight of the fact that the Ahepa is an American organization, and our policies should be consistent with our declared objects—loyalty to the United States, allegiance to its flag, reverence for its history and traditions, and a constant striving for the betterment of our adopted country are basic principles of the Ahepa.*
- (5) *The Ahepa can be no better than the Ahepans and it will be as good as they are. Every Ahepan is potentially an ambassador of good will for his organization and for the Greek race. Our American friends will judge the Ahepa largely from the Ahepans with whom they come in contact.*
- (6) *The Ahepa wants to preserve and fuse into the composite of American culture the noblest attributes of Hellenic civilization and character and cooperates with educational institutions in their efforts to perpetuate Greek learning.*
- (7) *The Ahepa should be the centrifugal and centripetal force in all matters affecting the Greek people in the United States.*
- (8) *Ahepans should look upon themselves as members of a big family, in which mutual respect, love and devotion should be the predominant and unalterable rule.*
- (9) *There should be no room in the Ahepa for malice, envy or hatred, nor should petty quarrels over irrelevant subjects be countenanced either within the chapter rooms or among the Ahepans.*
- (10) *Every Ahepan should prefer to be a man of progressive outlook and cheerful countenance, remembering always to do*

EDITOR'S NOTE: Because of Ahepa's Silver Anniversary, which took the place of the July-August number, this review is printed in this issue.

a good deed when opportunity arises and to make the path of life happier because he has passed through it.

(11) *The Ahepans should take an active part in the affairs of their community, bearing in mind the exhortation of Pericles to the youth of Athens, that we should strive to leave our city not only as good but even better than we found it.*

(12) *As American citizens, the Ahepans have an important role to play in the Nation's progress, and should devote their inherent talents for statesmanship in a constructive way. Since politics is a Greek word, the Ahepans should be solicitous about keeping the game of politics on a high plane.*

Two articles followed, one, "Our Great Heritage from the Greeks" by Dr. Perley Oakland Place, Professor of Syracuse University, and the other, "Our Democracy—Part 2" by Hon. Carrington T. Marshall, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio. The former gave a resume of the lasting contributions to civilization by the Greeks—a great heritage which should forever be an overflowing source of inspiration to all of us. The second article expounded the thesis that the success of any democracy must always be in proportion to the purity of the stream of its civilization.

The balance of the issue contained a brief running account of the city of Baltimore, where the 1932 convention was about to be held; two short articles: "Can Fraternity Survive the Depression?" by Supreme Vice President Andronicos, and "Anglican and Orthodox Cooperation" by Rev. William C. Emhardt; a full account of the fourth Ahepa excursion to Greece by Supreme President Booras and fraternity news. The excursion was also reported in Greek by Mich. Rodas, Athens correspondent.

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The frontispiece featured Mayor Howard W. Jackson of Baltimore and Governor Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland welcoming the Ahepans and their friends to the national convention at Baltimore.

Editor Catsonis presented his views as to what the delegates should do at the convention. Supreme President Booras reviewed the work of the Order on our tenth anniversary. Chief Justice Marshall continued his discourse on "Our Democracy—Part 3." Secretary of Labor William N. Doak wrote on



TWENTY-FOUR YEARS AGO: From the First National Convention in Atlanta, October, 1923. How many oldtimers do you see?

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"Protecting the Immigrant" and *New York Times* Editor John N. Finley contributed "Hard Times and the Alien."

Chairman of the Convention Committee Coventaros presented the tentative program of the Baltimore convention. Dr. Wilkinson wrote a "Sermon with Grecian Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom, June 26, 1932." Dean Daniel W. Terry, of Cazenovia Seminary, argued that the "Greek Mind Aimed at Perfection of Humanity," and William E. McClusky presented "An Appreciation of the Glory That Was Greece." Georgiana Chilikos contributed a challenging article "I'm a Greek" and George James Michalopoulos wrote a tale of the Far East before the earthquake titled: "Home-Coming."

Taking note of a new impetus then being given to the reproduction of Greek drama in American women's colleges, the editor reviewed three plays, "Iphigenia in Tauris," "Electra," and "Trojan Women," presented at Salem College, at Indianapolis by the Sabert Berryman Players, and at Cedar Crest College, respectively. He also reprinted an article from *Dubuque Times-Journal* of December 12, 1926, which covered the decoration of Sgt. Gust Billis, first World War hero, for valor by both the United States and France. The usual fraternity news filled the remaining pages of this issue.

RESOLVED that the Supreme Lodge appoint a Committee to make arrangements that when a brother has served the Order for 25 consecutive years in good standing he be awarded an insignia denoting his 25 years in the service of the Order of Ahepa.—1947 National Convention.

September October 1932

With this issue, *The Ahepa Magazine* became bi-monthly. It began with an article by Supreme President Booras, "Stand Up, Ye Old Guard." His picture was featured as frontispiece. N. J. Cassavetes reported on "The Wickersham Report and Greek Criminality in the United States." Editor Catsonis contributed "Glimpses From the Tenth Annual Convention of the Ahepa," giving a resume of the social activities during the convention. Christ Loukas wrote an article on "The Rising Tide of Interest in Greek Drama in American Colleges and Universities," and James B. Guimes reported on "Business Failures During the Depression and a Way Out." Rev. Lacey, the indefatigable member of *Delphi*, contributed "Some Recollections of Patras." Helen Karabias replied to Miss Chilikos' article in the previous issue, "I'm a Greek," and Sophia Diane Flocos continued the debate with her "Another Athens Shall Arise."

The fraternity news covered the election of Jim Veras as permanent chairman of the Dunmore Chamber of Commerce; the parade of Ahepans in Akron, Ohio; the "Whiskerites," all being members of the *Grand Island Chapter No. 167* and competing in growing the longest whiskers; the rare discovery by Professor Shear of Princeton of two potsherds used to ostracise leaders—a pottery 2,400 years old; the Philharmonic Band of *Hellas Chapter No. 102* of Lowell, Massachusetts; the Ahepa patrol of *San Diego Chapter No. 223* and other chapter activities.

The Greek part of the magazine included "Opinions and Observations" by the late Elias Zanetis; a short short by Demos Kakridas: "The Dream of the Tubercular"; the work of construction by American companies in Greece, and "Impressions from the Tenth Convention" by Maria Pofanti.

RESOLVED that we continue to publish *The Ahepa* on a bi-monthly basis, featuring fraternity news and, if space permits, articles of interest to the membership; that a publication of 32 pages, exclusive of advertising, will be sufficient for fraternity and auxiliary news; that the Supreme Lodge, if need be, secure the services of a competent person on a percentage basis to serve as business manager.—1947 National Convention.

Our Twenty-fifth Anniversary

Many were the tributes paid to the Order of Ahepa on its Silver Anniversary last July by all Greek-American papers published throughout this land. We selected the following as the most representative:

ΚΑΘΗΜΕΡΙΝΑ ΧΡΟΝΟΓΡΑΦΗΜΑΤΑ

Ἡ 25ετηρίς τῆς Ἀχέπας

Τῆς κ' Ἀμερικαν-Χελλένης Ἐνωτικαὶς Προσφύγων Ἀποστασίας ἡ εικοσιπενταετηρὶς σημεῖοι καὶ κατὰ τοῦτο σταθμὸν μέγα εἰς τὴν φυλετικὴν ἐξέλιξιν τοῦ Ἀμερικανοῦ Ἑλληνισμοῦ, ὅτι ἤρκασαν 25 μόνον χρόνια διὰ νὰ πευθῶν καὶ οἱ ἑωμέθεος ἀδόμη, ὅτι μὲ τῶν Ἀχέπας θὰ κάμωμεν ὅ,τι θὰ κάμωμεν καὶ σήμερον καὶ αὔριον καὶ μεθαύριον! Καὶ διὰ τοῦτο οἱ ἰδρύσαντες τὴν Ἀχέπας οἱ στερῆσαντες αὐτὴν καὶ ὑπὲρ αὐτῆς μεμεθήσαντες καὶ κοκιδώσαντες ἔχουν τώρα μὲ τὴν 25ετηρὶδα τῆς μεγίστης μας Ὀργανώσεως, τὴν ὀφίστην ἰκανοποίησιν ὅτι, ἐν ἀντιθέσει πρὸς πολλοὺς καὶ διαφόρους ἄλλους ποὺ ἔκτειλαν ἐπὶ τῆς ἡμετέρας, αὐτοὶ ἔκτισαν ἐπὶ σπέρματι, ἐπὶ γρανιῶδους ἰδάρους, διδοὺς ἐκείνοις νὰ ἰδρυθῶσιν τὸν Ἀμερικανικὸν Ἑλληνισμὸν ἐπὶ τῆς μόνης νοητῆς, τῆς μόνης σκοπίμου καὶ τῆς μόνης ἀποτελεσματικῆς βάσεως. Ἐπὶ τῆς φυλετικῆς μας βάσεως. Ἐπὶ τῆς μόνης βάσεως ποὺ σηκώνει ὀργανῶσιν καὶ ὀρᾶσιν εἰς τὴν ὑπερπολιτισμένην, εἰς τὴν ὑπερλευθερὰν καὶ ἀφομοιωτικὴν Ἀμερικὴν. Καὶ αὐτὸς ἀκριβῶς εἶναι ὁ λόγος διὰ τὸν ὅποιον ἡ Ἀχέπας ἀπεδείχθη καὶ ἔκρυσταίθη. Μέσα οὐ 25 μόνον χρόνια ἄρχισαν οἱ Ἑλληνοαμερικανοὶ νὰ σκέπτονται σοβαρῶς διὰ τὸ φυλετικὸν των μέλλον. Καὶ, ἀπὸ τὴν Ἀχέπας ἐπύρην τὴν ἴδαν ὅτι, ἀνὼργανοῦμεθα ὡς φυλετικὴ ἑμάς, διὰ φυλετικούς καὶ μόνον σκοπούς, θὰ ἐδικαιώμεθα τότε νὰ ἐπιζώωμεν ὅτι ἐν ὄνοματι τῆς φυλετικῆς ἡμῶν πίστεως θὰ ὁμολόγουν καὶ οἱ σημερινοὶ καὶ οἱ ἐπερχόμενοι ἈμερικανοἝλληνες. Ἐρῶ καὶ εἶναι σταθμὸς μέγας εἰς τὴν ἐξέλιξιν τοῦ Ἀμερικανοῦ Ἑλληνισμοῦ ἡ 25 ετηρίς τῆς Ἀχέπας, καὶ τυχεροὶ ἡμεῖς ποὺ τὴν ἰδρυθόμεν. Καὶ εὐλογημένοι καὶ μακάριοι ἐκείνοι ποὺ εἶχαν πονέσῃ τὸν Ἀμερικανικὸν Ἑλληνισμὸν καὶ εἶχαν ὁποιοῦσιν θαυμασιῶς τὴν ἀνάγκαν του καὶ προέβλεψαν μέχρι τοῦ σημεῖου νὰ ἰδρῶσιν τὴν Ἀχέπας.

Εἰς τὴν εικοσιπενταετηρὶδα τῆς Ἀμερικανικῆς - Ἑλληνικῆς Ἐκπαιδευτικῆς Προσφύγων Ἐνώσεως, σελαχίζω ὡς φωτανοῦσας ἀστῆρας εἰς τὸ Ἀμερικανοελληνικὸν στερέωμα ἡ ἴδρα τῆς φυλε-

τικῆς μας ἐπιβιώσεως εἰς τὴν δευτερογενῆ ἑστίαν μας Πατρίδα καὶ γενέτειραν τῶν τέκνων μας καὶ τῶν τέκνων τῶν τέκνων μας. Καὶ ἡ Ἀχέπας ποὺ εὐλαχίζω ὡς ἴδρα πρέπει νὰ μεσομνησθῆ καὶ ὡς πραγματικῆς. Καὶ ἰσχυροὶ εἰς τοῦτο τὸ κατὰ μέρος διακρίχθη ἀπὸ ἐκείνους εἰς ἡμῶν περικλυτὰ καὶ ἀκαταμάχητα καὶ ἀκαταμάχητα καὶ ἀκαταμάχητα τῆς Ἀμερικανοελληνικῆς ἀσπίδος τῶν ἀπογόνων μας. ὅτι ἐν ὑπάρχει προσπαθῶν ἀπὸ τὴν φυλετικὴν καὶ κατὰ συνέπειαν δὲν ὑπάρχει ἐπιτυχία ἀπὸ τὴν ἐπίσημην τῆς Ἀχέπας. Ἐπὶ τῆς ἡ ἀποκλήσεως τῆς προσπαθείας μας θὰ ἀποκλήσῃ τὴν φυλετικὴν ὑπόστασιν τῆς Ἀχέπας. Ἡποία ἀποκλήρωμένη εἰς τὸ φυλετικὸν τῆς πρόγραμμα θὰ καθορθῶσιν καὶ ἐκεῖνα ἀκόμη ποὺ θεωροῦνται ὡς ἀνάστατα καὶ ἀνίτηκα ἀπὸ ἐκείνους ποὺ καὶ ἐν ἀκόμῃ δὲν ἔκτισαν ἐπὶ τῆς ἡμετέρας. Ἐκείνη ἐν πίστῃ περιπόσει, ἐν τῷ προχείρῳ. Ἐρῶ καὶ ἡ δύναμις ἔγκειται ἐν τῇ ὀργανώσει ποὺ εἶναι ἑνωτικὴ καὶ ὀρᾶσιν. Καὶ ἐρῶ καὶ οἱ ὀργανωθέντες μέχρι τοῦτο φυλετικῶς, πρέπει ἀκριβῶς νὰ κάμωμεν ὅ,τι κάμωμεν, διὰ νὰ τιμωρῶμεν τὰς ἡμετέρας τῆς Ἀχέπας ποὺ ἀπὸ τοῦς ἀβλαβέστερος εὐνοῦς συνεκλήρωσεν τὰ πρῶτα τῆς 25 χρόνια ἀκαταμάχτου φυλετικῆς δράσεως. Ὅσοι ἈμερικανοἝλληνες καὶ ἐκκαλλιέργησαν τὴν φυλετικὴν συνείδησιν καὶ ἀκούσιν ἐκτῆς φωνῆς αὐτῆς, δὲν ἔχουν πνεύμα, μὰ πνεύμα ἄλλοῦ νὰ πᾶνε, εἴμη εἰς τὴν Ἀχέπας. Παλαιοὶ καὶ νέοι, υἱοὶ καὶ θυγατέρες ἡμῶν, ἔγγονοι καὶ ἐγγόνια ἡμῶν, ἔδοι εἰς τὴν Ἀχέπας ἔσο καὶ ἔδοι εἰς τὴν φυλὴν μας τὴν Ὀργανῶσιν καὶ μὲ τὴν μόνην καὶ τιμίαν ἀλήθειαν, ἔδοι μας καὶ ἔδοι μας δὲν θὰ ἀργήσομεν νὰ ἴδωμεν τὴν διαφοράν τὴν τεραστίαν διαφοράν. Τῆς κρατικῆς Ἀχέπας, τοῦ κρυφώματος τῆς ἡμετέρας ἐν Ἀμερικῇ, ἔς εἶναι πολλοὶ αἱ 25ετηρίδες καὶ αἱ 50ετηρίδες καὶ οἱ αἰῶνες, εἰδοὶ ἀπὸ αἰῶνος ἔσθ καὶ ὀρᾶ ἡ Ἑλληνικὴ φυλὴ καὶ δὲν ὑπέστησεν εἰς αὐτὴν ἐκ τῶν τραπῶν, ἐκ τῶν ὀρᾶσιν καὶ τῶν ἀληθειῶν. Καὶ εἰς τὸ δὲν ὑπέστη ἡ Ἀχέπας, ὡς εὐλογοῦν ἐκ τῆς σαρκὸς μας καὶ ἴδρα καὶ τιμῆρα ἐκ τῆς Ἑλληνικῆς Πίστεως καὶ τῷ Ἑλληνικῷ πνεύματι!

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By Anestis Fanos, Editorial Staff, Atlantis

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An Octogenarian Ahepan



Peter J. Harrisos

CINCINNATI, O.—Last April Peter celebrated his 79th birthday. Born in Sparta, Greece, he came to this country in 1886 and since has occupied a prominent position in his community. He joined Liberty Chapter No. 127 in 1928. In addition to serving Ahepa, Peter has served both as treasurer and trustee of his church.

His three sons John, Chris and James have been prominent in Ahepa activities and have served Ahepa repeatedly, both as officers of their chapter and of their district. John served as president in 1931 and as District Governor in 1940. Both John and James served in the United States Army.

We salute a great Ahepa family!

Business and Pleasure

UNIONTOWN, PA. — Last March, Uniontown Chapter No. 116 initiated a class of eleven new members. It was one of the largest groups ever initiated into the order by the chapter. It was composed largely of World War II veterans. The initiation ceremony was performed by a degree team from Washington Chapter No. 156.

Following the ceremony, a buffet dinner was served and a few short talks were given by Louis Caralis, Charles Zafis and Pete Metropoulos, in commemoration of Greek Independence Day. Dancing rounded out the evening. Approximately 150 members and guests were present.—G. H. Konstantinides.

Membership Increased

HAMMOND, IND.—Ten candidates, mostly veterans of World War II, were initiated last June by Hammond Chapter No. 123, largest chapter in the 12th district.

The ritualistic work was conducted by the crack Hammond degree team, headed by Charles G. Tsatsas, charter member and past president. Among those initiated was Rev. Theodore Dy-

mek, pastor of St. Demetrios Church.

The chapter is shooting for a membership of 150 before the current year ends, according to President Charles Patargias who pointed out that every eligible war veteran in the city will soon be affiliated with the chapter. More

ΥΠΕΡ ΠΑΤΡΙΔΟΣ

... τοις κεινων ρημασι παιθόμενοι.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Last March, there returned to Chicago from California a good friend of medicine and a devoted citizen of the fair city of Chicago—Dr. S. D. Zaph. Gay and full of enthusiasm, he was looking forward to enjoying the fruitful labors of the Convention of the Chicago Medical Society. For "Sydney" Zaph was an energetic and very active member of the committee of arrangements. He was busily engaged conferring with various committees, now scurrying here and there to arrange for details of the meetings, hurriedly carrying a lantern slide projector to the assembly room so that everything would be in "apple pie" order.

Outwardly, his physical condition appeared excellent. He displayed a healthy tan, and his face was wreathed in smiles, enjoying fully the visit to his friends and chatting in magnetic fashion about his retirement days in California.

On the fourth day of the convention, early in the morning, Dr. Zaph asked for Dr. Muller, stating to the telephone operator that he was a sick man. Dr. Muller could not be found and the house physician, who responded, soon learned that his patient passed away. The sudden death came as a great shock.

Stamatis Demosthenes Zaph was born in Volos, Greece. Whether because of the wanderlust or because a small town offers limited opportunities, he emigrated to Alexandria, Egypt, and thence to the United States in 1905, arriving in New York City, where he remained for a short period of time. His early education has been first traced to Des Moines, Iowa, where he attended the Still College of Osteopathy. His medical school education began at the Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery, where he graduated in 1917. Several years later, this school was absorbed into the Loyola Medical School. After graduation, he interned at St. John's Hospital, Springfield, Illinois. Following his internship, he became associated with Dr. Compton of the same city, where he remained about a year.

Shortly after the outbreak of World War I, he enlisted in the Medical Corps of the U. S. Army, and was honorably discharged with the rank of Captain. With the cessation of hostilities, Dr.



Stamatis Demosthenes Zaph
June 13, 1883-March 7, 1947

Zaph entered practice in Chicago, where he maintained an office in the loop, and was on the staff of the Washington Park Hospital. When this institution closed its doors, he became attached as a staff member of Woodlawn Hospital up to May, 1946, having served a period of eighteen years, several years of which were devoted to the office of president of the staff. Besides an active practice in surgery, he devoted much time to organized medicine, and for ten or more years served as a councillor of the Chicago Medical Society. He was affable, conscientious and a most willing worker. Upon retiring in 1946, he was given a testimonial dinner, and presented with a beautiful travelling bag, a gift from the staff of Woodlawn Hospital.

His activity also extended to various social orders, and particularly in organizations concerned with the life of the Greek Community of Chicago. He was the first president of the Hellenic Club of Professional Men of Chicago when that society was founded in 1925. He was successively president of Chicago Chapter No. 46, Supreme Governor and repeatedly a delegate to our national conventions. He was past Commander of the Hellenic Post of the American Legion and a charter member; he also held membership in the Hellenic Lodge, A.F. and A.M. and the Shrine.

S. D. Zaph led a very active and useful life. He was a skilled surgeon, eager to help patient and colleague, and never failing to take an active part in organized medicine, fulfilling well each duty assigned to him. In the profession and community, both Greek and American, he leaves a gap—an honored and cherished one, difficult to fill. We mourn his passing and feel honored to be given the opportunity to cherish his memory.

I extend to all members of the Order of Ahepa my fraternal greetings.

You have chosen me to lead our Fraternity during the current year of 1947-48. This initial message conveys my views concerning the policies we should follow, and requests your cooperation in bringing about their fulfillment.

First, I want to reaffirm my conception of the Order as a non-political American fraternal organization, whose primary purpose is to promote the ideals and principles of our American way of life; whose secondary purpose is to advance the vital interests of Americans of Greek origin always within the framework of such principles and ideals. Unfortunately, a departure from this conception has taken place. I intend to steer the Ahepa back to the original principles upon which it was founded.

In order to uphold these principles we must at all times:

(1) *Be free of political entanglements and commitments here and abroad.*

(2) *Be American in our viewpoint, thought and action.*

(3) *Be faithful in our dealings and commitments so that Ahepa's name will always be above criticism and reproach.*

(4) *Be honest and objective in our approach to the problems of our people here and abroad.*

(5) *Be always alert to develop new Ahepa leaders and to strive at all times to help and encourage young men and women of Hellenic descent in every field of endeavor.*

(6) *Be true to our oath and obligation.*

(7) *Be fearless in reprimanding*

those who depart from its commandments.

Ahepa's chief mission is to promote the good name and reputation of Americans of Greek origin in the eyes of American public opinion. If we establish and maintain sound public relations in the United States, we shall help our people, and especially our young people, to take full advantage of the many opportunities which America offers. Our purpose is also to create a spirit of mutual help and cooperation and to provide a bond of fraternal relationship with one another.

We Must Build Character

Ahepa does not accomplish its purposes by accumulating cash, acquiring real estate or erecting buildings. These are only the means to an end. Ahepa fulfills its mission by building character and reputation, by creating good will and confidence in our people. I stress this point because, too often, we forget these important human values and place too much emphasis on tangible things—money, brick and mortar.

We must change our outlook and reverse our emphasis. In the future, building projects, undertaken by the Order, should be limited to the United States. Likewise, future charitable drives should be primarily for the benefit of our people of this country. Ahepa can, and does, help our brothers in Greece through the medium of the Greek War Relief Association. After all, virtually every member of Greek War Relief is also a member of Ahepa. Therefore, Greek War Relief accomplishments are essentially Ahepa accomplishments. Failure to

appreciate the close relationship between the two organizations has been the cause of much misunderstanding in the past. There shall be no such misunderstanding in the future.

For let it be understood once and for all that the Greek War Relief Association is Ahepa in overalls doing a job for Greece. Let it also be understood that Ahepa is an organization primarily concerned with the welfare of Americans of Greek origin. Greek War Relief is a temporary organization that will last only as long as there is need for it. Ahepa is here to stay—for good. While the aims of the two organizations are different, they can and must work together for the common interests of America and Greece.

We Must Reinstate Old Members

A word about new members. Every year we start campaigns for new members, but little is said about the old members who drop out each year through lack of interest. Our first task this year should be to get our old members back into the fold, and I appeal to the chapters to start drives immediately to reinstate delinquent members. It is not enough to just get them back. Each chapter must in its own way make its meetings more attractive, more instructive and by all means shorter, so that members new and old will have an incentive to attend. If you have any thoughts in this direction pass them on to me and I shall communicate them to the chapters for their benefit.

I do not wish to make glowing promises for the future. I am not interested right now in cash balances, imposing membership lists,

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I want most of all to put Ahepa's house in order; to conserve what we have, to strengthen it, to improve it and then begin to rebuild on a solid foundation. My administration may not be colorful and dramatic, but I assure you it shall be conservative and constructive.

We must take inventory of our stock in trade, find out our weaknesses, learn from our past mistakes, and then make a fresh start in the right direction toward the accomplishment of our fundamental purposes.

We Must Keep Our Word

In order to be strong, I repeat, we must enjoy the good will and confidence of our members and the outside world. Ahepa is a public institution and no public institution

OUR NEW SUPREME OFFICERS

Of the new administration elected at the last convention in Los Angeles to serve for the current year 1947-48: William Helis was advanced from supreme vice-president to supreme president; Aristides Georgiades, Zack T. Ritsos and Tim Bass were reelected for a second term as supreme treasurer, supreme counselor and supreme governor for the Canadian jurisdiction, respectively; and the following were elevated to the Supreme Lodge for the first time:

JOHN G. TREVOS
Supreme Vice-President

John first joined the Order in 1931 as member of *Alexander Hamilton* Chapter No. 54 of Paterson, N. J. Before then he was in the Sons, whom he served as supreme secretary in 1930-31 and as chairman of the Supreme Advisory Board in 1937. John served as president of his chapter in 1942, as toastmaster of the National Banquet the same year, as governor of *Garden State* District No. 5 in 1944 and as chairman of the district convention and of our National Convention in 1947. John is married and has a daughter. He has been practicing law since 1938.

PETER L. BELL
Supreme Secretary

Peter first joined the Order in 1934 as member of *George Jarvis* Chapter No. 80 of Worcester, Mass. He served as president of his chapter in 1935 and

can be stronger than the public opinion that supports it. In this respect, I want to stress the importance of always keeping our word. We must never make commitments that we cannot keep. Ahepa is now a twenty-five year old institution. It must act with sober maturity on all matters if it expects to retain public confidence and support.

In this message, I have outlined only the broad principles and policies which should govern the conduct of the Order. I have not attempted to discuss particular problems and situations. I shall do this from time to time during the course of my administration.

Our members and all our people generally look to Ahepa for leadership in the critical days that lie ahead. I am sure that we can provide such leadership if we conduct

1936, governor of District No. 8 in 1940-41, secretary of our Atlanta Convention in 1942, and vice-chairman of our Baltimore and Los Angeles Conventions in 1946 and 1947, respectively. At the time he was elected to his office he was serving his chapter as president for the third time. Peter, still a bachelor, is practicing law. During the war he served in army intelligence; he also served as president of his community in 1936 and 1937.

GEORGE BEZAITIS
Supreme Governor

George became an Ahepan in 1928—indeed, he is a charter member of his chapter, *Oakland*, No. 171, of Oakland, Calif. He served as president in 1933, as governor of *Golden Rule* District No. 21, in 1946-47, and as chairman of the district convention in 1946. At the time of his elevation to the Supreme Lodge, George was serving his second term as district governor. As secretary-treasurer of the War Bond Committee he sold over \$1 million in bonds. He is married to Marguerite Bardelis, first president of *Daughters' Echo* Chapter No. 4 and has two daughters. He is engaged in wholesale merchandising of hotel and restaurant supplies.

PETER M. DERZIS
Supreme Governor

Peter joined the Order in 1932 as member of *Birmingham* Chapter No. 3 of Alabama. He served as governor of *Mother Lodge* District No. 1 in 1936 to 1938 and as chairman of district con-

our affairs wisely, unselfishly and with a measure of statesmanship.

I have great faith in the future of our Order. Ahepa is the champion and the acknowledged voice of America's Hellenism. It can be, and must be, the guiding hand of the younger generation, for if we fail to develop our youth, there can be no future for Ahepa.

I am confident Ahepa can serve the needs of all our people. If we keep the Order on a high level, steer it on the right course and avoid narrow partisanship and petty factionalism, I am sure we shall succeed. Toward this end I solemnly pledge this administration. Toward this end I respectfully solicit the cooperation and advice of every member.

WILLIAM HELIS,
Supreme President.
New York, September 29, 1947.

ventions in 1939, 1940 and 1946. He is married but has no children. He entered the army in 1941 as first lieutenant and emerged in 1946 as full colonel, having served in intelligence in the Caribbean area.

JAMES J. STARR
Supreme Governor

James joined *Nathan Hale* Chapter No. 58 of Hartford, Conn., back in 1924 and served as its president in 1929 and 1930. In 1940-41 he was elected governor of District No. 7, and in 1946 as chairman of the district convention. As chairman of the War Bond Committee he sold over \$3 million in bonds. He is a director of the Hartford Chamber of Commerce. James is married and has one son. He is in the restaurant business.

Supreme President Helis Entertains Large Gathering

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Just as we were going to press, a large number of representative Ahepans assembled at the St. Moritz Hotel to "break bread," as we put it, with Supreme President Helis. They came from near and afar to a dinner given by the Supreme President in honor of those who work and toil for Ahepa—the officers of the Metropolitan Chapters, those of nearby New Jersey and the District Lodge officers of Districts No. 5 and No. 6.

Full particulars of this unique event will be given in the next issue of THE AHEPAN.

Melita In The Forefront

HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.—Again the Daughters of Melita Chapter No. 119 are in the forefront in their social and charitable endeavors.

They voted a special donation of \$300 to the current Greek War Relief Campaign. They set aside the necessary funds for the adoption of a Greek orphan. They sponsored an annual spring dance at the Ambassador Hotel with all proceeds going equally to charity and Greek War Relief. They made an Easter visit to the Ruth Home in El Monte bearing well-laden baskets for the children. They conduct a year-round drive for books for the veterans at the Birmingham General Hospital.

Their social life is likewise full with meetings in the various homes of the members. The March Tea was held at the San Gabriel home of President Margaret Cardoso. Just when they were breaking up President John Cardoso of the Hollywood Chapter No. 318 came in with a large number of husbands. Margaret and John proved to be wonderful hosts to the large gathering.

Our many thanks to this ambitious team of husband and wife who head their respective chapters.—Myra Tellegen.

The "Clarion"

AKRON, O.—The Daughters of District No. 11 have since April been issuing the "Clarion." Devoted to the news of their district chapters, it is mimeographed monthly under the editorship of the district officers: Governor Pauline Nichols, Lt. Governor T. V. Karas, Secretary-Treasurer Frances Poulos and Marshal Cleo Vradelis, assisted by Katherine Giovas as Art Editor. Aside from the fact that it includes many interesting items about the Daughters' activities, the "Clarion" is very artistic in appearance and evidences great interest of the members in their district.

An Active Chapter

MERIDEN, CONN.—The Daughters of Priam Chapter No. 76 can well be proud for their past performances under the leadership of their officers headed by President Bet Lallo. They entertained Grand Secretary Helen Karaganes and District Governor Irene Marinake, sponsored parties for the local school, celebrated the Greek Independence Day, and in many ways participated in community projects such as the Red Cross and the March of Dimes. Congratulations.

The Veterans' Administration slowly is accumulating musical instruments from War Assets Administration for the use of veteran-patients in VA hospitals and homes.

Chapter Reorganized

SHREVEPORT, LA.—William Helis Chapter No. 151 was reorganized last January with a total of 17 members. Officers elected are Alexander S. Mijalis, President; Chris W. Sidaris, Vice-president; George S. Booras, Secretary, and John G. Cosse, Treasurer.

The first affair given was the raffling of a Bendix washing machine which netted the chapter \$635, of which most will be sent to buy new chairs and tables for the church auditorium.

At the District Convention held in Houston, Texas, the Chapter was well represented. Its team won the softball tournament and were presented a beautiful trophy.

President Mijalis was elected Governor of District No. 16. He is one of the most enthusiastic and active members in our chapter as well as in the district. A graduate of Texas A. & M. College, Bro. Mijalis is now employed at the United Gas Co., as an engineer.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

To All Ahepans!

Members who are six months in arrears in the payment of their dues to their Chapters are listed as delinquent. As such, they are not entitled to receive THE AHEPAN. Therefore, those who have not paid their current dues of 1947 will be taken off our mailing list. Act now.

District Elections

HOUSTON, TEX.—The delegates to the convention of District No. 16 elected the following as their officers for 1947-1948: Pepitsa Arnos as Governor; Anastacia Vasos, Lt. Governor; Jennie Safos, Secretary-Treasurer, and Martha Pappas, Marshal.

During the convention a luncheon and fashion show was given by the Daughters and a banquet and ball was attended by over 1,200 members and guests. Supreme President Booras was one of the speakers.—Bessie Retsios.

POTTSVILLE, PA.—The delegates to the 8th annual district convention of Power District No. 4 elected the following officers for 1947-1948: Mary Vasiliak as District Governor; Irene Kathales, Lt. Governor, and Mary Lampros, Secretary-Treasurer. They also decided to issue a quarterly local paper with Gloria Vassil of Lancaster designated as Editor.

Approximately 37 percent of the 13,959,000 World War II veterans already have applied to Veterans Administration for vocational training or education under Federal laws.

New But Active



Smiling Grecian Eyes

ATLANTA, GA.—Though organized less than two years ago, the Maids of Sigma Alpha Delta Chapter No. 37 have proven themselves worthy of their position as auxiliary to the Mother Lodge Chapter of Ahepa. The membership has increased from the original 22 charter members in September, 1945, to an active membership of 40 girls!

These Atlanta Maids are characterized by their tireless efforts on behalf of charitable organizations and their eagerness to serve whenever called upon. By means of their cooperative spirit, they have made possible the donation of a new curtain to the Greek Community, and generous contributions to various organized drives, such as the Red Cross, Cancer, and Greek War Relief. One of the chapter projects has been a monthly newspaper, "The Scoop," containing all community news of interest.

The candlelight public installation of the chapter, first held in October, 1945, has been made, officially, an annual affair to be held in the month of December. The chapter celebrates its anniversary jointly with Atlanta Chapter No. 1 of Ahepa.

Admire the smiling Grecian Maids (left to right) first row: Betty Routson, Loyal Maid, Eva Poulos, Worthy Maid, and Lula Pyles, Secretary; second row: Thalia Noras, Sentinel, Dot Alex, Treasurer, Martha Panagos, Delphis, and Aglaia Carberis, Phylas.—Eva Poulos.

Once our gates stood wide to all the world. They can do so no more. The pioneer hospitality is not possible. But as a memorial to the old spirit which built this nation we might—President, Congress and people—make sure that our permissible one-tenth-of-one-percent hospitality is offered promptly, graciously and without red tape.

We have a large number of returns from the Post Office because members fail to send in their new addresses. Please send to our Headquarters in Washington a post card whenever you change your address.



MEET THE GRAND LODGE OF THE DAUGHTERS FOR 1947-48 (L. to r.): Grand Treasurer Effie Paulos, Grand President Poppy Mitchell (cutting their 1947 cake), Grand Secretary Kay Brotsis, Grand Vice President Helen Karagianis and the four Grand Governors: Catherine Giftakis, Sophie Shane, Mary Tsouvalas and Tresa Hatzopoulos—all of proven loyalty and ability

Their Sixth Convention

A brief report on the Los Angeles Convention of the Daughters of Penelope follows:

Sunday, Aug. 17.—The hostessing Chapter of the Daughters, *Alkandre* No. 43, entertained delegates, members and guests at an open reception at the convention Hotel Alexandria. Refreshments, entertainment and dancing were included on the evening program.

Monday, Aug. 18.—A Luncheon and Fashion Show of Western Fashions was presented at the lovely Biltmore Hotel Ballroom. There were approximately 550 guests attending.

Wednesday, Aug. 20.—A Cocktail Party honoring the delegates was held in the Continental Room of the Convention Hotel Alexandria with an attendance of 600 guests.

Wednesday Evening.—The Daughters of Los Angeles' *Alkandre* Chapter No. 43 sponsored a "Midsummer Nights' Frolic" Ball simultaneously with the Banquet at Continental Room, Hotel Alexandria.

Thursday, Aug. 21.—An afternoon tea was sponsored by the Greek Ladies

Philanthropic Society of Los Angeles for the visiting ladies.

Friday, Aug. 22.—A breakfast was served honoring the Retiring Grand Lodge Officers and the Mother Lodge of the Daughters. It was attended by Daughters exclusively.

Friday Evening.—Installation of the newly-elected Grand Lodge Officers and a reception was held in the Continental Room. This affair was hostessed by all Chapters of *El Camino Real* District No. 20: *Alkandre* No. 43, Los Angeles; *Hebe* No. 34, Bakersfield; *Theseus* No. 33, San Pedro; *Hyperia* No. 94, Ventura; *Delos* No. 103, Santa Barbara; *Melita* No. 119, Hollywood; *Tiresias* No. 142, San Diego.

Sight-seeing and Studio tours were held on Friday and Saturday, with an evening tour of China City and Olvera Street.—*Rosemaere Kordosis, Publicity Chairman.*

Blue Ribbons to Daughters

As a result of the membership drive, the following Blue Ribbon Awards were announced at the Los Angeles convention by the Daughters:

Blue Ribbon District (District having

the most established and active Chapters) as of June 30, 1947, is the 13th District with 16 Chapters in good standing, having a total of 657 members paid up through first half of 1947.

Blue Ribbon Chapter (Chapter having the most members in good standing) as of June 30, 1947, is *Homer* Chapter No. 93 of Chicago, Ill., with 133 members. *Alkandre* Chapter No. 43 of Los Angeles, Calif., of the 20th District, rates as the second Chapter with 126 paid-up members. *Cynthia* Chapter No. 110 of St. Louis, Mo., of the 13th District, is third with 86 members, and *Themis* Chapter No. 23 of Akron, Ohio, of the 11th District, is the fourth largest Chapter with 82 members in good standing.

Chapters rated as the *Big Four* are those chapters which have the largest paid-up membership at the closing of our books on June 30th.

Daughters, Note!

The Ahepa family has at its disposal an official organ, THE AHEPAN, which reports the activities of Chapters, District Lodges and Grand Lodge and from time to time runs official announcements vital and pertinent to our Order. Of

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course, space given to the Daughters must be filled by them, and this can only be accomplished by having news items remitted to the Editor at the time they happen, not six months from then. As explained in circulars to the Chapters, it is vitally necessary that all information on news items must be sent out by the Chapter Secretaries or Reporters immediately, for stale news has no value, and as a result is not printed, but discarded. Much comment has been made pro and con on the above, but it is noted that most of the material received is outdated by the time it reaches the Editor. Therefore, all Chapters are requested to instruct the responsible persons so delegated to pay marked prompt attention to same.—*Grand President Poppy X. Mitchell.*

Meet California's Daughters



They were glad to have us (l. to r.): Alkandre's Past President Peterson, Past Grand Treasurer Aroney; Convention Committee Officers: Treasurer Angelos, Grand Secretary Brotsis, Secretary Korolis, Vice-Chairman Patakas; Alkandre's President Pappas

New Chapters

Five more new chapters have been established by the Daughters as follows: *Ixion* Chapter No. 156, Pocatello, Idaho, on April 21, 1947, with 12 charter members, under the sponsorship of *Pocatello* Chapter No. 238. The installation was presided over by Jim N. Binaris, Vice-president of *Pocatello* Chapter.

Doris Chapter No. 157, Pontiac, Michigan, on January 20, 1947, with 13 charter members, under the sponsorship of *Pontiac* Chapter No. 135. The installation was presided over by Helen Mastera, Governor of District No. 19.

Albep Chapter No. 158, Albany, N.Y., on April 27, 1947, with 16 members under the sponsorship of *Albany* Chapter No. 140. The installation was presided over by Evelyn Miekles, Governor of District No. 6.

Minos Chapter No. 159, Long Beach, California, on June 3, 1947, with 18 charter members, under the sponsorship of *Long Beach* Chapter No. 342. The

installation was presided over by Kay Brotsis, Governor of District No. 20.

Alcides Chapter No. 160, Seattle, Washington, on June 6, 1947, with 51 charter members, under the sponsorship of *Juan De Fuca* Chapter No. 177. The installation was presided over by Theodora Raptor, Governor, District No. 22.

They Celebrate Anniversary

RENO, NEV.—Under the auspices of *Reno* Chapter No. 281 and *Elis* Chapter No. 89 of the Daughters an appropriate celebration was held last March to commemorate Greek Independence Day. President William H. Pappas and Harry Williams were in charge. The 200 guests who attended were thrilled to listen to appropriate speeches by Dr. John Moseley, President of the University of Nevada, and A. J. Maestretti, District Judge. Barbara Wagner recited a poem to the American flag and Helen Argeres a poem to the Greek flag. Sofia paraskeva, a student from Greece attending the University of Nevada, delivered an address in the Greek language. Musical selections by Danny Varzos were rendered and native costumes under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Williams and Mrs. P. Demosthenes were exhibited. Eleven year old Helen Argeres, assisted by Ula Paulides, made a touching appeal on behalf of the orphans of Greece.—*Dorothea Jennings.*

They Grow to Serve

AKRON, O.—Two events took place last month at the behest of the Daughters of *Themis* Chapter No. 2R. One was an initiation ceremony for a very large group of neophytes held in the Greek Church Hall and conducted by District Governor Pauline Nichols and President Pauline Pafilas. At the end of the ceremony refreshments were served.

A few days later the Daughters held their second annual charity ball at the Mayflower Hotel with over 400 people attending. Bob Cole and his orchestra furnished the music, while Mike Kalafatis kept the tune for Greek dancing. The funds received from this affair were donated to charity.—*Coletta Vasil.*

New But Successful

NEW LONDON, CONN.—It was only last November that *Dione* Chapter No. 143 was organized. Since then it has an enviable record of activities stretching from a Youth Dance to a supper for 71 young servicemen of the local U.S.O.

The members of this chapter have been helping the local drive for the Greek War Relief and are doing wonders. Last March they gave a dance at the Saint Sophia Church in honor of their former servicemen and on the occasion they unveiled the Honor Roll

Plaque. The proceeds went to the fund for a new church organ.

If the New England District Convention was a success it was due to a great extent to the efforts of the Daughters in helping *Winthrop* Chapter No. 250 in preparing and putting it over. They were organized and participated in the work of the convention through the following committees: reception, credentials, ticket, program, banquet and publicity.—*Kiki Halikas.*

Grand President Honored

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Grand President Poppy X. Mitchell, while in Washington attending to business matters, was honored at a delightful social given by *Hermione* Chapter No. 11 at the home of Ann and Margaret Willis, President and National Executive Secretary, respectively. Delicious refreshments supplemented the musical selections rendered by several members.

Scholarship Winners



James Skufakiss Theodore Stathis

HAMMOND, IND.—Theodore Stathis, of Gary, and James Skufakiss, of Hammond, have been named winners of the annual Indiana Order of Ahepa-Daughters of Penelope scholarship awards, according to Beatrice Rorris.

Theodore, a June graduate of Gary Froebel High School who plans to attend Indiana University medical school, was the high school division winner, while James, who is enrolled in the pre-journalism curriculum of the University of Illinois' College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, was selected from among university entrants.

A member of the sports staff of the *Daily Illini* at Champaign, James is district secretary-treasurer of the Sons of Pericles. Theodore was president of the Froebel Senior Council during his last year in high school. Both are members of the National Honor Society.

The scholarships were presented to the two winners at the district convention in Indianapolis last July.



"We will never bring disgrace to this, our City, by any act of dishonesty or cowardice, nor ever desert our suffering comrades in the ranks. We will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the City, both alone and with many; we will reverence and obey the City's laws and do our best to incite a like respect and reverence in those above us who are prone to annual or to set them at naught; we will strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civil duty. Thus in all these ways we will transmit this City not only less, but greater, better and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us."—Oath of the Athenian Youth.

THE ORDER OF AHEPA

The battle has ended; the smoke has cleared away. The delegates from our sovereign chapters have assembled in a national convention in Los Angeles last August and have deliberated for the good of the Order. They have passed wise and far-reaching decisions regarding the past and the future course of our Order and have elected a new Supreme Lodge for the current year of 1947-48. The delegates have returned to their homes and have by now reported to their respective chapters. The nine men whom we have elevated to the highest office within our reach have entered upon their duties and are now busy administering the affairs of the Order to the best of their ability, to the best of their experience. The Order of Ahepa is marching on!

But no legislative enactments and no Supreme Lodge officers can accomplish much without our cooperation, without our support, without our earnest and honest desire to see things through. There may be some who are not quite satisfied with the results of our Los Angeles convention. There may be others who would wish to have some different decisions reached and other Ahepans elected to lead us this year. This cannot be helped. For no matter what a convention decides, there will always be members who are dissatisfied, who differ, who refuse to applaud.

Let it be stated, however, that the majority has spoken and whatever the minority, it must bow to its verdict. Let it be repeated that another year will soon roll by and what seemingly is a minority today may in due course develop into and become the majority of tomorrow. Until then, it behooves every one of us to think in terms of Ahepa, to forget Ahepa personalities and to act in the best interests of Ahepa. For it is our solemn oath and obligation to give unstinted support to our leaders and to help them in every way possible to succeed in their task with which we ourselves have entrusted them.

If Ahepa is to march forward, we must bury our individual differences and unite behind our leaders. For, as we have said on another occasion, it is the critics of the Order who will applaud cross-purpose and destructive arguments. It will be the detractors of whatever Ahepa stands for who will endorse criticisms and machinations.

No friend of our constitution would or could counsel intransigence and to any extent cases of insubordination. No admirer of our fraternity would or could acclaim extreme differences of opinion and radical departures from our stated purpose "to form a fraternal order and to promote its objects: a perfect and harmonious understanding between ourselves and others, loyalty and patriotism to and for the country in which we live, and a spirit of good fellowship and cooperation."

To repeat these objectives is to reaffirm our faith and our duty toward one another, toward the entire world. We have gone a long way since that memorable day—the 26th of July, 1922—when seventeen Americans of Greek birth, at a meeting called in the little Greek school of Atlanta, Georgia, by Brother George A. Polos, approved the idea of organizing "a national, secret, fraternal order for patriotism, education and progress among our compatriots."

Since then the Order of Ahepa has grown into manhood and its edifice now stands erect for all to admire, for all to applaud, for all to cherish. But as Supreme President Helis emphasizes in his inaugural message printed elsewhere in this issue, "Ahepa does not accomplish its purposes by accumulating cash, acquiring real estate or erecting buildings. These are only the means to an end. Ahepa fulfills its mission by building character and reputation, by creating good will and confidence."

Let then each one of us be his own public relations man to the end that he abide by our constitution, respect and obey our leaders, and carry out honestly and purposefully whatever we bargained

to do: "form a fraternal order to promote a perfect and harmonious understanding between ourselves and others."

BOOKS FOR GREECE

For a number of years now we, Americans of Greek origin, have been trying to help and in a measure to satisfy the material needs of the people of Greece. We have sent them trunk after trunk of clothing and other wearing apparel. We have shipped them ton after ton of wheat and other foodstuffs. We have furnished them with large quantities of medical instruments and drugs. And for some time now we are engaged in building for them hospitals and medical clinics.

But with one or two notable exceptions, one thing we have not done—we have not provided the people of Greece with books to read, with books to educate their minds, with books to occupy their leisure time.

In his recent travels in Greece, the editor was astonished to find an appalling dearth of public libraries and individual book collections. And he was often implored with the request of sending books—any books, on any subject, in any language. "Let us have some books," was the parting remark of city folks and village dwellers alike.

We do not wish to imply that the Greek people lack reading material. On the contrary, they possess many publishing houses and enjoy an endless stream of dailies and periodicals. But the average Greek does not read books because for various reasons he can't get them. Houses with a room lined with books could be numbered in one's fingers.

If we had our way, we would start a campaign for "Books for Greece." And if we possessed the means, we would organize caravan libraries which would serve as mobile clinics—for the mind. For, in our opinion, books would contribute toward the welfare of the people of Greece just as much as any other assistance currently or in the past given to them.

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"Beloved Pan, and all ye other gods who haunt this place, grant that I may become beautiful within, and that whatever of external good I possess may be friendly to my internal purity; let me account the wise man rich; and of wealth let me have only so much as a prudent man can bear or employ."—Socrates.

King Paul Thanks

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

His Majesty King Paul has directed me to acknowledge receipt of the May-June issue of THE AHEPAN, and to convey to you and your colleagues His sincerest thanks.

His Majesty was impressed by the patriotic and interesting contents of your magazine and its regular receipt here will be much appreciated.

In the meantime, I beg to remain, dear Sir,

A. S. METAXAS,

Secretary to H. M. the King.
Athens, August 11, 1947.

For Returned Servicemen

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

As you recall, many servicemen were removed from our mailing list because they could not be reached during the war period. Some of them have not notified us upon their discharge from the Service so they could be replaced on the mailing list. This explains why many of them are not receiving their copy of THE AHEPAN.

Chapters are urged to send us a list of their returned servicemen who do not receive regularly our magazine.

ARTHUR H. LALOS, Executive Secretary.
Washington, May 23, 1947

Our Silver Jubilee

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

My congratulations on your beautiful and comprehensive Silver Jubilee Edition. And many thanks for a copy of the same.

Your distinguished Order is making a great contribution to the life of both America and Greece. Carry on!

JOHN ANSON FORD,

Supervisor, County of Los Angeles.
Los Angeles, August 26, 1947.

Suggests Annual Award for Best Greek Editorial

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

Instead of the Greek Press practicing mud-slinging, it will be a great thing if the Ahepa decides on an annual award of \$1,000 to the best and most progressive editorial in Greek papers during 1947 and thereafter.

All chapters and all members, I am sure, will gladly contribute to this \$1,000 annual award. Start the ball rolling to keep

Ahepa in the forefront. THOMAS JAMES
St. Louis, June 4, 1947

A Statement

It is brought to the attention of all our members that the editing and publishing of Ahepa's Silver Anniversary, which took the place of the July-August number of the regular issue of *The Ahepa*, was entirely in the hands of Brother Louis P. Maniatis, as special assistant anniversary editor. It is so stated on the masthead of that issue. Editor Kimon A. Doukas had nothing to do with any phase of the work involved in putting out our Silver Jubilee Edition.

In this connection, members who for one reason or another have not received a copy may apply to Headquarters for theirs. It appears that many anniversary issues mailed to our members have been returned by the post office, either for lack of better address or because the wrappers were torn while in transit.

A Complaint Is Registered

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

Our members are somewhat peeved because in the past our chapter has not been represented in the magazine even though sufficient material and photos have been forwarded for publication.

Thus, on May 26, 1946, a banquet was held for the Ahepa Hospital Drive at which we contributed \$25,000 toward that noble cause. Besides our Supreme President Booras being the guest speaker, we were honored by outstanding political and civic leaders of our community. At the suggestion of the Supreme President, we forwarded photos and material to Executive Secretary Lalos. We also sent write-ups for two mass initiations, our annual dance, and the installation of officers. Also a photo of Miss Virginia Lambert, with a check for \$5.00 for the cut. Yet, not one line has been published. I wonder why? Are we on the black list with our supreme headquarters?

I will appreciate it if you publish this letter.

GEORGE MUSHUROUS,

President, Liberty Chapter, No. 127.
Cincinnati, O., July 13, 1947.

EDITOR'S NOTE: No chapter is on any black list. The material mentioned above must have been mislaid.

Anniversary Waves

Among other celebrations, the following radio addresses were made over the radio commemorating our twenty-fifth anniversary:

On July 26th, over WSBC of Chicago during the *Grecian Melodies Hour*, Michael Hatsos saluted the members of Ahepa and congratulated them for having built a fraternity "not only indispensable to the progress and evolution of our people in this country but also a prime mover of everything connected with national projects.

On July 27th, over WBNX of New York during the *Sarafan Radio Hour*, Peter C. Nicholas reviewed the progress of Ahepa and looking into the future "visualized this great patriotic organization bringing into its ranks more members and spreading its gospel to every community of the United States."

On the evening of July 27th, over WWRL of New York during the *Greek Radio Parade* of Paul Prodromidis, past Supreme President Dean Alfange extolled the members of Ahepa to go back to the fundamentals of the Order, namely, to leave internal Greek politics alone, to be both in thought and action good Americans, to take an interest in every welfare project and to do their utmost to stamp out any personal activity on the part of any member of the fraternity. He was preceded by Managing Editor Kimon A. Doukas, President of *Delphi Chapter No. 25*, the mother chapter in Metropolitan New York. Dr. Doukas reviewed the work of the fraternity for the last 25 years and declared that "the Ahepa membership represents whatever good and praiseworthy there is in our race. Through this great organization," he emphasized, "the timid Greek immigrant of yesterday has grown into a true and upright American citizen of today, doing justice to the country of his birth or ancestry and credit to his adopted country. The story of Ahepa," he concluded, "is a story unique in the annals of our people, and will continue unfolding in the years to come and as long as there are people of Greek origin in this wonderful country of ours."

Pres. Prodromidis of *Long Island*, Ahepa's radio voice in New York, had also as guests Distr. Lt. Gov. Kastrinos and Pres. Mousmoules of *Hermes*.

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Where's My Magazine?

While you, dear readers, are enjoying this issue of THE AHEPAN, there are many others who, although entitled to a copy, have not received it and are bursting blood vessels and corrupting their vocabularies against the editor and his staff. No doubt many a resolution is being drawn calling for everything short of hanging the editor and the Executive Secretary simply because they are not gifted with mental telepathy.

We bring into the picture mental telepathy, because nine members out of ten do not receive their magazine simply because they fail to inform Headquarters of their change of address—unless we are expected to know when and where Tom, George and John change their addresses without due notice from them—judging from some complaints.

Every time an issue of THE AHEPAN is mailed we receive from the Post Office three to five hundred notices stating that "addressee moved, left no forwarding address." And, curiously enough, most of the complaints of members not receiving the magazine come from members in this category. Here are a few:

One writes from a city in California: "I'm a member in good standing. I always pay my dues on time. But I have not received a copy of the magazine for the past year and a half. What kind of business is this? I protest."

Whereupon, we set everybody to work on his case. The membership department finds that he is in good standing; the circulation department discovers that he has moved about the country quite a bit—three times; and that for the past year and a half his magazine is being mailed regularly to his last address fifty miles from where he's now protesting! His letter quoted from was the first notice to us that he was not receiving it. Since he hails from California, we preserve our sunny disposition, effect another change of address and go on to the next case.

The Man With Five Addresses

This originates from a president of a lively chapter in the State of Michigan. "It's two years since I last received a copy of THE AHEPAN," he thunders! "I call this inefficiency. Please see to it that I get my magazine regularly."

Well, two years is a long time! Why wait so long to notify us? Sure enough, our "investigators" discover that the protesting president's stationery has on it one address printed, a second one (different from the first) handwritten; the envelop bears an entirely different address; as a chapter officer he has a fourth address, and the circulation department has a stencil with a fifth address, to which the magazine was being

mailed regularly without any return from the Post Office. We hurry to bring these conflicting addresses to the attention of the president in question with the request that he indicate the address to which he wishes us to mail him his magazine. Eight months go by but no answer. We finally learn that our good brother is blessed with several business establishments and the magazine is being mailed to that one which he visits very seldom! (*manoula mou!*)

Here's another case where the husband is too busy and the wife writes for him: "Dear Sir," she begins, "my husband has been a member of your Organization for years. I see to it that his dues are always paid up. There should be some benefit for this. If so, why haven't we received the magazine for five years. We have always enjoyed reading it, and we miss it. Please do something about it."

My dear, dear lady! It's commendable for seeing that your husband pays his dues on time (wish other wives did likewise)! There is a death benefit accruing to all in good standing members—\$200 or less! But while both of you are hearty and alive, why not enjoy the magazine? You have missed a lot in five years. Why wait that long to notify us that you're not receiving your copy? In the last five years one Executive Secretary died and we changed three editors; many of our staff members left us and got married (don't blame them!) and we wager, dear lady, that you have been doing some moving around, which you kept secret from us!

While this is being written, a notice of change of address just reaches our desk. The notice simply lists the new address, but fails to give either the name of the addressee or his chapter. Do you see what we mean by mental telepathy?

Former G.I.'s Take Note

Among our "disgruntled" members we have some ex-G. I.'s. While in the service, we tried to follow them from camp to camp. We finally gave up and stopped mailing them their magazines (mostly at their request). Well, most of these fellows are back now in civilian life. Some have notified us where to mail them their magazines. But a great many of them, too many for our peace of mind, have neglected to do so.

Another important point to remember is that it costs money to have the Post Office notify us of a change of address. It charges us two cents for every card mailed to us that THE AHEPAN is not delivered because of reason indicated. While if a member had sent us a penny card, (a) he would be sure to get his copy on time and without fail, (b) he would be sparing the fraternity of an unnecessary expense, and last though not least, he would be helping his Editor

and his Executive Secretary to live longer in peace. Isn't that something?

Five Points to Remember

In conclusion, therefore, let us all remember, the following five points:

1. Members six months in arrears are subject to removal from our mailing lists. By the time such members reinstate themselves, they're bound to miss some issues. The moral of the point is—Don't become delinquent, keep up your good standing status, pay your dues on time.

2. If you change your address, notify us directly and immediately. A postal card giving your name, chapter number and new address will do the trick. (don't forget your zone number; this is a Post Office request).

3. If your haven't moved and for no known reason you do not get your copy; or if you have notified us of your change of address and you still don't receive the magazine, please don't wait two and five years before letting us know. We are not infallible, neither is the Post Office personnel. We shall be only too happy to correct the situation if we are informed about it.

4. Dear Secretaries: If there are members of your Chapter who do not receive their copies please send us their names and addresses.

5. As already pointed out, subsequent to the mailing of a magazine issue, we receive 300 to 500 Post Office cards indicating that the addressee has moved and left no forwarding address, or in some cases, giving a new address. Irrespective of whether or not a new address is given in these Post Office notices, the stencils of the members concerned are removed from our mailing lists and the Post Office cards are forwarded to the respective Chapter Secretaries. They will not be relisted until and unless we hear from them directly or from the Chapter Secretary verifying the correct mailing address.

Thank you, dear readers, for listening. Now, we feel better. We hope you'll get your next copy of THE AHEPAN. If not, drop us a card immediately and let us know—in a nice way or even angrily. But do let us know; don't wait two weeks, two months or two years before taking action. Thank you again.

ARTHUR H. LALOS,
Executive Secretary

Washington, November 1, 1947.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The above gives only an outline of what is really going on at Headquarters because members fail to notify us of their change of address. A little cooperation is all we ask. Just remember: a penny post card with your new address, your chapter and of course your name. Is it too much to ask?

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THE FRONT COVER:

This is Christmas again—the third one we are celebrating after the most catastrophic war in the history of mankind came to a victorious end for us and our Allies. Yet, there is no peace. We are passing through very difficult times. We need courage, we must have faith in ourselves, in our leaders. Our best wishes for a Merry Christmas, for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

OUR HOSPITAL PROGRAM:

At last we are on our way—toward fulfilling our repeated promises to the Greek people of assisting them in the rehabilitation of their health. The thorny conflict between Supreme Lodge and former Ahepa Hospital Trustees, that threatened to involve us in costly arguments, has been eliminated thanks to better counsel and the statesmanship displayed by both Supreme President Helis and past Supreme President Booras. Our hospital building in Greece is being translated from blueprints to reality. We highly recommend the *Special Message of our Supreme President from Athens*, and the reports of George Xanthaky and Peter Boudoures on pages 15 and following.

BIGOTS ARE OUR ENEMIES:

Ahepa's goal is "effecting a perfect and harmonious understanding between ourselves and others." Those who feast on hate and prejudice have no place amongst us. They are enemies of our country—"one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." We are fortunate in having with us on page 5 Dr. Peale, prominent clergyman and since 1932 Minister of the historic *Marble Collegiate Church* of New York, the oldest Protestant Church in America. His experience with hate-mongers should prove of great interest.

MACEDONIA:

The Macedonian problem is old, now as ever cloaked in propaganda and the intrigues of world politics. The study on page 8 examines the land, its people and the political stakes involved. It is contributed by the editors of *World Report*, an independent American weekly on world affairs.

OUR LAST NATIONAL CONVENTION:

We are happy to report the social side of the Los Angeles Convention, omitted from the last issue for lack of space. On page 13, Anthony J. Mentis takes us along on the Special Ahepa train to Los Angeles. Let us join him.

DISTRICT GOVERNORS:

We take extreme pleasure in presenting our 1947-1948 District Governors, Order of Ahepa and Auxiliaries. These were also omitted from our last issue for lack of space. Younger members should do well to study their too-brief sketches. They are underlined by service to our fellowmen, by leadership toward a better and happier life. We wish our District leaders success in their various undertakings.

OUR INCREASED COSTS:

In this issue we are inaugurating a drive for more new subscribers among our fellow-citizens who are not members of the Order, and a drive for national ads. Both drives in order to succeed need the sympathetic cooperation of all our members. This is one way of meeting our mounting costs of printing and publishing the one and only national magazine of ours. We particularly appeal to our Daughters and Maids to help us in both drives.

THE NEXT ISSUE:

Because of the sudden departure of Supreme President Helis to Greece, we are unable to give an outline of our national plans and programs. We hope to cover in the forthcoming issue every aspect of our national administration, both past and future, as reviewed and crystallized at the January meeting of our Supreme Lodge in the great metropolis of Chicago.

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From The— EDITOR'S DESK

A Historian Is Appointed

During the September meeting of the Supreme Lodge in Washington and New York, Dr. Kimon A. Doukas of Delphi Chapter No. 25, New York, and Editor of THE AHEPAN, was designated as the *Historian of the Order of Ahepa*. His assignment is to assemble all data, documents and other material pertaining to the inception and growth of our Order so that at a future time an authentic work can be produced portraying in an official form the story of the AMERICAN HELLENIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION, commonly known as the ORDER OF AHEPA.

This resolution of the Supreme Lodge was appropriately communicated to Brother Doukas by Supreme Secretary Bell in the following letter:

"Dear Brother Doukas:

"At the recent meeting of the Supreme Lodge, among others, the following resolution was adopted:

Brother Ritsos moved that Brother Kimon A. Doukas be appointed by the Supreme Lodge as Historian of the Order and that he gather all information and data concerning the Fraternity and that he submit his information to the Supreme Lodge when he has compiled it and that he be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding \$100 for mailing and other incidental expenses of this work, and that Brother Doukas is not to be compensated for doing this work. Seconded and unanimously adopted.

"As you will note from the above resolution you have been given a high-sounding and veritable title. Of course, you will note that the position does not carry a salary, in fact not even an honorarium. You may of course expend up to \$100 for mailing and other incidental expenses. Some of the members of the Supreme Lodge wanted that amount limited to \$50, so woe be unto you if your expenses for this great undertaking should exceed the \$100 mark.

Work Involved

"As to what is expected of you, I would say that all you have to do is go through all the existing publications since the founding of the Order of Ahepa, which are available at headquarters or in the private libraries of the past Supreme Presidents. Then write to all the districts and the chapters and ask them for any light or information which they can shed upon the history of their respective districts and chapters and then take a leave of absence from your business, academic and marital life for a

couple of years so that you might compile, edit and prepare all of this information into a brief, concise, readable and complete history of the Order of the Ahepa. And last but not least, make sure that in doing all this, you do not step on the toes of any of the past present or future high moguls of the fraternity, for you know what will happen to you should that occur.

"If you desire any further information concerning this matter please feel free to write me.

With kindest personal regards,

PETER L. BELL,
Supreme Secretary

Worcester, Mass., Oct. 8, 1947

"P. S.—Speaking of the amount of remuneration you are to receive as the Historian of the fraternity, I have been congratulated by some for the salary that I am going to receive, and asked by others as to the amount I was to receive. Of course, as you well know, the Supreme Secretary does not get a salary, but he does get an appropriation of \$50.00 for his expenses. If you find yourself in dire circumstances in undertaking this Historian work, I shall be glad to forego the pleasure of spending the \$50.00 and turn it right over to you.—P. L. B."

Let's Help Write History

In order to preserve the \$100 appropriation for future use, Historian Doukas is hereby inviting all Ahepans, and particularly Mother Lodge members, past and present Supreme Lodge, District Lodge and Chapter officers to communicate with him on any phase of our Fraternity in which they have taken an active part either in formulating or in carrying it out; and to forward to him whatever official or unofficial data they still have in their possession.

Historian Doukas will feel especially grateful to past Supreme Presidents, whose untiring and unselfish efforts have made AHEPA what it is today, if they review the most outstanding events that took place during their tenure of office and send to him at their earliest convenience such review or reviews with whatever documents or data they possess.

It is admitted that the work involved in this undertaking is stupendous. But if through cooperation and understanding the Supreme Lodge mandate can be carried out it will produce what we all have been looking forward to—an authoritative and official record of the Order of the Ahepa for all to see and to admire and to cherish.

PLEASE ADDRESS HISTORIAN
DOUKAS AT 1175 PARK AVENUE,
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Rocky Mountain Trails

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—We are in receipt of the first number of the *Rocky Mountain Trails*, dated January, February and March, 1947, and published by the *Rocky Mountain States Districts* Nos. 17 and 19 under the editorship of Helen Morris who, at the time, was also District Governor of the Daughters. We wish the new publication a long and successful life and we hope to review in subsequent issues a more recent edition of this publication (if mailed to us).

A Grateful Scholar

CLEVELAND, O.—From *Bulletin* No. 2 of *Buckeye District* No. 11, we learn that William P. Harokopus was the winner of the 1947 district scholarship. In accepting the award, he wrote: "It is indeed gratifying to know that there is an organization interested in furthering the education of students of Greek descent. I will do my utmost to sustain your faith in me." *The Bulletin* is edited by District Secretary John Kras.

The Scoop

NEW BEDFORD, MASS.—We received the first number of *The Scoop*, dated October, 1947, and published by District Governor Andrew Dedopoulos to serve his *Bay State District* No. 8. We wish our new sister publication a long and successful life.

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New "Blank" Magazine Prices

With this issue, the single copy price of *The Blank Magazine* has been increased to 15 cents. The new subscription price, which became effective several weeks ago, is: 1 year \$6.

These increases in subscription and single copy prices are announced with the deepest reluctance. It is a step made imperative by the tremendously higher and still-mounting costs of everything that goes into the making of the magazine—labor, paper, transportation, ink and other items.

The Editors of *Blank Magazine*

EDITOR'S NOTE: This announcement was recently carried by a national magazine circulating in over 3,000,000 copies. Before the war, its single copy price was only 5c; the subscription for a year \$2. Since then its prices have trebled. In contrast, the price of your magazine has remained the same: 50c per year. Further comments are unnecessary.

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Twenty-five years ago the Order of Ahepa was founded in order to "effect a perfect and harmonious understanding between ourselves and others." It is the American tradition and the American way of life. Unfortunately, there are amongst us bigots who feast on hate and prejudice. Here is a challenging answer how to reply to a hate-monger, how to squelch a bigot. Watch out for these lurking enemies of our Country!

Racial and religious intolerance are increasing in this country. After two scant years of peace, with our war wounds not yet closed, a scourge of bigotry has broken out like an angry rash on the face of our civilization. This is a fact we may not like to recognize, but recognize it we must—and cope with it. If we fail to do so, the disease may spread until it undermines the health of our whole national being.

Patriotic Americans are awake to the danger and are taking heroic measures to combat it. Interfaith committees, comprised of leading citizens, are in arms against bigotry. Mass meetings are taking place. These are all steps in the right direction—but they don't go far enough.

We can't stamp out intolerance by assailing it only in high places. It is splendid to protest such un-American movements as the Columbians and the Klan, but it is insufficient. Hate is a communicable disease. To check its spread, we must act as individuals to prevent the poison from being passed from one person to another in daily contacts and associations. Many of these seem trivial on the surface—a careless remark or a thoughtless joke. But, like invisible germs, they spread the virus of intolerance perhaps more effectively than organized propaganda.

Fortunately there are two simple ways for everyone to help fight the disease. First, we can nip intolerance in the bud by expressing our disapproval whenever hate-mongers utter spiteful antiminority remarks. Secondly, we can take positive steps to wipe out intolerance by implanting seeds of friendly feeling toward our minority groups whenever we have the chance.

Let's take the first method first—that of scotching the hateful remark. In a crowded bus, for example, a man's voice growls, "This must be push day for the Niggers." In your office at lunch-time, one worker whispers to another, "I wouldn't vote for him—a Roman Catholic, you know." In a busy grocery store, a housewife looking for a bargain comments, "I'm feeling Jewish today."

The people who make such remarks are all disease-carriers, consciously or unconsciously. They need to be answered promptly, firmly and calmly.

In the case of the Negro-baiter you need merely speak up and say quietly, "I don't consider that a very American way to talk."

If the hate-monger snaps back, "It's none of your business," you can reply, again quietly, "I feel that it's everybody's business. I know many fine Negroes and if you'll stop and think

a minute, I'll bet you'll agree that you do too."

That may not silence the hate-monger for good, but if he insists on being argumentative you'll have the satisfaction of knowing that at least ninety per cent of the other people on the bus are on your side. Your courage will inspire many of them to act similarly in the future.

Squelching the anti-Catholic bigot in your office is even easier. You would probably accomplish little if you flatly told him (or her) that he was a bigot. But you can express genuine surprise that a person of his intelligence and sense of fair play would let a difference in religious faith influence his political thinking. "After all, we all worship the same God," you might add, "and many of this country's greatest leaders have been Catholics."

As to the anti-Semitic housewife in the grocery store, the best way to handle her is probably by identifying your position with hers. It would achieve no good to tell her outright that, in an attempt to be humorous, she had made a vicious and dangerous remark, but you can say, "Prices are high, aren't they? We're all looking for bargains, I guess, and I've noticed that our Jewish friends are not a bit worse about it than any of the rest of us."

Chances are ten to one that the woman will smile a bit shamefacedly, agree, and be more careful about making



ONE AMERICA—Children of all races, creeds and colors pledge allegiance—"With Liberty and Justice for All"

antiminority remarks in the future.

Another highly effective technique in dealing with hate-mongers is that of using counter-propaganda. When a bigot makes a remark or tells a story derogatory to any race or religion you can often strike back with a favorable story about some member of the same group.

True Stories Combat Hate-Mongers

Not long ago a young woman I know attended a club meeting where another woman told a highly prejudiced story about an unfortunate experience she had had with some Italian-Americans. Because of her own little experience, she blamed the whole race. "I simply can't stand Wops!" she exclaimed.

My friend made no direct reply to that, but when the woman had finished she told a story of her own.

During the war, she said, she and her three-year-old daughter went to an eastern city to see her husband off for overseas. After his last day with them, the child came down with double pneumonia. Because hospitals were overcrowded and nurses scarce, it was impossible for the mother to get skilled assistance. For two days and two night she sat by the little girl's

bedside. She was close to both physical and emotional collapse, but scarcely dared close her eyes.

Then on the third evening there came a tap on the door. It was the friendly-faced woman who lived down the hall. "You go to sleep now," she said in imperfect English. "I sit with the baby. I have raised four of my own."

After that, night after night, the woman from down the hall came to the sickroom. She worked in a war factory during the day and was tired herself when she got home, but she insisted upon giving up several hours of her rest every night in order that the exhausted young mother might get the sleep she had to have. Nor would she accept a penny for her services.

"She was just about the finest person I have ever met," my friend concluded her story. "I don't know what on earth I would have done without the help of that wonderful Italian woman!"

That was all she said. She didn't moralize and it wasn't necessary. The woman who had said she hated Italians turned as red as fire and later, with tears in her eyes, apologized for having made such a stupid statement. A potential bigot was actually reformed on the spot.

True stories like that, whether they happened to us personally or to someone else, are about the best ammunition we can use in combating hate-mongers. I keep a stock of such anecdotes in my mind, like arrows in a quiver. I never feel unarmed when an antiminority remark is made in my presence.

I was sitting in the club car of a transcontinental train one night chatting with a businessman. He seemed a sensible and decent sort of person until a well-dressed Negro passenger entered the car. The Negro was absorbed in a book and bothered no one but his mere presence seemed to exasperate my traveling companion. He fidgeted every time he looked at him and when the Negro left the car he grunted, "These dingies! They're getting more uppity every day!" I felt my blood pressure rise but I controlled my temper and carefully selected one of those arrows from my quiver.

"As I sat here looking at that Negro," I said reflectively, "I couldn't help thinking of another Negro on another train. Perhaps you read about him in the newspapers."

Then I told the story of the recent accident in Pennsylvania when the last Pullman car broke loose and raced down a mountainside. There were thirty white people in that car and they all lay flat on the floor to protect themselves from injury or death. Only one man—the colored porter—stood on the front platform of the careening car and tried to stop it by operating the emergency brake. Only one man died when the crash came and he was the porter.

"That Negro," I said, "gave his own life in an attempt to save other people. He had true greatness of soul!"

Culture the Product of All Races

The arrow went home. My traveling companion looked at me in a queer sheepish sort of way and retired soon afterward. It is my hope that he will hesitate in the future before making antiminority remarks.

On other occasions when I hear Jews referred to as kikes or

hebes I tell another story. I don't talk about the many brilliant Jews I have met or the great contributions which have been made to American culture by Jewish thinkers and scientists, writers, musicians and humanitarians. I tell, instead, the story of a little Jewish storekeeper who died bankrupt.

Abe ran a general store in a rural community and over a period of many years, during good times and bad, he never refused credit to anybody who needed it. No matter how broke the customer was, nor how unpromising his prospects, he could always get a box of groceries from Abe, or shoes for his children, or a prescription filled at the drug counter. When Abe died he didn't have a dime, just thousands of dollars' worth of bad debts; but the whole township turned out for his funeral. He was a failure as a businessman, but a shining success as a human being.

That simple story, I've found, and others like it, are much more effective in counteracting the harm done by antiminority slurs than any amount of heated argument. And I am not alone in this conclusion. Psychologists who have made scientific studies of intolerance and prejudice have reached similar findings.

During recent months the Commission on Community Inter-

relations of the American Jewish Congress, an organization usually known as CCI, has put a yardstick to intolerance in different cities. It has found that even a casual antiminority remark which goes unchallenged tends to deepen prejudice in the minds of the people who say it, and those who hear it. Likewise, the slur which is promptly squelched falls flat or boomerangs against the hate-monger.

The CCI discovered this by having a team of psychologists stage playlets before all kinds of audiences—at YMCA and YWCA gatherings, in union halls, at meetings of teachers, social workers and civic groups. In the playlet an actor representing a bigot throws out a cruel slander

against some race or sect and another actor steps in with a punch-like comeback. Audience reaction has been measured to many different types of comebacks and the CCI experts have decided that the most effective of these fall into three classes.

Squelch Antiminority Remarks

They are, first, the "American tradition" argument, which appeals to the sense of fair play of both bigot and bystanders; second, the reply which makes use of "situation logic" and varies depending upon where you are and who your audience is; and, third, the answer based upon personal experience—the story out of life.

In every case, though, the CCI psychologists found that the manner in which you reply to an antiminority remark is just as important as what you say. Keep calm and poised, they advise; never try to shout anybody down; and don't sound as if you are making a Fourth of July speech. In using the "American tradition" argument, in particular, since you're talking about fair play, your tone should be in keeping with it.

But the squelching of the hate spreader is only one way in which we can act as individuals to check the epidemic of prejudice and intolerance which is endangering us. Almost every day, most of us have the opportunity to say something



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or do something which will bear fruit in greater good will to-ward minority groups. The opportunities lie around us.

If you have an acquaintance who belongs to a race or sect different from the one with which you usually mingle, you can invite him or her to meet your other friends. If your daughter has a schoolteacher named Miss O'Brien or Miss Cohen whom she is crazy about, you can spread the news. If you have a German cook or a Spanish maid or a Swedish beautician of whom you are especially fond, you can sing their praises whenever you get a chance. The thing to stress, however, is not that they happen to be German or Spanish or Swedish, but that they are fine people.

Millions of Americans might well cultivate more of this

I believe that the greatest need of the world today, fundamentally to all else, is a renewal of faith . . . We must have faith in the inevitable triumph of truth and decency; faith that mankind shall live in freedom, not in the chains of untruth nor in the chains of a collectivist organization of their lives; faith of such fullness that it will energize men and women everywhere . . . The times demand faith that is strong enough to struggle, if need be, for the right.

—President Truman.

attitude—especially parents. No child is born with either racial or religious prejudices. If they only tried to, fathers and mothers could practically isolate them from prejudices for life.

If you have a little boy in school, for example, and he brings a playmate home some afternoon who looks a bit different from the other children in your neighborhood, make a point of *not* asking your son if his new friend is Italian or Jewish, Polish or Russian. Treat his guest like any other child and, if he's a nice boy, invite him to come again. In that way you'll be sowing seeds of good will instead of intolerance.

Another way in which we can take positive action against the spread of hate is by being on the alert to lend a helping hand to members of minority groups when the opportunity presents itself.

I am thinking particularly of what one woman of good will did on the evening of December 7, 1941, when understandably a wave of anti-Japanese fury was sweeping over this country after the attack on Pearl Harbor. She called up a Japanese couple whom she knew. These Japanese had lived in the United States for thirty years. They were loyal to our flag, but at that hour they were fearfully huddled in their darkened apartment. They didn't even dare go out on the street.

"I just wanted to tell you," my friend said over the phone, "that my husband and I are thinking of you tonight and sympathizing with you. If there is anything we can do to help you, you can count on us."

That was all she said, but it meant everything. Later the

The state of the world today and the position of the United States makes mandatory, in my opinion a unity of action on the part of the American people.—Secretary of State Marshall.

Japanese couple presented the woman with a handsome kimono, a family heirloom, and told her that her words had lifted them out of almost suicidal despair. "Before you telephoned," they said, "we felt that perhaps we had made a mistake ever to come to America, but afterward we were proud to be here."

Prejudice Is a Disease

We seldom have the opportunity to help members of minority groups under such dramatic circumstances but there are countless occasions on which we can be of service to them. A person who carries hate and prejudice in his heart is emotionally

Celebrating 25 Years of Americanism



They gathered in Atlanta, Georgia, 25 years later, to observe the founding of the Great Order of Ahepa—Seated: Past Supreme Governor Cotsakis, Supreme Counselor Ritsos; Standing: Atlanta Chapter President Gerakitis, Mother Lodge Member Stamos.

diseased. When he tells a cruel joke or makes a poisonous remark about a member of a minority group, he is displaying an inferiority neurosis. If he can get rid of this neurosis he will be a healthier and happier person.

A few months ago a woman visited the religio-psychiatric clinic at my church. Questioning revealed that most of her unhappiness was rooted in prejudices. She hated Jews, Catholics and Negroes. When she read anything in the newspapers about interfaith movements she grew furious.

As a Christian clergyman I advised her to get down on her knees and ask God to help her get rid of her hates. I told her to try to convince herself sincerely in the necessity for interfaith activities. Then I gave her a sentence to repeat over and over several times a day: "The pattern of the new world is co-operation, understanding and fellowship!"

She followed these suggestions and they have worked a miracle for her. She has not only shed her prejudices but has made friends of many members of the minority groups she hated. She has become an apostle of good will instead of a disease carrier. As a result, she is a far better-adjusted person than formerly. She even looks ten years younger.

The same prescription, I am convinced, could transform millions of other lives and help cure this country of one of the worst ills which plague it. Hatred and happiness are not compatible. Intolerance and democracy cannot live together. We must act as individuals in our everyday lives to wipe out these diseases if we are to fulfill ourselves and make the nation great. Surely the brotherhood of man is worth a few daily efforts by a man or woman of any faith.

AHEPA BLENDS AMERICANISM WITH HELLENISM



SALONIKA—principal port of Northern Greece

Macedonia is a land of battle. Guerilla warfare in Greek Macedonia is reaching the proportions of a civil war similar in its international aspects to the conflict in Spain between 1936 and 1939. Russia and Britain both are deeply involved. The United Nations faces the prospect of dealing with continued threats of the peace arising from an area called "the mother of wars."

Macedonia has not been an independent state since the days of Alexander the Great. Its boundaries, therefore, never have been accurately defined. Macedonian nationalism is a modern development which has frequently been used as a convenient vehicle for the territorial aspirations of Greece, Bulgaria and Serbia, now Yugoslavia, or for the powers which use these Balkan states as instruments for their own political plans.

Roughly, Macedonia may be said to cover an area about the size of West Virginia, within a radius of 80 to 150 miles of Salonika—from Mount Olympus on the southwestern coast of the Aegean Sea to the mouth of the Nestos River at the frontiers of Thrace.

The importance of this area in the military strategy of the Balkans can hardly be overstated. Salonika is a port of the first magnitude; Kavalla, to the east, is a good secondary port. The Vardar and Sturma rivers, flowing south from Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, are at once the natural routes of these countries to the Aegean and the paths which an invader from the Aegean would follow to reach the Danube, waterway of Southeastern Europe.

Breadbasket of Greece

Macedonia's southern plains are

among the better farmlands of the Balkans. From them Greece normally obtains the greater part of her domestic food supplies. These lands produce grains, cotton, tobacco, fruits and vegetables. Upper Macedonia, including those portions of the region held by Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, is pastoral land. During the German occupation in World War II, the Macedonian chrome mines were developed extensively.

In recent years, there has been no trustworthy estimate of the national groupings of the 2,800,000 people of Macedonia. The transfer of population involved in Greece's defeat by Turkey after World War I, however, places the Greek inhabitants of the area on a level with the Slavs—something over 1,000,000 each.

In addition to the two principal nationalities there are about 200,000 Vlachs, a nomadic people of Romanian origin, and colonies of Albanians, Turks and Spanish Jews totalling about 100,000 each. Some 30,000 Spanish Jews, surviving Nazi persecution, are the descendants of Jews banished from Spain in the 15th Century by Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand. They are industrious traders who still cling to their Spanish language and customs.

Macedonia Explosive

This hodgepodge of nationalities is divided politically between Greece, holding the largest and richest part of Macedonia containing about 1,500,000 people; Yugoslavia, with about 1,200,000, and Bulgaria, clinging to a mountainous area supporting only 100,000. The Slav population is mainly Bulgar in the sense that those who acknowledge the Bulgarian Exarch are more

MACEDONIA—

BIRTHPLACE OF WAR FOR 2,300 YEARS

Turbulent Heart of the Balkans Remains An Explosive Weapon of World Diplomacy

numerous than those who acknowledge the Serbian National Church. The dialect spoken by Macedonian Slavs can be understood by either Serbs or Bulgars.

The Macedonians and their land together constitute an explosive political issue ready made for use in such a conflict as that now seething between Britain and the U. S. on the one hand and Russia on the other. Macedonia is the borderland between Greece, which is within Britain's sphere of influence, and Albania, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, all satellites of Soviet Russia. What is happening in this borderland is rooted deep in history.

To the Balkan peoples concerned in the long struggle for the Macedonian lands, events which took place a thousand years ago seem only yesterday. Balkan history was blacked out for almost five centuries while the Turk-ruled Eastern Europe. The Turks were considered interlopers; the years of their rule are to Balkan historians only as a curtain between the acts of peninsular history.

Balkans Fought Over Macedonia

Serbs, discussing the claim of their modern state, Yugoslavia, to Macedonia, speak quite casually of Stephen Dushan, crowned "Emperor of the Serbs and Greeks" at Skoplje in Macedonia on Easter Day, 1346.

Greeks talk with easy familiarity of Basil "the Bulgar slayer," Roman Emperor in the East, who in 1041 blinded 15,000 prisoners, leaving a one-eyed man to guide each hundred back through Macedonia to the Bulgarian Tsar.

Bulgarians trace their claim to Macedonia back to Bulgar empires which

rose and crumbled a century before the discovery of America.

From the battle of Chaeronea in 338 B.C., when Philip of Macedon imposed his leadership on the Greeks and paved the way for the short-lived empire of Alexander the Great, to the Battle of Maritsa in 1371, when the Turks routed the Serbs, Macedonia changed hands many times. At the end of the last century, when Turkish rule crumbled, Greeks, Serbs and Bulgars picked up the struggle interrupted nearly five centuries earlier.

Pawn in World Politics

It may be said that in modern times Bulgaria has looked to Russia and to Italy, Greece to Britain, and the Serbs of Yugoslavia to France for support of their separate claims to Macedonia.

In 1877, Russia freed the Bulgars from Turkish rule in a war which lasted barely six months before Turkey was prostrate. The way to the Dardanelles and Constantinople, now Istanbul, was open, but Russia could not seize the Mediterranean gateway without danger of war with Britain. Consequently, the Russians signed with Turkey the Treaty of San Stefano, ending the war.

Under the terms of San Stefano, Bulgaria was to be the most powerful state in the Balkans. Her lands were to include all of Macedonia except Salonika and its three-pronged peninsula in the Aegean, which were left to the Turks.

Britain would not accept the creation of such a state, certain to be Russia's ally. A conference of the powers in Berlin forced Russia to accept an agreement which handed Macedonia back to the Turks and reduced Bulgaria to a fraction of the size provided by San Stefano. But the rejected treaty still represents Bulgaria's claims on Macedonia, despite defeat in three wars since 1913.

The weakness of Turkey was such that, after her defeat by Russia, only rivalry between the great powers and the little countries of the Balkans enabled the Sultan to hold his European lands. Britain, France and Germany backed Turkey to keep Russia out of the Dardanelles. The Balkan states of Serbia, Montenegro, Greece, Bulgaria and Romania, quarreled so bitterly among themselves that the Turks had only to favor first one, then the other to prevent Balkan unity against the Porte. When Balkan competition proved so great as to keep Bulgaria neutral in the Greco-Turkish War of 1897, the Macedonians began to try helping themselves against their Turkish masters.

Terrorism Takes Root

Damian Grueff, a Macedonian Slav educated in Salonika and Sofia, had created a secret society called the In-

ternal Macedonian Revolutionary Organization (IMRO), in 1894. Its purpose was to free Macedonia from the Turk; its battlecry was "Macedonia for the Macedonians," but its leaders inclined toward Bulgaria. The movement gained considerable strength after the Greco-Turkish War. Groups of outlaws in the Macedonian hills, some political enemies of the Turks, some simply bandits, took up the IMRO cause with enthusiasm. IMRO was well organized as an "invisible state." Its members took the following oath on a Bible, a dagger and a revolver:

"I swear on my faith, conscience and honor that I will work for the liberty of Macedonia with all my strength and means, and that I will never betray the secret of the revolutionary work of the IMRO. Should I do such a thing, may I be killed by this revolver and this dagger, which I kiss."

For several years IMRO limited its activities to village raids against the Turks and kidnappings for ransom designed to finance the movement. One band caused a world-wide stir by capturing an American woman missionary, holding her for six months while the Turkish Army searched Macedonia, and delivering her unharmed when the Sultan finally paid a ransom of \$70,000. The money bought 5,000 rifles.

As IMRO increased its terroristic activities, dynamiting trains, bombing Turkish steamers in Salonika harbor, and raiding Turkish villages in Macedonia, the Turks retaliated with punitive expeditions which frequently ended in massacres.

Macedonian refugees swarmed into Bulgaria until half the population of Sofia was Macedonian. Macedonian Greeks, who suffered at the hands of the pro-Bulgarian IMRO, organized secret societies. The great powers intervened without success. Political assassinations spread to Balkan capitals outside Macedonia until the Balkan states united to oust the Turk in 1912.

Caused Balkan Wars

The first Balkan war ended with the expulsion of the Turks from Macedonia; the Second Balkan War began when the victors quarreled over their Macedonian spoils, ended in 1913 with the defeat of Bulgaria by Serbia, Greece, Montenegro, Romania and Turkey. The subsequent division of Macedonia between Greece and Serbia left little for Bulgaria. Bulgaria again was on the losing side in World War I, which cost her more of Macedonia and her outlet to the Aegean through Thrace.

Between world wars, IMRO, with Italian help, gained much power in Bulgaria and among Macedonian Slavs. It was allied with the Ustachi, another secret society, which sought

Croatian independence from Yugoslavia. Assassinations spread through the Balkans; IMRO terrorism made a Macedonian Bulgar Premier of Bulgaria from 1926 to 1931. In the spring of 1934, an Army dictatorship broke the IMRO movement in Bulgaria, forcing its leaders into exile. Five months later, a member of the IMRO and the Ustachi assassinated King Alexander of Yugoslavia and Louis Barthou, Foreign Minister of France, at Marseille.

World War II brought only temporary changes in Macedonia's boundaries. As an Axis ally, Bulgaria was able to occupy all of Macedonia and Greek Thrace, but withdrew to her old frontiers after defeat. The war's end extended Soviet influence over all the Balkans except Greece. Macedonian politics shifted.

As matters now stand, Yugoslavia is emerging as the champion of a United Macedonia. Marshall Tito, Premier of Yugoslavia, has reorganized his country into a federation of which the Yugoslav portion of Macedonia is a unit, with the title of "Republic of Macedonia." Under a Communist President, the Government is concentrating on reconstruction and a campaign against illiteracy which blankets 75 per cent of Yugoslav Macedonia.

Conflict Continues

Leaders of the Macedonian "republic" publicly, though unofficially, demand the unification of Greek Macedonia, including Salonika, with their state, under Tito's leadership. Macedonian leaders who want a truly independent Macedonia have been jailed. A Macedonian Liberation Movement, called the "NOF," maintains headquarters at Skoplje, capital of Yugoslav Macedonia. Its members include many former IMRO fighters. Bulgaria, under Soviet pressure, would be willing to cede her portion of Macedonia to the Yugoslav state under certain conditions, but the Greeks are determined to keep their share of the land out of Yugoslav hands.

The Greeks complain to the Security Council of the United Nations that Albania, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria are encouraging Greek Communists and other leftists in their fight against Greek Army units, particularly in Macedonia. Supporting the Greeks are the British who, together with the U. S., are determined to keep Russia and her satellites out of the Aegean and the Mediterranean.

The Macedonian Slav's dream of an independent Macedonia is no closer to realization than it was after the Turkish withdrawal in the last century. Macedonia seems destined to remain a political instrument in the hands of the Balkan states and the great powers which stand behind them.

AN ESSAY CONTEST ON GREECE

Recently the students of Natrona High School in Casper, Wyoming, participated in an essay contest on Greece. Through the kind auspices of our Casper Chapter No. 159, we are in receipt of the four winning essays. They all sing the glory that was and is Greece. They follow in the order of their grading. Hear their mature thoughts.

GREECE THAT WAS GLORY

By Nancy Lee Roper

When God finished making the world He threw a handful of stones over his shoulder and that became Greece—thus goes an old Greek story. The Greeks might well have been discouraged with their fate of being born on a land only fifteen percent of which is arable, yet, they managed to compensate for their hard lot by organizational skill, trading talent, and creative ability. If their hands could not grasp the plow handles, they could hold the tillers of their small ships and steer them into a thousand foreign harbors. They traded not only goods, but ideas as well in which they excelled, for the Greeks were of a race that had been fired from the very beginning with an unquenchable desire for knowledge.



Nancy Lee Roper

They gave to the world the philosophies of *Plato*, *Epicurus*, *Aristotle*, and *Socrates*, the *Euclid* theory of mathematics, the engineering principle of *Archimedes*, the professional Ethics of *Hippocrates*, and a new theory of government. Under their deep blue skies, man first achieved that reasoned rule called democracy.

Later, through the medium of their written language, they spread the doctrine of the greatest religious teachings. For it was the Greeks who welcomed the persecuted followers of a *Nazarine Carpenter* and recorded his sayings and deeds that men for all time might know Him. Without this aid, Christianity might well have been lost.

For these accomplishments, the Greeks claim eternal fame. And as long as men think for thought's own sake, the doctors struggle to save life when all hope is gone, the school girl studies her geometry, men die for the principle of human rights and the Gospel of Christ is preached—the glory of the land of Hellas lives enshrined in the hearts of men.

FREEDOM AND GREECE

By Barbara Reeve

The life of the Greek nation has been a constant struggle for freedom. As early as 490 B.C., she repelled the Persians who sought to impose tyranny on the countries of Europe. Although her land was conquered by the Roman Empire from 146 B.C. to its decline, the Greek nation had a vast influence on civilization. Her people were the most intellectual in Europe. They gave to the world a rich heritage that has influenced speech, writing, building, painting, and sculpture in every civilized country. Greece was later conquered and held for four centuries by the Turks. Finally the Greeks gained their independence in 1832. From this



Barbara Reeve

time on, the great powers of Europe took an interest in the courageous Greek people and better conditions prevailed.

The Greek people suffered the tragedies of two world wars. They fought to defend their liberty and aligned with the Allies against aggression. In the second World War, the heroism of Greece in withstanding the Italian attack gave hope to the world. Her courage and determination spurred the Allies to greater victory. "A world browbeaten by Blitzkrieg took heart."

Today Greece continues to be the symbol of freedom. Her soldiers fought and died for the ideals of democracy. She is the key to the Dardanelles which Russia wants. She is the only Balkan country still outside the Iron Curtain. She is the last bulwark against oppression; the fate of Greece will be the fate of Europe. She is a friend in need. All lovers of freedom must awake to the importance of the Greek nation in the present world crisis.

THE GOLDEN AGE OF GREECE

By Shirley McKinney

Greece is a little country on the northern shore of the Mediterranean. It is shaped like the left hand with the fingers spread out and pointing to the sea which almost surrounds it. It was by way of the sea that the Greeks received their first lessons in civilization. Phoenician sailors taught them the learning of Egypt and Babylonia. By way of the sea the fine civilization of the Greeks spread to later peoples in western Europe and finally came down to us.



Shirley McKinney

Geographical conditions influenced the forming of city-states. A new form of government known as a democracy was created. There were nobles, merchants, artisans, and slaves. They worked out a citizenship of which they were justly proud.

Athens and Sparta became the leading cities and rivals for power and leadership. Athens led in culture, art, education, trade, and methods of government; Sparta in military affairs. The Greeks were interested in strong and healthy bodies and made much of physical exercise. They developed the Greek games, where our present "Olympiads" had their beginning.

The Greeks created an interesting religion of many gods to whom our classic literature makes numerous references. They built beautiful temples and made perfect statues and fine paintings.

Under the wise guidance of *Pericles* the Golden Age of Greece produced the founders of philosophy, science, and literature. *Socrates* was the first philosopher; *Hippocrates*, the "Father of Medicine," and *Herodotus*, the first historian. The great poet *Homer* gave us "The Iliad and the Odyssey," and *Aesop*, his "Fables."

The Greeks were the first writers of drama. They built theatres and used them to educate the people. They were able to do great things because they had fine sense, liberty in government, love of beauty, and the willingness to do hard work. Indeed, no finer ideal was left to boys and girls by the people of any age than the oath of the Athenian youth:

"We will never bring disgrace to this, our City, by any act

Ancient Greece



One of the Monuments of Art—*Thesaurus Athenian*, at Delphi

of dishonesty or cowardice, nor ever desert our suffering comrades in the ranks. We will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the City, both alone and with many; we will reverence and obey the City's laws and do our best to incite a like respect and reverence in those above us who are prone to annul or to set them at naught; we will strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty. Thus in all these ways we will transmit this City not only less, but greater, and better and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us."

GLORY THAT IS GREECE

By *Mary Karantzias*

We speak of great men who have distinguished themselves during the past centuries. But where can we find more inspir-

We speak of the events in Greece as the seven wonders, the first in 445 B.C. It was the Golden Era of Athens, during the regime of *Pericles* when the torch of democracy was kindled upon the Acropolis. At this time Athens witnessed the fundamental principles of ing doctrines than the philosophy of *Plato* and *Aristotle*? Is there any more interesting classical study than the works of *Sophocles* and *Euripides*? *Herodotus* is the father of history and his books stand next to the Bible in the minds of historians.



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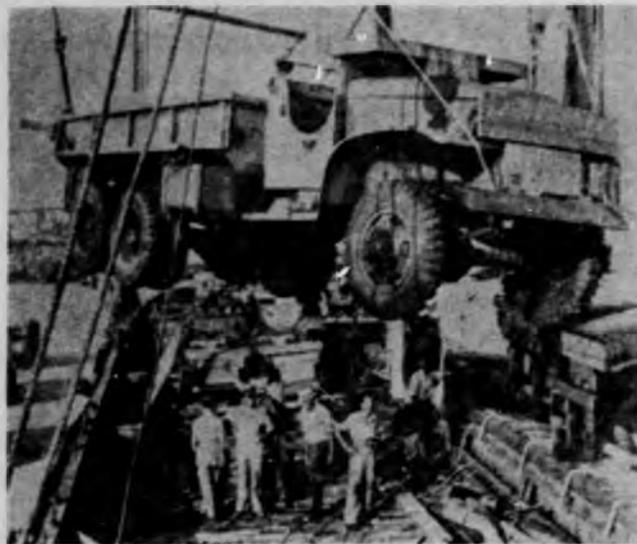
progress and civilization.

The battle of Thermopylae, in 480 B.C., where *Leonidas* accompanied by three hundred Spartans fought so heroically against the Persians, was the second wonder.

The victorious sea battle, in 480 B.C., in Salamis where the Athenians under the command of *Themistocles*, destroyed the Persian fleet was the third wonder.

It was in 490 B.C. during the battle of Marathon when the Persians were defeated under the leadership of the Greek General *Miltiades*. The Greeks preserved European civilization from Asiatic invasion. This was the fourth wonder.

Modern Greece



American aid being unloaded at Piraeus



Cretans celebrate V-Day in native garb

The Greeks were the first in the Balkans to rebel against the Turkish rule. The banner of freedom was raised by Bishop *Germanos* on March 25, 1821, at Patras, Greece. This was the fifth wonder.

It was in 1912 during the Balkan Wars when *Venizelos* formed the Balkan league. Turkey was then badly beaten and Greece became greater in size and glory. This was the sixth wonder.

It was in 1940, in the mountains of Pindus in Albania, where the invasion of the Fascists turned to Greek victories, under General *Papagos*. This was the seventh wonder.

We speak of Greece, but let us all think of Greece as the Glory that was Greece, and the Glory that is Greece.

Manners and Laws

Manners are of more importance than laws. Upon them, in a great measure, the laws depend. The law touches us but here and there, and now and then. Manners are what vex or soothe, corrupt or purify, exalt or debase, barbarize or refine us, but a constant, steady, uniform, insensible operation, like that of the air we breathe in.—*Edmund Burke*.

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FIFTEEN YEARS AGO...

November—December, 1932

This was the second issue published on a bi-monthly basis still under the editorship of Supreme Secretary Catsonis. For frontispiece was used a photograph of President-Elect of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt, with the emblem of Ahepa as a background. He had just been initiated into the Order by Delphi Chapter No. 25 of New York. We reproduce below one of the pictures taken in his office at Albany, where



Ahepan Roosevelt with officers of Delphi

he was serving as Governor of New York, with the officers of Delphi around him. This number was also dedicated to our late president.

The issue was distinguished by a number of articles which sought to impress on the members the mission of Ahepa and to spur them to greater achievements. In holiday greetings, Supreme President Booras urged them to be unafraid. He commended the members of the Order to "face the new year with rejuvenated determination to accomplish big things." He also inaugurated a drive for the reinstatement of all members and for the induction of 10,000 additional members in celebration of our then tenth anniversary. That drive was known as the *Tri-Deca Drive* and every Ahepan was drafted to the task of bringing in at least one new candidate with prizes promised to be given to the most successful sponsors.

Supreme Vice President Marthakis urged the members to be tolerant and to expect better days. In the same spirit there were Christmas greetings from Supreme Treasurer Pappas and the two Supreme Governors Athas and Katson, as well as from past Supreme President Demeter and Mother Lodge member Polos.

Hellenism Our Mission

Supreme Counsellor Vournas, writing on the "Second Objective," commented with truth that:

"The Americanization—political assimilation—of all persons of Greek descent in the United States having been practically completed, the time appears to be at hand to devote increasing attention to the second but equally important task of our organization, to wit, 'to promote throughout the world, and especially in the United States of America, a better and more comprehensive understanding of the Hellenic peoples and nation, and to revive, cultivate, enrich and marshal into active service for Humanity the noblest attributes and highest ideals of true Hellenism.'"

He concluded that "the only way we can preserve for our posterity the valuable right to point to Hellenic immigrant contributions to American civilization is to come to grips with the

problem. The time is here—now."

There were articles by Dr. Francis P. Gaines, President of Washington and Lee University, on "Washington, Friend of Religion and Religious Freedom"; by Paul Prodis, on "American Civilization and the Culture of the Greeks," concluding that "the American nation harbors today more than half a million citizens of Greek origin. The vitality, loyalty, resourcefulness and civic enthusiasm that these Greeks contribute to the culture and welfare of the country is welcome, and in high quarters understood, appreciated and acclaimed"; by Maurice C. Moore advising his fellow-men to discard seeming essentials from their minds when outlook is gloomy; and by Mary Mamonas of Simmons College writing on "One Means to the End." There were also scattered fraternal news from Tacoma, Washington, and Beloit, Wisconsin, from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and Albany, New York.

Memorial services for a deceased Ahepan of District No. 21 were held at the *Annunciation Church* of Chicago with Rt. Rev. Bishop Callistos of San Francisco, officiating, and Supreme Lodge, District and chapter officers and members participating. Also, the Stefano-Taylor wedding was featured, as well as other news of local interest. In addition, a dinner tendered Archbishop Athenagoras by St. Constantine and Helen's Church of Washington was featured prominently in spite of the fact that it had no connection with Ahepa activities. It appears that the policy at the time was that communal activities in which members of Ahepa were individually interested or connected with should be featured in the magazine then published in 50 pages and not in 32 as at present.

Supreme Lodge Decisions

The most important item in this issue was one occupying more than three pages and entitled, "Notes from the Supreme Lodge Meeting." This article gave in brief the most important decisions taken by the Supreme Lodge in the fall of 1932. We wish we had space to reproduce the entire article. Some of the points made therein would be of great interest to all of us.

For instance, old debts of chapters to the Supreme Lodge were cancelled with the exception of the initiation fees. An excursion to Greece was decided to take place on the *S.S. Byron*, sailing from New York on March 14, 1933. An advisory board for the Sons of Pericles was appointed with James A. Veras as chairman. Two scholarships for the total of \$700 awarded by the 1932 Baltimore Convention and 26 additional ones for the total of \$1,750 awarded by the Supreme Lodge were approved.

In addition, a number of rules were adopted making "any violation of any provision of the constitution or any regulation enacted by the Supreme Lodge or refusal or neglect to obey any order of the Supreme Lodge" an insubordination and empowering the Supreme President to suspend such violator for a period not exceeding 90 days. This is the rule that caused so much grief to the Order in recent years and was violently disputed at national conventions as not being within the powers of the Supreme Lodge.

There was a number of pages in the Greek language, including an appeal by the younger generation for more understanding on the part of the parents, four short stories, one by our late Elias Janetis and another by Demos Kakridas, and a reprint from the *National Herald* of December 6, 1932, covering the Ninth Annual Combined Ball of the Metropolitan Chapters of New York under the direction of energetic District Governor Johnson and Committee Chairman Saytanides.

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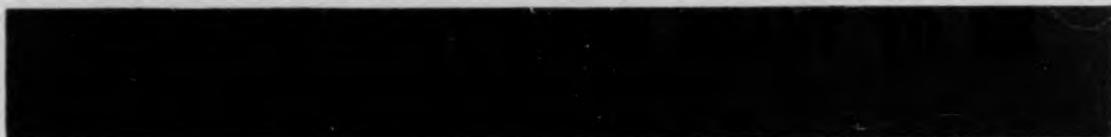
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Members and officers of Los Angeles welcoming committee waiting for special Ahepa train at Union Terminal



On leaving my home town of Baltimore, I joined the *Ahepa Special Train* at Harrisburg and reached St. Louis the next day. Here we were all taken to the local Greek Church, a very fine edifice, and treated to a wonderful meal by fellow Ahepans. The people of St. Louis were extremely friendly and the city made a deep impression on all of us, as did the weather. As I recall it, the temperature that day was about 100! Our next stop was Kansas City where again we were feted royally by the local chapter. We were sorry we could not spend more time as the city appeared to be very interesting.

Leaving Kansas City we proceeded to Denver, where the entire group, numbering by then about 200, shook hands with Governor Knous of Colorado on the broad steps of the State Capitol. This building has a roof covered with solid gold and makes a striking sight. At Denver we visited the local *Ahepa Home* where we had refreshments. The Home occupies a large tract of land in one of the best residential sections of the city and was formerly the residence of the well-known engineer Moffatt, who built the famous Moffatt tunnel in the mountains in the western part of the country.

This mansion has at least twenty rooms with facilities for dancing, meeting rooms, a large basement with a kitchen, a bar, a piano, a large radio and the best of furnishings. It is the most beautiful and impressive Ahepa Home that we saw on the entire trip, bar none! The Denver Ahepans deserve to be congratulated for having such a fine structure for their chapter functions. That night we attended a dance which marked the end of the local District Convention. We stayed overnight, sleeping in our Pullmans, and left the following morning.

The Royal Gorge

After Denver we headed for the Royal Gorge. This is a deep cut through solid mountainous rock, at the bottom of which

runs a swift river, and along the banks the railroad. The train stopped for a short time and many took pictures of the spectacular rocks. Incidentally, I noticed a certain small species of lizard scurrying along the tracks at one point, which apparently is native to the region.

Leaving this, we continued toward Salt Lake City where we were greeted with music and given leis by local Grecian maidens. Such a reception was, of course, highly appreciated by everybody and made us feel as if the convention was about to start right then and there. We had breakfast at one of the largest hotels and then spent the morning looking at the Mormon Tabernacle and the other buildings of the Mormons, who have a complete museum of early Americana, extremely interesting.

RESOLVED that it shall be the policy of this Order to require the resignation of any officer, whether local, district or national, who has been convicted while in office of a high crime or a felony; and in the event such officer does not formally resign his office, nonetheless, shall be considered vacant and shall be filled as provided by the Ahepa Constitution.—1947 National Convention.

The State Capitol was also visited and we were told, and also observed, that the marble used had streaks of gold running through. Some of the streaks were picked clean and we did not have to wonder too much as to what happened. That afternoon we toured the city in busses and took a dip in the great Salt Lake. It was indeed an experience floating in the salt water. We were told that whereas ordinary sea water contains about 10 per cent salt, the water in this lake contains about 27 per cent salt. This was very easy to believe, once we had gotten some of it in our eyes. Salt Lake City is very clean



A very happy group of Daughters enjoying cocktail party given by California's Penelopes

and well laid out. Many of the visitors wished they lived there.

Our next stop was Boulder City where we were conducted through the massive structure known as Hoover Dam. Lying on the boundary of Colorado and Nevada, it creates the largest man-made lake in the world. The statistics as to its size, etc., were so large as to be practically meaningless. The Chamber of Commerce showed us a film depicting the building of the dam from the very beginning to the very end, and most interesting it was. So many men were needed in its construction that enough of them remained to found Boulder City.

RESOLVED that the officers of the Chapters, District Lodges and the Supreme Lodge of this Order shall, as a matter of policy, answer every communication addressed to them by any member or organized unit of this Order; and the Managing Editor shall give serious consideration to all material mailed to him by the members or chapters for publication and shall resolve all doubts in favor of the author.—1947 National Convention.

Glamorous Las Vegas

Leaving this enjoyable little city, we travelled on towards Las Vegas, Nevada, which we reached early on Saturday morning. Words cannot describe the glamor and attraction of this small city where, needless to say, all of us could have spent a great deal more time than the one day we had scheduled. As it was, we visited a very lovely eating place where we had lunch in most impressive surroundings, which included a swimming pool with all the fixings on the front lawn. Need I say that there was also present a large and spacious room which was furnished with a multitude of games, all being actively occupied.

In addition, we also visited the fabulous \$7,000,000 Flamingo Hotel which was air-conditioned throughout. It struck us as being the kind of hotel that one only sees in pictures, so rich and pompous were the furnishings. Here also games

of chance were in evidence and, of course, we contributed a few dollars to Lady Luck.

Night-time in Las Vegas is an experience in itself, resembling a miniature Broadway, but with the difference that gambling was in full swing on all sides, even the restaurants having their quota of "one-armed bandits." The city had such an atmosphere, however, that losing one's money seemed to be a pleasure, and certainly no one complained, not too strenuously, at least.

We left the little city early that night for we were due to arrive in Los Angeles early Sunday morning. Throughout the entire trip every one was most congenial and friendly and the

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entire train of 12 or 13 cars was like one big family. To give one example, on Friday, August 15th, we celebrated St. Peter's day. That night all men bearing the name of *Panagiotis* or Peter were honored in the club car with songs and dancing, including Greek folk dances (yes, right in the aisles). In return, they treated the entire group to drinks and refreshments, and the fun and gaiety that prevailed that night was the highlight of the trip. Indeed, many said that nothing during the entire convention matched that one night.

The City of Angels

At Los Angeles, the convention was a huge success and especially for those of us who came on the *special*, the convention was merely a continuation of the fun on the train. The dances and affairs at Los Angeles were extremely interesting. Merely to list the fact that there was a dance every night of the week is simply to touch on the scope of the activities. In addition,

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Evangelismos Hospital to which Ahepa's wing will be added Chryssoupolis Ahepa Center last summer, is now completed

AHEPA—GWRA Joint Health Program

By GEORGE XANTHAKY

Member of Delphi and Executive Vice-President of GWRA

As a result of the Ahepa National Convention in Los Angeles last August and the Greek War Relief annual meeting in New York City on October 24, a firm foundation has been laid for close and extensive cooperation between the two organizations in a far-reaching health program for the Greek people.

The membership of the Order of Ahepa, convening through its delegates in California, reiterated its endorsement of the medical program of the Greek War Relief and its desire to participate in that program by selecting special projects to be known and designated as exclusive Ahepa undertakings.

In carrying out the mandate of the Convention the Supreme Lodge of the Order of Ahepa conferred during September and October with the officials of the Greek War Relief and both parties have approved the following joint program for 1948:

1. *Completion of the unfinished wing of the Evangelismos Hospital in Athens, which will be known as the Ahepa wing of Evangelismos Hospital and will provide four hundred new hospital beds for the city of Athens.*

2. *The erection of a hospital in the city of Salonika, of not more than two hundred beds, which shall be a part of the existing Medical School of the University of Salonika, and which shall be known as the Ahepa Hospital.*

3. *The construction of health centers at Chryssoupolis, Kalavryta, Paramythia, Molai, Meligala, and Ierapetra. These units to be known and designated as Ahepa health centers.*

To finance the construction of the above projects, Ahepa and the Greek War Relief will match, dollar for dollar, deposits in a joint bank account. Greek War Relief will donate an additional \$500,000 to this joint program over and above the matched funds which it deposits in the joint account with Ahepa.

One Ahepa Center Ready

Substantial progress has already been made on the construction called for under this agreement. The Chryssoupolis Health Center, the first erected by the Greek War Relief, is practically completed. Excavation of the site was started last summer and on August 14 a caique with twenty tons of building materials left Athens for Chryssoupolis. The woodwork contract was signed on August 4 and the finished woodwork transmitted to Chryssoupolis in mid-September. The latest report from Athens estimates that the health center will be ready on or about the middle of November. The boundary wall and landscaping will be provided by the municipality.

On October 11 the Association awarded the contract for a

second health center, this to be located at Kalavryta, to a construction firm of excellent standing. Excavation of the Kalavryta site has already started. Bids have been invited for Type B health centers at Ierapetra, Crete and Paramythia, Epirus. Preliminary data on requirements for the Evangelismos and Salonika hospitals is now being compiled in Greece so that work can begin without delay once funds are available.

On October 24 the directors of the Greek War Relief acclaimed the agreement which had been reached between Ahepa and the Association with reference to the health center and hospital projects. Furthermore, in consideration of the moral obligations inherent in an earlier agreement made last fall when Ahepa postponed its hospital drive and gave its support to the GWRA campaign for funds, the Board of Directors made an additional pledge for a joint Ahepa-GWRA medical project.

The Ahepa Hospital in Athens

The following resolution was unanimously approved by the Directors of the Association:

RESOLVED THAT, in consideration of and upon the release by the AHEPA Trustees of all of their right, title, interest and claim, unto the AHEPA Hospitals Trust Funds which have been or are standing in the name of said Trust, with any bank or depository in the United States or elsewhere, GREEK WAR RELIEF, its officers and Directors in annual meeting assembled agree as follows:

THAT, in addition to the Ahepa projects, as set forth in the Annual Report of the President of the Association, Mr. William Helis, GREEK WAR RELIEF will erect, from its own funds received as a result of the United Campaign to be held during 1948 an additional AHEPA Medical Center or Hospital at the site heretofore selected by AHEPA in the City of Athens, and that said project shall receive first and top priority out of any new projects to be undertaken by the GREEK WAR RELIEF ASSOCIATION, and that the Association shall expend upon such project a sum not to exceed \$1,500,000.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the necessary studies and preliminary plans for such project shall be commenced within the immediate future by GREEK WAR RELIEF.

By reason of these agreements between Ahepa and GWRA, the medical program for Greece has been given tremendous impetus. During 1948 the Greek people will receive the benefit of desperately needed hospital and public health facilities which cannot fail to play, in the years to come, a vital role in the rebuilding of their health and morale.

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Fulfillment of the joint AHEPA-Greek War Relief Hospital Program became a reality this month as a result of our timely visit to Greece.

On the very evening of our arrival in Athens, on November 10th, your Supreme President, accompanied by Brother Peter Boudoures of San Francisco, met with the President and Executive Committee of *Evangelismos Hospital* relative to the completion of the unfinished wing of the hospital, which will be known as AHEPA Wing.



Following agreement with Trustees of *Evangelismos Hospital* in Athens for Ahepa Wing of 400 beds soon to be added there

Within ten days after the initial meeting, a contract was entered into calling for the completion of the structure and its full utilization as a hospital not later than the first day of July 1948. This building will provide at least 380 additional hospital beds. One of the major provisions of the agreement is the requirement that the AHEPA Wing contain a sufficient number of beds for charity patients and that priority for the utilization of these beds be given to persons from the provinces who require hospitalization and are unable to pay.

Six Ahepa Health Centers

Three days after the commencement of negotiations on the AHEPA Wing of *Evangelismos Hospital*, your Supreme President awarded a contract for the erection of the AHEPA Health Center at *Ierapetra*, in Crete. At the same time, requests for bids, which will be received on November 26th, were asked for AHEPA Health Centers at *Paramythia* and *Meligala*.

The first Health Center to be constructed by Greek War Relief at *Chrysioupolis*, which will be formally dedicated and opened on or about the first of December, is also included in the AHEPA-Greek War Relief agreement. It will be known as an AHEPA Health Center. Construction on the AHEPA Health Center at *Kalavryta* has already begun. The letting of contract for the sixth AHEPA Health Center at *Molae* has been delayed because of internal condi-

tions in the area which make communications impossible at this time.

The Health Centers at *Chrysioupolis* and *Kalavryta* will be type "A" institutions and will provide hospital facilities for from 12 to 16 patients. All of the other Health Centers will be type "B" structures with provision for emergency hospitalization and operating facilities.



Prime Minister Sophoulis receives Supreme President Wm. Hells and his colleagues: Xanthaky, Boudoures, Abernethy and Dipson

Salonika Ahepa Hospital

On Tuesday, November 18th, an all day discussion was held between your Supreme President and Brother Boudoures, representing the Order of Ahepa and Greek War Relief, on one hand, and Mr. Ioannides, Rector of the *University of Salonica*, on the other, regarding the *Salonica* project.

After reviewing the financial resources of the University and the problems of upkeep and maintenance, all of which are to be borne by the University, it was firmly agreed that the Greek War Relief Association would undertake the construction of a 100 bed modern general hospital which would be a part of the Medical School of the *University of Salonica* and would be known as the AHEPA Hospital.

Plans and specifications for this institution will be prepared immediately and it is expected that the entire project will be completed within twelve months, provided internal conditions in Northern Greece permit an uninterrupted work program.

Athens Ahepa Center

In discussing the joint AHEPA-Greek War Relief medical program with officials of the Greek Government and medical authorities, your Supreme President reemphasized the hope of the Greek



Supreme President Helis signing contract for Ahepa Center at Ierapetra, with Boudoures, Abernethy and Xanthaky looking on

War Relief Association that sufficient funds will be realized from the *American Overseas Aid 1948 Campaign* to enable the Association to construct a medical center and nurses training school in the City of Athens. GWRA has agreed to give this project A-1 priority in considering any new building operations not already included in its previously agreed upon hospital program.

All of the structures agreed upon as AHEPA projects will contain suitably inscribed tablets and will be known as AHEPA projects.

Under the agreement with *Evangelismos Hospital* and with the *University of Salonica*, the names of donors and contributors will be placed upon beds, in wards and in rooms. This provision was insisted upon in fulfillment of undertakings made to the American public by the Order of Ahepa in connection with the solicitation of funds for its hospital program.

WILLIAM HELIS
Supreme President.

Athens, November 19, 1947.

Supreme President Helis conferring with Rector Ioannides on plans for Ahepa Hospital of 100 beds at Salonica University



Boudoures Reports from Greece

Accompanying the Supreme President, Brother Boudoures records significant changes in last two years

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

This is the first opportunity I have had since our arrival in Greece to put on paper some of my impressions of our motherland today as compared with the country I visited just two years ago in 1945.

Conditions in Athens are immeasurably improved. There are more automobiles, more trucks, more stores, more of everything. Whereas in 1945 practically every telephone in the country was being utilized by the military, today telephone service in Athens is better than we experienced in Paris.

Physically, there is no question that great strides have been made here during the past two years. However, prices in terms of the actual purchasing power of the dollar are very much higher and it becomes increasingly difficult for working people and the white collar class to keep their families properly clothed and fed.

Over 300,000 Refugees

One of the really great differences between Greece today and in 1945 is the wholly new problem confronting the country of over 300,000 refugees who have been driven from their homes in Northern Greece and elsewhere because of guerrilla activity. The following figures will give you a clear picture of the scope of the problem not only in terms of number of people, but also in terms of the extent of areas affected.

Thus, the number of guerrilla-stricken refugees, as reported by the Greek Government and AMAG Field Observers on November 15, 1947, in Thrace was 28,729; in Macedonia it was 191,431; in Epiros, 18,000; in Thessaly, 52,572; in Central Greece, 51,847; in Peloponessos, 6,685, and on the two islands of Samos and Crete, 950.

More Than a Million Indigents

On top of the refugee problem confronting the Government is the twin problem of taking care of 1,250,000 additional persons who are classified as indigents and require assistance through public funds. Thus, over 1,550,000 persons, more than 25 per cent of the total population of the country, require total or partial assistance in order to keep themselves alive. This situation, particular the refugee problem, has ramifications which vitally affect the economy of the country and make immediate recovery even more difficult than it normally would be.

To assess a true picture of existing conditions, one must bear in mind that practically all of these refugees lived on farms and in small villages. Their fields now lie uncultivated and consequently the production of indigenous food, particularly wheat, must be greatly reduced. The only way that the deficit can be made up is by importing more food and further draining the country's limited foreign exchange resources.

The solution of the refugee situation is one of the major problems confronting the American Mission and very substantial sums of American aid money are being diverted to taking care of this problem.

Greek War Relief, during our stay, dispatched eight special mobile clinics to the refugee area where they are operating in conjunction with the Greek Government's medical authorities. In addition, the Association released 5,000 food packages for immediate distribution in the refugee area. All Greek War Relief warehouses have been emptied of clothing stocks; they have been turned over to the authorities for use in clothing the refugees.

Provinces Are Isolated

Perhaps the most noticeable change between 1945 and 1947 is the difficulty of transportation and communications outside of Athens. Because of military action and internal disorder, practically all of the northern and central parts of Greece are cut off and all civilian travel is restricted except by special permission.

The number of British troops in Athens is greatly reduced, almost to the vanishing point. The few British troops which remain are stationed in the northern area of the country.

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connected either with the American Mission, the U. S. Army, the American Embassy or the American contracting firms, has done much to give Athens a good-sized American colony. We were particularly impressed by the alertness and politeness of the Americans we met here and wish to emphasize that they are making a very fine impression upon the Greek people.

Much Accomplished in Short Time

Supreme President Helis is sending a special message on the progress which we have made in executing the joint AHEPA-Greek War Relief Hospital Program. There is little that I can add to what he has reported. The fact that we were able to negotiate and complete contracts involving ten separate construction jobs in less than two weeks has caused a great deal of talk among our Athenian friends who are accustomed to spending from two or three weeks on a single contract.

I am sure that we would never have been able to accomplish as much as we have in the limited time we have had since we arrived had we not received every courtesy and facility from the American Embassy, the American Mission, the Greek Government and the officials of the various institutions with whom we have been privileged to come in contact.

With kindest personal regards,
ATHENS, November 19, 1947. of Golden Gate Chapter No. 150.

PETER BOUDOURIS,

WHAT THE CONVENTION MEANT TO ME

(Continued from page 14)

There was an Olympiad, plus a trip through Los Angeles, Hollywood, Beverly Hills and the movie studios. A special invitation was tendered by one of the nearby racetracks to all Ahepans and many of the delegates and guests took advantage of the offer of free transportation to visit the track. There were so many things to do and so many points of interest to see that it was impossible to take advantage of them all in the short time that we had for the convention as a whole.

Many of us took the trip to Santa Catalina, which is an island about 50 miles off the coast. In my opinion, this place is one of the beauty spots of the entire United States and leaves an indelible mark on every visitor. The harbor of Santa Catalina lies nestled in an indentation of the island's coast-line and at the base of high hills on either side, with water so clear and blue that glass-bottomed boats offer tours to visitors. The harbor is so positioned that no ocean waves reach the beach and consequently the swimming is most enjoyable.

Eternal Catalina Island

As the boat docks, a pleasant custom is observed by the residents in welcoming the tourists with songs. Small boys dive for coins, and the early California architecture combined with the unique shops make the entire landing an event not soon to be forgotten. The famed California weather was in full evidence, without a cloud in the sky, and I was told by people who know that the climate resembles that of Greece. The shops were filled with novelties and knick-knacks of all kinds, including Mexican leather goods. The house of Zane Grey, the famed author, and that of the Wrigleys, owners of the island and of chewing-gum fame, were pointed out to us and most impressive they were.

In addition to the boats, the island is served by a seaplane which makes the trip to the mainland in about 20 minutes. In the interior of the island there is an airfield used by the United Airlines, with connections to all parts of the country. The beauty of the houses, the easy going life of the residents, the brilliant foliage of the island (which incidentally has wild cats, wild deer, etc.), combined with the ever-present gold-lated weather of Southern California, make the Island of Catalina a place to be long remembered. It is no wonder that Californians are such boosters of their state, boasting so many great natural advantages.

They Attended Broadcast of Ahepa's Progress



Stopping off at Chicago on August 28 to broadcast over WSBC Ahepa's deeds (l. to r.) seated: Madames Hart, Hatsos, Kot-silibas; George Polos; Mrs. Taloumis, Miss Fourlas, Miss Mazarakos; standing: John and Elias Taloumis, V. I. Chebithes, Mazarakos, Argyros, Supr. Vice-President Thevos, Moshides, Gatsos

More of Southern California

On another day, we took a trip to San Diego and down to Tijuana, Mexico. The passage from one country to another is hardly expected to result, in such a complete change but one can sense it in the very atmosphere. It is an indefinable thing but one can tell immediately that it is not the U. S. The Mexicans themselves are very pleasing, especially the younger people, most of whom have engaging smiles, sparkling teeth and a most tinkling speech. It is indeed a pleasure to listen to them talk for their native tongue is musical and soothing and it is not hard to understand why certain of the Latin tongues are called the Romance Languages.

I must not forget to emphasize that I met many old friends and made many new ones throughout the entire trip and I hope to meet many of them again in the future at other conventions. If I were asked what single thing impressed me most, I would unhesitatingly say: the spirit of comradeship and friendship that all Ahepans and their families showed. I am sure that I shall remember this long after I shall have forgotten the natural wonders of the country. I believe others must have had the same experience. Indeed, I am glad and happy and also proud to be an Ahepan. And I am confident that our Order will live for a long, long time when it can so ably fulfill one of its great ideals by fostering brotherly love among Americans of Greek origin as well as among fellow Americans of all creeds and races.

One of my strongest impressions was my feeling that the Mexicans are very much like us, with a long and honorable tradition behind them. The thought struck me very forcibly that they, too, were just as interested in getting the good things out of life for themselves and their children as we are. If only one day's visit could make me understand them so much, perhaps the answer to some of our world troubles would be that we encourage more and more travel between the peoples of the various countries.

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Mother Lodge No. 1



Pete John Lezos
Liberty No. 23

ated to the governorship. During the war he sold \$350,000 in U. S. Bonds. He is married, has one little daughter.

Pete, hailing from Les Nitsa, Albania, came to the U. S. in 1929. He served his chapter as president for four years and his district as officer for three, before being elevated

Citrus No. 2



Nick Jack
Lycurgus No. 12

has in the last 24 years rendered valuable services to both Ahepa and his community. In the recent drive of the Greek War Relief he and co-chairman Andrew Doukas collected almost \$27,000.

Nick belongs to a pioneer chapter and is a pioneer Ahepan having been initiated back in 1923. After being president of his chapter, he became governor in 1938 and

Capital No. 3



Speros A. Versis
Washington No. 31

home at the age of 12. His third dis-

Speros has worked hard and long in every chapter and district office ever since he joined the Order back in 1925. Hailing from Athens, he made the nation's capital his

District Governors Order of Ahepa 1946-1947

trict comprises 21 active chapters in five states and the District of Columbia. He is married, has two sons.

Power No. 4



Peter J. Carres
Hercules No. 26

action in the European theater and wears many stars and medals for meritorious services.

Peter is serving his second year. Besides helping his chapter in many capacities, he has been advisor to the Sons of Pericles and has helped organize the Philadelphia chapter of the Maids. He saw

Garden State No. 5



James Millas
Trenton No. 7

of his district convention. Hailing from Andros, he came over in 1920. He is married, has two sons.

James joined his chapter in 1929 and has been serving faithfully and unsparingly both his chapter and his district. He was adviser to the Junior Orders and twice chairman

Empire State No. 6



George H. Miller
Elmira No. 111

His district covers the entire New York State, comprising 28 active chapters, 13 of them in Metropolitan New York

George was initiated in 1935 and served both his chapter and his district in many capacities. He also helped the various drives and contributed to the War President Bust at Hyde Park.

Yankee No. 7



C. P. Verinis
New Haven No. 98

and has seen action in World War II. He manages one of Connecticut's largest tobacco distributors.

Brother Verinis is serving his district for the second year. Having joined in 1933, he has been active in every capacity imaginable. He is past Supreme President of the Sons

Bay State No. 8



Andrew Dedopoulos
Golden Rule No. 101

my, reorganizing his chapter with 50 active members. He calls Ahepa his hobby.

After joining in 1932, Andrew became president of his chapter twice. A native of this great country of ours, he has been a stalwart Ahepan even while in the Army.

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THE AHEPANS

Northern New England No. 9



John S. Caraphil
Manchester No. 44

John is one of those Ahepans who do things without fanfare but with great effect—one reason he was re-elected governor. He has repeatedly served his chapter and his district. Since 1946, he is editing the *Tri-State News*, as fine a district organ as could be found anywhere. He spares no effort in preaching the Ahepa gospel.

Automotive No. 10



Socrates Sekles
Pontiac No. 135

Socrates first joined Detroit's *Alpha* Chapter No. 40 in 1927 and then organized *Pontiac*, which he has served in many capacities. He also helped organize *Iphthime* Chapter No. 66 of the Daughters. He was the sparkplug in bringing our next convention to Detroit. He is married, has four children.

Buckeye No. 11



Peter Kourmoules
Canton No. 59

Peter first joined the Sons in 1932 and then our Order in 1936. While president of *Andrew Nickas* No. 289, he helped his chapter combine with *Longfellow* No. 59 and form *Canton* Chapter No. 59. Besides

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TO ALL DISTRICT GOVERNORS
The Editor invites all District Governors to contribute from one to three columns of news and activities of their Districts. A review of what has taken place in the last six months and an outline of what is being planned for the next six months will be most appropriate—and most interesting. If a picture of an outstanding event is included, it must be accompanied by a remittance of \$7.50 or \$10, depending on the size, for the cost of the cut.

Hoosier No. 12



James Brahos
Hammond No. 123

A charter member of *Pygmalion* Chapter No. 135 of the Sons, James joined Ahepa in 1936 and has served his chapter and his district in many capacities. Starting as police writer of local papers, he has graduated into assistant city editorship. He is married, has one son.

Cornbelt No. 13



A. T. Tsoumas
Pullman No. 205

Brother Tsoumas is comparatively young but a seasoned Ahepa, having joined back in 1927 at a very tender age. Besides serving in many chapter capacities, he worked hard selling war bonds. His district, the largest in the Ahepa domain, comprises 36 chapters in three states. He is married, has a daughter.

Grainfield No. 14



James N. Yiannias
Key City No. 261

James presides over four large states in Northwest. A former resident of Chicago, he came to Dubuque, Iowa, in 1916 and has found time to serve local community projects as well. He hails from Texas, is married, has five children.

Oil Center No. 15



Stephen A. Prayson
Tulsa No. 14

Stephen has the distinction of ruling a four state district with the smallest membership of only 600. He is "determined to activate more Ahepa and auxiliary chapters" with the fine cooperation of his colleagues and the district's official publication, *The Round Up*. "Unity and Fellowship" is their motto.

Delta No. 16



Michael Colias
Waco No. 328

Michael has served both his chapter and his district repeatedly. Because his district extends over Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas, he is planning "quarterly regional meetings for Ahepans and summer educational centers for boys and girls." He hails from Arcadia.

Silver No. 17



Panayes G. Dikeou
Denver No. 145

A charter member, Panayes has served his chapter as president five times. He has been a top performer in the membership drive of the Denver Chamber of Commerce, and has joined all local drives for Greek War Relief, Ahepa Hospital Fund and Treasury bonds.

Rocky Mountain No. 18

Peter D. Lambros of Missoula No. 239 joined Ahepa when his chapter was organized back in 1929 and has served in all offices. An early arrival in the U. S.—the year being 1898—he is recognized as the leading citizen of Greek extraction in Montana. He is married, has three children.

Mormon No. 19



P. S. Marthakis
Beehive No. 146

Pete was Chapter president 4 years; district governor, 3; supreme governor, 2; supreme vice president, 3; chairman of New Orleans and vice chairman of Seattle conventions. Non-Ahepa activities: Scholarship, University of Utah; past Commander Post No. 40, American Legion; member of Utah House of Representatives for 3 terms. And he is still

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Nothing is happiness if not shared by at least one other, and nothing is truly sorrow unless borne absolutely alone.—Myrtle Reed.

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El Camino Real No. 20



George Nachicas
Hesperia No. 152

George came to the U. S. from Doris in 1910, settled in Wisconsin, then in Minnesota and finally came west in 1923. He joined in 1930 and has been serving both his chapter and his district in various capacities. He was a most active delegate at our last convention.

GoldenGate No. 21



Anthony J. Maris
Stockton No. 212

Youngest governor, Anthony joined in 1942, and has already served as president and chairman of the 1946 district convention. In World War II, he saw action in Europe as 1st Lt.—bomber—in the 8th Air Force.

Firwood No. 22



Nick Carras
Juan de Fuca No. 177

Nick joined in 1929 and has since been serving both his chapter and his district. He helped organize several chapters and a Greek Day at Victory Square of Seattle for Treasury bonds. His district includes two Canadian chapters.

Beaver No. 23



C. D. Tsipuras
Mount Royal No. 7 C. J.

Brother Tsipuras came into his office at a most propitious time. He is planning to increase the present membership of his district—not very impressive—to reactivate dormant chapters and to organize new ones. Our Canadian brothers see in him the ideal chief who gets things done.

Royal Canadian No. 24



A. Fundas
Omiron Othisia No. 11 C.J.

A charter member, Brother Fundas has served his chapter since 1931 well, and his district for four years. He has attended every district convention, often as far away as one thousand miles. His district takes Alberta, Saskatoon and Manitoba.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACTS OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912, AS AMENDED BY THE ACTS OF MARCH 3, 1932, AND JULY 2, 1946.

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ARTHUR H. LALOR,
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of October, 1947.

OLIVE E. FITZGERALD,
(My commission expires Oct. 7, 1952.)

The Navy Joins Us

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—While our National Convention was in progress, our Los Angeles people presented us with a fine ceremony during which they initiated into the ranks of *Hesperia* Chapter No. 152 a fine group of fellow Americans: Mayor Fletcher Bowron, Chancellor Rufus Von Kleinsmid of the University of Southern California (see previous issue) and three good men of our Great Navy, Vice Admiral Walter S. DeLany, Lt. Cmdr. D. J. Vellis and Lieut. C. B. Clark, whom we take extreme pleasure to present to our Ahepa family.



Vice Admiral Walter S. DeLany

Admiral DeLany, born in Reading, Pa., graduated from Annapolis in 1912. During World War I, he served on a destroyer in the famous Queenstown Patrol. Between the wars he served as Commanding Officer of the cruiser, U.S.S. New Orleans, and later on the staff of Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet. During the last war, he served as Operations Officer of Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet. Since last year, he has been Commander Battleships and Cruisers, U. S. Pacific Fleet.



Lt. Cmdr. Vellis Lieut. Clark

Lt. Cmdr. Vellis and Lieut. Clark are now serving as personal Aides and Flag Lieutenants to Admiral DeLany. Both served in the recent war and their records are studded with citations and commendations. Lieut. Clark has served

the Navy continuously for 31 years. Lt. Cmdr. Vellis enjoys the distinction of belonging to an old Ahepa family; his father, John Vellis has served both as President of *Pacific* Chapter No. 235 and District Governor of *Golden Gate* District No. 21.

We welcome officially our three new members and extend all our people in California the traditional Navy salute, "Well Done."

CUTS MUST BE PAID FOR

Because of increasing publishing costs and a limited income of *The Ahepa*, the Supreme Lodge have directed that no chapter or individual picture be published unless accompanied with a remittance to defray the cost of making a cut. Whenever you send a picture, please enclose your check to the order of *The Ahepa* for \$7.50 if small size and \$10 if larger.

Jersey City Mayor Initiated

JERSEY CITY, N. J.—Last October, *Hudson* Chapter No. 108 initiated Mayor Frank H. Eggers and immediately thereafter tendered him a testimonial banquet attended by a galaxy of Ahepa dignitaries, members and guests. Both initiation and banquet were a tremendous success and repeatedly those privileged to attend applauded General Committee Chairman Peter K. Grant and the toastmaster of the evening, our inimitable and witty Supreme Vice President, John G. Thevos.

There were in attendance the presidents and officers of 14 New Jersey District Chapters, led by District Governor James A. Millas, 11 past District Governors, headed by Supreme Vice-President Thevos, and guests from across the river from New York among which Supreme Treasurer Aristides Georgiades, past Supreme President V. I. Chebithes and Dr. Kimon A. Doukas, Editor and Historian of the Order. On the other hand, the entourage of Mayor Eggers included practically all the members of his official family and a number of Jersey City citizens active in civic affairs. There were also Dr. N. Antonius, Dr. G. Ladas, Dr. J. C. Tsucalas and the entire District Lodge No. 5.

Supreme Treasurer Georgiades pleaded for a larger immigration quota for Greece and past Supreme President Chebithes endorsed the plea by tracing in his own person the evolution of the Greek race in the United States. He concluded by restating that since 1922 the Greeks of America, realizing that they were here to stay, organized the Order of Ahepa, which in its programs, its ideals, and its projects has blended the twin great streams of thought and action, namely, Americanism and Hellenism.



Hon. Mayor Frank H. Eggers

Replying to the many greetings made by Ahepa officials present, Mayor Eggers addressed the assembly as *Agapitoi Filoi* and made a stirring plea on behalf of the Greek people "who are suffering today as a result of their fight for democracy."

This gala affair was another proof, if one were needed, of the tireless work of our New Jersey friends who proved themselves again the champions of fraternal activities and achievements. Congratulations to all.

FOR EDITORIAL MATTERS PLEASE ADDRESS OUR EDITOR, DR. KIMON A. DOUKAS, 1175 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK 28, N. Y. TEL: SA 2-3186.

Long Live the King

CLEVELAND, O.—In his *Bulletin* of last September, District Secretary John Kras comments on the retirement of past Supreme President Booras as follows: "We know that all our past leaders, with their virtues and weaknesses, have contributed towards making Ahepa the bulwark of American Hellenism." In greeting our new Supreme President Helis, he has this to say: "We expect you to lead us as a true and honest leader for the good and the support of all, and we would like to say in the future: William Helis was not only the greatest American philanthropist, but also one of the best supreme presidents of the Order of Ahepa." True sentiments of all loyal Ahepans.

PAY YOUR DUES ON TIME. GIVE YOUR NEW ADDRESS. BE IN GOOD STANDING.

Readers are of two kinds—the reader who goes through a book, and the reader who lets the book go through him.—Douglas Jerrold.

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Brother Tsipuras came into his office at a most propitious time. He is planning to increase the present membership of his district — not very impressive — to re-activate and organize new members who get things

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Citrus No. 2

District Governor Cleo Lochas of *Palas* Chapter No. 34, Pensacola, Fla. (failed to supply us with picture and information).

Capital No. 3



Ethel George
Antikleia No. 68

her chapter as officer before reaching her present office. Her jurisdiction lists 8 chapters.

Ethel, born and raised in Richmond, attended local schools and then went into the Medical College of Virginia Hospital. A Daughter for ten years, she has served

Empire State No. 6



Evelyn J. Mickles
Odysseus No. 44

Daughters' activities. Her territory of New York State has 12 active chapters.

Evelyn has been re-elected to a second term after having served her chapter well and long. Readers of the *National Herald*, must be acquainted with her coverage of

Yankee No. 7



Irene Marinake
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ing ones, 9 in all, more active in local projects.

A charter member of her chapter, Irene was re-elected to a second term. She has served both her chapter and her district. She plans to organize new chapters and to make exist-

Bay State No. 8



Tina Lefthes
Zeila No. 120

activity and new ones will join the procession.

Tina is a charter member and has held office both in her chapter and her district before reaching governorship. She hopes that the 9 chapters of her district will be full of

Northern New England No. 9



Helen T. Tsiales
Ilios No. 51

ters many new ones and plans to visit around with her colleagues in the Lodge.

Helen was one of the few who organized her chapter and then helped it grow and prosper. She served as chapter and district officer for many terms. She plans to add to her 3 chapters

The whole secret of life is to be interested in one thing profoundly and in a thousand things well.—Hugh Walpole.

Automotive No. 10



Mrs. N. A. Masters
Myrina No. 123

knows organization work and District problems.

Mrs. Masters was re-elected to a second term and plans to continue the good work by keeping her 8 chapters active and increasing them to many more. A former Maid, she and District

Buckeye No. 11



Helen Lambrou
Chloris No. 40

she transferred to Canton. She was elevated to governorship unanimously. She has 12 chapters.

Helen was initiated into *Penelope* Chapter No. 15 back in 1935 and has since been promoting Ahepa and its great ideals by serving in many capacities. Last year

Hoosier No. 12



Mrs. Lottie Michaels
Megara No. 113

presides over 9 chapters.

Lottie's work can not be valued in time or money. A charter member and past officer of her chapter, she was district officer before her elevation to governorship. She

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WILL SAVE LIVES IN GREECE**

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Cornbelt No. 13



Amelia Learakos
Homer No. 98

"The Assumption."

Amelia will direct the largest district of the Daughters for the second year. Her 16 chapters will keep her busy, in addition to her duties as executive secretary of the Holy Church of

Rocky Mountain No. 18



Mrs. Victoria Vafiades
Orestes No. 78

chapters, she has plans for the future.

Victoria is a charter member and past officer of her chapter since 1939. She also headed the local GWR committee during the recent drive. Though her district has only three

Firwood No. 22



Mrs. Jennie Hrestu
Troy No. 32

of a Maid, served with the Women's Air Service, belongs to the Civil Air Patrol, plays golf and enjoys her cabin cruiser. What a record!

Jennie was born in Oregon, married an Ahepan, was first president of Maids' *Diana* Chapter No. 3, and then was chairman of Maids' Advisory Board and is mother

Grainfield No. 14

District Governor Angeline Coris of *Eurynome* Chapter No. 108, Sioux Falls, S. D. (failed to supply us with picture and information).

Delta No. 16



Mrs. Pepitsa Arnos
Nestor No. 55

Red Cross work she has received an appropriate certificate.

Pepitsa is another Governor whose good work was rewarded with a second term. She has served both as chapter and district officer before becoming Governor. For

El Camino Real No. 20



Mrs. Connie Paios
Delos No. 103

chapters are scattered from one end of Southern California to the other with two in Arizona.

Connie helped organize her chapter in 1941, served as vice-president and then was advanced to District Marshal and Treasurer until this year's election. Her ten

Royal Canadian No. 24



Mavis Condidis
Arisba No. 131

progress of the Daughters, which was considerable.

Mavis' district has 4 chapters scattered over a territory covering 4 Canadian states: Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Brandon and Regina. She plans to continue last year's

Silver No. 17

District Governor Olga Poulos of *Helen of Troy* Chapter No. 19, Albuquerque, N. Mex. (failed to supply us with picture and information).

A Round of Activities

BROCKTON, MASS.—The Maids of *Persephone* Chapter No. 90 have participated in a round of meetings and activities following the summer vacation, which included a weiner roast, a joint meeting with the Daughters of *Eriphyle* Chapter No. 139 and a combined district conference. Guest speakers at the conference included Grand Vice-President Helen Karagianis of the Daughters and District Advisor, Basil Milonas.

Golden Gate No. 21



Emily Tamaras
Eos No. 1

the number of chapters in her district.

Since her initiation in 1939, Emily has held both chapter and district offices and knows how to organize and advise her 10 chapters. She plans to increase the membership and

In times of peace, the sons bury their fathers. In times of war, the fathers bury their sons.—*Herodotus*.

A Successful Halloween

MIDDLETOWN, O.—A very successful Halloween party was given by the Daughters of *Chrysa* Chapter No. 100 in the auditorium of WMCA. In addition to local members, guests came from Hamilton and Oxford. Prizes were given to the most original costume, won by Mary Lou Revelos, and to the funniest costume, won by Tony and Despina Valen.—*Mrs. Gus Mardas*.

They Support Their School

HOUSTON, TEX.—Celebrating their 10th anniversary, the Daughters of *Achaia* Chapter No. 54 gave a dance last October and collected \$1,306.00 for the support of their local Greek School.—*Bessie Retsios*.

DAUGHTERS! Report your activities to our Editor regularly, briefly, on time.

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MAIDS OF ATHENS

Mother Lodge No. 1



Jane Costarides
Lydia No. 91

Born and raised like a true southern belle, Jane was elected to the governorship after having served her chapter since its inception. Active in communal affairs, she is the organist of the Church of *Annunciation*, is studying English and art at the University of Alabama.

Power No. 4



Mary Vasilakis
Pi Sigma Tau No. 56

After serving her chapter for 6 years, Mary was elected governor, her first district office. A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh in biology and chemistry, she belongs to Nu Sigma Sigma honorary science fraternity.

Garden State No. 5



Helen Theodoris
Demetra No. 33

Choir of Philadelphia.

Born and raised like a true southern belle, Jane was elected to the governorship after having served her chapter since its inception. Active in communal affairs, she is the organist of the Church of *Annunciation*, is studying English and art at the University of Alabama.

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Helen has an inquisitive soul and so visits sister chapters far and near. She served her chapter repeatedly before reaching the governorship. She is secretary of *St. George*

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Empire State No. 6



Sophie Georgoules
Phoebe No. 20

the state championship.

Sophie has served both in chapter and district offices. She attended Rochester Business Institute, is active in local affairs and bowls with the *Maids of her local chapter for*

Bay State No. 8



Marie Rodopoulos
Hope No. 71

difficulty in finishing their term with flags flying.

After serving her chapter, Marie was elected Governor and is hard at work to enlarge her district's membership. Marie and her colleagues should not have any

Cornbelt No. 13



Tula Athens
Delphi No. 78

ation among Ahepans and Daughters.

Tula was serving her chapter when elevated to governorship. Active in communal affairs, she has a grand program for a large district. She should find wonderful cooperation among Ahepans and Daughters.

SONS OF PERICLES

Mother Lodge No. 1



Nick Theodore
Dixie No. 153

chapters of his district and enlarge their membership.

Power No. 4



George P. Wood
Zephyr No. 159

time year for the Sons.

Nick was the organizer and first president of his chapter before reaching the governorship. He knows the problems of his fellow Sons and is planning to activate all

George was initiated into *Pottsville* Chapter in 1943 before transferring to *Harrisburg*. He served as president and Lieut. Governor. He plans a full program for an ac-

Empire State No. 6



George Kaganis
Mercedes No. 209

ball tournaments, hold combined socials with the *Maids* and publish a district paper.

George helped reorganize his chapter, served as president, and then was elevated to governorship. He plans to reactivate dormant chapters, establish basket-

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Cornbelt No. 13



Stavros Milonas
"Show-Me" No. 41

nal affairs.

Delta No. 16



Alex Mijalis
William Helis No. 151

and Mechanical College, and belongs to the Junior Hellenic League.

Capital No. 3

District Governor Tommy Kouyeas of Pythagoras Chapter No. 9, Washington, D. C. (failed to supply us with picture and information).

Grainfield No. 14

District Governor Bill Dascalos of Triumph Chapter No. 224, Sioux Falls, S. D. (failed to supply us with picture and information).

Sons Active in South

HOUSTON, TEX.—With the return of the boys from service, the Sons in Delta District No. 16 have been reactivated and the following were elected to serve the district this year: Alex Mijalis of Shreveport, Nick Klaemenakis of New Orleans, Gus Zgourides of Houston and Pete Samos of Dallas.

The William Helis Chapter No. 151 of Shreveport and the Alexander the Great Chapter No. 29 were the winners of the softball tournament.—Jim Theo.

A Single Honor

WILMINGTON, DEL.—Though belatedly, we are very happy to quote from the *Morning News* of last July that John N. Govatos, youthful son of Nicholas Govatos, of Wilmington Chapter No. 95, was selected by the American Legion of Delaware to attend the Second Boys Forum of National Government. This nationwide program is being sponsored by the Legion's *Americanism Commission* with boys coming from every state in the union to Washington to witness the actual operation of the three branches of the Federal Government.

John was named "Speaker of the House" in the Boys State, was one of the editors of the year book in high school, manager of the basketball team and member of the student council. He journeyed to Washington last August, where he stayed in the American University with all expenses paid by the American Legion. We congratulate both the proud father and the promising son, as well as Uncle John, who is well known to old-timers for past services to our Order. We hear that he is recovering from a long illness. Best wishes to you, Uncle John.

WHENEVER YOU MOVE, SEND
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YOUR NEW ADDRESS.

An Ambitious Program

MILWAUKEE, WISC.—The Sons of Rhodes Chapter No. 12 have been reorganized, after five years of inactivity, and are planning a year of doings that will be an eye opener for every other chapter of Sons throughout the Ahepa domain. They have organized a powerful basketball team and sponsored a dance last October in conjunction with the Maids of Alpha Phi He Chapter No. 32.—Alex Karas.

They Celebrated Anniversary

HUNTINGTON, W. VA.—The members of Diogenes Chapter No. 307 celebrated their 10th anniversary by initiating State Supreme Court Justice W. T. Lovins, Judge Ferguson and District Attorney Lefe Chafin. Because of other urgent matters, Governor Meadows of West Virginia was unable to participate but was later initiated in the Governor's mansion. More than 200 members attended, including Mayors Tomkies of Huntington and Levi of Ashland. Past Supreme Counsellor George Loucas, Weirton attorney and former member of the State House of Delegates was the principal speaker.—R. A. Karres.

I have never had a policy. I have simply tried to do what seemed best each day, as each day came.—Abraham Lincoln.

They Win a Series

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—We learn from the *Sacramento Union* of last August that in the Twilight League Ball Club of Sacramento, members of Sacramento Chapter No. 153 organized a baseball team to represent Ahepa in municipal play and had by last August won eight straight victories. This ball club is the brainchild of Steve Smyrni who plays short-stop and Tom Cheouras, who acts as business manager. The write-up concludes with the following significant words: "With chapter members firmly behind the team, AHEPA is looking forward to stepping into faster company."—Jerry Brucker.

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Indian Summer

HEMPSTEAD, N. Y.—The Maids of Victory Chapter No. 76 held their Fourth Annual Dance last October with the theme "Indian Summer" carried out in entertainment, music and decorations. Xanthippi Klitses' beautiful voice highlighted the program and Theodore Roosevelt Chapter President George Tsairis did a wonderful job as master of ceremonies. Many guests from the metropolitan area were present to enjoy the evening.—Helen Strategos.

They Raised Funds

CAMDEN, N. J.—The Maids of Demetra Chapter No. 33 gave their annual ball last October to raise funds for their local community center. Christine Matsios and Dorothea Stafre contributed vocal renditions to the delight of all the guests. Guests from New Brunswick and Trenton, N. J., as well as from Baltimore, New York, Washington and as far as California enjoyed the evening.—Catherine Theodoris.

Home Sweet Home

SEATTLE, WASH.—We wish we could reprint the entire description of her trip to Greece by Kiki Carras appearing in the September issue of *The Ahepa Mentor*. Kiki, eighteen-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Carras, went with her parents and her younger brother and sister to Greece and gives her impressions of Greece in a very vivid style. What moved us most was her last paragraph: "Until we got to Seattle, we were on pins and needles but we finally got there and it was so good to be home."

MAIDS and SONS! Report your activities briefly and on time. Your daddies want to know.

LETTERS to



The AHEPAN

"Beloved Pan, and all ye other gods who haunt this place, grant that I may become beautiful within, and that whatever of external good I possess may be friendly to my internal purity; let me account the wise man rich; and of wealth let me have only so much as a prudent man can bear or employ."—Socrates.

The Sons of Pericles

We Must Make Every Effort to Reorganize Our Junior Order

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

It is common knowledge among all Ahepans that the future strength and well-being of the Order of Ahepa depends on our maintaining a strong and vigorous Junior Order. This is well demonstrated by the fact that, besides the many graduates of the Sons of Pericles now serving as officers of Ahepa Chapters, District and Supreme Lodges, there are 6,000 ex-Sons members of our fraternity.

During the past few years the Junior Order has been so badly neglected that its membership has sunk to less than 700. The Los Angeles National Convention, realizing the seriousness of the situation, approved legislation authorizing a complete re-organization of the Sons of Pericles. It re-established a Supreme Lodge for the Sons and elected a National Advisor charged with the task of re-organization. Upon the successful completion of this endeavor depends the future of the Order of Ahepa.

No amount of work by any group of officers will be sufficient to do justice to the job ahead of us. The Sons of Pericles can be rebuilt only by a "grass-roots" movement. It is for this reason that this letter was written. We specifically request the following assistance. If your chapter is now sponsoring an active Sons Chapter you are to be congratulated for maintaining it throughout those trying war years and we are sure that you shall continue to help the boys. If your chapter has sponsored a Sons chapter in the past, would you please investigate the possibilities of re-organizing that chapter so that it may rejoin the ranks of Hellenic-American youth within our fraternity. And finally if your chapter has never sponsored a chapter of the Junior Order would you please consider the possibilities of establishing such a chapter. To enable us intelligently to approach the problem we ask all chapter secretaries to fill out and return the enclosed questionnaire.

We are asking for the whole-hearted cooperation of every Ahepan in this matter because we are fully aware that without your assistance no Junior Chapter can function properly. It will require untiring effort and devotion on the part of all Ahepans and especially the chapter and District officers, to make this program succeed. With the realization that the very existence of the

Order of Ahepa will depend on the successful completion of this mission, we feel confident of the support of every true Ahepan.

JUNIOR ORDER OF SONS OF PERICLES

NICHOLAS J. MELAS,
Supreme President
MICHAEL KOUVATAS,
Supreme Secretary
VAN A. NOMIKOS,
National Sons Advisor

Chicago, November 3, 1947
1301 East 47th Street.

The March of Dimes



TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

In recent years polio has taken a tragic toll—more than 72,000 cases were reported in this country from 1943 to date. Thousands of victims, the majority little children, continue to struggle with handicaps imposed by this crippling disease. For many of them, hope for recovery and rehabilitation rests entirely upon the resources of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

The nation's magazines, aware of their influence in the American home, have been alert in directing attention of public health and welfare. Last year they gave tremendous impetus to the fight against disease by supporting the March of Dimes with stories, pictures and prominent display of campaign insignia and slogans. The need for your assistance in the 1948 March of Dimes is quite as urgent. With polio in a cyclical upswing, we must use every facility

to focus national attention upon this humanitarian appeal during the two weeks of the campaign, January 15-30.

Thousands of children, now handicapped, look forward to a normal life through such help as you can give. In their behalf, I want to tell you how much that help will be appreciated.

BASIL O'CONNOR,
President

National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc.

New York, November 17, 1947

INVITE A GOOD FELLOW AMERICAN TO BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR FRATERNITY.

The Daughters Appreciate

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

Please accept the sincere thanks of the Grand Lodge and the entire membership of our Order for the grand coverage given our recent national convention in Los Angeles in the September-October issue of THE AHEPAN. I have received numerous letters from members stating that they enjoyed this last issue tremendously and that in their opinion it is by far the most representative and informative issue insofar as our Order's interests are concerned.

We are trying to impress upon our membership the importance of sending news to you as it happens, and not six months later, and we shall at every opportunity presented us through circulars keep reminding them of this. We are indeed grateful for the opportunity given us to publicize our activities in the official publication of the Ahepa Family and trust that the coming year brings to us even greater success than we now enjoy, so that we may take even better advantage of space allocated to us in keeping our Chapters informed on progress and activity of our Sisterhood throughout the United States and Canada.

May I extend to you my personal thanks and trust that if at any time I can be of any assistance to you, you will not hesitate to call on me. With every good wish and trusting that you have a successful prosperous year as Editor of THE AHEPAN I am,

Cordially and fraternally yours,

(Mrs.) POPPY X. MITCHELL,
Grand President, Daughters of Pericles
Los Angeles, November 9, 1947

Greeting

TO THE EDITOR
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Greetings from Arkansas

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

Congratulations on the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of this important American-Greek movement. We in Arkansas have appreciated your objective of promoting Americanism and have admired the splendid work of the organization during the struggles and crises of our great nation.

We are proud to count among our citizenship many members of AHEPA.

All good wishes for the future.

BEN T. LANEY,

Governor, State of Arkansas

Little Rock, August 13, 1947

The Treasury Thanks

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

Over a year ago, the U. S. Savings Bonds Campaign was begun. Since then, there has been magnificent cooperation on the part of all publications enrolled. Month after month, space has been given by the participating magazines, despite shortage of paper, increased advertising and higher costs.

The Treasury Department is aware of the tremendous over-all effort expended on this campaign.

Thanks again, both from the Treasury Department and N. P. A. for your wonderful cooperation!

WINIFRED HARRIS,

National Publishers Association

New York, October 16, 1947

An Appeal from Athens

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

As Executive Vice President of the Greek War Relief, I had the privilege for two years of helping to get relief to Greece. Since returning to archaeological work overseas, I have continued my efforts to assist the Greek people.

You and I know how desperate the situation is in Greece today. We know, too, that the best way of helping the Greek people is by giving them a chance to help themselves. The Greeks are weary of long years of charity; they want to work and thus gain security for their families. There is no need to fear for the democratic spirit of Greece if people have steady employment and a chance to shape their own future.

The American School of Classical Studies is striving within the limits of its resources to give work to the Greek people. It is also helping to make Greece self-supporting by bringing tourists to the country. For the time being, the archaeological work of the School is merged with its rehabilitation goals.

Unsettled conditions and increased operational costs have today placed the American School in a critical position. For the first time it is faced with the alternative of seek-

ing contributions from friends of Greece in the United States, or of drastically curtailing its activities. At least \$250,000 will be needed during the next five years to complete the Agora excavations. The sum is comparatively small, but it can be raised only with the help of those interested in the welfare of Greece and in the broader sphere of human knowledge.

Your gift, large or small, will serve a threefold purpose—the advancement of scientific research, the rehabilitation of Greece and the strengthening of international good will.

I know that there are many calls on your time and generosity, but I hope that you will concern yourself with the work which the American School is doing. I hope, too, that you will contribute through the School to the future of the Greek people.

OSCAR BRONEER,

Acting Director

Athens, November 10, 1947

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REFLECTIONS OF AN IMMIGRANT

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A lively discourse was at full swing before an Ahepa meeting came to order. Multitude of topics were raised by the Ahepans but not much progress. Voice can easily be suppressed by a louder sound; a speech may be forgotten, but a vivid conversation, apparently, stirs the imagination of the dullest man. It induces him to relate his story if circumstances permit.

"I enjoy this kind of conversation," said a modest Ahepan. "I came to the United States at the age of sixteen. The nearest Greek Church was about three hundred miles. A home, relatives, and friends like I had in the fatherland were unknown to me for a long time.

"Yes, I made friends in U. S. with my fellow workers, but they were men of many nationalities, speaking various languages. Gust and Tom were the only Greek businessmen in our town. They worked in their confectionary from 15 to 18 hours a day, seven days a week. Today that city has two Greek Churches, an Ahepa Chapter, several fraternal organizations and many well established businesses owned by Greek settlers and their descendants.

"How difficult it was then to enjoy a bit of social chat with our countrymen! Our visits were brief, constantly being interrupted by customers. In the winter, business was slow. I spent many pleasant hours with Tom and Gust in

their little home back of the store. We cooked our favorite dishes, joked, played and talked heart to heart.

"Winter was very long for us railroad and factory workers. We were idle most of the time. In the summer, we slaved twelve hours a day. Our pay was \$1.25, per day. Our dwellings were near the railway tracks or at the edge of the town. On Sundays, we washed our clothes, wrote letters to our parents and friends. Those were grim days for a youngster who landed in the New World with \$30 and a ticket to a Western town."

No one interrupted him. Nearly all Ahepans present were immigrants themselves. Most of them had similar experiences.

The Overland Journey

"At a New York Station an immigration officer handed me a box containing food. For three days and nights I was confined on the train seat watching the vast spaces unfold their landscape. I napped and nibbled at the food in the box. The conductor smiled at me and shook his head every time he passed by me. I probably presented a strange picture with my odd suit, a tag on my lapel and a carpetbag.

"How glad I was to hear my native language spoken—though the man who spoke to me was a total stranger! He found a job for me. He was very kind. My uncle whom I expected to meet at the railway station had gone to work on a job four hundred miles farther west.

Vacation

"Recently, I returned from my vacation. I visited several Ahepa Chapters and was very pleased to find a homelike atmosphere in the Ahepa World. The members of one Chapter I visited own their own building. The first floor is rented for business. On the second floor, a large hall is used for meetings, parties, dancing and banquets while in a smaller room I saw half a dozen Ahepans playing cards. In the spacious lobby some members were reading, others were relaxing napping, joking and talking. What a serene place to rest!"

Thousands of native Greeks from every part of the United States have been visiting their homeland since the end of the war. Many went by plane. Brothers Tony Sutter and Mike Steffas who travelled to Greece by plane returned home recently after having spent several months in their native homes. Brothers James Leousis, Tony Sgouros and his wife are still enjoying their vacation there.

Blessed be this wonderful land of opportunity and freedom in which we poor immigrants of yesteryear have grown into substantial citizens of our communities.



"We will never bring disgrace to this, our City, by any act of dishonesty or cowardice, nor ever desert our suffering comrades in the ranks. We will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the City, both alone and with many; we will revere and obey the City's laws and do our best to incite a like respect and reverence in those above us who are prone to annual or to set them at naught; we will strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civil duty. True in all these ways we will transmit this City not only less, but greater, better and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us."—Oath of the Athenian Youth.

THE ORDER OF AHEPA

Reports reaching us from all over the country indicate plainly that there is a great resurgence of Ahepanism throughout the length and breadth of this great land of ours. In gala initiation ceremonies, we are inducting a great number of new members among which figure prominent officials of our City, State and Federal authorities and former service men and women of Greek origin.

Our Government officials have a special place in our thoughts and our actions. Both as Ahepans and citizens, we welcome them into our ranks. We want them to share with us in the wonderful work of Hellenism and Americanism which Ahepa is carrying on for the last twenty-five years. We need their steady counsel in the execution of the various projects we undertake from time to time in furtherance of the aims of our fraternity. We deserve their warm companionship in absorbing the many American traits that have made this country what it is today.

On the other hand, we feel proud and happy in welcoming into our fold young service men who have served their country in war and are now ready to serve their country in peace.

Many of our old timers are ready to pass their precious jewels on to younger hands. For them there can be no greater joy than knowing that there is a legion following in their footsteps—a legion of eager, honest, willing young men who had the greatest fortune of having been born on this side of the Atlantic and enjoy the equally greatest privilege of claiming Greece as the land of their forefathers.

Throughout the land 350 Ahepa Chapters are these days functioning as special schools of Democracy. They are having their annual elections. Old timers step back and retire to a well earned rest. Younger men step forward and take over the burden as well as the privilege of directing the affairs and fortunes of their chapters.

What a spectacle of a lifetime if all

350 Chapter installations could be gathered under one and the same roof! What a sight to behold more than three thousand good and honest men taking the oath of office to serve their fellow-men! We salute our 1948 leaders and wish them well. Ahepa marches forward!

AHEPA LEADERSHIP

In this connection, we wish to touch on a subject that apparently has many of our old timers plainly worried. For we have repeatedly heard the question: what can we offer our new members? And in response to this truly embarrassing question, the tendency in chapter meetings has been to emphasize the athletic program as if no other aspects of our organization could make it sufficiently attractive to our new members.

This is a fallacy. And it is time that we get a correct perspective of our Order—its aims, its accomplishments, its plans. To restate them is to spell out Ahepa.

For Ahepa, to our way of thinking, primarily means leadership—a leadership that no other American society with a membership preponderantly of Greek origin has yet surpassed, nay, even equaled. Such leadership has been honest, forthright, courageous.

Referring to the same subject at a recent combined initiation of *Delphi* and *Estia* in New York, past Supreme President George C. Vournas, who, let it be restated, has served Ahepa well and long, reviewed the history of Ahepa and emphasized particularly Ahepa's leadership as one aspect oftener than not overlooked and at times minimized.

Said Brother Vournas: "For 25 years we have been training leaders for our chapters, leaders for our communities, leaders for our nation. Just look around and you will be pleasantly surprised to find that Ahepans lead practically in every call of life—among our fellow Americans of Greek origin and even among other minorities. For when does a minority of minorities—that's what we are—succeed in having one of its

most illustrious sons, Dean Alfange, run as candidate for the office of Governor of the most important State of the Union, New York? We may well pause and take stock of our great accomplishments—for great they are, indeed!"

Alluding to the same subject earlier in the proceedings, past Supreme Governor James A. Veras, the grand old man of Ahepanism, drew a picture of early Greek-Americana and truthfully said to the young neophytes: "You must never forget that your parents were without friends, without prestige, poor immigrants trying to save enough to return to their native land. They didn't go back; they stayed. And as the years have gone by, these same Greeks have evolved into Americans of Greek origin with powerful connections, respected and loved in their communities, their sons and daughters sharing in the American way of life to the fullest."

LET US GO FORWARD

The words of Ahepa leaders like Vournas and Veras and many others, who are preaching the same gospel of Hellenism and Americanism, must be taken to heart. They come apropos our 25th Anniversary celebration that coincided with the victorious ending of a mortal struggle for existence.

In that struggle we shared both as individuals and as a race. We shared in all its glories, in all its tribulations. Faithful to old Hellas, loyal to our country, we fought in all the seven seas, throughout the theaters of war, in factories and at home. We sold bonds, we donated blood, we campaigned in every good and meritorious cause. We helped fashion the Arsenal of Democracy.

That is Ahepa. That is leadership. In bidding the year 1947 goodbye, we greet the dawn of our next 25 years with hopes, with expectations, with resolution and confidence. We shall do our part—well, honestly, courageously.

Kimon A. Doukas
Editor.

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